Prof. L. — "When I make a mistake at the board, I should like to have you pick me up. I'm used to being picked up."

An '82 chemist, after considerable sputtering, cried out that he had got a mouthful of acid. A brother chemist dryly asked if his teeth effervesced any. All sit.

A great many students have asked what the windows under the front stairs were for. We will answer the question once for all: They are to admit light to the steam laboratory.

It is bad enough to have a cataract in your eye, but *Die Sage vom Hirschgulden* tells of a man who had two mountains fall in his eye.

It is about time for '82 to hold a class meeting to see about the class pictures. The earlier the better. The photographers are ready, and the sunshiny days don't come seven times a week.

The '82 physicist has been working on the comparison of the alcohol and the air thermometer. He finds that for 20 below freezing the alcohol thermometer is .6 of a degree lower than the air thermometer.

Among other useless things which are at present taking up room at the steam laboratory is a collection of fancy woods, including some gopherwood; we would thank any one that would go for the whole of it.

During the past week two watches and some money were stolen from the gym. This is not the first time that this thing has been done, and there should be some protection for the students who desire to exercise.

The men to form the artillery detachment of the C. C. M. I. T. were selected ten days ago, and have begun their work. The platoon is commanded by Major Pratt, with Capts. Hunt and Damon as gunners. It is the intention of the officers to have their men ready for the semi-annual drill, and to form new squads for the annual drill.

The testing machine is soon to be fitted for testing the transverse strength of beams and girders. The tests of wooden beams will be made upon average pieces of the size commonly employed in construction, and not, as has often been the case, upon selected specimens of small size. By the new arrangement, wooden beams as large as 6 in. x 14 in. x 25 ft. may be broken. The results will probably differ greatly from those calculated for the same beams by formula based upon the results of experiments on small and comparatively perfect specimens.

The ball given by the Freshmen, Dec. 22, in Odd Fellows' Hall, was a most successful and enjoyable affair. About one hundred and twenty-five couples were present. The fashion reporter of *The Tech* being unavoidably absent, we must confess our ignorance as to whether the majority of dresses were cut bias on a polonaise and whether they were decorated with Spanish lace or café au lait. Their general effectiveness was testified to by the appalling number of Freshmen suffering from abstraction of the heart. The party broke up about noon, — New Zealand time, — and everybody, from the Freshies, who had spent the evening waltzing in each others' arms through the corridors, to the belles who were engaged for the eighth extra, mentally shook hands with and congratulated '85. The thanks of the class and the Institute in general are due to the committee with their aids, and particularly to Mr. McKim, for the efficient manner in which the ball was managed.

**Exchanges.**

**DURING The Tech's short life so far, exchanges have come in too fast to be systematized before this issue, and order brought out of the chaos incident to the beginning of our paper. But our list seems to be nearly completed, and perhaps we may now consider ourselves prepared to carry on an exchange column in earnest.**

Many of our exchanges have given us kindly notices and applauded our humble efforts; tempering their praise, however, with criticisms and suggestions which we have duly accepted and will strive to be grateful for. In some instan-