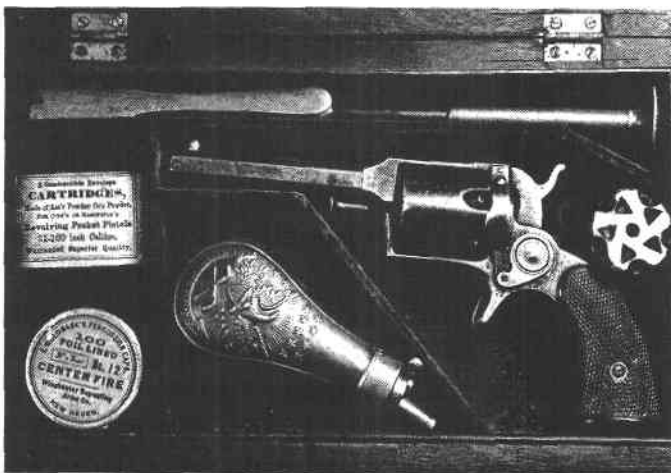


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REMINGTON CASINGS

The subject that I have chosen for today's discussion on Remingtons is the topic of cased sets. No matter what phase we may talk about and, no matter what collection you may visit, one of the first guns that a Collector will show you is a cased set of guns, or a cased gun, by one manufacturer or another. Having collected Remingtons for a good many years I decided a few years ago that I would specialize in Cased guns and accessories in the Remington line. Needless to say this was setting out on a path which led to no place and it did this in a hurry. I had a good start with several cased sets but let's start at the beginning

To my knowledge there are no known original cased Beals first model pocket revolvers. Before we get into this too far let me define what I think a cased pistol should be. I think that a cased gun is one that is put up in a box made of wood or, some other suitable material, either in the factory or by a dealer on some special order, and when I refer to dealer I do not intend to imply that modern day dealers casing guns are herewith condoned. I would say that a gun to be cased authentically insofar as Remingtons are concerned should have been cased prior to 1880, depending upon what type of gun it is. What brought on this oratory on the definition of cases is the fact that I would like to distinguish between the case and the packing carton. Getting back to the Beals first model pocket revolver. I have never come across an original factory or Dealer, cased gun in the classification but I have owned and have seen several sets in the original cardboard box that they were shipped in. These boxes contain the bullet seater, the flask and a cleaning rod in addition to the gun. That no good collector named

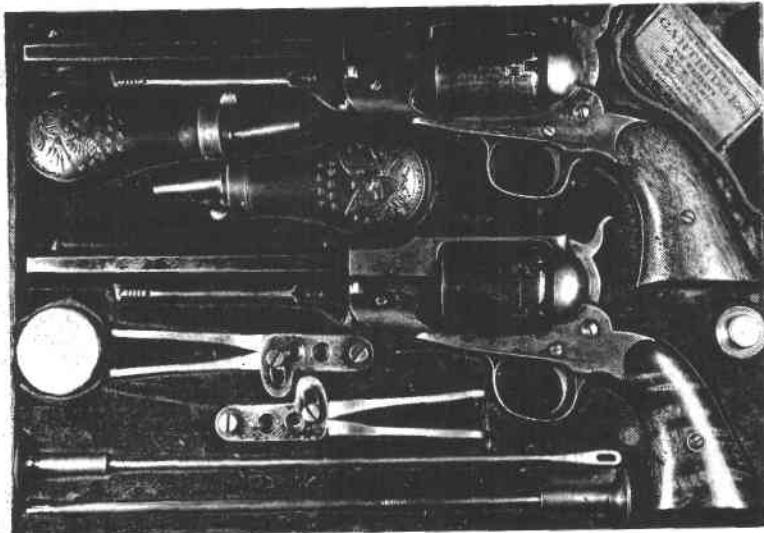
Moldenhuer has brought two of the dam things to show you all... So much for the Beals first model, the cased Beals second model in my collection is the only one that is known to us, the gun is serial number 439. It is in fine condition and has a spare cylinder. Other accessories include a brass 2 cavity mold (Balls in both cavities), a bullet starter, like the ones found in boxed, NOT CASED, first model Beals revolvers, with a detachable cleaning rod, a packet of skin cartridges and of course the everpresent cap box. This came from the collection of one of our esteemed members of the society and when I say that I got thumped, I use the term very lightly. The next set that I would like to describe is one that is already in my will to a certain party so



