

I would not be at all surprised
if she would believe it for I told
it to her just as if I was in real
earnest. You'll now understand if
she alludes to it in any of her letters.
I told her that I had not asked you
to be my bridesmaid yet but I would
very soon. I was in a particularly good
humour the morning I wrote but when
I cooled down to my right senses I
saw how foolishly I had been -

I wish you could see that letter dear
Sallie. I know you'd enjoy it.
Ridiculous!!! Ridiculous!!! Ridiculous!!!
I was at a large party here this morn-
ing. I had a most delightful time.
I danced every cotillion & waltzed a great
deal. I wished you were there.

Now dear Sallie you must answer
this letter very soon. Perhaps you
have not so much to prevent you
from writing as I have -

Give my love to Miss Vandyke
Excuse this short letter & always believe
me
Your dear friend Spizzie



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Darling Sallie

I received your very welcome
letter last Thursday. I suppose I have
told you in her letter that I had been
to see her. I went to see her on Saturday
afternoon & again on Sunday evening. You
really must excuse me for not answering
your letters sooner - circumstances pre-
vented me. Oh! Sallie darling if I were to
tell you the circumstances it would
fill this whole letter up & I know I would
tire you. Yesterday evening there were
some neighbours happened into ours.
I think there were about a dozen besides
ourselves. We had such a delightful time
dancing. Dearest! I must tell you I kept
up a glorious flirtation with a Mr
Ambrotter. He's married too. He's a
German lawyer. He always calls me
the "one time young lady" as I would not
play but one time for him. I expect
to have a delightful time this evening.
The whole set of us are invited out to
spend the evening at Mrs Bryant's.
I am now staying some time with my

Warner. I have such pleasant times
here. I'm just next to our "old home"
I wanted Mary to come over & see her
old place but she had no time. How
I wished you were there at the hotel
with Mary & I. I went over to see her
Sunday evening about dark & spent
the evening & your uncle & Mary brought
me home. My Cousin Betty Hillas
from Wilkesbarre is here staying some
time at Aunt Cousin Isaac is away
at present. We expect him home tomorrow
& then Oh! what fun we'll have together
so many of us girls & boys. Cousin Abby
is at home now too - so 4 girls & two boys
& will make fun enough together I think.
I only wish you were here dearest Sallie.
What glorious times I'd have with you.
I expect to go up to Kittanning next
week. I'm in an awful pucker dear.
I'll tell you what about this - a Pros-
per Stearnson of this place is going up to
Kittanning next week in a two horse
buggie & he invited me to go with him.
I really do not like the idea of going
alone with him & he is such a young

fellow too. I do not think Ma would
like me to & more than that I know
it would be talked about. I really
do not know what I shall do. I expect
I'll have to wait until he gets there
company. He goes just at ^{the} time I want
to. Oh! too bad. Have you received a
letter from Helen lately. You ought to
have seen the letter I wrote to her.
It was just a pack of falsehoods -
Has she mentioned it in her letter.
It was an awful thing if she believed
it. I told her I was engaged to Cousin
Willie Reynolds & told her to ask Miss
Sarah if she approved of cousins marry-
ing. I told her of course I would not
go to school any longer. I'm awfully
afraid she'll believe me. I'm afraid
Miss Sarah will write to me & give
me a long lecture upon the
foolishness of marrying so young & the
weakness of marrying a cousin.
Oh! if she believe it. I'm a gone case