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various manners of taking beasts "by falsnede." One can almost hear the sigh of disgust as he writes: "I will speak no more of this chase, for it is one pertaining to villains, to the common people, and to the peasants!"

Our own laws show that the taking of deer and other beasts by traps and gins was not unknown in Britain, and that such practice had to be legislated against, but our literature on the subject gives few details about the devices favoured by the poacher. Most authors seem to agree with Blome, the compiler of the well-known "Gentleman's Recreation," who says:

"I should now proceed to show you several ways to take deer, both with the toiles and without, as also the manner of taking them, but I forbear lest I should be thought to teach the art to steal venison, which the laws having so provided amongst us for the maintenance all ways of taking them, but by hunting them with dogs."

Although, [illegible] seventeenth century, stealing [illegible] pursued vigorously until the latter part of the eighteenth century and was often followed by men of good standing. In the "Gentleman's Recreation, Chase" gives several cunning methods. The fine for poaching a deer was then £20, and this was the respectable practice kept in the pocket for instant use, so that he could report the match the following night if he chose to shoot. [illegible] an Act of Parliament made this against whom a felony. One of these poachers, who was addicted to poetry and other [illegible] a certain churchman, one fine [illegible] from divine service, [illegible] into a small coppice. Unless the [illegible] appears to have been necessary to [illegible] proceeded to move the deer towards [illegible] gently throwing pebbles [illegible] one of the primest [illegible] Having despatched [illegible] an oak tree from which he [illegible] the neighbourhood, and [illegible] of his pocket [illegible] till the shades of night [illegible] and his friends and remove their [illegible]

In Henry VI's time [illegible] persons not having a certain [illegible] and money, were not allowed [illegible] sion guns, bows, [illegible] dogs, ferrets, tramels, [illegible] harepipes, or keep any [illegible] or other snares and engines [illegible]

The same Statute [illegible] enacting that "none shall stalk with any hack or beast to any deer except in his own park or pain to forfeit £10," brings us to the subject of the stalking-horse. In the *Gaston* [illegible] here reproduced (Plate XXXXIV.) [illegible] of a cloth cut and painted [illegible] a horse

[1] I was shooting but a few [illegible] forest can be driven in every direction through the woods.

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