« Cotan »: on the Catalan Map, for Hotan, « Khotan ». See COTAN, p. 408.

« Cotàn » : given for « Khotan » in 1603/4 by Bento De Goes. See COTAN, p. 408.

cotão: Port., derived from Arabic qoton.

See COTTON, p. 426.
Cothan »: misreading of

« Cothan »: misreading of « Gothan » in Fra Mauro. See COTAN, p. 408.

coton: Fr., derived from Arabic qoton.

See COTTON, p. 426.

by Villehardouin and Joinville. See COTTON, p. 426.

coton »: for « cotton » in the mss. in Court French.

See COTTON, p. 425.

cotone: occurs by Pegolotti, who employs also bambagio.
See COTTON, p. 426.

cotone: It., derived from Arabic qoton.
See COTTON, p. 426.

cotone: occurs once by Rubrouck, as a Latin ablative. See COTTON, p. 426.

cotoni: French, derived from Pers. quiuni and not from Ar. kättän. See COTTON, p. 427.

cotonia: Port., derived from Pers. quțuni, and not from Ar. kättān. See COTTON, p. 427.

cotonias: Dutch plur., derived from Pers. quţunī and not from Ar. kättān.

See COTTON, p. 427.

Pers. qutuni and not from Ar. kättän.

See COTTON, p. 427.

cotórno: Boerio says that is it the Starna maggiore or coturnice in the Venetian dialect.

Cators, quatornis may have this value, i.e. be a kind of patridge.

See CATORS, p. 233.

« cotoun » : for « cotton » in the fragments of FO in « Franco-Italian » dialect. See COTTON, p. 425.

COTROCO.

The mention of this name, occurring only in LT, must be due to some misreading.

See « Cocacin », p. 392-394.

See p. 425.

cotton: Engl., derived from Arabic qoton.

See COTTON, p. 426.

COTTON (the Agnus scythicus): this problem is, in some respects, connected with the history of cotton in Asia.

The shui-yang, « water sheep » is mentioned first in the Wei lio (middle of the 3rd cent.); later texts have been copied or abbreviated from it; the shui-yang is merely the equivalent of yang, « sheep ».

All the texts mentioning the « ground born lambs » go back to one original which must have been written in the middle of the 3rd cent. too.

In the Mongol period, chungyang, « sowed sheep » or lungchung-yang, is identified with cotton.

Ku-chung-yang, « bonne sowed sheep », had been popularly altered to « sheep whose bones are heavy »; in the 18th cent., it was the astrakhan.

Herberstein's «boranetz, i.e. lamb » is the baranec, which is the astrakhan.

There must be an interelation on the «water sheep», the «earth-born lamb» and the «sowed sheep»; the «water sheep» of the Wei lio is probably the Pinna shell.

Both, the «water sheep» and the «earth-born sheep» must belong to a composite legend, the western counterpart of which still escapes us; cotton has as good a chance as the Pinna to have formed the basis of this twin legend.

See p. 507-531.

cotton (Bambace): the word generally used for cotton in Polo's mss. is «bambace» in French and «bumbatium», «bombax» or «bonbix» in Latin. Low Latin bambagium and bambatium are borrowed from Middle Pers. pänbäk.

The mediavel use of a name of cotton resembling that of the cocoon of the silkworm gave rise to misunderstandings.

The tradition of the « cotton paper » comes from carta bom-

bacina which was a ready-made term meaning « paper ».

See p. 427-429.

COTTON (ch'ü-shun): this ancien name of cotton seems to be a term of the Dhyāna or Zen sect; no plausible Sanskrit original can be suggested. It occurs in the texts connected with Bodhidharma's robe and in the works of Yeh-lü Ch'uts'ai.

See p. 465-466.

COTTON: although Polo speaks of cotton in many places, most of the mss. designate it with a different word.

"cotton" is borrowed from the Arabic quin or quiun, vulg. qoton; from the early Middle Ages, this word must be kept separated from Ar. kättän (kätän), "flax" or "linen".

Quin does not seem to have reached Central Asia only in

reached Central Asia., only in Persian a derivative form qutunī, quțui has been adopted.

See p. 425-427.

there are many species of Gossypium, but they may here be
reduced to two: Gossypium
arboreum, which will always be
called « cotton tree » and Gossypium herbaceum, which will
always be called « cotton plant ».
For the Bombax malabaricum
(common name of the Bombax
in Asia), the designation will
always be « silk-cotton-tree ».
See p. 429-430.

COTTON (The introduction of Cotton cultivation into China): T'ao Tsung-i's Cho-kêng lu, which gives the information about Huang t'ao-p'o, has no direct bearing on the introduction of cotton cultivation into China. We know from the Wu lu that a true cotton, the Gossypium arboreum, was cultivated, in the 3th cent., in western Yün-nan, in North Annam and Tongking. Before the T'ang dynasty, some sort of mu-mien was growing in Kuang-tung, including Hai-nan. The date at which cotton cultivation began in Chinese Turkestan is a most difficult problem. The cotton cultivation