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WHEN a man falls in an abyss, it is, as it were, a flash of lightning, shewing him at once the life he is leaving, and the death that awaits him. In that critical moment, Pecopin, bestowing his last thoughts on Bauldour, placed his hand upon his heart, in so doing accidentally touched the talisman! Scarcely had his fingers approached the precious jewel, when he felt as if borne upon wings. All night he flew, and flew; and, at the dawn of day, the invisible hand which supported him laid him softly on a solitary spot upon the sea-shore.
