

MAP OF THE VALLEY OF MEXICO.
ABOUT 1608.

By ENRICO MARTÍNEZ.

THIS Map was found in the Archivo General de Indias in Seville, and should be dated about 1608, and not 1626, as stated in the title. Enrico Martínez, or Henri Martin, was the distinguished engineer who originated the great scheme for the drainage of the Valley and planned the great cutting and tunnel of Nochistongo through which to drain the water of the Rio de Cuautitlan and Lake of Zumpango to the Atlantic slope.

In the report written by Enrico Martínez in 1626 he states that the drainage works, commencing at the Lake of Zumpango, then extended for 15,830 varas, of which 8130 varas was tunnel and 7700 varas was open cutting, and that (with interruptions) he had been engaged on the work for fourteen years and eleven months. He died in 1632, and was buried in the parish church at Cuautitlan.

The tunnel was later on changed into an open cutting, still known as the Tajo de Nochistongo, this again has been superseded by the modern drainage works which have only recently been completed.

PLAN DE LA VILLE DE MEXICO,

BY CHAPPE D'AUTEROCHE.

THIS Plan is found in *Voyage en Californie pour l'observation de Passage de Venus sur le Disque du Soleil le 3 Juin, 1769*, by Chappe d'Auteroche. It is perhaps the earliest published Plan of the City made from a survey. It is interesting as showing some of the ancient canals still intersecting the City.

