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**CORRECTIONS &
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

LOT 21 - The barrel and magazine tube retain 97% plus original blue finish with thinning to brown on the balance along with some rub wear on the magazine near the muzzle. The buttplate retains 97% plus original blue finish.

LOT 51 - Includes factory letter.

LOT 149 - This revolver comes with a copy of a notarized statement from Edward F. Cornett

LOT 179 - Caliber: 38.

LOT 320 - Headline: **Reproduction Revolutionary War Verbruggen 3-Pounder "Grasshopper" Bronze Cannon.** The markings replicate period markings.

LOT 428 - The pistol is devoid of markings, with two oiler holes on either side of the frame and a hollow grip for ammunition storage.

LOT 479 - Included with the lot is a green painted field mount tripod, green painted Shell-Mex & BP Ltd oil can with spigot, a length of steam hose, and a length of non-disintegrating canvas belt.

LOT 493 - Headline: **Scarce Swiss Model 1915 Mondragon Semi-Automatic Rifle.** Caliber: 7 mm Mauser cartridge.

LOT 554 - Headline: **Factory Engraved Joseph Lang & Sons Hammer Double Rifle.**

LOT 562 - C & R. Discreetly repaired split on the wrist.

LOT 565 - Headline: **Exceptional Masterfully Factory Engraved Boss & Co. 20 Gauge Best Quality Assisted Opening Sidelock Over/Under Shotgun.** The gun was built at the start of the Golden Age of British gunmaking between 1926 and 1930 per page 325 of Donald Dallas' above mentioned book which also notes only 76 20-bore over/unders being produced by the company on page 318, with even fewer with a single trigger, making this a very hard to find best quality gun.

LOT 637 - Headline: **Documented Rare U.S. Post Office Shipped and Floyd E. Warren Signed Cattle Brand Relief Engraved and Gold Inlaid Smith & Wesson .22 Military & Police (Pre-Model 45) Double Action Revolver with Factory Letter.**

LOT 640 - Jordan's book "No Second Place Winner" is included.

LOT 710 - Estimate: 3,500 - 5,000.

LOT 721 - Estimate: 5,000 - 8,000.

LOT 1068 - This rifle was built on a No. 44 action.

LOT 1069 - This rifle was built on a No. 44 action.

LOT 1085 - Does not include a screwdriver.

LOT 1113 - Includes 31 cartridges.

LOT 1199 - Museum quality professionally made reproduction cartridge transfer bar.

LOT 1289 - Revolver was shipped to COLT's New York Office on January 16th, 1861. This was a 50 gun shipment.

LOT 1318 - Does not include a cleaning rod.

LOT 1340 - Headline: **Massive 24 Shot Blank Firing Double Action Only Revolver.** These boat or ship revolvers were used in large model ships.

LOT 1350 - Headline: **Rare Jarre Six-Shot Pinfire Harmonica Pistol.**

LOT 1382 - Photos of full blade belong with LOT 1383.

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LOT 1390 - Crack visible on the lock behind the hammer.

LOT 1412 - Incorrectly listed as LOT 1912 in the printed catalog.

LOT 1419 - Gun A includes a factory letter.

LOT 1434 - Not marked "MILITARY FINISH".

LOT 1486 - Headline: **Scarce and Desirable Armalite AR-18 Selective Fire Rifle with Scope, Class III/NFA C&R Fully Transferable Machine Gun.**

LOT 1557 - Caliber: 500 Black Powder Express.

LOT 1558 - Crack visible to the right of the upper tang.

LOT 1560 - Antique.

LOT 1575 - With matching serial number on the bolt handle and "03" partial numbers on the takedown lever and flag safety.

LOT 1594 - The barrel is marked "HOLLAND & HOLLAND, BRUTON STREET, LONDON"

LOT 1600 - Headline: **Phenomenal Factory Master Fausto Galeazzi Signed and Game Scene Engraved Abbiatico & Salvinelli 20 Gauge Double Barrel Sidelock Ejector Shotgun.**

LOT 1618 - Estimate: 6,000 - 9,000.

LOT 1634 - Estimate: 10,000 - 15,000.

