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Editorial Notes.

THE girls of one of our literary societies presented the other evening, a short farce the plot of which hinged upon a boarding school escapade. This reminds us that we are a co-educational establishment and that such things do not happen here. "Chain up a child and away he will go," says the revised version of an old saying, and it is measurably true. We have, to be sure, some fools of either sex in this institution, but we can be thoroughly sure that they were born that way, and that it is not the result of old-maidish regulations in the school they are attending.

THE mania for amateur theatricals, seems to have broken out, with some violence among our students. A German play, a farce, a series of tableaux, and aid rendered at various times to down town troupes for the benefit of the different churches makes up a considerable amount of this kind of work performed by those connected with the U. of N., and this without mentioning the long line of gallant "supes" that so ably supported Keene and others. We believe, however, that the work in this line has gone about as far as will be advisable to carry it, unless the actors can thereby get practice in some foreign language, or shall begin to write English plays of their own. We believe that nothing in this line has yet been done here, and it is time to begin.

The erection of the new laboratory on our little old campus probably settles forever the question of the removal of the institution to some place wher

there would be more elbow room for the different colleges. We understand that the present action has been taken advisedly, the regents thinking that the benefits of a central location outweighed the disadvantages. We are inclined to question the wisdom of the decision, but now that it is made we suggest that the very next thing that should be done is to get control of a patch of ground not too far away, where students can at least practice jumping without being restrained by the size of the field they exercise in.

THE instructor in logic announced the other day that he thought it wise that all should henceforth abandon quibbling, and resort only to legitimate argument. When a student is unable to recite, it is the most natural thing in the world to cover the disastrous retreat by raising a dust-cloud of idle questions. But in this business one must not reckon without his Prof. There are instructors and instructors. Some can be induced to ride a favorite hobby for an hour, whenever their attention is to be drawn from the state of dense ignorance on the part of their classes; some can be befogged by a multitude of useless questions, and some can be blinded with "words, words, words." But there are others who insist upon finding out what the students do know and, with such professors, boldness is the better part of cunning. If a man don't know the answer to a question he might as well say so and take the consequences.

THE changes in the curriculum which our new catalogue announces are all in the direction of making the various courses more difficult. It was noticed by the instructors that some of the students habitually took more studies than were required, and in some instances succeeded in gaining a year by this extra work. The fiend at once inspired them with the thought that it was their duty to arrange things so that this would be no longer possible, and an aggregate of more than ten hours work per week for a whole year, was added to the course. Some of the students look upon this as a final announcement of the fact that the policy of extermination has been adopted by the faculty, but we are inclined to think that it will result merely in the lowering of the standards of achievement in the various classes. There is too much good sense among our students here to permit them to allow themselves to be killed off uselessly. Some four years ago the faculty blunderingly increased the work of the then sophomore class till it was impossible, thoroughly to accomplish the amount laid down. The members of the class, however, did not hasten to injure themselves by over-work; the amount of "mid-night oil" was not perceptibly increased.