

teenth century positively denies the occurrence of olives in China.¹ Of course, this Arabic traveller is not an authority on Chinese affairs: many of his data concerning China are out and out absurd. He may even not have visited China, as suggested by G. Ferrand; notwithstanding, he may be right in this particular point. Likewise the Archbishop of Soltania, who wrote about 1330, states, "There groweth not any oil olive in that country."²

¹ YULE, *Cathay*, Vol. IV, p. 118.

² *Ibid.*, Vol. III, p. 96.