LOT 1643 - Estimate: 8,000 - 12,000.

LOT 3082 - Includes factory letter.

LOT 3180 - Per Wilkerson and Hoyt's "The Official Record of the Colt Single Action Army Revolver 1873-1895" on page 98, "The first revolvers listed 'soft for engraving' went to Hartley & Graham on April 1 [1881]. The order was for 25 revolvers in .45 caliber and 25 in .44-40. All had 7 1/2 inch barrels." The authors noted that most of these revolvers such as this example were in the 68000 serial number range. This SAA is one of the first shipped in the soft by Colt.

LOT 3254 - This one was manufactured around the 1860s, likely by Henry Deringer.

LOT 3288 - The magazine notes: "July 30th and 31st [1839]. This was for a target excursion and camp duty. Encamped on the heights above the Landing at Cauldwell's, on the Hudson River... There were three prizes, one a splendid rifle presented by Joseph Lewis, Esq., of this city who was the manufacturer of the rifles for the company alluded to above; a man perfectly acquainted with his business, and worthy to be patronized by rifle companies or others; won by Sergeant Watts..." Caldwell is now the Village of Lake George.

William Watts was clearly a sergeant in the Union Riflemen based on the inscriptions and magazine, and Lewis is noted as a gunmaker although he is not listed in "The New York Firearms Trade" unlike several other Lewis gunmakers. He may have been a relative of Nelson Lewis or another of the Lewis gunmakers of New York.

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LOT 3488 - Headline: **Auto-Ordnance M1 Thompson Submachine Gun, Class III/NFA C&R Fully Transferable Machine Gun with Box.**

LOT 3536 - OUT OF THE AUCTION

LOT 3637 - Headline: **Attractive "M. Gobbi" Signed and Engraved Perazzi MX10 Over/Under Trap Shotgun with Case.** The engraving is signed on the right side of the trigger "M. Gobbi" for magnificently talented Master Engraver Massimiliano Gobbi.

LOT 3668 - Headline: **Documented Fabrique Nationale Mauser 98 Pattern Bolt Action Sporting Rifle, Attributed to Colonel Townsend Whelen, Noted Author, Marksman and Rifle Expert.**

Additional information from consignor: Rifle can be seen on pages 266-267 of Colonel Townsend Whelen's autobiography "Mister Rifleman", being part of the noted marksman's personal inventory of sporting rifles.

LOT 3740 - Blue trigger.

LOT 3761 - This desirable example is bearing serial number BB0001. Includes green web sling and extra scope mount marked "Big Bear Arms Texas" that mounts on the rifle via the side rail and allows for use with a standard American style 1 inch scope.
Estimate: 6,500 - 9,500.

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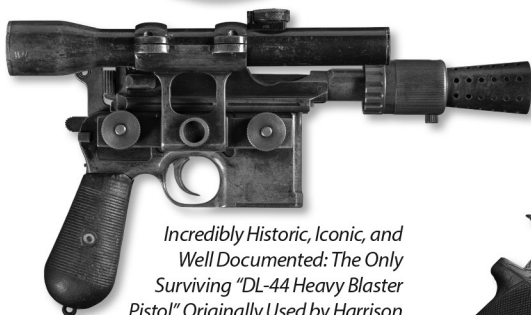
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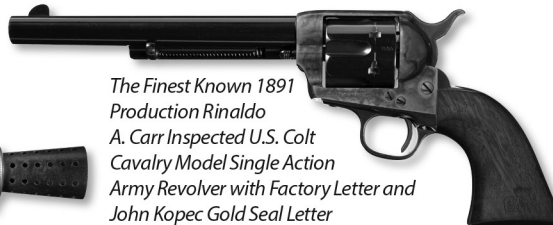
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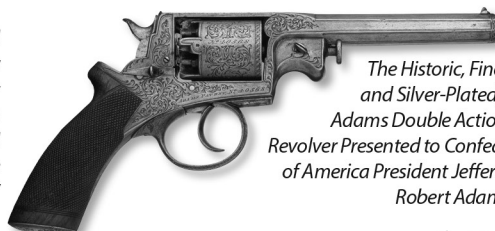
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