

in, and at a later hour cabins 1, 2, and 9, and the "festivities were prolonged to an advanced hour." On the seventh day out the breeze became more *prononcé* and there was every prospect of a longer cruise, and of the good citizens of the British provinces being kept waiting for the arrival of their long expected visitor till their arches were faded and their enthusiasm down to zero. It blew hard, with a heavy swell, and the suite were speculating on a rough night, when the attention of all was arrested by that most startling of all sounds at sea, the cry of a "man overboard." In almost as little time as it takes to tell it, both life-buoys were let go, and the "Hero" rounded to. The poor fellow, who had jumped into the water in a fit of temporary insanity, as it was supposed, could be seen astern struggling amid the surges. With some risk and difficulty a boat was manned and lowered, and pulled away with desperate strokes, to save the wretched man. So quick was all that could be done accomplished that it seemed almost certain the poor fellow would be saved, when suddenly, as the boat was almost alongside him, he disappeared and was seen no more. This most painful incident—the only incident of the voyage—by no means made the cruise more cheerful, and the dull, wet, unfavourable weather seemed duller and more gloomy than ever. There was nothing, in fact, to enliven it but hazy conjectures as to when they would arrive, with now and then a small discussion as to whether or not the "Ariadne" would part company in the next fog. But of this latter there was little fear, for wind, rain, fog, or storm, the splendid consort of the "Hero" never parted once from her stern but for a few short hours, when in a thicker fog than ever off the coast of Newfoundland. Thus day by day was passed, and the Prince's barometrical ill luck, which followed him

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