anchors. Six immense cables, fastened to large piles driven into the banks of the opposite shores, extended the whole length of the Bridges; across these were laid trunks of trees, and on them a flooring, which was covered with earth, for the passage of the army. The whole secured by a railing on each side, from end to end. These floating Bridges, and many others of a like nature, are objects of curiosity, and have their use on similar occasions; but we prefer to treat on those of more recent date and nobler form, and first we look at the illustrious

CAESAR'S TIMBER BRIDGE.

erected upwards of eighteen hundred years ago, in his first expedition against the Suevi, across the Rhine; at which time it became necessary for him to throw a bridge over that river, for the safe passage of his troops; boats or shipping being deemed inadequate to the purpose, from various different causes. The difficulty of constructing a Bridge was also exceeding great, when the vast breadth and depth of the river, as also the rapidity of the current were considered; but CAESAR was not to be de-