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“ rally, and without culture. They found curious snails, such
 “ as are brought from CHINA, and various kinds of pearls. In
 “ a word this island is fertile, well cultivated, and very popu-
 “ lous. The temperature of the air there is such as is com-
 “ mon in this latitude. They heard thunder, saw lightning, and
 “ experienced much showery weather *, but found only little
 “ wind, it is not very high ; it has, however, chains of moun-
 “ tains, valleys, and plains.

“ Don LORENZO took it into his head † to send one morning
 “ twenty foldiers, with a chief, to seize some Indians, whom
 “ he proposed should learn Spanish. They went in a chaloup;
 “ the Indians opposed their landing, and when they were got
 “ ashore they charged the Spaniards violently : Don LORENZO
 “ thought himself obliged to come to their assistance ; he was
 “ wounded in the thigh. The Indians pursued with fury the
 “ revenge of MALOPÉ's death, and fired their arrows at the
 “ Spaniards without ceasing. They took up the arrows, and
 “ struck the points of them against their targets and coats of
 “ mail, to make the Indians think they were invulnerable.
 “ The Indians made signs to them to do so against their eyes and
 “ thighs, which the Spaniards did not choose to do. Their
 “ enemies from thence concluded that they must fire only
 “ at their thighs and faces, and they wounded many. Don
 “ LORENZO having supplied, as well as he could, the wants
 “ of the camp, returned aboard, and sent a third time the
 “ captain of artillery, with the frigate, in search of the ad-
 “ miral. This captain, at his return, brought eight young
 “ people, well made, and of good stature, with some large
 “ pearl oyster-shells, which he had picked up at one of the
 “ three small islands environed with reefs as above-mentioned.

* Grains.

† Se mit en tete.

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