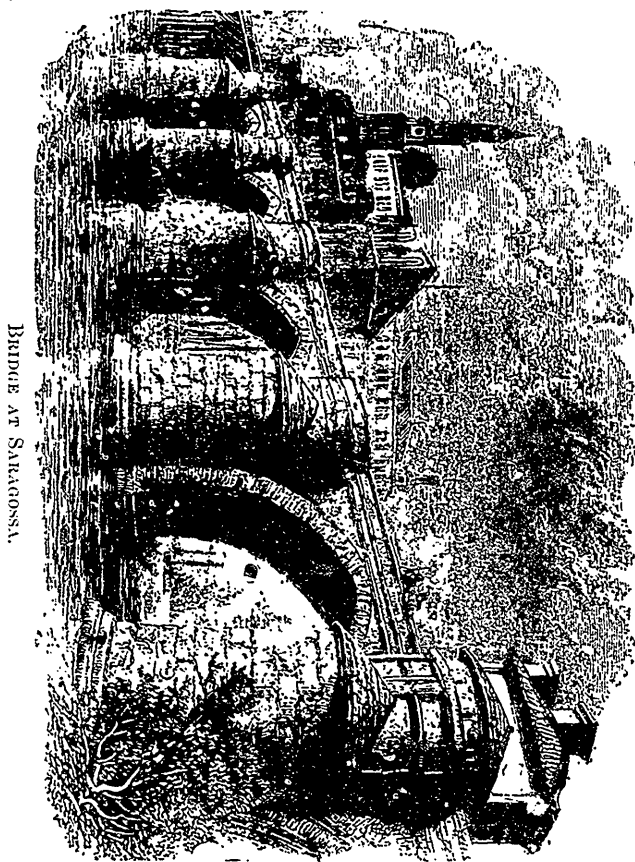


beautiful which were possessed by their distant ancestors; the result is that they seldom touch any of the monuments of the past which have descended to them without marring them. The other of these ecclesiastical structures, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, derives its name and probably its very existence from one of those legends which are the disgrace of Latin Christianity.



BRIDGE AT SARAGOSSA.

The story, in short, is, that St. James applied to the Virgin for permission to preach the Gospel in Spain. Her consent was given, and the apostle having "kissed her hand," set out on his mission and made his way to Saragossa. Eight pagans were converted to Christianity before he slept. He became very anxious to see again the mother of his Lord, under whose patronage his mission was undertaken. His desire was granted to him. A