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AGAIN THE "KNOCK."

Again our attention has been called to that worst of college pests—the "inside knocker,"—the freshman or sophomore who thinks he has become acquainted with all our faults and weaknesses; who is dissatisfied with the school, the students, and himself; and knows just the college to attend where everything is lovely.

Needless to say, in his estimation this college is not Nebraska.

It was a well-known fraternity jeweler who recalled to us a statement made by one of our latest crop of

a good many things that go to make up the ideal conditions for a college, but our largest fault is in retaining in our midst such brainless sausages as we try to indicate here, who go about giving away our weaknesses to the enemy, to the good of no one and to the discredit of us all.

The sort of college man who would make such a remark even thoughtlessly is of the breed that spends one-half its time on a pool table and the other on the cold end of a cigarette. If these muckrakers would devote but five minutes a day to some sort of work tending toward the betterment of conditions at Nebraska, there would shortly be no foundation upon which

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freshmen in a fraternity house at a neighboring institution.

This man has been traveling the collegiate world for a great many years, and probably knows or is in a position to know as much about the colleges and universities of this country as is the average freshman, and he says that while he does not think Nebraska is necessarily the best college in the country, which we all know it is not, yet it is one of the few better.

In other words, there may be two or three or possibly half a dozen who excel us in one or more material ways, but there are several hundred educational institutions of size and influence that fell far behind Nebraska in the line of general recognition the country over.

Speaking of the utterance of this freshman, the jeweler quite properly said: "Why didn't that fellow go somewhere else in the beginning? He is manifestly out of place here, and you are overcrowded. He is doing a whole lot of harm, especially by 'knocking' among students of a rival institution."

Unfortunately we were unable to learn the name of the student who made the remark, for we would love to publish it. He has it coming to him, whoever he is, and it would tickle us to let him have it.

We have our faults, and when close pressed we will admit them to a select few.

There is nowhere a perfect institution of learning. Perfection may be attained only in the comparative degree.

Here at Nebraska we are lacking in

to fasten the most pitiable "knock" of our most dear enemy.

C. H. Frey, florist, 1133 O St. tf

SPRIG, GEDDLE SPRIG.

...Sometime during the darker Hours of our Last Chance to Sleep, old Boreas packed up his Icicles and hied Himself Hence. Not that any Barrels of Tears have been Shed about it, either.

On the other hand, great Gobs of Joy were seen on the Campus at an early Hour Yesterday Morning, preceding equally great gobs of mud.

Old Sol crawled out from his Winter Shed, and Shed his Rays promiscuously Abroad, and that Soft and Seductive Maiden, Chinook, turned on us the fragrant Breath of the South, and now all the Susceptible Younglings of the Male persuasion are licking their Lips and hunting up last year's Mosquito-bite cure in Anticipation of the Joys of Geddle Sprig.

Meanwhile we will wade mud. Thus endeth the first book.

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A DISCLAIMER.

So much favorable comment has been received in this office upon the appearance of an editorial upon the "Library Steps," that in justice to Mr. Holmes we publicly indict him as the author, and it is also only fair to state that he is responsible for most of the "good" stuff that appears in this portion of the hand bill.

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5:00 p. m. Dr. Anne Burnet on "The New Profession." Y. W. C. A. rooms.
Rev. S. Mills Hayes. Art Hall.
Thursday—
11:00 a. m. Dr. Jenkins Lloyd Jones. Dr. Alexander. Art Hall.
Friday—
5:00 p. m. Convocation. Vesper services.
8:00 p. m. Band Concert. Oliver Theatre.
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