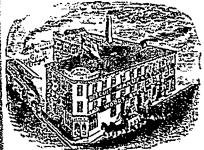
their legions. Yot silk was still the privileged possession of the rich, and in the time of Aurelian, who flourished in the third century, was worth about forty times its present value. The eaormous price, when considered with the fact that there was at that time no commerce between Rome and the Orient, goes far towards explaining the great hearding of treasure and jewelry which has since that time gone on in India There is a dispute between tradition and history as to the period when the genuine corner was brought from China to Europe. How was the vigilance of colestials thwarted, since exportation of the silkworm from the Flowery Kingdom was forbidden under the severest penalties? One account stated that in A D 5"1 monks sent to Kothan by Justinian, succeeded in bearing away their booty concealed in stalks of bamboo. The legend says that once upon a time, when Kothan did not yet possess the precious bombyx, the king of. one of the provinces sought and obtained a daughter of the Chinese Emperor in marriage. Before quitting her native land she hid seeds of the mulberry and silkwo.ms' eggs in her hair, where it would escape the rigilance of the customs other on the frontier. When she reached her new nome she planted the seeds of the muiberry in order that suitable nourishment might be provided in the leaf for the worms .- Dry Goods Reporter.

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