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TOUR OF A FAMILY
ROUND THE
COASTS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.



CHAPTER I.

HAVING determined to spend the winter in the south of Europe, after many interesting debates and conversations we decided that the south of Spain should be our destination. We had previously spent several winters at Nice and its neighbourhood, and we saw by the railway guides that it was now as easy to reach Barcelona by Perpignan as to go to Nice by Toulon.

14 We tried that all-powerful medium, an advertisement in the *Times*, for a servant who