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2. If any one find a runaway male or female slaves in the open country and bring them to their masters,
3. If any one break a hole into a house (break in to steal),
4. If anyone is committing a robbery and is caught,
5. If fire breaks out in a house, and some one who comes to put it out cast his eye upon the property of the owner of the house, and takes the property of the master of the house,
6. If a chieftain or a man (common soldier), who has been ordered to go upon the king's highway for war does not go, but hires someone to take his place (a mercenary,) and he does not pay him,
7. If a "sister of a god" open a tavern, or enter a tavern to drink, then shall this woman be
8. If any one fail to pay a debt, he can sell himself, his wife, his son, and daughter for money or give them away to forced labor,
9. If any one "point the finger" (slander) at a sister of a god or the wife of anyone, and can not prove it,
10. If a man's wife, wishes to leave it, plunges into debt, tries to ruin her house, neglects her husband, and is convicted:
11. If any one steals the minor son of another,
12. If any one is committing a robbery and is caught
13. If a man adopt a child (as his) son, and raises him,
14. If a son strikes his father,
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