of these bejucos are twisted together, in order to form a large cable of the length required; and six of them are drawn from one side of the river to the other; two of which being considerably higher than the other four, serve for rails. Across those at the bottom are wattled sticks of bejucos, and the whole is not unlike a fishing-net, or Indian hammock, stretched from one side of the river to the other; but as the meshes of this net are very large, and the foot would be in danger of slipping through, they cover the bottom with reeds, which serve for a floor. The mere weight of this kind of basket Bridge, and much more the weight of a man passing over, must cause it to make a prodigious bend; and, if it be considered that the passenger, when in the midst of his course, especially if there be a wind, is exposed to be swung from side to side, a Bridge of this sort, sometimes above ninety feet long, must appear extremely frightful; yet the Indians run over it, loaded with the baggage and pack-saddles of the mules, laughing to see the Europeans afraid of venturing. The greatest part of these Bridges are only for men and women; the mules swimming over the rivers: for