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BLUFFING

THE art of bluffing is supposed to be keenly developed in this country. In our schools and colleges the bluff is worked extensively. At Technology, we are sure, there is a marked exception. We like to consider ourselves above such petty dishonesty and explain to our friends that "men come to the Institute with a serious purpose."

But are we really doing our share? We may be obtaining clear grades in our work, but after the term is over do we feel the satisfaction of an honest effort? It is quite easy to take copious notes at a lecture and conscientiously propose to go over the topics and the suggested readings the next afternoon.

At the end of the term we scrape through with an "L," resolving to go over the notes next summer when we have lots of time.

Such an action is essentially a bluff: and because it concerns primarily the student himself it is of the most pernicious form. It undermines the sense of self-confidence so vital to any successful outcome of a man's career. In addition it forms a habit of slighting work with the idea that quickness of thought will be sufficient in the pinches. Bluffing is simply another form of laziness and should be omitted from the curriculum of all those who expect to realize their highest ambitions in life.

SECOND CHESS MATCH

On Friday evening the Institute chess team will meet that of Harvard at the rooms of the Harvard Chess Club. Ten boards will be played.

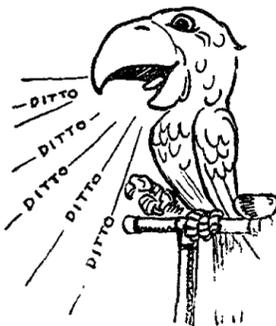
A meeting of the Metropolitan Chess League, scheduled for last Thursday evening for the purpose of arranging a schedule of matches, did not materialize, and no plans have been made as yet regarding participation in the league this year.

NEW COMPRESSOR BUILDING

A small brick building matching the inside facing of the main group of Technology buildings has just been completed behind the mining department. It contains the air compressor which was formerly located on the fourth floor adjacent to Room 4-431. It was found that the noise of the compressor disturbed the neighboring classes, hence its removal to a more isolated spot.



No sooner does the clarion call of the Athletic Powers for the sinews of war cease to assail our vibrating eardrums, than other causes equally worthy and commanding of the true Institute man's attention hasten to press their claims for monetary support. In addition to the constantly revamped Textbook, child of the Prof's idle fancy and master of the indigent student's ebbing purse, we have now the throbbing cause of the European prisoners. Technology men are now, if The Lounger may judge from his own experience, fully cognizant that those engaged in the war, whether their fortune led them to the trenches or to the enemy's prisons, have continually suffered from terrible privations and from the depressing influence of their environment; but The Lounger cannot help doubting whether any but the most unthinking derived that impression from the recent descriptions of suffering, by those who have been there. The Lounger makes this statement, not as a reflection upon the integrity or descriptive powers of the



speakers who have brought up the topic, but simply on the basis of his experience in Technology human nature, of which his long residence makes him a competent judge. His responsiveness to appeal jaded by their number, and confronted with the unsalubrious fate of the Voluntary Contribution for Athletics, the student budget-wielder views further appeals for charity with the ruefulness of men who have oft asked it in vain from their kind Professors. He is at this stage more likely to be anxious over the possibility of paying his laundry-bill and assuaging the Bursar than over the fact that prisoners in India are deprived of toothpowder. In that early stage of his life when he still obeyed the Registrar's lightest hest, The Lounger has been wont to consider himself at the Institute for a purpose, and likewise did not consider that his tetra-weekly pittance was intended to further that purpose of development, and not others of an extraneous nature, whose only claim to attention was an emotional one. The Lounger confesses himself the same selfish mortal now that he was then, and therefore ventures to elucidate the point of view of such a one. Besides, Technology gave six dollars to the Red Cross a few weeks ago.

WRESTLING TEAM

Cut Made in Varsity Squad—Manager Competition

The first cut in the Varsity Wrestling Squad has been made and the following men have been retained: Bone, Dana, Davis, Kellar, Kiley, McFarland, McMorran, Rounds, Shields, Todd, Wirt. These men will report at the Y. M. C. A. as usual. The other members of the squad will form the second team and will report at Room 1-050 every day at 5 P. M. A schedule is being arranged for the second team and any man who shows up well in these meets will be put on the varsity squad.

Coach Higgins is pleased with the way the men are working at present and predicts a successful season. However, the team is still weak in the heavyweight class, and men weighing over 175 pounds are needed.

Next Friday all candidates for Second Assistant Manager will meet Manager Moody in Room 1-050 at 5 P. M. This competition is open to all freshmen and leads to the position of Manager in the Junior year. The competition will last about six weeks, at the end of which time two Assistant Managers will be chosen.

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