

· I I 8 .

RAW FLESH & GOLD & COWRIES IN CARAGIAN \neq MARCO POLO
 VB Z *flesh in this way*, for the poor men go to the butchery & take *and buy* the raw liver
 FB as soon as it is drawn out of the animal and chops it small. *And* then he puts it in
 VB FB *salt and in garlic sauce made with hot water & spices* and eats it immediately. *And so*
 FB V they do with all the other *raw* flesh. *And in this way all* the gentlemen also eat raw
 V flesh, but they have it minced small *in this way aforesaid*; then they put it in the
 FB garlic sauce mixed with good spice, *and* then they eat it as well as we do the cooked.
 V FB Then *let us leave this for the present* and we shall tell you *again* of the province [53c] of
 Caragian of which I spoke to you above.

· I I 9 .

H E TELLS AGAIN OF THE PROVINCE OF CARAGIAN. When one sets out from
 FB FB the city of Iaci¹ of which I have told you above and goes riding ten² days
 FB FB journeys by sunsetting, then one finds *still* the said province of Caragian,
 FB VB VB and the *other noble* capital city of the kingdom which is called Caragian as the province
 VB V is named.³ They are all idolaters and are subject to the rule of the great Kaan. *And*
 FB FB Cogacin who is another son to the great Kaan is king of it. Gold-dust is found in
 FB FB great profusion in this province, that is one finds it in the large rivers and again it is
 VB Z found there in lakes; and also in the mountains gold from veins larger than dust.
 They have so much gold that I tell you that they give one saggio of gold for six
 of silver. *And in this province also* they spend the cowries of which I have told
 FB you above for money. *And again* I tell you that these cowries are not found in
 VB Z that province, but they come there *carried by merchants* from Indie. *And the very*
 FB great adders are bred in this province, and those great serpents which are so much
 Z beyond measure that all men who see them have great fear of them and must wonder at
 Z them, *only to hear of their likeness, not to say see*; and they are very hideous things to
 see and to examine. *And I will tell you how large and thick they are.* For you may
 TA FB know for truth that there are some of ten large paces long and some more and some
 FA FA less, which are quite as thick as a large butt, for they measure ten palms⁴ round; and
 Z FB Z these of this size are the largest. *And they have two short legs in front near the head,*
 Z Z which have no feet except that they have three claws, namely two small and one larger
 L claw made sharp like a falcon's or a lion's. It has the head very large and the eyes⁵

¹ cite chiaci Read probably, with B., cite de iaci So most MSS, but note L: ciuitate de ghiaci
 LT: ciuitate Chiaci ² Z: xij

³ In the chapter before we have had the province of Caragian with seven kingdoms, and the kingdom of Iaci, and the kingdom of Caragian. F seems to be too much curtailed here.
 FB: si treuue len encore de ceste dite prouince de caraian et treuue len aussi vne autre maistre cite de ceste maistre prouince qui a a nom caraian.

⁴ FA: .vi.paumes

⁵ TA¹: cielso . . . viso TA³: cieffo . . . naso LT: posticus siue secessus . . . nasus