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CARRYING FIREARMS.--Nearly every day we are reminded by the report of some murderous affray that many men among us go armed, for we constantly hear of pistols being dropped on the floor at balls, or being exploded in very inconvenient ways. It appears, too, that COLT, and REMINGTON, and all the rest of the pistol-makers, have enormous factories and orders in abundance.

We have recently known that a boy of 12 has his pantaloons made with a pistol pocket behind, in which he carries a loaded pistol; and this at a boarding-school filled with boys, who we suppose, do or wish to do the same thing.

Teaching the young idea how to shoot, we have heard quoted, but that boarding-schools had come to this, we had not, until this revelation, supposed.

Do the teachers know of this thing, and do they connive at it?

If they do not know it they ought to; and we would advise parents to look into it, and learn whether shooting is to be a part of the scholastic course which may be practiced on their own boys; or else we advise them to see that their boys are properly armed with the most approved and deadly pistol, and that there may be an equal chance at least of their shooting as of being shot.

It is only a few years ago that Miss Hosmer used to swagger with pistols in her belt, but it is not likely that the practice has become general with ladies. It may be so, but we hope that it has not.

Seriously, this pernicious practice is, we fear, on the increase. Who can be safe, when boys at school are furnished or allowed to carry loaded arms about their persons?

Who that sits down in a car or hotel to get to his house or wait for a friend can be sure he will not be taken to that home, or meet that friend a dead body?

It is not pleasant that this practice should prevail ó should be permitted. We have laws against it.

Can our efficient police not be induced to apprehend one of these fools?

Can our judges not be prevailed upon to condemn one of them at least to imprisonment for life for shooting his friend because he must enjoy the pleasure of playing with his pistol?

Is the manø having been drunk any consolation to us after we are shot?

It is very clear that these horrible things could not happen if this practice was not permitted, and it is very clear that it can be and ought to be broken up.

Any boy who carries a pistol to school or house or town ó any man should be instantly punished to the full extent of the law ó any woman, well - should be left alone by our sex at least.

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