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touch with the world and which are essential for his own welfare and the welfare of the state."

A graduate student who has passed through the required years of "grind," and has had some considerable measure of college experience, ventured to express himself thus:

"I hardly know just how to answer your question, for I think we are cramming 'learning' into all our students, young and old, to an extent that is already awakening decided protest. If you don't believe it, take the glimpse I lately had into the common schools, where little folks who ought to play from mid-afternoon till dark, and then go to a healthful sleep, are bearing their eyes and intellects out with night study. A little higher up, boys and girls are foregoing parties and sociables during mid-week because 'it interferes with their evening study, and distracts their attention from serious school work.' In the University, one class of students works altogether too hard, and the other class is harshly criticised for not working hard enough. The digs get book lore, and mighty little else; the frat folks get a good deal else, and a little book knowledge. Why, just the other day an industrious student confided to me that he felt like a criminal whenever he took a night off from his work! I think there must be in the future somewhere a happy medium between the dig and the suffer; a time and place where class and social life will supplement and not contradict each other; where study will become an enriching and inspiring growth of mind for even the greatest dullard, instead of feverish cram for grades and graduation. Eastern schools are a little but not much better than Nebraska. The ordinary student there at least takes time for a little social or physical recreation, while here the average student digs, digs, digs, until he digs his way out at the end of four years into a world to whose real life he has to spend the first years of his freedom in almost wholly readjusting himself. I don't know that I've said anything, though, after all. I started in to answer your question with a decided 'Yes, Nebraska students work too hard,' and I've wound up with a wholesale protest against the educational system in general. But I do protest—maybe because I've suffered tendencies myself—against this four-year nerve and health-wracking cram of the intel' ct; and I'm too busy today to go back and say it all over again for the sake of coming a little closer to the mark."

First Flowers of Spring.

A paper that will be read with pleasure by lovers of flowers, is *Dwellers of the Dust*, by N. Hudson Moore, in the April Delineator. These dwellers of the dust are the first flowers of Spring, that have lain the sullen Winter through, waiting for the warming sun to draw them above the ground—the golden daffodil, the fair narcissus and tulip tall. They are written of with the pen of a nature lover, rather than that of a naturalist, and the legends that cluster around each flower are charmingly recounted. Poets, great and small, have sung their praises, and some of the sweetest and quaintest verses extolling the flowers are given in the paper. It is a delightful article in every way.

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