

Shooting in the Air.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

As warning, policemen fire in the air; presumably with ball. "Whatever goes up is sure to come down." In such a case the ball strikes the earth or an innocent bystander with the same force as that which propelled it from the gun, less air friction only, and its striking force would be dangerous to human life.

A .45-calibre pistol bullet leaves the gun with a muzzle energy of 329 foot-pounds, or enough to lift a 160-pound man two feet, if it did not penetrate and slow down.

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