

## The same in English.

Of diuers and sundry nations : and of certaine people which were wont to eate their owne parents. Chap. 28.

But the foresayd Iugures (who liue among the Christians, and the Saracens) by their sundry disputations, as I suppose, haue bene brought vnto this, to beleue, that there is but one onely God. And they dwelt in certaine cities, which afterward were brought in subiection vnto Chingis Can : whereupon he gaue his daughter in mariage vnto their king. Also the citie of Caracarum it selfe is in a manner within their territory : and the whole countrey of king or Presbyter Iohn, and of his brother Vut lyeth <sup>The countrey</sup> neere vnto their dominions : sauing, that they inhabite <sup>of Presbyter</sup> in certaine pastures Northward, and the sayde Iugures <sup>Iohn.</sup> betweene the mountaines towards the South. Whereupon it came to passe, that the Moals receiued letters from them. And they are the Tartars principall scribes : and al the Nestorians almost can skill of their letters. Next vnto them, between the foresaid mountaines Eastward, inhabiteth the nation of <sup>Tangut.</sup> Tangut, who are a most valiant people, and tooke Chingis in battell. But after the conclusion of a league hee was set at libertie by them, and afterward subdued them. These people of Tangut haue oxen of great strength, with <sup>Strange oxen.</sup> tailes like vnto horses, and with long shagge haire vpon their backes and bellyes. They haue legges greater then other oxen haue, and they are exceedingly fierce. These oxen drawe the great houses of the Moals : and their hornes are slender, long, streight, and most sharpe pointed ; insomuch that their owners are faine to cut off the endes of them. A cowe will not suffer her selfe to be coupled vnto one of them, vnles they whistle or sing vnto her. They haue also the qualities of a Buffe : for if they see a man clothed in red, they run vpon him immediately to kill him. Next vnto them are the people of Tebet, <sup>The people</sup> men which were wont to eate the carkases of their <sup>of Tebet.</sup> deceased parents : that for pitie sake, they might make no other sepulchre for them, then their owne bowels. Howbeit of late they haue left off this custome, because that thereby they became abominable and odious vnto al other nations. Notwithstanding vnto this day they make fine cups of the skuls of their parents, to the ende that when they drinke out of them, they may amidst all