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139. ⁶ *Bagdad.*] A town of Turkey in Asia, situated on both sides of the Tigris. It is a place of considerable trade, and was long the great emporium of all the surrounding countries.
- ⁷ *au fond...invisible.*] At the bottom of which buzzes an invisible world.
- ⁸ *qu'éclaire l'étoile du jour.*] To whom the star of day, i.e. the sun, gives light.
140. ¹ *Que de...responsabilité !*] How many resolutions (I have) taken at random ! How many opinions (I have) given for the sake of a witty word ! What mischief (I have) done for want of perceiving my responsibility, i.e. because I was not conscious of my responsibility.
- ² *on raille...réputation.*] We mock a glory, we compromise or injure a reputation ; i.e. the glory, the reputation, of others.
- ³ *Qui oserait...téméraires ?*] Who would dare look behind him to point out there his own rash judgments ?
- ⁴ *je suivais... Montmartre.*] I was going along the sides of the green hills crowned by the telegraph of Montmartre—the Montmartre telegraph tower. See p. 3, note 7.
- ⁵ *saccadée par la colère.*] Convulsed with anger.
- ⁶ *un essai de justification.*] An attempt at justification.
- ⁷ *ses moulins menaçants.*] His threatening flourishes (with his stick.)
141. ¹ *aiment...bourreaux.*] Prefer to be their tormentors. *Bourreau*, executioner.
- ² *l'éducation des vers à soie.*] The rearing, or management, of silk-worms.
- de la solidarité humaine.*] Of human solidarity, i.e. mutual dependence of human beings.
- ⁴ *n'ai-je...le lion.*] Have I not always treated my partners as the lion did his, i.e. taken all for myself, like the lion in La Fontaine's fable ?
- ⁵ *Pour peu...quelque chose.*] Only let an ill-advised person claim something of them, i.e. some portion of them.
142. ¹ *de peur que...aumône.*] For fear that compassion should impoverish me, in spite of myself, by a single alms—by the value of a single alms.
- ² *Que de...doute.*] How many sorrows, or misfortunes,