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 carpenter, was un-  
 ed that the ship  
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ty of opinions were given as to the mode of  
 their future proceedings, and many reflections  
 had passed on their present misery, the captain  
 resolved, that it would be most advisable to at-  
 tempt to clear the ship as soon as the weather  
 would permit. Accordingly, the men who were  
 able, began with bars and shovels to dig the ice,  
 and to lay it in such a manner as to form a bar-  
 ricado round her, to prevent her from being  
 wholly overfet by floating ice.

The 16th of April was one of the most plea-  
 sant days they had seen. They cleared the ship's  
 deck of snow; and had the good fortune to dis-  
 cover the anchor. On the 19th, the weather  
 was so much meliorated, that the master and  
 two others requested permission to sleep on board,  
 that they might be removed from the groans  
 and lamentations of their sick companions.

The greatest part of April was spent in stop-  
 ping the leaks of the ship, and repairing her  
 other damages. In freeing her from ice and  
 snow, the men laboured with such alacrity and  
 success, that by the 28th the pumps were set  
 free. On the 29th it rained, which was a day  
 of joy, as it afforded a certain indication that the  
 winter was beginning to break. The two fol-  
 lowing days were very severe; but the late rain  
 had given the men such spirits, that they sat round  
 a fire on May eve, and amused themselves  
 with chusing mistresses, and wearing their names  
 on their caps.

The thaw increasing, on the 4th of May some  
 geese and geese made their appearance; but  
 though the captain and surgeon wearied them-  
 selves in trying to kill some for the use of the  
 ship, they returned without success.