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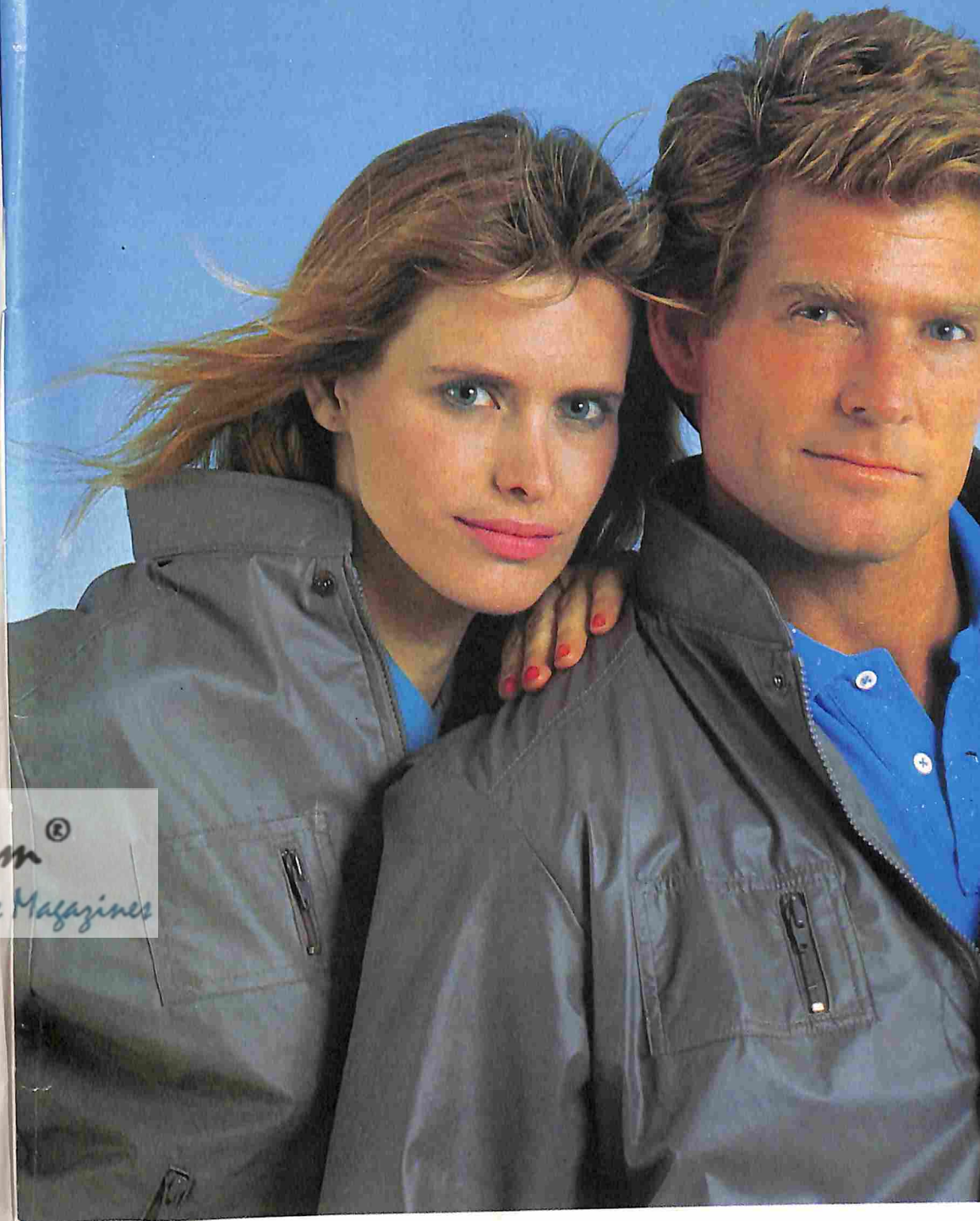
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**THE COVER:** A percussion Model 1842 Pistol manufactured by Henry Aston of Middletown, Conn., is displayed with period artifacts on this month's cover. One of the martial single-shot pistols to see combat service as late as the Civil War, the .54 cal. Model 1842 is also the subject dealt with in an "Exploded View" by Doug Wicklund on p. 52. Design by Colin Moore; photograph by John R. Lamson. Pistol courtesy Clark Bros., Warrenton, Va.

