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Newport, R. I., July 5, 1879.

Yours, and family are respectfully invited on board the Schooner Young America, to witness the Sub-marine Race at 1:30 p.m., July 4th.

The Schooner lies alongside of Commercial Wharf.

John Waters,
Of the Committee on 4th of July.
Thursday C.Mo.

Dear Husband

I write after mailing your letter last night. Georgie and I proceeded to the house of a friend almost opposite the J. J. Hotel and saw the Regal pass. It was a grand sight. The Notets were illuminated, and rockets were thrown up, and the red and blue lights were all along the line, on the streets. Salute after salute was fired from the Wharf after the Regal boarded the Steamer. After they had passed Georgie and I started up 6th and finally met 2nd Gentleman whom Georgie knew and after chatting awhile with them, bought apple and ice cream from a little Ice Cream Saloon where we refreshed ourselves on some of that rich ice cream.
as we had fire on the 4th.

While ni the Saloon we leant
that Annie Neal had
been there and bought a gt.
to take home. So Georgi & I
said to herself we would let
on that we have had ag. So
on reaching home we had another
dish. And it was just as good
as the first. Wish you could have
had some. But I suppose you
are refreshing yourself on the gaze
of the fascinating Mrs Mason,
and her flowery language, and
as you do not express any special
desire to have me return Sat.
I think I may remain over,
which will afford you an
opportunity to enjoy any company
you please. So if you wish you
can notify your friends. and if any
one asks where I am, tell them I am
making the acquaintance of the
New People. I have had an
invitation to go out-sailing, but
that I declined doing as I am too much afraid of sail rope and the water. However I may be over persuaded. Will let you in my nest whether or not I sailed.

George's note you see is rather insinuating. But I guess you know by this time that my head is certainly turned. By the attentions of any one. Even though they are Westphalian. For be sure I have had no experience with them hitherto. But I felt quite safe in my own strength. Though I am a left behind wife and at their mercy. May thanks for your good wishes for me. I can but enjoy myself when so much attention is paid me. Of course, which I confess there is no lack of. But I am never unmindful of the fact that I am your wife.

Louise

Love from Anne - To. She says tell you she carries her umbrella as usual.