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Subject: Past Politicians and Guns

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Before the Civil War, dueling was generally illegal in theory but not all that uncommon in practice. Even Henry Clay, "the Great Pacificator" and a profoundly unmilitary man, engaged in a (nonlethal) duel, which only increased the respect in which he was held. I suppose it was preferable to this (see link).

The Caning of Charles Sumner

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