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PERSONAL LETTER from Alexander Declouet, Jr. on board the steamer Adriatic, to his brother, Paul Declouet, at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.

On board Steamer Adriatic at Sea.
50 miles from Cowes, April 24, 1860

My dear Paul,

As we will arrive at Cowes tonight at 12 and a steamer from Havre passes at that place day after tomorrow and takes the mail for America I profit of the chance to write to you a few lines.

We have had splendid weather all the time, except last night - the seas was quite rough. I have been sick, very sick, for at least half of the trip. It is all over now, I am perfectly well and have fine appetite.

Schaumburg has not been sick at all, he had better luck than I.

We took a pilote about 3 hours ago who learnt us that Heenan was considered a better fighter than Sayers. They fought during 2 hours and 6 minutes and the police stopped them. Heenan was blinded and Sayers had his arm broken. That is all I could learn about the fight. I reckon you will get all those news before this reaches you for the Vanderbilt left 2 days after the fight and must have brought all the news.

I am very anxious to learn who will get the nomination at the Charleston convention. I hope the news about that will soon come across the ocean. The second night we spent on board there was a man on board from Philadelphia who disappeared entirely and never was heard of again. His wife is on the ship.

Well nothing more to tell you, my love to all the friends. Schaumbur sends his love to you all.

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Write often to your most affectionate brother,

Alexander Declouet, Jr.

PERSONAL LETTER enclosed from W. C. S. (Schaumburg?)

On board skipper "Flying Elephant"

Dear Chum,

I suppose Ajax (Alexander Declouet, Jr.) has told you all the incidents of our voyage. So I won't say anything about it. He told you I reckon about the man overboard and the terrible storm we had. God but it was a grand and terrible sight. We are now all well, I swear I wasn't sea sick a minute. Ajax and my brother and sister were very sick. We will soon be in Paris - from which place I will write at more length. Love to all the boys - tell them I would like to hear from them.

W. C. S.

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