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Of the anabula. ca. viij.



Anabula is a beste in Ethiope & it hath a necke lyke a man & fete lyke a horse/legged lyke an oxe/heded lyke a kamell/ & hath a goodly synynge skyn mixed w̄ whpre spotted the whiche conforteth the sight/ & it is right de resolde. Aptalos is another beste lyke a litell gote verp stinkinge & no mā may come nigh hym/ & his hornes be sharpe & croked lyke a sicke & aged like a sawe/ & whan this beste hath thurst he gothe to the rpuer of Eufates and whan it hath dronke than it goth to a felde where as moche brosse & bramles be & ther he playeth & waloweth so long that he & that brusse is warred so that he can nat aryse/ & than he geth a lowde crye/ and the hunters he ryng him come incontpnet and hpl

him/ & his hornes be so sharpe & strōge that he ouerthroweth therwith grece trees to the grounde. Lucinos is a bestelike a ponge graithoude and hath better understadinge whan it is ponge than whan it is olde.

Of asferatos. ca. viij.



Asferatos be springynge and flyenge lytell serpentes that hyde them in the trees/ and whan they com meth any vodge be those trees on the wapes/ than they flye out with theyr venymous stinges and they be red of coloure & they be so meruelously hote of nature that who so euer be hurte w̄ them must nedis dpe/ for the bitt is so venymous that it rōneth thorugh all the body & the cure of it is like as of the serpentt vipera. Affudius and Sabryne be ij. gray serpētis and blacke vnd their hede w̄ white spotted/ & they