

THE SURRENDER OF THE GERMAN FLEET.

Ship after ship, and every one with a high-resounding name,
From the robber-nest of Heligoland the German war-fleet
came:

Not victory or death they sought, but a rendezvous of shame!

Sing out, sing out,
A joyful shout,
Ye lovers of the sea;
The "Kaiser" and the "Kaiserin",
The "Konig" and the "Prinz",
The potentates of piracy,
Are coming to surrender,
And the ocean shall be free.

They never dared the final fate of battle on the blue;
Their sea-wolves murdered merchantman and mocked the
drowning crew,
They stained the wave with martyr-blood, but—we sent our
transports through!

What flags are these that dumbly droop from the gaff o' the
mainmast tall?
The black of the Kaiser's iron cross, the red of the Empire's
fall?
Come down, come down, ye pirate flags—yes, strike your
colors all!

The Union Jack and the Tricolor and the Starry Flag o' the
West
Shall guard the fruit of Freedom's war and the victory
confest,
The flags of the brave and just and free shall rule on the
ocean's breast.

Sing out, sing out,
A mighty shout,
Ye lovers of the sea!
The "Kaiser" and the "Kaiserin",
The "Konig" and the "Prinz",
The robber lords of death and sin,
Have come to their surrender,
And the ocean shall be free!

Henry van Dyke, U. S. N.
(in New York Times).

"Some" Band.

Officer (to guest who is a little deaf):—"What do you think of our band?"

Guest:—"I beg your pardon."

Officer (much louder):—"I was asking your opinion of our band—the one that's playing now."

Guest:—"Sorry, do you mind repeating that?"

Officer:—"I was saying——"

Guest:—"It's no use; I can't hear a word you say for that damned band outside."

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"The best way, sir," said the soldier, "is to say nothing about it."

"But why?" asked the astonished officer.

"Because, sir," was the reply, "if the other fellows knew I'd pulled you out they'd chuck me in."



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