



GERMAN STUDENT AFTER A DUEL.

teaching and also of studying or not studying. The German professor is proverbially a paragon of learning. Any student may become one of the fraternity if he can; that is, if he is capable of passing with high honours (*summa* or *in-signi cum laude*) a very difficult examination, showing extraordinary proficiency in learning and special fitness for scientific research. At first the young savant has to be satisfied with the title and honour of

a *Privatdocent* (private lecturer). As such he receives no salary, but only lecture fees—if he is able to attract students to his lectures. After some years the faculty of professors may recommend his appointment as an extraordinary professor (assistant professor), who holds a more honourable but still unsalaried position. After a further, indefinite lapse of time the extraordinary professor who achieves distinction in his special branch of science is called upon by some university to fill a regular chair, and then he is an ordinary professor, drawing a fixed salary aside from the lecture fees. The path leading to a full professorship at a German university is a very thorny one. The difficulties with which it is beset tempt only the ardent student, the scientist for science' sake, and demonstrate clearly Darwin's principle of the survival of the fittest.

The students may be classed as those who study and those who do not. Nearly all students belong, for some time at least, to the latter class. And it is only natural that they should; for the young man has just gone through a nine years' course of hard mental labour, and



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