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Ithaca

Dear Ma

I have just 45 min
before I have to report at
the theater so will write
a short note in ans to
your letter.

No I won't need the
clothes.

Well I made pretty
good the first week.
Gained one lb. & saved
\$13.58. I'm keeping
track of all expenses
so I can tell just
how much I save each
week.

I'm am sorry I
couldn't finish

school before I took this
course; I'll probably
have to come back for
the next semester but
that is my intention
now.

They say we will
be in Florida by the
middle of Dec.

You seem to think
I have a pretty easy
time no singing eh?

The old famous Soldier
chorus is our big number
We come out alone in
our soldiers uniforms
& have to sing.

The manager was
kicking last week

because some of us
weren't singing &
others didn't know the
words.

most all the Italians
come to these operas
and know the music
from act 2 & you
can't fool them.

The manager said
we have got to learn
the words. said he
was going to carry
any dead wood
along with the
company.

Since then I have
learned the whole
chorus in Italian

It's rather ⁴ hardest
chorus in the whole
opera for us but
I've got it at last.

The first scene
is a soldiers camp
& we are all sleeping
as the curtain goes
up. We always get
a good hand on
this scene because
we do it very well.

The next scene
that the chorus is
on is a gypsy camp.

The costumes in
this scene are

very pretty. We have two evils in the background. Four fellows strike the evils while the chorus sing the gypsy chorus.

The next time we enter is in a convent scene. We have a sword bottle on the stage. Seven against about 8 others.

Our fourth entrance is the soldiers chorus. Our last

chorus is off stage.

We played a
matinee & two nights
in Utica. It was a
fine town, about
10,000 people.

I had my teeth
cleaned & a treat-
ment for pyorrhea
It cost me \$5.00
but hope it was
worth it.

We made two
changes on the train
to day, started at 8
this morning & got
in at 2 P.M.

I found a private
room next to the hotel.
Went to bed for 2 hrs,
got up took a hot
bath & cold shower
a shave & now I'm
feeling fine. I try
to take a nap &
bath every day; it
surely does one a
world of good.

To morrow we start
out again at 8 and
arrive at 2.08 P.M.
We have such good
times together on
the train we don't
mind the long rides

One couple^s that has
been going to-gether
(presumably engaged)
I think were married
on the 9th in Utica.

The fellow is one of
the leading singers
& is a corking boy, the
girl is in the chorus
& the prettiest "soprano"
we have.

Well mother if
is time to be getting
over to get into my
uniform & get on
my paint.

Love
(Brighampton) Earle
as in N.Y.