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Friday, June, 22d, 1860.
Latitude $54^{\circ}-55'-00''$ N.
Long. $54^{\circ}-33'-30''$ W.

Yesterday we saw 14 Icebergs- to-day have seen six, one of which we passed within a stone's throw. This one was seen early this morning, far to the N.W. & found to be in the course we should pursue through the day. Its pyramidal form & the apparent size made it an object of great interest. I was often up on deck with glass

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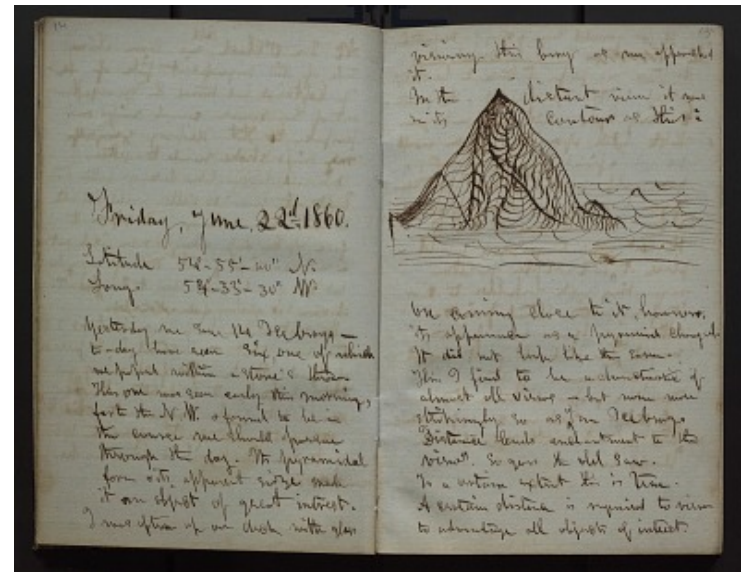
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viewing this berg as we approached it. In the distant view it was in its contour as this:

[[image - pen sketch of iceberg surrounded by sea with lines drawn indicating shape and texture]]

On coming close to it, however, its appearance as a pyramid changed. It did not look like the same. This I find to be a characteristic of almost all views - but none more strikingly so as [[insertion]] of [[/insertion]] an Iceberg. "Distance lends enchantment to the view". So goes the old [[saw?]]. To a certain extent this is true. A certain distance is required to view to advantage all objects of interest.

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