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BACK THEM UP.

At last what believers in forest conservation have asked for so long has happened—a man has been sent to jail for three months for leaving fire in a forest. Forest protection is as much a moral question as it is a political or administrative question. The public has for a long time believed that stealing a ham or setting fire to a woodshed were crimes for which the perpetrator should be sent to jail, but that to send a man to jail for setting fire to a forest was a cruel and brutal thing to do. This was so, though the burned woodshed might be worth \$50 and the burned forest worth \$50,000, true also in spite of the fact that homes and even lives might be endangered by the forest fire. It is only lately that the public conscience has been sufficiently aroused to agree that it is proper to fine men for burning down forests,