REMINGTON #2 BEALS

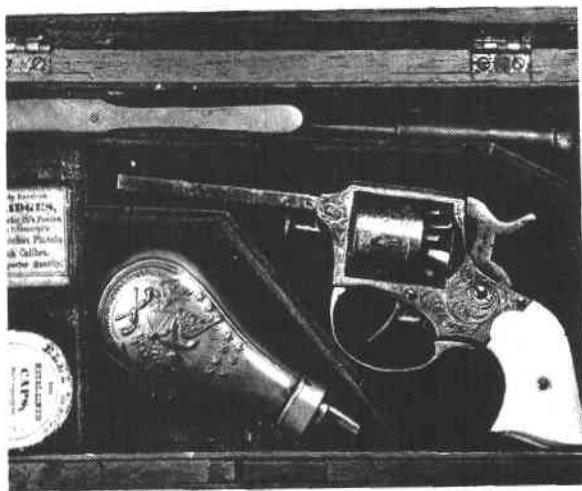
please don't ask me to will it to you after the discussion. This is a casing of a pair of Beals Navies. The serial numbers of the guns are 292 and 313. Both of these guns have fine burl walnut grips and have about 80% of the original Blue finish on them. The accessories include 2 - 36 Cal Moulds with sprue cutters, 2 cleaning rods, 2 E Pluribus Unum Flasks, a cap box and a packet of skin cartridges. The most unusual accessory is the oil bottle which is usually found in English cased guns. The casing is of the contour variety which fits the guns snugly into the compartments... I have owned cased Starrs and others like this but I have never seen or heard of any other Remington in the percussion era cased in this manner. The next casing that I would like to describe is the Rider Double Action pocket cal 31. When you look at this gun you will note that it does not fit the casing as do most of the others. It is my

belief that these guns were cased by a dealer a long time ago and the basis for this deduction



CASED REMINGTON BEAL NAVIES

of doing business but if they had I'm sure that you would see many more guns by Remington in cases (For which they didn't get paid... and when I say they I am referring to Remingtons.)



REMINGTON RIDER DOUBLE ACTION

Sam was the presentation Boy and he also got a lions share of the trade why, I don't know, as to me there is no comparison between Colts and the Finely made Remington Arms. After taking a pot shot at the Colt collectors present it reminds me of the man that was hauled before the judge for shooting squirrels out of season. The Judge asked him if he had any plea, to which the defendant replied, yes your honor, Self Defense... Now to continue with the work at hand. We were on the Rider Double Action when we went off on a tangent and while we are at it I would like to describe the Cased Belt model in My collection. This set has the plain cyl., not fluted, and has conversion cylinder in the compartment with 25 - 38 RF cartridges, flask, unmarked mould, cleaning rod, skin cartridges and cap box, a real fine set and well cased. In addition to the one that I own there are a few others known and cased in the same fashion. Two cased specimens being in the Klavested Collection in Shakopee, Minn. Both of these have the full fluted cyl. One is blued the other nickel plated and both of them are in new condition. Neither of these have the conversion cylinder with them but the other accessories are the same. While discussing the Klavested Collection I would like to add that he also has an engraved police conversion in a pipe stem case that is about new, this is the only one that I have seen or heard of. Also he has the only cased ZIG ZAG 22 cal that I know of. It would be worth the time for any of you to drop in and see this collection if you are ever up in that territory, as I think its one of the better collections on Public display. He also has a fine presentation 1875 Single Action that is cased in a contour casing. In order of their production I would say that the next gun cased is probably the most frequently found and that is the 44 cal new model. Most of these found are in the higher serial number bracket or at the end of the end of the production line which would date them into about 1866 - 67. It is quite logical that



