

mountains of considerable elevation, the glaciers descend to the very margin of ocean. Nevertheless, they do not advance directly into its waters, and between the wave and the glacier invariably stretches a belt of open shore.

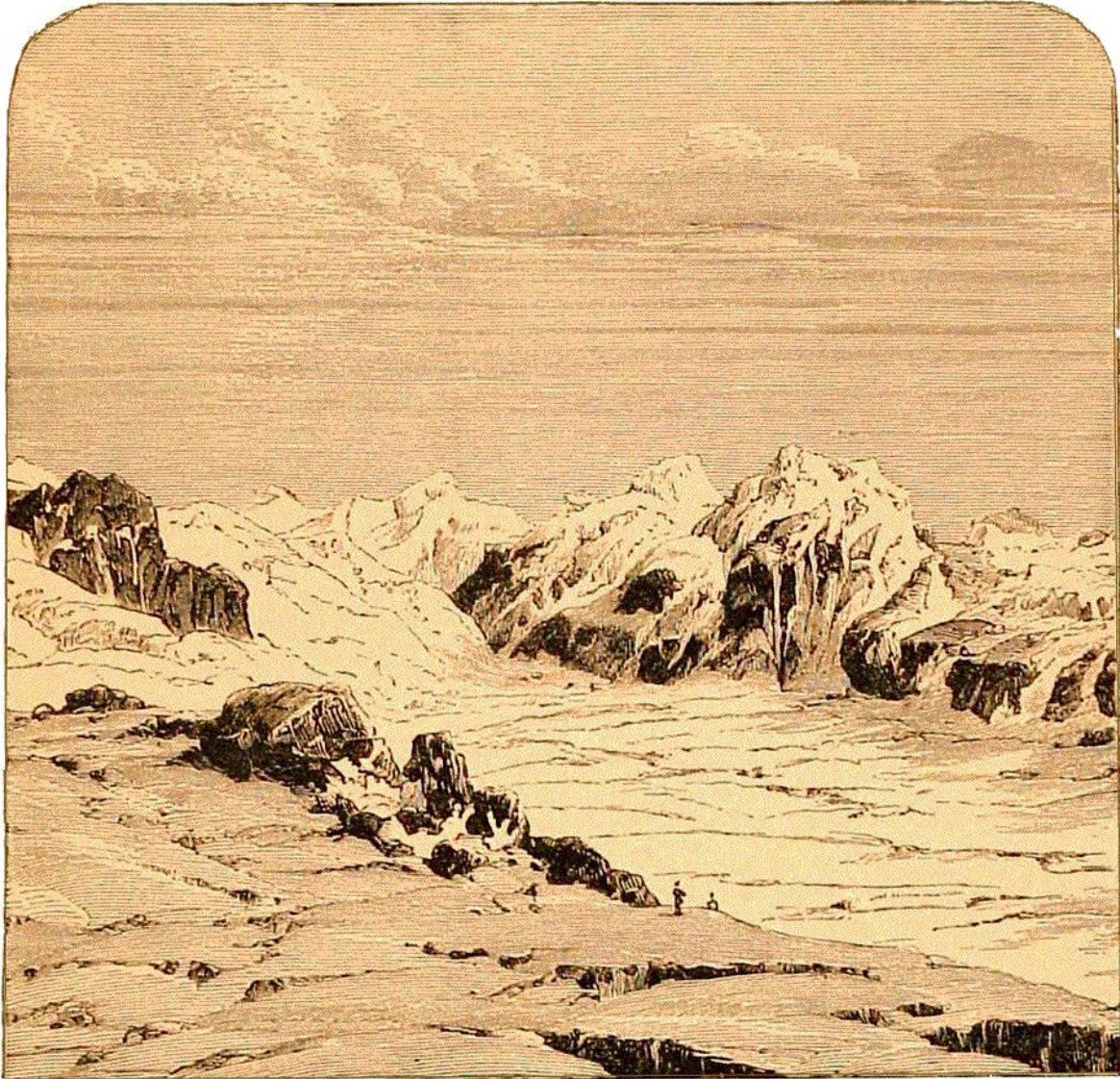


FIG. 118.—PEAKS AND GLACIERS OF NUBIN (TIBET). (From the "Atlas" of the Brothers Schlagintweit.)

But the glaciers of a region still nearer the pole do actually strike into the very sea. That of Bell Sound (Figure 119) is about 13 miles in length by 3 in breadth.

The enormous power of these huge masses, and the continuous severity of an Arctic temperature, preserve them to a great extent from the crevasses and fractures so common in the ice-rivers of the Alps. But, according to M. Charles Martins, who resided for a time in Spitzbergen, these glaciers are, in truth, simple *névés*, resembling