

wide that they sweep the ground. And they go barefoot with drawers<sup>1</sup> hanging about their feet, and their hair neither plaited nor braided, but in complete dishevelment; and as here among us the men go first and the women follow, so there the women have to go before the men. [Here I saw a young man who was taking to wife a beautiful young woman, and she was accompanied by other beautiful maidens, who were weeping and wailing, whilst the young bridegroom stood by in very gay clothes, with his head hanging down. And by and bye the young man mounted his ass, and the bride followed him barefoot and wretchedly dressed, and holding by the ass, and her father went behind blessing them until they reached the husband's house].<sup>2</sup> And many other matters there be in this city which it booteth not greatly to detail.

So going thence I came to inland India, a region which the Tartars have greatly wasted.<sup>3</sup> And there you find

<sup>1</sup> *Sarabulas* is the word in the Latin, Anglo-Indicé *paijamas*. The term appears in various forms in Ducange as meaning *braccæ*, and derived from a Chaldee word, which has been adopted into the Vulgate in *Daniel*, iii, 94. Ducange does not specify the word, but I suppose it is the counterpart of the Arabic *Sarwâl*, plural *Sarâwal*, better known in India under the Persian form *Shalwâr*, and from which in its former shape the Spaniards have made *Zaraguelles*. (See Dozy, *Dict. des Vêtements chez les Arabes*, p. 233.) Ricold Montecroce says the Nestorians thought the sacrament profaned if any one entered with the head covered or without *Sorrabula*. Whereon his German editor says: "*Soccabula fortasse sunt socci, calceorum genus. Ducangium frustra consului, qui nec Sorrabula habeat nec Soccabula.*" (*Peregrin. Med. Æv. IV, &c.*, Lipsiæ, 1864, p. 129). But if he had given *Ducangius* a little more tether in spelling he would have found not only *Sarabula*, but *Serabula*, *Saraballa*, *Sarabella*, *Sarabola*, *Sarabara*, and yet more! The Bollandist Odoric has *Scrobullas*, a sheer error; but Ducange has inserted it as *muliebris vestis* on that authority.

<sup>2</sup> FROM MIN. RAM.

<sup>3</sup> "*India quæ est infra terram.* The *infra* is to be taken in the Italian sense. It is plain that he means some region adjoining the Persian Gulf, and the following extract illustrates the matter more precisely: "The Talmudic writers.....confounded Obillah [on the Lower Euphrates] with the Mosaic Havilah.....and thus rendered Havilah everywhere