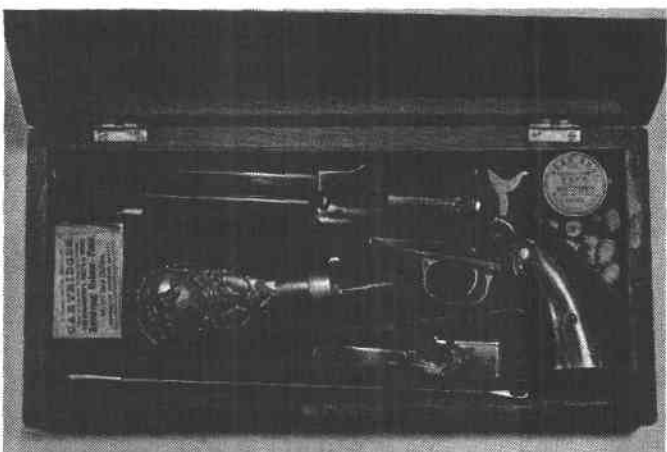
REMINGTON DA BELT MODEL

at a dealers for his own personal pleasure. Many tales have been told about the desire for

Remingtons over Colts by the troops. This fellow was real sold on his and wanted to protect it... He probably was a desk sargeant, like Moldenhauer was, and never saw action as the gun is about new... the finest New model cased Army that I own is serial number 42323 and is fully engraved with fine scroll engraving, silver plated, loading lever is gold washed, and checkered ivory grips. It is cased with the long cleaning rod, nipple wrenches, and the usual Remington accessories - It is my opinion that this gun was engraved and presented by the factory to some dignitary. Engraved Remingtons are a real rarity but to find them cased is a bit harder. The other

As I explained before most of the cased Remingtons found are of the post civil war era. The New' model Pocket is found on occasion and in most cases will be found with the 4-1/2 barrel, the significance of this escapes me at this time but it sure makes a nice appearance and I'm sure that all guns cased were for appearance rather than protection. I have run into very few police models cased, the one in my collection has a 6-1/2" barrel and is the second one that I have seen. I mentioned before the conversion in the Klavested Collection so I won't go into this again... Now we come into the Cartridges guns.

It seems that at this time Remington was competing



REMINGTON 1858 NEW MODEL ARMY

Engraved Army New Model in my collection is Serial Number 144742. While not as finely engraved as the one previously described, it is

a very fine cased set.



REMINGTON MODEL 1858 ARMY

with about 30 manufacturers for the civilian trade and many guns were cased and engraved... When I say many we must bear in mind the fact that few guns are found cased but most of the

cased Remingtons found are in the cartridge era, to go into a detailed description of all of them in my collection or those known would involve too much time and frankly I'm getting tired of standing here so I will breeze thru these and we can discuss this personally after the forum if you want to... Most of you have seen the Exposition guns (Cased armies and navies and stud triggers) and all of you have heard about them so I won't go into them again. I would like

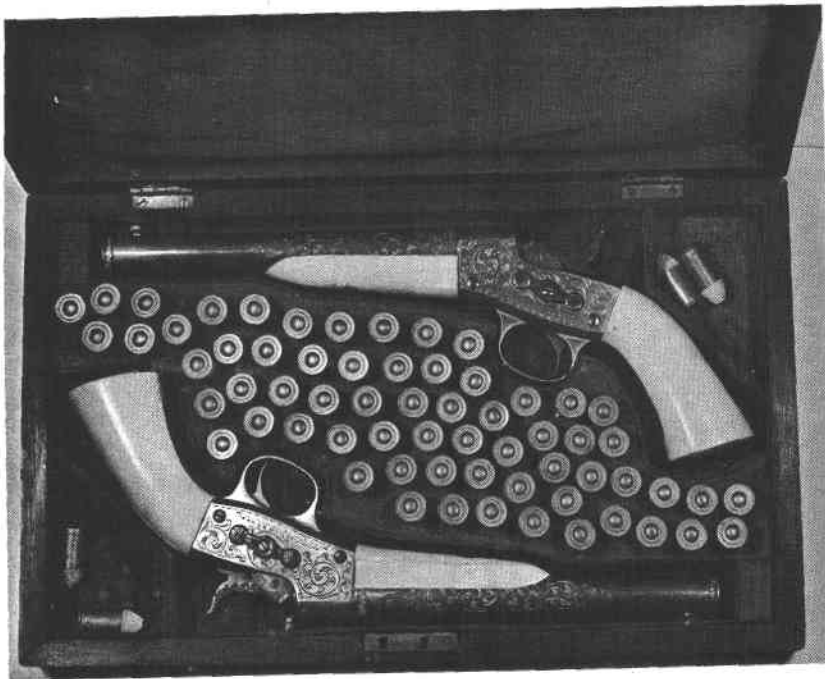


REMINGTON POLICE MODEL

1871 Army pistols but I won't get into this argument as it seems that if I do we will have some one going into orbit and the association will be force

