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**THE COVER:** Women are buying guns for personal protection in unprecedented numbers, and Smith & Wesson hopes to capitalize on the trend with its new LadySmith revolver. The LadySmith is a slightly modified version of the evergreen Chiefs Special. Design changes and marketing emphasis came from focus groups made up of potential female purchasers. The LadySmith is shown on a holster handbag from Feminine Protection by Sarah, which manufactures a full line of purses for policewomen and for civilians licensed to carry sidearms. For more, see p. 40. Design by Colin Moore; photo by John R. Lamson.

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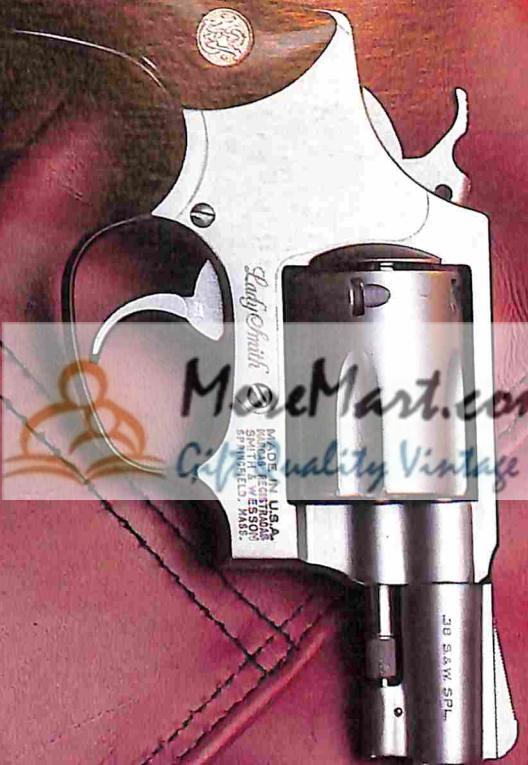
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