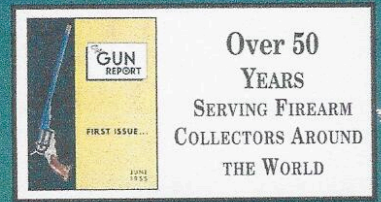
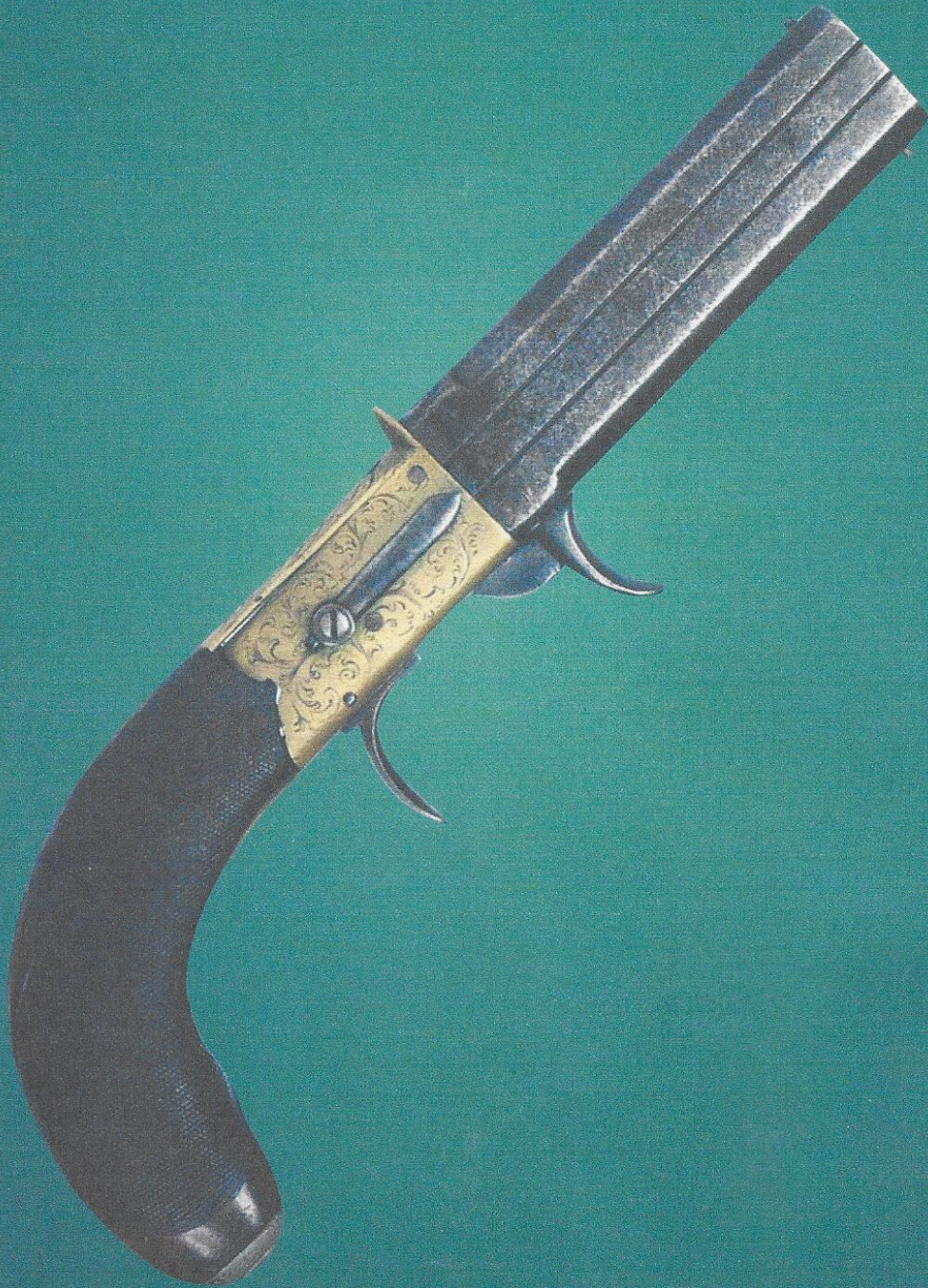


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Continental Pepperbox Firearms, Pacific Books, Palo Alto, California, 1967, chapter 4. The cocking lever is attached to an internal striking rod which fires the lowest barrel. It looks but does not function like a trigger.

