

[Bahia, Brazil]

My dear Dore:

Letters 3 & 4 came today. It is well for this is the only free day I have had since we reached Bahia.

We spent a week in and about Bahia & then went to the desert on the northern border of the state, about 300 miles north of here. It took us 2 days to make the trip! Oh what a country & what a people! About 90% of the people are black or part black. We first passed through the heavily wooded coast region & finally came out onto the open grassy country & at last reached the desert or Catunga where the trees & shrubs are low mostly & spiny. Catunga or Caatinga is an Indian word (meaning "see far.") Here we found many Cacti, and brought back 14 boxes which we are shipping off tomorrow!

I met a Dr. Zelter who had a very nice little collection of 26 native species. These we described, photographed or brought back with us.



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I had expected to go on to Rio  
after making this trip but  
Dr Z. tells me about some strange  
species in the southern part of the  
State so M.R. & I will leave  
again Tuesday for a week or two  
& will then come back & leave  
for the South.

The Cacti are more interesting  
here than I had expected. Spegazzini  
referred about 12 species to Bahia.  
There are probably 45 species  
some new. I have two new genera!

I had several letters from home.  
Poor Mrs. Rore is heartbroken over  
my leaving.

Give my dearest love to my  
Deane.

Your friend

J. Rore

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