

Dear Friends:

There are only five real Knockers in the United States.

One of them conducts the Oatmeal column on a Chicago half-sheet and the other four is the Prunes Editor who gets \$8 per week on a Baltimore paper for throwing the hooks into the "John Henry" books. I have their names and history and in book No. 9 I'll tell you all about their graft.

The Landlady to whom the Baltimore Cut-up owes a bunch of room rent informs me that if Reuten the Roaster could write a series of books which would reach a total sale of 450,000 copies his speed getting to a publisher would be 1.27 flat; Chain Lightning, 2d; Empire State Express, 3d. Royal Blue and Twentieth Century Limited also ran.

Lie down, Knocko, you bad dog!