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Presently the watch-officer cried out, "I saw a white light flash from where the ship ought to be!"

We thought it might be the glisten of the moon on her sails; but it appeared again, this time long continued and plainly visible, a signal of distress, a call for aid. Many were the conjectures as to what it could mean. Probably the crew were short of water; or some one was desperately ill and a surgeon was wanted from our steamer; or the vessel might have sprung a leak.

Without a moment's delay our captain ordered the helm to starboard. The great ship swung slowly about and bore down upon the stranger. Gradually the two vessels drew together until the lights shone clear and the outlines were well defined.

Now the order rang out, quick and dis-

"Stand by to clear the life-boat; make

ready to lower!" The approaching vessel was now close to our port bow, but we heard no hail.

"Try her!" ordered our captain. "Hail her with the megaphone." "Ship ahoy! Can we be of any assist-

"No," came back the answer. "We did rather apt not to marry at all. not know you were a man-of-war."

"We saw your light, and thought you signaled for help.' "No, thank you. We saw your light and bore down to assist you if you needed help.

"No, thanks."

"Same to you." "What is your nationality?"

nthem, while the sailors on the stranger gathered on her poop, gave us three rousing as the German squared on her course and

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"The Ariadne of Bremen, bound home." Our band struck up "Die Wacht am Rhein," and with three more lusty cheers from the Ariadne and three more from the five hundred throats on our ship, we parted we to the west, she, with her great gleaming spread of canvas, toward the rising moon.

She had mistaken the electric lights of our band for distress signals, and we had thought the same of her answering light. Each had gone miles out of her course to aid the other.

### The Sunday Night Beau.

No statistics are obtainable upon the subject, but if married men would only own up, we should find that it was on Sunday that it first occurred to them that they were lone. torn bachelors, and that they had it on Biblical authority that it is not good for man to be alone. Nor is this hard to explain. Man has never been able to distinguish between religion and love. The workings of grace in him he has always mistaken for the flutterings of his heart. When he is pious he wants to propose, and when he is uplifted by the Sabbath calm and peace he feels that he can love his neighbor as himself, especially if she is young and pretty, and he forthwith asks her to marry him. Moreover, there is in Sunday evenings a certain home-sick quality that every man has felt, but no one can account for, that makes club cooking suddenly turn to dust and ashes in his teeth, and men's society, no matter how brilliant, pall formed him of "The Critic's" desire for his upon him, and that sends him forth in search | photograph, replied in the following fashion: of some nice, quiet, sympathetic girl, to "I am afraid I am at a loss how to get an unwhom he can explain his beautiful emotions, and who, in the process of time, he finds himself escorting to the altar.

Of course men call upon other nights than Sunday, and girls joyfully receive their visits. Men are not cognizant of any occult connection between the days of the week and their sentiments. Any fairly popular girl can picture you have is the only one I have had make out a calendar of her beaux, from the since '94. Perhaps you can suggest some nights they come a-visiting, and tell you with almost exact certainity what they will do-And there you are, as Mr. Henry James says and most respectable looking. I could wear when he digs up the unexplainable.

For instance, the Monday night beau is al. most invariably the old family friend. He's somebody you went to dancing school with, and he calls you "Mamie" or "Sadie," and between my fingers. Really, the unconvenwonders why you let that young fool Snigsby me. I can't have my hands in my trousers dance with you six times at the Gargoyle's pockets, for I never have trousers pockets the other day. He comes to see you for a variety of reasons-force of habit; because he was hungry and wanted some home-cooking, or because he has quarrelled with his best girl and wants somebody to sympathize with him and tell him how to square himself. The Monday night beau regards his Monday night girl as a sister, without a sister's fatal andor, and is so little sentimental that the family never think of getting out of his way and giving him a chance.

The Tuesday night beau is the duty beau. He calls upon you because he must, because he owes you a dinner visit, or an opera box call, or because he doesn't want his name scratched when you make out your invitation lists for the winter, or the week's end in the summer. His visit is absolutely impersonal. He would just as soon talk to your mother, or your schoolgirl sister, or a store dummy, and the conversation is nice and unexciting, and what they call "elegant" in female senii naries. You discuss the weather, whether it has been a gay season or a dully one, were you at the Blank reception, the sensational engagement of your dearest enemy, the last new ball, and the last new play, and then he tears himself away and goes on his heroic round of duty.

