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CROOKED STICKS

A popular minister tells a story of a man riding along the road and stopping to see what was causing a commotion among the leaves in the bushes over the fence. He found a stick that was so crooked that it couldn't lie still. The minister says there are some people in the churches who are like that stick. They are always flopping around, stirring up a rumpus. Their elbows are always sticking out and hitting everybody who comes near them.

These members profess brotherly love and humility, but act on the Donnybrook fair motto: "Wherever you see a head hit it."

If the church gets a spineless minister who tries to please everybody, these crooked sticks, being more aggressive than the other members, dominate him, and the church languishes. If a pastor is secured who has a mind of his own and expresses his convictions he is sure to graze the sore spots of some of these crooked sticks, whose conception of charity is on a par with that of the Huns who had away for a time in Belgian and French territory a few years ago, and straightway the rapping of heads begins and soon there is a vacant pastorate and an assortment of sore-heads.

No one needs look far to find a town in which the preachers have been hounded out of a majority of the churches within two years, and will be again in the next two, because, though they are able and devout, and good church builders, they would not cringe and crawl before a self-seeking few who have raked their way, by hook or by crook, into a leadership which is to them a stepping-stone to self-aggrandizement and power.

A "NOBLE SPORT"

The killing of Otis Pitney near Noti, where he was shot for a deer, seems to have been a more ghastly tragedy than it appeared at first reports. The hunting party was in charge of a guide who proved a "blind leader of the blind," and only by accident did he fail to get two human victims instead of one.

The party had separated, and the guide, pointing to moving brush, exclaimed: "There's one" and McKee fired.

The brush moved again and the guide said: "There's another." A second shot was about to be fired when a voice from the brush asked: "Did you get him?" and then it was discovered that there were no deer there. The hunters had been hunting each other.

The day has passed when the elite of society sat around the arena and enjoyed the spectacle of gladiators cutting each other to pieces under government auspices.

The torturing of bulls to the death by banderillas and matadors and picadores, while the infuriated animals occasionally disembowel a horse with their horns, is not as popular in some countries as in Spain and Mexico, where fashionable audiences enjoy the thrills, but our ladies of fashion and our lawmakers and other useless members of the community enjoy a prize fight, where two brutes hammer each other into insensibility, though the laws of the land have to be violated to do so. At least one prize fighter has been killed in the ring since the

"great" event was pulled off in New Jersey.

A person who kills a deer or a pheasant to feed the hungry is a disreputable pot-hunter. But one who goes out to shoot these creatures for the pleasure of killing is a sport, coddled by the law—an aristocrat of America.

And a toll of human lives wiped out by accident or blamed-fool blundering is only a part of the cost of the game.

A ROBBER'S PLEA

An old-time English robber, on his way to the gallows, was represented as saying:

"I've robbed the rich to serve the poor. Which has brought me unto death's door."

The modern organization of medico, on being barred from charging more than \$1000 for any surgical operation at Johns Hopkins hospital, complains that it is necessary to assess rich patients according to their wealth, because some patients are too poor to pay.

Uncle Jeff Snow's brother makes one of them say: "I've robbed the rich to serve the poor. And have brought many to death's door."

Another fool fired into moving brush last Thursday, hoping to get a deer he had not seen, and killed Jesse Scott of Elkton. The shooter was H. R. Levison, an ex policeman of Portland. The season seems as open for humans as for deer. Is all this hunting worth what it costs?

At Brownville an undertaker is reported about to open a hospital. Perhaps all those doctors over there were unable to furnish him with enough subjects. Joking aside, the fact is that the undertaker married a nurse and she is

happiest when alleviating suffering or helping to save life.

Don't go hunting in the open season. At that time the woods are full of fools with firearms and you are liable to be shot for a deer.

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Poster, who is suffering with a badly angled arm, encountered the bear suddenly in a dense underbrush and was forced to rely upon a pocket knife when the animal attacked him.

The bear, getting the worst of the melee, retreated about 200 yards, where it was later found dead.

Carpet Cleaning.
If the carpet must be cleaned at home, first beat it thoroughly, and if you have a vacuum cleaner go over it with that. Then make a wad of cotton about the size of an apple. Cover it with linen and go over the carpet with this dipped in a 5 per cent benzine soap solution. If the colors are dulled, sponge it in a weak acetic acid solution.

The Other Way Around.

A commencement speaker warns against the "conceit of learning." Conceit proceeds from ignorance rather than the opposite. The more one knows, the more one appreciates the vast fields of knowledge he cannot reach.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

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