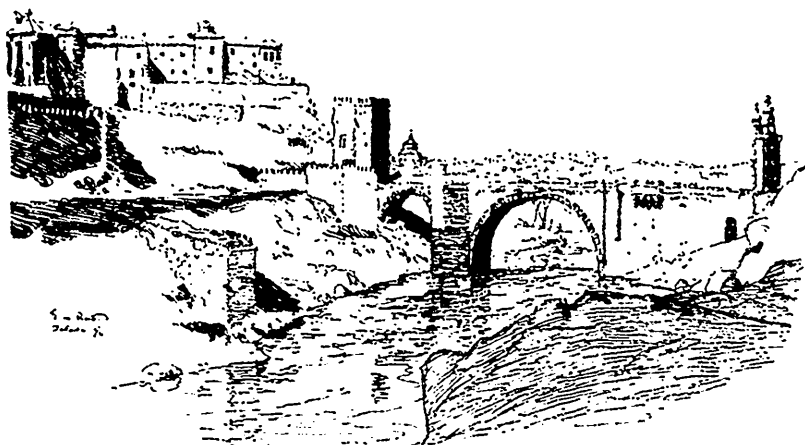


capitulation were violated. The mosques were turned into churches. The property of the Moors, which had been secured to them by treaty, was taken from them; and at length they were themselves driven away by the intolerable cruelty and oppression to which they were subjected. And with them went the energy, and the thrift, and the business capacity, on which the prosperity of the city and of the surrounding country depended. The heartless persecution of the Jews was as impolitic as it was cruel and unjust. It deprived the country

thing of its ancient prosperity. It became the seat of a great and prosperous iron and steel industry, being specially noted for its manufacture of arms. The Toledo blade was scarcely less famous than that of Damascus. This revival of industry and commerce, however, proved to be only temporary, and the silence of death now reigns in the deserted streets which were once vocal with the hum of busy life. The remains of Moorish architecture everywhere abound. One of these, The Gateway of the Sun, is shown on page 106.



BRIDGE OVER THE TAGUS, TOLEDO.

of the services of another class of most enterprising and useful citizens. They were the great financiers of Toledo, as they were indeed of all parts of Spain, and they filled the most important offices of the Government, with signal advantage to the country. But the most capable of them were either exiled or destroyed. The despotic rule of the Emperor Charles V., and his successor, aided by the Inquisition, by which the people were despoiled of their liberties and reduced to the condition of slaves, completed the ruin. It is true, Toledo subsequently recovered for a time some-

As we proceed on our southward journey, we soon enter the wild and savage gorge, *despenaperros*, or "Pitch the dogs over," and gaze upon the precipitous cliff where, in some of the desperate struggles between the Crescent and the Cross, the "infidel dogs" were hurled to destruction.

As we approach Cordova everything begins to wear a more Oriental and tropical appearance. The traces of the Moor are everywhere more visible, and the vegetation is African rather than European. The cactus and the prickly pear grow in wild profusion on the