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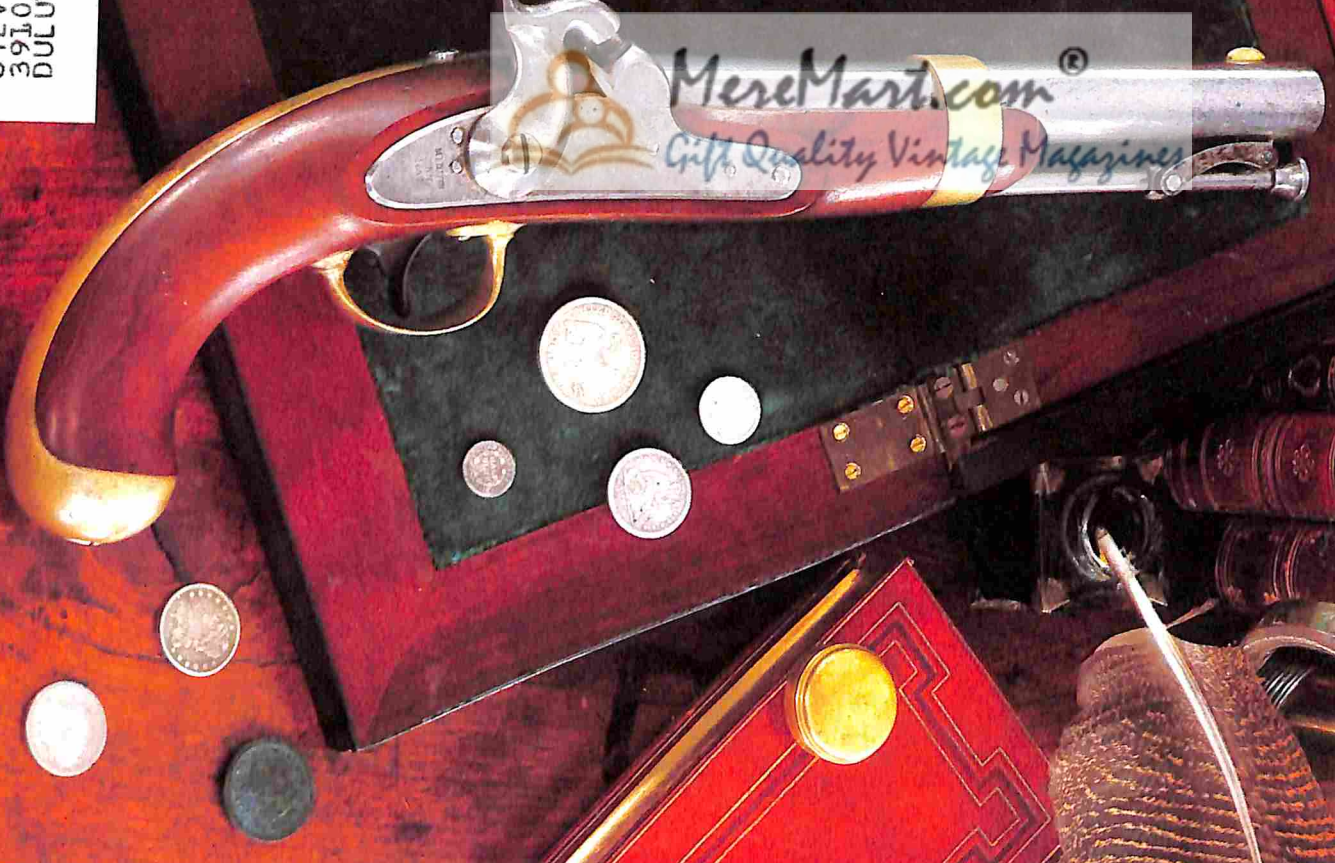
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