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Saturday P.M.

Dear Mother:-

I expect this will be my last letter before I get home, and I certainly will be glad to be back. However, I'm sorry to say that in spite of my thrifty exertions I will have to have some more money before I can pay my railroad fare. The round trip fare to Columbus is \$42.40, and the Pullman is \$5.63 making a total of \$48.03, and I have only \$40.00 left from my checks after my room and board have been paid. I need a little to pay a laundry bill (under \$2.00) plus whatever expenses I may incur for meals on the train and other minor expenses. If you could spare ~~five~~ \$10.00 I would still have some left over for Christmas shopping. I really am very sorry to have to ask for this, but I don't see how I could get along on any less. The only amuse^{ments} I have are my occasional trips to the Nuggett and a light lunch once in a while in the evening. Compared to what other people spend on dates in Clarenton, week-ends in Boston, etc., it is practically nothing at all. And then I haven't bought any new clothes since I left home although my blue sweater is almost worn out. The laund^{ry} bills have been small, too, the sum I mention above being the collective amount from three weeks work. And if you knew what some fellows spend on liquor I suspect you would be well shocked. Well, anyway, here I am in the traditional attitude of college students, asking for more money. "No man, no fun, your son."

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Now, I will have to have this money by Friday morning to pay for the R.R. ticket. Dick says he will lend me enough to buy the ticket a little ahead, and I may have to take him up on this. So, if this letter does not reach you in time to send the money in a letter, better telegraph, or something. Otherwise, I won't be on the train Saturday morning. Enough of this depressing subject.

This evening I am going to help Lex Paradis do the incidental lighting for the concert of the Detroit Symphony. I did not buy a Concert Series ticket this year although they have a very attractive schedule. Naturally, I was more than pleased when Lex gave me a chance to help him, as that means I will be getting about \$2.00 worth of entertainment for an hour's work this morning. Furthermore, if I help him this time, maybe he will ask me again and I will get the whole series free.

Yesterday and the day before the Players presented "The Critic" in the Little Theater. It was one of the most successful plays we have produced for a long while, although I hear we lost money on it. The first night the house was only fair, but the audience was appreciative, and enjoyed the play, so we had a full house last night. It was really good. I worked the switchboard, such as it is. It was not very complicated to operate after the lights had been set up. I am sending one of the programs, done in real 18th century style. Hoping to hear from you real soon.

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*Your loving and penurious son,
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