

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORLD^s GOG & MAGOG AND YDIFU
 Johan, and is held to be the greatest lord of that line.¹ And the place where he reigns, it is the
 place which we call on this side in our country Gog and Magog, but they that dwell
 there call it in their tongue Ung and Mongul. And in each of these provinces was a
 different race of people, for in Ung were the Gog and in Mongul lived the Tartars.
 For before the Tartars left it there were two races of men in this province; Ung were those of
 the land, and Mongul were the Tartars. And therefore the Tartars are sometimes called Mongul.²
 And when one rides through this province seven³ days marches by sunrising one
 draws toward the borders of Catai; so that riding these seven marches one [31d] finds many
 cities and villages in which there are people who worship the law of Mahomet and
 there are also many idolaters and some Nestorian Turkish Christians also. And they
 live by trade and by crafts, for there are made cloths of silk and of gold which one
 calls nascici, very fine, and another kind of cloth which is called nac, and cloth of silk
 of many different kinds.⁴ For just as we have the woollen cloths in our countries of
 many kinds, just so they have cloths of gold and of silk of many kinds. And they
 are all subject to the great Kaan. And there is a city in the said province which is called
 Sindaciu, and in this town are done many crafts, & chiefly of all things and harness
 which is needed for an army of the lord very fine & good. And in the mountains of
 this province is a place which is called Ydifu, in which is a very good silver mine⁵
 in which indeed silver is got out in very great plenty. And in this region they have chase
 and hawking of all kinds of beasts and birds enough on account of the multitude of wild
 beasts. Now we will leave this aforesaid province and city and will go riding three
 days marches forward, and then after these three days marches we shall find a city which
 is called Ciagannor, which means White Pool in Latin, in which is a very fair and great
 palace much adorned, which belongs to the great Kaan, in which he dwells when he
 comes, and dwelling places. For you may know that the great Kaan sometimes stays at
 this city in this palace very willingly because he has great pleasure there, for in the
 neighbourhood of the said place there is very fine hunting and chase, and chiefly there are lakes
 and rivers enough where live swans in plenty and other sorts of birds. And again there
 is a beautiful plain in which there are cranes enough and pheasants and partridges
 enough and many other kinds of birds. So that for the great plenty of birds and for the

¹ V: tute le altre zirconstante prouinzie e reami erano e sono de li suo suzesori et questo giergin . . .
 sono sumo signor in luogo del prete zane

² VB: "two races of people who dwelt there, the one called Ung, the other Mongul who
 stayed with the Tartars."

³ VB: vna

⁴ See PN.

⁵ VB: vna montagna chesse chiama idisuenzia che uuol dir argentjna