

Vassar College N.Y.
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Dear Allie,

I was so glad to get your letter last week, I should have answered it right off, if I had not had one from Mother to answer. I gave her an account of any goings on in Rahway, which you probably read. I forgot to say that I saw Mrs. Pitt Cooke and Sallie Ripley on the street but as I was in a street car, I did not have an opportunity to speak to them. I

also saw Sallie Reber on Broadway, but as she did not return my bow, I suppose she did not recognize me. Mary Taylor is back again. Her mother died during vacation, and her father thought it best for her to come right back. I am so glad, for I was not suited at all with the girl that they put in her place. I did not have an awful time to get along with her simply for the reason that she was hardly ever in her room during the day and I never slept there. However that is all over with thank fortune, and I have got Mame back. What a grand looking place, your house must be nowadays. I hope you will meet me at the depot when I come home for there is danger that I may not find you. I have received word what Mollie's particular business is. As you have probably surmised, she wishes me to be a bridesmaid. She said that she had asked Aunty, and Aunty said "do Just as you please" so I wrote an acceptance. Aunty said she would be at home the 29th of May, so she will have plenty of time to have my dress made. Won't I make a gorgeous bridesmaid? I don't know anything about Mollie's plans, whether she expects to have groomsmen or not nor who her other bridesmaids are to be.

O about Albon's wedding description
Tell I take it all back, I hope he won't
kill me, but really I took him for
Dave Myers! Isn't it a shame that
Mr. Hall has sold his place. What pos-
sessed him to do It, it couldn't have been
necessary could it? I thought he was rich.
I don't know what room they have been
fixing up. Do you mean that the whole
family are going to live in those rooms
that he had for an office?

I had a letter from Lizzie Camp,
in which she said that she had been
very sick, confined to the house, for I
don't know how long. You never
told me that, why didn't you?
She also said that Sallie had been taking
care of her, and that they are both going
back to Lancaster. I have taken it for
granted that they are there by this time
and so have directed a letter to Lancaster.

As to Arthur I am not surprised,
for Minnie Monroe had informed me
that he was going to stay in Toledo
another year. I understood that he
had engaged himself at the school for
another year. I don't really much
believe that he will ever go back do you?
Do find out all about Lee and Sallie.
If they are going to be married before
I am home for good, and are not mar-
ried during one of my vacations I shall
never speak to them again. How elegant
their house will be, when it is finished.
We must go up and make a visit together
this summer sure-pop. What Miss
Ames did Charlie Horton marry. Was it
Annie Ames? If so all I have got to say
is poor girl. I never was so amazed
as I was to hear about Jinny Dresback.
Isn't she a goose? I guess I have got
something to match that though,
Jessie Campbell, our former Matron
suddenly took it into her head, after
vacation that she did not wish to stay
here any longer. So she piled off to
Po'keepsie, and married our porter!
A brilliant exchange don't you think
so? We have a lovely Matron now
Mrs. Humphreys. She is about thirty
and her hair is as grey as a rat. She
wears it in a frizzed pompadour and
a coil, she is quite dark otherwise, and
altogether is an elegant looking
woman.

There is quite an excitement here
over a disgraceful report, which is going
the rounds of the college. I don't know
whether to tell you or not, but I guess
I will. Miss Morse called a young
lady up the other day, and wanted
to know if she knew anything about
the smoking & drinking which was
going on in the college! It happened that
this particular young lady did not
know anything about it; but we have
since heard that with a few young
ladies the practice is quite common. One
of these girls has really been drunk. On [dit...]
Did you ever hear anything so disgusting.

It is reported that we are to have a grand lecture upon the evils of smoking, drinking, flirting with the Bisbee boys &c,&c,&c (Bisbee boys are boys who attend Bisbee's school in Po'keepsie) and then these certain young ladies are to receive their marching orders. If there are any further developments I will let you know. Of course you will not mention this out of the house for it would injure the reputation of the college dreadfully, and you know it isn't any too good in Sandusky.

We celebrated Founder's Day last Friday. Prof. Raymond of Brooklyn read Twelfth Night to us, and kept us in a roar, all the time. After the reading, they had two of the finest tableaux I ever saw. They were "The return from the vintage" and the ascension of Marguerite represented in Marble. By the way I have a bone to pick with you, what did you go and tell that company at Aunty's that I had dyspepsia for? The one that wrote that company letter. I just think you were a goose to talk about such a thing. What did Chas. Doddler & Jay Buttler mean by asking me if I had "boarding school dyspepsia"? I didn't take. Remember you said you would answer this the very next day after you got it.

Lovingly
Sallie

Please send my dresses and things right on for it is getting warm.