

down the topmast studding sail, and braced up sharp on the wind with the larboard tack aboard. There lay the supposed land on our lee bow, towering up like a huge mountain, about twice the size of French Rock, off the coast of New Zealand. Presently the full moon burst from beneath a cloud, displaying to our astonished gaze a glittering iceberg, shining like a vast mountain of silver. I had heard of the enormous size they sometimes attained, but had no idea they were as large as this. I should judge it was about eight miles in circumference, and full five hundred feet high. It was a sight well worth seeing. We gave it a good berth, doubled the lookout, and kept off our course, E. by N. Lat. 53.23 S. Long. 100.13 W.

Mar. 27 - Beautiful weather. Wind W. Course E. by N. Very light breeze. Lat. 54.03 S. Long.

Mar. 28 - Cloudy. Strong breeze, E. by E. Course E. by E. Rain all night. Carried sail hard. Lat. 54.36 S. Long.

Mar. 29 - Cloudy & rainy. Reef topsail breeze, N. Sunset, moderated. Foggy. Made no more sail. Lat.

No obs. Long.
Mar. 30 - Fine. Light breeze W. by N. Made all sail. Storm wind N. Lat. 55.03 S. Long. 2 P. M. wind N. W. 5 P. M. passed a French ship of about 800 tons, under close reefed topsails, close hauled with her starb. tack aboard. She showed a white burgee, with a blue triangular spot in the after cant, under the French ensign. Wind increased during the night. Shortened sail. Lat. Long.

Mar. 31 - Cloudy. Wind N. W. Moderated. Made sail. Noon course E. by E. 2 P. M. course N. E. by N. Lat. 57.37 S. Long. 73 W.

April 1st - Clear. Double reef topsail breeze, W. Storm moderated. Made sail. Lat. 57.20 S. Course N. E. by E. 5 P. M. saw two large ships off our lee bow under double reefed topsails, close hauled on the starb. tack. Cape Horn bearing N. E. by E. 150 miles. Lat. Long. 74.51 W. Long.

April 2d - Clear. Strong breeze N. W. Course N. E. 10 A. M. raised Cape Horn 4 points off the weather bow about 20 miles off. Saw a schooner off the lee bow. Wind hauled ahead. Shortened sail. Blowed hard through the night. Wind hauled in the middle watch.