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Albion N. Tourges  
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Dear Sir: Will you please inform me in what countries or states capital punishment has been abolished? what have reestablished it? and statistics in regard to whether the abolishment of capital punishment tends to diminish or increase capital crimes? and oblige

Yours truly  
H. E. Willis

My dear Sir: I could not  
spare the time to hunt up the  
dates you require.

Maine and Michigan have  
abolished Capital punishment  
and there may  
be others but I do not  
now recall them. The  
repeal of the law has several  
times been mooted in  
Michigan; never, I believe,  
in Maine - at least not  
seriously.

Yours truly  
W. H. Little