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They embarked in a canoe and went there. This island is in the middle of the rapids. There they took as many herons and other birds as they wished and re-embarked in their canoe. Outetoucos, against the wishes of the other savage, and such pressure as he could bring to bear, wished to pass through a place that was very dangerous, where the water falls nearly three feet, saying that formerly he had gone that way, which was false. He was a long time arguing with our savage, who wished to take him on the south side, along the mainland, where they had been oftenest accustomed to pass. Outetoucos did not want to do this, saying that there was no danger at all. When our savage saw that he was obstinate he yielded to his wish ; but he told him that at least they must empty out some of the birds that were in the canoe, for it was too heavily loaded, or they would certainly fill with water and be lost. This he refused to do, saying that it would be time enough when they saw that there was danger for them. So they let themselves go in the current. When they reached the main fall of the rapids, they wished to get out of it and throw over their load ; but there was no longer time, for the swiftness of the water overmastered them and they were im-