a fertile valley full of farms and reached Kaochia-chang, which he had left on July 20. From there he followed his old route and on November 14 reached Chengtu and saw the first white man for four months. His dogged efforts to shoot a pandar had not been successful, as he got so little assistance from Chinese hunters. He had, however, obtained some small reward for his exertions in the rare and beautiful "small pandar".