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They have deer season accidents there too. Witness this.

Article Fifty-two: If a man order another man to shoot a deer, and the person shoots, believing that he is shooting a deer, but hits a man, neither the shooter nor the man who ordered him to shoot shall be liable to punishment but shall pay only a slight fine in blood money.

It is too bad that we cannot have a similar recognition of the difficulties attendant upon deer hunting in our culture.

One might quarrel with the evaluation that the Moros have seen fit to give their various classes for payment of blood money.

Article 58 says: If the blood money for life of a woman of hermaphrodite shall be half that of a man so shall the fine for wounding a woman be rated as half that for a man.

This requirement smacks of some of our Reno-Movies mix-ups:

Article 59: If a man divorce his wife three times, or a slave divorce his wife twice, it shall not be lawful for any of them to marry the same wife again before the divorced woman is married to another man.

I find myself in something of a quandry trying to follow this through; seems that it might be better to allow them to marry the same wife again as often as they wish, a la Hollywood, rather than try to keep tab on the various unions.

Here is one that shows that the Moros knew how to deal with the great modern problem of the banana-skin-under-foot.

Article 61: If a person throw the sweepings of the house or the parings of fruit on the road and a person carrying certain articles and passing on the road steps on them and thereby slips and falls and loses his property, the person who threw the sweepings or fruit parings in the road shall pay for the lost property. He shall also be responsible for any injury resulting from the fall.

That is caring for details in life. We need more of the kind of lawgivers that made the Lawarn Code.

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The fine exhibit of Peruvian textiles that was in the large Mimbres-Chihuahua pottery case has been passed on to the next museum in the series. This was a traveling loan exhibit made up by the American Museum of Natural History and sponsored by the Taylor Art Museum of Colorado Springs.

Since the opening of the museum some two weeks ago, approximate a thousand people have visited it. Five hundred of the booklet on Peruvian weaving and explanatory of the Peruvian Textile Exhibit were given away.