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XXI.15 On commerce since the weakening of the Romans in the west

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The Mohammedans appeared, conquered, and split up. Egypt had her own sovereigns ; she continued to engage in the Indian trade. Mistress of that country's merchandise, she attracted the wealth of all the others. Her sultans were the most powerful princes of those times : we can see in history how, with a constant and well-applied force, they halted the ardor, the fury and the impetuosity of the Crusaders.