The Most Noted Were Those Built
by the Romans. The ruins of some
of these can still be seen. These how-
ever are very massive and unskillful
in their construction in comparison
with the magnificent bridges and
aqueducts of the present day.
The Romans did more for the
study and advancement of bridge
architecture than any of the Ancients.
After the downfall of the Roman
Empire, the art of bridge building
was neglected until the ascension
of Charlemagne to the French throne.
Who established a corps of engineers
known as the "frères du pont" whose