B. A single-shot pistol by J.R. Cooper, based on his patent #7610 (October 9, 1838): external cocking lever, internal striker and nipple, and a sliding cover at the breech to allow capping. See Richard J. Garrett, "J.R. Cooper's Early Patents," *Journal of the Arms & Armour Society*, Volume XVII, #4, June 2002, pp. 217-225.

C. Pauly system firearms were made in both England and France.

¹²The Lindsay pocket pistol, a small 2 shot single barrel superimposed load percussion pistol from the early 1860s, claimed a 250 yard range in its advertising.

¹³Butterfield & Butterfield, San Francisco, auction of February 7, 1993, lot 1088, shows another Smith pistol, which sold for \$715. That grip was chipped, mine is intact. The Butterfields pistol reappeared later in 1993 in a *Museum of Historical Arms Catalogue*,

item 176, for \$1080-. Finally, a third Smith pistol (with slightly different measurements and "excellent" grips) appeared in *Flayderman Catalogue* #117 (item 2387A) for \$1150-, and then suffered the ignominy of discounting in catalogue #118 (\$875-).

¹⁴Matthew Schneiderman, Mike Carroll, and Nick Chandler, "Michael Carleton, Haverhill, New Hampshire. An Innovative Underhammer Gunmaker from the 1830s." *The Gun Report*, volume 53, #4 (September 2007), pp. 14-21.

¹⁵Median and mean are different ways of expressing the average of a group of numbers, or, in this case, prices. The median is the middle value of each group of prices, if listed lowest to highest. (If it's unclear how to handle an even number of values, contact me to discuss.) The mean (what most people think of as the "average") is the total divided by the number of items, or, in this case, the total dollars spent divided by the number of pistols bought.

¹⁶Early English and Irish hand-turned pepperboxes, and transition revolvers.

As always, I welcome all comments and questions, at mms615@yahoo.com

Eric Vaule, Staff Editor and Advisory Board member of *The Gun Report* offers his comments: I consider this the outstanding must read article of many, many years; if not in all of my own experiences. We all praise, and possibly curse, today's antique and collectible arms prices. Certainly they do prevent many people collecting, especially the "popular hot stuff." Mr. Schneiderman's suggestions offer excellent and practical ways to collect antique arms. And enjoy doing so in a way you can afford. The Big Names and/or Most Popular Sellers are very nice. In many cases even more price prohibitive is original condition; particularly condition's top end, or minty. On some guns, original blue and case colors, which are nearly weightless, might be the most expensive stuff on earth! Collecting often very rare and interesting "not so popular" guns can be a lot of comparably inexpensive and rewarding fun. Super original condition is very nice to own, but in many instances you can buy five quite decent specimens for the price of that one great condition specimen. I congratulate Mr. Schneiderman for his superbly expressed blunt honesty. ©

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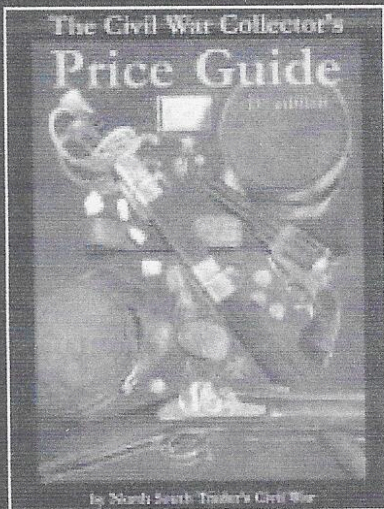
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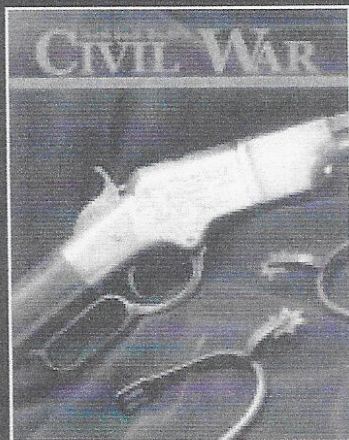
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