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ed that the ship
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tiety of opinions were given as to the mode of
their future proceedings, and many reflections
ad passed on their present misery, the captain
esolved, 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
ble, began with bars and shovels to dig the ice,
nd to lay it in such a manner as to form a bar-
cadero round her, to prevent her from being
holly overset by floating ice.

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

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

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

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