to discuss the cased 1867 navies that I recently acquired. These guns unlike the Exposition guns are a true example of Americana. The engraving, the casing, and the plating and Ivory grips are all reminiscent of the early presentation pieces... Both guns are in fine condition and are stocked in Ivory, gold and silver plated, are 50 cal CF with 8-1/2" barrels... My friends Moldenhauer and Somers have been arguing what to call these and I will agree that they would be called 1867 models as they are definitely a transition between the 1865 and the

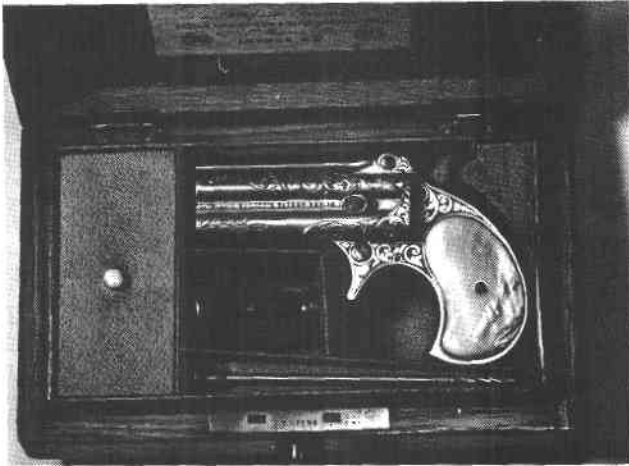
he or they ascended. I know of a lot of Smoots cased and I have in my collection 6 of various calibers including the first, second and fourth. I do not know of an original cased third but I have seen these in the original boxes. The casing on these 1st - 2nd and 4th models is varied from pipe type cases to the conventional wood cases. One cased Smoot in my collection is cased in a satin lined leather covered case with a snap lock. The rim of the lining is piped and the gun sits in folds of satin. Must have been made for Remington's girl-friend. The number four New Line in my collection is an English casing. The gun is engraved with the dealers name and the inside cover has his address



REMINGTON 1867 NAVIES

pasted to it. The casing is in oak and the only accessories included are shells and a cleaning rod. The Double Derringers are found in a lot of cases and most of them were cased in the past ten years. Very few have turned up that I would condone as original casings. The two in my collection that I consider original are both cased by dealers. The first one that I will discuss is the second model derringer. The gun is cased in a contour casing; with a shell block and no other accessories. The case is marked on the cover which is leather, J. B. Crook Firearms, Broadway, New York. The other that I would like to describe is an English casing of oak. The

gun case in this set is the rare transition model between the first and second issue of the derringer. The gun is engraved in the typical American style and is nickle plated with pearl grips. This is the model that has the signing on the ribs between the barrel (like the first Model) but is the first gun to show the extractor (like the second Model). The Buffalo Bill gun (presentation) is in this series. Incidentally I know of four of these including The Buffalo Bill presentation gun and Mine, and, of the four known, all of them are engraved. The casing on mine is oak as I stated before but the lining on this case is pigskin and has covered compartment for cartridges. The accessories include an oil bottle and a serrated cleaning rod... I have observed other cartridge guns cased. In the Moldenhauer Collection there are three cased

