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The Ethnic Composition and the Resettlement of the Cumans

(Summary)

The article looks into the ethnic composition of the community of the Kipchaks, called also Cumans, Polovtsians, etc. On the basis of the source material an attempt is made to demonstrate that the Cumans were not a homogeneous ethnic body. Among the various hordes have been discovered Mongolian, Oguz, Tyurgesh and Korluk elements. The hypothesis is proposed that the Cumanian horde (= tribe, clan) Urusoba, closely associated with the activity of the first Assens, derived its name from the word combination by which the Turki-speaking peoples called the swan, tabooed by them, translated as “white, bright bird”. In the steppes of Southern Russia in the late 11th c. appeared the Urusoba hord in whose name transpires the adjective “urus” () - bright, white and at present among the peoples heirs to the Cumans exist tribes and clans “Kushchi”. The possibility is allowed that from the Urusoba horde originated the clan of Guman descent Bosoroba that in the early 14th c. headed the Wallachian Principality north of the Danube.