

2 It passed the stern of the ship 5 miles off it looked beautiful
then just like part of the cliffs of Looe I learned that the
Mr Pycroft hoping he would take a sketch of it but he did
not until after dinner then it was not only so beautiful
but he took a sketch then which I shall send I shall never
forget its beautiful purity as if a recent shower of snow had
fallen upon it without one speck of aught else, it passed
during dinner a good way on but altered very much in
appearance. Hugh says they change their form every few
minutes but I suppose it is according to the light that is
on them, there were two smaller ones in the distance
supposed to have broken off from the larger one. Mr
Pycroft was in bed to day & I visited her she is very well &
to day was very low. Myself also was in bed so Mr Pycroft came
& we had some hours of chat & work with an extra candle
in our cabin we heard the others playing & singing the Captain

is not able to leave his cabin, it but the gentlemen go to
sit with him & so do I 2 1/2 miles to 3 in origin 500 ft high
Wednesday 26th I found that old Mr Canary was plucking
the feathers out of two young birds which were left in
the cage to him the nest knew I on looking into it he found
the had begun to lay again I had given Mr Robb the ones
for himself & the Capt. & he made me such a pretty
little cap all wood for he had no wire & is getting tin dishes
for holding the seed & water made Mr Pycroft a pretty cage
so he put his & the steward, together into it for company & they
look so pretty. Mr Pycroft has written out a character of what
he wishes to be acted & each have got their different parts
to do my I think has done they are to have a rehearsal
in Mr Houghtons cabin this evening