railing in front of the window, as is done at the box-office of a theater, so that when there are many men trying to get there at the same time, they will have to line up and let each one take his turn. This would do away with the howling, pushing mob that we have seen at times fighting around the cage, each trying to get ahead of the other, and thus unnecessarily delaying everybody.

THE TECH is sorry to say that there are a number of men who have not yet paid up their subscriptions, and whom past experience teaches us will endeavor to avoid payment if possible. It is very disagreeable for us to have to mention this fact, but we do so merely that our position may be understood by the students, if we are forced next year to adopt a different system of collecting subscriptions, and to require each man to pay up before receiving his TECH ticket book.

It has often occurred to us that if our examinations are intended to examine us in a subject, why are they not prepared more carefully for that purpose. It often happens that when a man goes in to an exam, he finds questions on a paper which are so ambiguous, or so badly stated, that it is next to impossible to understand what it is the Professor wishes answered, and it is not always possible to get the information from him. It seems to us this is piling it on a little too heavy. If it is desired to have the whole subject written up, would it not be better to so state the question and thus leave no doubt. There is the more feeling among the students about this from the fact that it is generally understood that if a man answers more than is necessary and answers correctly he gets no credit for his extra work, whilst if he has answered a part wrong which it was not intended he should answer at all, his mark suffers in consequence.

Dueling in Germany.

It may be of some interest to the reader to know how the old barbarous custom of dueling is still practiced among the German students of to-day. While in Berlin last winter, one morning on Untir den Linden I passed a student who appeared to be in a deplorable condition. His head was terribly cut, and the portion of his face which was not concealed by layers of cotton batting, wore an expression which excited one’s sympathies. On the following morning, to my great surprise, I met several other students who appeared to be in the same scarred condition.

This excited my curiosity, and upon inquiry I found that these were the students who had taken part in some friendly duels a few days before. Perhaps the duels had been friendly, but the students looked to me as though they had received far from friendly treatment. These dueling students are mostly members of the different corps, and can easily be distinguished by the color of the cap they wear. Now, the only way to witness a duel between members of a corps is to form the acquaintance of one of them, and this I was bent upon doing. Within a few days I was fortunate enough to meet an American student who was about to take part in a duel; and learning that I was anxious to witness one of these performances, he kindly invited me to meet him on a certain morning and accompany him to the dueling grounds. I was on hand, I assure you. As we rode toward the grounds he spoke laughingly of the duel he expected to take part in, and also informed me that there were to be only four duels that day, but he hoped I would enjoy them. On reaching the dueling grounds I found myself in a large interior room, connecting with the street only by many doors and passages. I was immediately introduced to the different members of the corps to which my friend belonged, who were sitting around a table busily talking and drinking beer until the fun should commence. Looking around the room I saw several students preparing for the coming