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BLUFF—AND BE BLUFFED

Time and again, when visitors to these shores return to their native heath, they sit down at a typewriter and knock off a few pages about the idiosyncrasies of the American public.

When one comes to think of it, the assignments are born and not made. They are born of the sane desire to mirror the American people in their own mind's eye; a sort of cloth with which to wipe the steam from the looking-glass of national consciousness.

Bluffing seems to be an inherited trait in the American mental and physical makeup. Rather than read a classic, we'll say we have and show, in five minutes of conversation, that we haven't.

Extremely evident is the trend of collegiate bluffing. Every professor stacks up against a class made up of two percent brilliant students, fifty percent pluggers and forty-eight percent bluffers.

As for the business men, each knows his neighbor to be the biggest little liar in the trade—and tries to outdo him. Why, business men were the settlers of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

When will Americans realize that the guffys over the Great American Bluff are not to be resented; that this fault of ours is to be repented? When will we acknowledge the fact that our supposed "pep" merely is a blanket for an unmade bed?

But a state of mental exhaustion indicates, at least, a little thought. And thought, brought about by a realization that bluff is something of which we might well be ashamed, will relieve us of the "slings and arrows" to which we are subjected by thinking persons who look upon the American Bluff as an indication that all Americans are perpetual Halloween masqueraders.

Study of Farmer-Folk Being Made In Move To Override City's Appeal

How to keep the young folks "down on the farm" through a survey of recreational facilities there is being undertaken by the department of agricultural economics, co-operating with the United States Department of Agriculture.

In a natural "box" in the mountains of Columbia county lies Locust township, occupied by prosperous farm families, ten miles from a town or city.

Youth Involved Because the movement of population from the country to the city involves farm youth to a marked extent, an effort is being made to determine the effectiveness of rural organizations as social factors for checking this migration and for building up country life.

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Three Alumni Qualify As Mine Inspectors

Three graduates of the Penn State School of Mines and Metallurgy have qualified for bituminous mine inspectors as a result of the recent examination conducted by the State Department of Mines.

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Classes have been conducted in forty-seven different school districts of the State, Pittsburgh being the largest center with an enrollment of about 1900.

On First Thought

We've decided to take a fall out of the bridge players this time. Do you know, there are so damn few good bridge players in this town that it's really a chore to have to sit in a game nowadays.

Ferguson makes a plea for a universal bridge game, a universal under-estimating of the technique of the game. It is a plea that has gone unheeded for years, in fact, ever since the game was thrown to the general public with promiscuous and high-low-Jack-and-the-game.

In the winter time, most of us play the same kind of game—bad. But it gets worse in the summer. Mayhap it's the heat—or the girls. Mayhap a bit of One No Trump usually cheats from one's partner a giggle and a "Now, what'll I do? If you want me to take you out, why don't you bid Clubs?"

Edward Davison, Ben Daly, Jack Harper and George Allen shot some bridge last evening. We don't know how many they shot, but they probably bagged a bucketful.

We'll lay off the bridge now and try our hand at a book review—a book that we've just about half finished and is dog-eared at the place where we will begin again tomorrow afternoon.

Particularly did we enjoy his incident of the precocious child; the infant who is left alone to pick out its future. It was so true to life that we could picture the old lady next door, after chasing the boy out of her flower-bed, wailing in mournful tones, "Just look at those nasturtiums."

And then the incident of the Children's Day entertainment at the church. It was so complete in both humor and detail. Little Elsie, or whatever her name was, dropped her star; someone started a few seconds ahead of time; someone else contracted stage fright; the small boys ridiculed Santa Claus (it must have been a

Water Experts Discuss Weighty Problems Here

Uneducated Public Increases Hazards Met in Supplying Water for Drinking—Verdict

That the general public in Pennsylvania does not appreciate its daily supply of seven hundred million gallons of filtered water, and when in the country on auto trips fails to insist on drinking only at "safe water" signs, developed here last week in the opening sessions of the first convention of water filter plant operators ever held in the State.

Although the filtering of water was first started in Pennsylvania almost 200 years ago, H. E. Moses, assistant chief engineer for the State Department of Health, said it is only within the past twenty-five years that forward steps have been taken and the results of today's conference show that there is much yet to be done in the improvement of water supply, particularly in the rural districts.

Education of the motoring public to the point where no water is consumed along the highway unless it is declared safe by a health department poster, is one means for reducing typhoid cases in cities and towns, said Henry P. Drake, sanitary engineer for the State Department of Health.

Reduce Time F. E. Daniels, chemical engineer for the health department announced that he had been able to reduce the time necessary to make a thorough test of water samples from the usual three days to a time period of less than two hours.

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Moses. Typhoid in Pennsylvania is less than the United States average, and since 1907 the rate of occurrence has decreased from 54 per thousand people to four and eight tenths per thousand. The rural rate is higher than the urban. As pure water increases, typhoid decreases, he said.

Making river water fit for consumption took up most of the afternoon program. The new softening of the South Pittsburgh Water Company was described by C. E. Trowbridge of New York City. He told of the water flow there being acid for years due to industrial waste, the acid increasing the water hardness. A special ash treatment solved the problem.

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