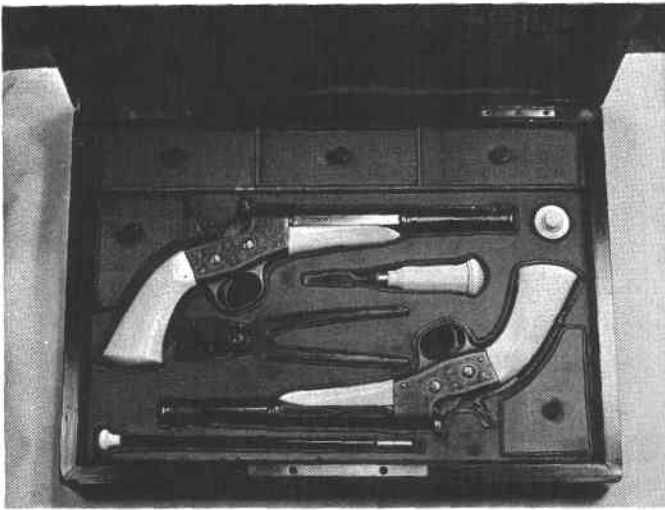


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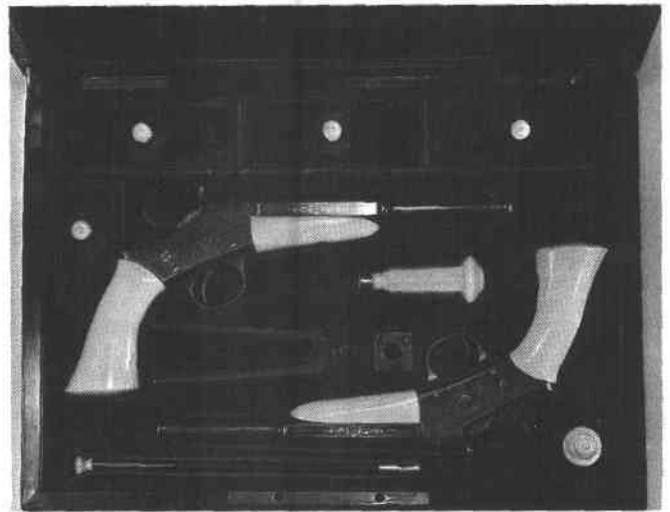
sets that bear mention under this division. One of these is the Rider Magazine pistol in a typical American Mahogany casing. The other is a cased Iroquois revolver with a shell block that holds a full box of 22 cal shells and the third is a Smoot #1 compartmented for a box of shells. Bill Gerbers collection contains a 1891 Target pistol cased in a compartmented case, Doc Leonard has a cased pair of 1871, cal 50 Armies. Bill Locke has a pair of new models with conversion cylinders. The engraving and the casing in this case suggest that they may have been done in Europe. Its one of the finest cased Remingtons I have ever seen. To conclude this treatise on the cased Remingtons, I would again like to point out that they are not too common,

also the fakers have not gone to work on the Remington cases like they have on the Colt cases and the guns. If I have missed a cased set that some one of our members knows of I would be happy to hear about it and will make a concerted effort to get it. To conclude I would like to tell the story of the fisherman who was sitting on the bank of the river when he was asked how many fish he had, to which he replied thoughtfully, If I catch the one I'm after now and, two more, I'll have three... I too am fishing for more cased Remingtons.

