

« Caspei » : according to Odoric, it is the name of mountains of the Kingdom of Cadeli.
See COTTON, p. 522.

Caspian.
See BACHU, p. 62.

« Caspian » : (mountains) they are not « of course the Caucasus »; in the 14th cent. they were located north and south of Mongolia.
See COTTON, p. 522.

Caspian Mountains (*Caspios montes*) : in the course of his advance, Chinghiz reached them, which being in this part made of magnetic stone (*de lapide adamantino*).
See DARKNESS (PROVINCE OF), p. 620.

Caspian Sea : Polo speaks of the recent Genoese raiding expedition on this sea.
See GEL, p. 735.

« Caspius » : « now Kasbin »; this identification of Odoric's « Caspei » is a mistake.
See COTTON, p. 522.

CASSES.

It is probably the Oriental word *kašiš*, a priest of the secular clergy.

Polo's « regules » must be the « regular » clergy, the monks, and the « casses », the « secular » clergy, the priests.

See p. 214-215.

casses : in F (the Calif of Bagdad took counsel *cum seç regisles et cum seç...*)
See CASSES, p. 214.

« Cassianus » : Ghazan in Papal letters of 1291.
See CAÇAN, p. 120.

« castle » of the Ismailians : the Alamūt fortress of the Old Man of the Mountain.
See DRY (LONE) TREE, p. 631.

« Casum » : = *Casun, first supposed by Ross to be the popular pronunciation of Kāšān; later, he adopts « Casvin » = Qazwīn.
See CASVIN, p. 215.

CASVIN.

It is the city of Qazwīn. The Chinese transcriptions are K'o-chi-yün or K'o-chi-min.

The Georgian form is Qazmin.

See p. 215.

« Cata », « Catai » : this designation of China in Western Europe is explained by the « Hātāi » of the Arabs.

See CATAI, p. 220.

« Cata » : i.e. Cathay, in the passage on the bishops sent abroad by the Nestorian Patriarch, in F and TA.

See CHAIERO, p. 237.

CATAI.

It is the mediaeval name of China, and more particularly of northern China, which we write « Cathay ».

It represents the name of the Ch'i-tan, who became the designation of China in Central and Western Asia in the 10th cent. The basic form in Mussulman countries was Hātāi or Hātāi. The Ch'i-tan who migrated to the West are known as Qarā-Hātāi, and the Chinese texts speak of them as Hsi-Liao.

The form « Hānzi », opposed by Rašid to « Mānzi » is correct.

The equivalence of « Catai » with China was forgotten in Europe after the Mongol period.

See p. 216-229.

« Cataia » : by Rubrouck, for « Catai ».

See CATAI, p. 216.

Catapult makers.

See ABAGA, p. 4.

Catay : = China.

See FEMELES (ISLAND OF WOMEN), p. 720.

« Catay » : in Odoric and in Marino Sanudo's map, for « Catai ».

See CATAI, p. 216.

« Catayo » : on the Catalan Map, for « Catai ».

See CATAI, p. 216.

« Catha » : (or « Chatha ») in Sembat the Constable's letter (1248), is probably the true Cathay.

See CATAI, p. 216.

« Cathaium » : mentioned by Conti

with its two principal cities « Cambaleschia » and « Nemptai »; the whole seems to transmit hearsay information.

See CIN, p. 277.

« Cathay » : our spelling for « Catai », the mediaeval name of China.

Occurs in Hethum, Monte Corvino.

See CATAI, p. 216.

« Cathay » : this form is explained by the « Hātāi » of the Arabs, for Hātāi.

See CATAI, p. 220.

Cathayo : (*Novo Descobrimento do* gram..) misleading title of the account of a journey of Antonio de Andrade to western Tibet in 1624.

See CATAI, p. 229.

Catholicos : name of the Nestorian and Armenian patriarchs, but Polo uses this title only when speaking of the Nestorians.

See JATOLIC, p. 654.

CATORS.

« Cators » and « quornis » should be the same word, i.e. « quails ».

Polo's « cator » is not the *cakora* or « *chakór* » or the *Caccabis chukar*, known in Chinese Turkestan as *käklik*.

Polo's « francolin » is the Pers. *durrāj*, similar to the *käklik*. It seems that *cators*, *quornis* have the Venetian value of *cotorno* and are a kind of partridge.

See p. 229-233.

« Cattigara » : (Ptolemy) its first component may be Chiao-chih.

See CAUGIGU, p. 234.

« cattua », « cattuia » : in Pegolotti for silk coming from afar.

See CATAI, p. 216.

Caucasian Alburz or Alanie : in Hethum.

See ALANIE, p. 25.

Caucasus (the) : according to Risch, they are the Caspian Mountains.

See DARKNESS (PROVINCE OF), p. 620.

« Cauchi » : this « island » of which Legazpi heard in the Philippines in 1571 is Chiao-chi, i.e. Annam.

See CAUGIGU, p. 234.

CAUGIGU.

This is Chiao-chih-kuo, Tonking.

The old name Chiao-chih survives as the first element of our « Cochinchina ».

The etymology is certain, but Polo's description is rather baffling.

See p. 233-234.

« Caugigu » : is Chiao-chih-kuo, the Annamite Kingdom, then centred in Tonking, in Polo's text.

See AMU, p. 39.