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vessel water-tight. But in on
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the other side of the island. This, when made red hot, bored
slowly through the timbers; and, the better to retain the
heat, Jack shut up one end of it and filled it with sand.
True, the work was very slowly done; but it mattered not,
we had little else to do. Two holes were bored in each
timber, about an inch and a half apart, and also bored into
the keel, but not quite through. In these were placed
stout poles, which were nailed with iron. The gunwales, which
were fixed in a similar manner. The gunwales, which
they were firmly lashed to the stem and
by means of a species of cordage which
was very tough, and when a number
of the fibrous husk of the
different lengths together, but
lacing together they formed an ex
cellent cordage of the ends together,
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