



THE CORAL ISLAND.

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 posts, but a tree called iron-wood; and, when they were nailed with iron. The gunwales, which were fixed in a similar manner. But, besides they were firmly lashed to the stem and by means of a species of cordage which was made out of the fibrous husk of the tree, they were very tough, and when a number were fixed together they formed excellent lashing. The different lengths of the ends together made out of any size or length of time and infinite labour; but they grew weary, and so all the trees of about an axe—but clumsily, of these planks, and the boat in a have as little as we could. Having the ordi-

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