The Wednesday night beau is the candy and violets and theater beau. Life wouldn't be worth living without him, and sometimes it's pretty hard to live with him, but he is generally more interested in a girl's appetite than he is in her heart. He's generous and whole souled and jolly, and he adores making women happy, and giving them a good time, but he has no deep designs on your heart. You never find sentimental notes hidden in his roses or candy, or have him whisper impasioned words of love over a lobster. He loves the sex as a sex, but not as individuals. If he could marry a hundred wives he would be a marrying man, but as he can't, he is

The Thursday night beau is what may be called, for want of a better term, the rusher, and his attentions are equivalent to a certifi cate of acknowledged belledom. There are certain men who never pay a girl any atten. tion until they have to fight their way to her theater chair, and who would not dance with her to save her life, until she is so besieged with partners that she has to cut every dance Our ship struck up the German national into homepathic particles.

The Friday and Saturday night beau are the universal beaux, the sort of young men cheers, which were returned with good-will to whom a peach, whether it is on the top of by our boys, and our band played "Columbia," a tree or in a basket with a piece of red mosquito netting over it, a simple peach is, and passed on like a vison. But we followed her, nothing more, and who may be trusted to and running in under her stern, hailed her make love to every woman under 70 that they meet. They do this not because they are in "We are the United States ship Hartford; | earnest, but because they are under the im-

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woman, like you have to shake a rattle before a baby, to keep it quiet. Also, their converor you sit out a dance with them under the palms in the conservatory, they are safe to murmur the same passionate things about life being a howling desert without you, and you, putting your little hand in theirs, etc.

How different from these is the Sunday night beau, and how he shines by contrast! Perhaps he began by being a Monday night beau, or even a frivolous Thursday nighter, but he has gradually worked up to Sunday night, and even a blind woman can see what is coming. At last the climax has arrived. You have spent a nice, quiet, calm, uplifting hour in the back parlor, with the red shaded lamp throwing its benediction over your complexion, and you have talked of soulful things and worked up to the crucial point and he asks you if you won't sing something, and you go over to the piano. Thank heaven, that on Sunday coon songs and rag-time are barred, and so you idly turn over the music until you find "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and you sing a verse and break down, and he clears his throat and-

And yet the law says that the Sunday night courtship isn't valid .- Dorothy Dix in San Francisco "Bulletin."

## An Unusual Response.

Mr. Wardon Allan Curtis, who has achieved success with "The Strange Adventures of Mr. Middleton," when his publishers inconventional picture. The pictures in the 'Critic' always seemed to me so unconventional that they were very conventional, that the strained effects and attitudes were less pleasing than a frankly stiff pose with a pair of callipers holding the head up and the eyes bent on the location of the 'birdie.' The sort of a pose. I can borrow a very engaging bulldog, black, with a fine white shirt front a battered hat or be taken in a shirt waist. I don't smoke, so can't be viewed in the pleasing ab ndon of gripping a cob pipe between my teeth or holding a sallow cigarette for the very purpose of not becoming addic'to that habit. I suppose about the only thing open to me is to wear a coat without a vest and a straw hat, or a smashed-up felt hat or a small cap, perhaps throw the bulldog in the foreground, though he wouldn't be natural, and I prefer cats to dogs."

It doesn't take much to set civilized nations a-celebrating and telling each honored guest of the evening that he is a jolly good fellow and that it would be perfectly absurd under the circumstances to go home before morning. Across the border during the last two months, the anniversary of Lincoln's and of washing. ton's birthday gave occasion for much praise of these heroes and much weariness to the diners, in the form of patriotic speeches. If ever a man has suffered at the hands of his injudicious friends, it is George Washington. He has been pictured as a puling little prig whom every human child must hate, and the color has been well-nigh washed from a character that was, really, robust and manly. As a soldier, Washington hardly stands among the world's greatest, since he was nearly always unsuccessful in attack and showed an especial genius for the waiting game. Marlborough, to say nothing of Napoleon, went away shead of George the First of the White House. It was, rather, in the chaotic days after the free and equal States began to settle down and send the "loyalists" about their business, that Washington's acm'nistrative power showed its real scope and strength. He remained singularly an Englishman-of the Hampden type, with a touch of the Southern aristocrat. He would be as ill at ease as the Earl of Chatham himself in the modern republic of trusts and combines. Lincoln is much closer to the popular idea of the United States' leader-a man of the working-people, rugged, shrewd, uncouth, with a strength that was undismayed when confronted by the bloodiest war of the last century-a man of cool head, steady hand and, withal, of kindly heart. It is poor work o prophesy-most of us will not be alive a hundred years from now, unless it may be a stray senator or so. Bur, in the year 2004 **EVERY WOMAN** 

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