

14 CRUISE OF THE ESQUIMAUX.

midnight, then lay to on account of thick weather, with heavy snow. Went through our private list of stores this afternoon with R. and C.; I think we have ample, especially in the pickles line; there are 108 bottles.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH.—Wind light and variable. Dodging about in the ice, mostly to E. and S. A fair number of seals seen in the morning. Killed three seals from fore deck during the course of the day—young hoods. Fog at 3 p.m.; weather cleared at times,



ICEBERGS IN THE NARROWS.

enabling us to pick our way through ice, going dead slow. The sea became much heavier, and eventually brought us to a standstill at 11-30 p.m. The "Esquimaux" treats the ice with scant ceremony—a very different performance to the "Laura's" last year. Ivory gulls and looms seen. Glass falling slowly all day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH.—Wind N. by E. When daylight appeared we found ourselves shut in the heavy ice, but, after punching away at it for two hours, we forced our way out into clear water. The captain,