

resemble a camel, which feed on herbs and flesh and are able to eat fire.' In the *T'ang shu*, 221, 7^a, it is said that this bird is commonly called 'camel-bird.' It is seven feet high, black of colour, its feet like those of the camel, it can travel three hundred *li* a day, and is able to eat iron. The ostrich is called by the Persians *ushturmurgh* and by the Arabs *teir al-djamal*, both meaning 'camel birds.' "

Dr. Bretschneider in his *Notes on Chinese Mediæval Travellers to the West* (1875), p. 87, n. 132, has a long note with a figure from the *Pen ts'ao kang mu* on the "camel-bird" (p. 88).

Cf. F. Hirth, *Die Länder des Islam*, Supp. Vol. V. of *T'oung Pao*, 1894, p. 54. Tsuboi Kumazo, *Actes XII^e Cong. Int. Orient.*, Rome, 1899, II., p. 120.

XXXIII., p. 421.

GIRAFFES.

Speaking of Pi p'a lo (Berbera Coast) Chau Ju-kwa (p. 128) says: "There is also (in this country) a wild animal called *tsu-la*; it resembles a camel in shape, an ox in size, and is of a yellow colour. Its fore legs are five feet long, its hind legs only three feet. Its head is high up and turned upwards. Its skin is an inch thick." Giraffe is the iranised form of the arabic *zurāfa*. Mention is made of giraffes by Chinese authors at Aden and Mekka. Cf. FERRAND, *J. Asiatique*, July-August, 1918, pp. 155-158.

XXXIV., p. 422.

ZANGHIBAR.

We read in the *Tao i chi lio*: "This country [Ts'eng yao lo] is to the south-west of the Ta Shih (Arabs). There are no trees on the coast; most of the land is saline. The arable ground is poor, so there is but little grain of any kind, and they mostly raise yams to take its place.

"If any ship going there to trade carries rice as cargo, it makes very large profits.

"The climate is irregular. In their usages they have the rectitude of olden times.

"Men and women twist up their hair; they wear a short seamless shirt. The occupation of the people is netting birds and beasts for food.

"They boil sea-water to make salt and ferment the juice of the sugar-cane to make spirits. They have a ruler.