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**THE COVER:** Gunmaker Stephen Alexander of Tucson, Ariz., patterned this handsome .40 cal. flintlock after a rifle built for the Duke of Bedford by London master Durs Egg sometime between 1785-1790. Alexander patterned the lock after a contemporary pistol lock by H. W. Mortimer. Lynton McKenzie engraved the rifle with floral designs in keeping with the period, and the 32" barrel was rifled by Ron Long. Photo by David L. Westbrook.

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