

it is the immense amount of snow besetting the pass which makes it so difficult, whereas in summer it is the quantity of water in each of the main glens on both sides of the pass.



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Even the very last portion of the ascent is gentle. Hence all the way from Schéjok we had been climbing up to the pass at a wonderfully easy and uniform rate; it cannot be said that at any one single point we encountered real difficulties owing to the nature of the ground, so that it was not easy to believe that we were approaching one of the highest, if not actually the very highest, pass on the earth