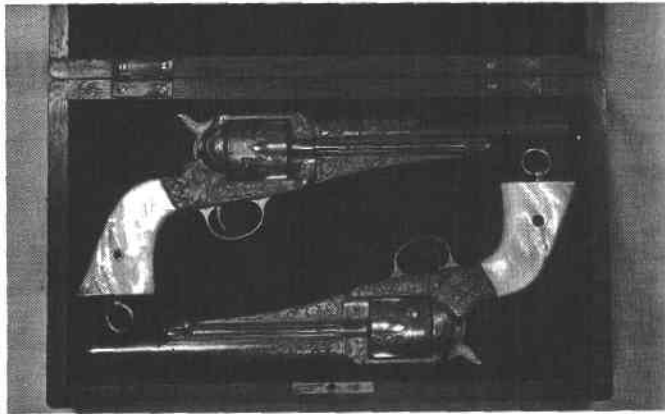
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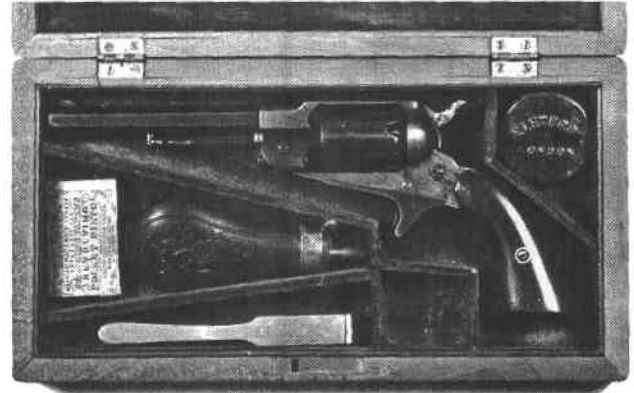
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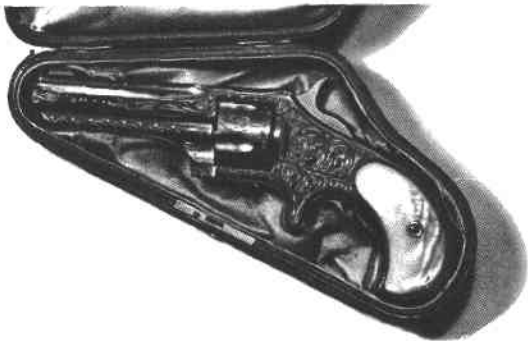
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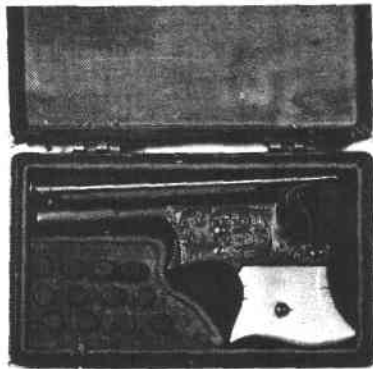
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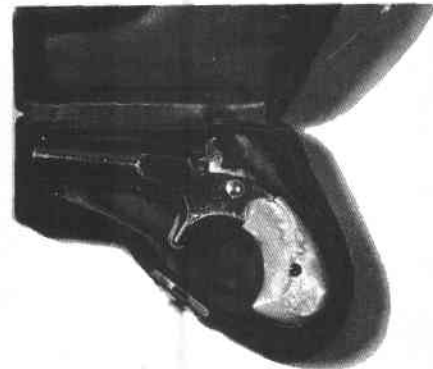
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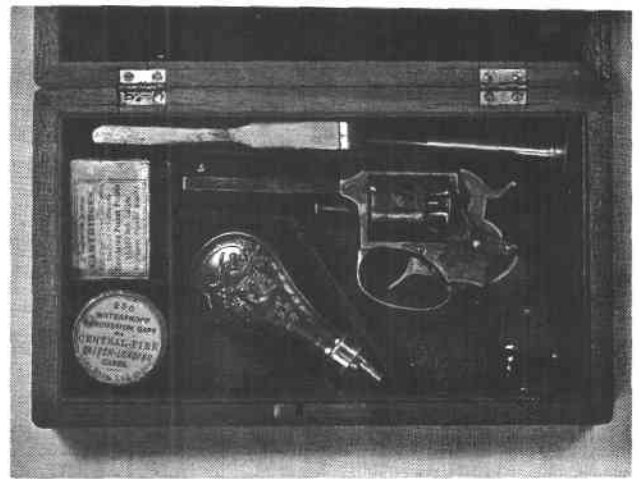
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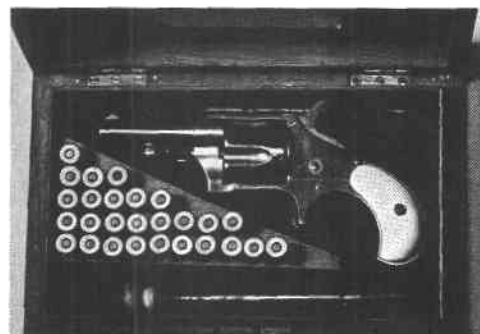
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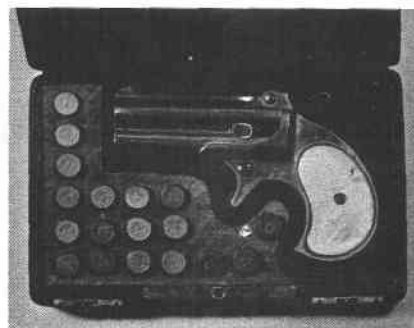
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REMINGTON #2 SMOOT



REMINGTON #4 "NEW LINE" SMOOT



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