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**THE COVER:** Ed Dillon of Englewood, Colo., built this handsome .375 H&H on a pre-'64 Winchester Model 70 action, adding an oversized bolt knob for surety of operation and finishing with a Schmidt & Bender scope. He chose Turkish walnut for the stock (blanks shown courtesy of Kros Walnut). For more on walnut, see Stuart Williams' article on p. 30. Cover design and photography by Mustafa Bilal.

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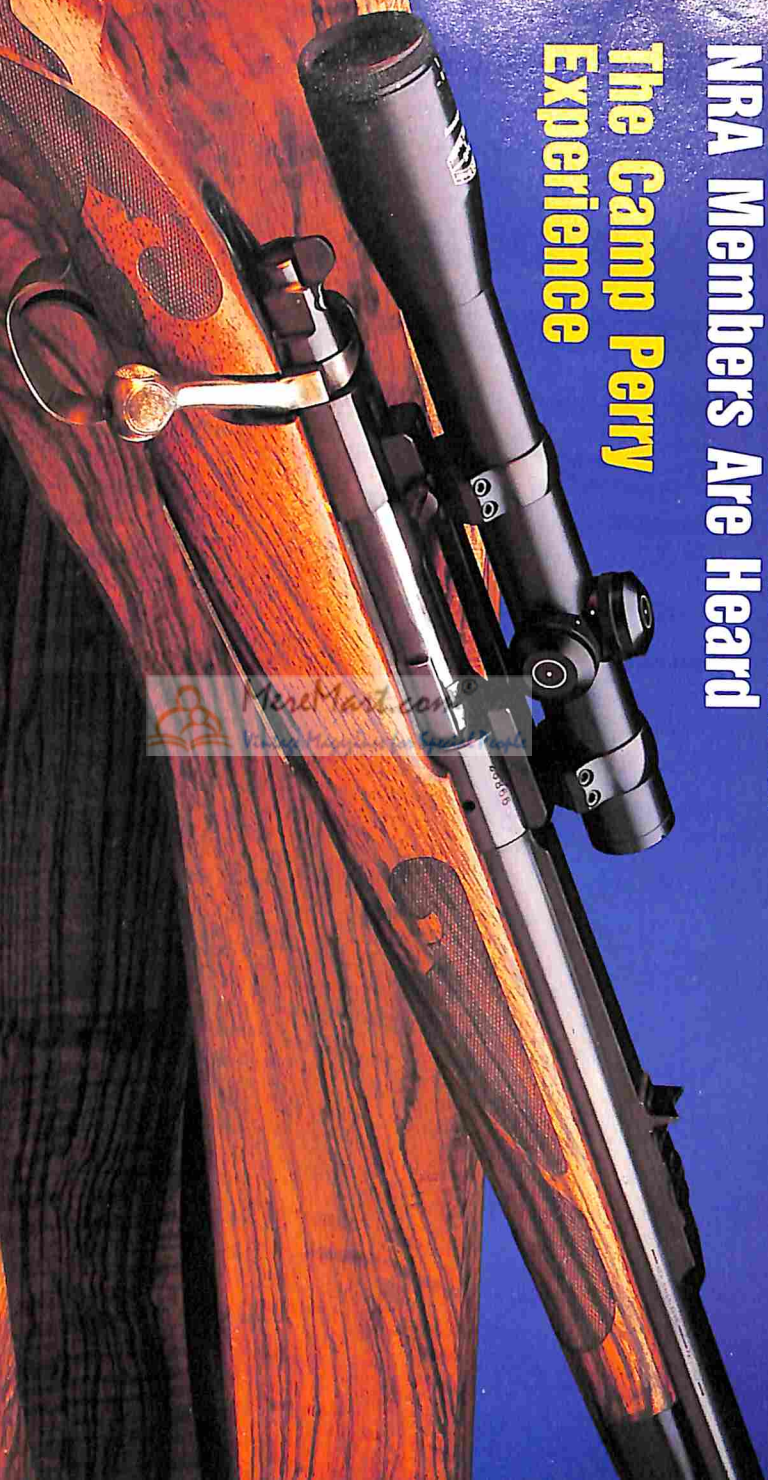
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