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The foundation of American liberties, as symbolized by the Statue of Liberty, is revealed as the right to bear arms in this cover cartoon by Ted Robins. The artistic background of Revolutionary War model cannons features handcrafted scale models of a bronze field piece, a howitzer and a mortar of that period. The firing of small salute guns on July 4 is traditional. Cover photography by Staff Photographer Rolfe M. Baggett. Design by Editor Ashley Halsey, Jr.

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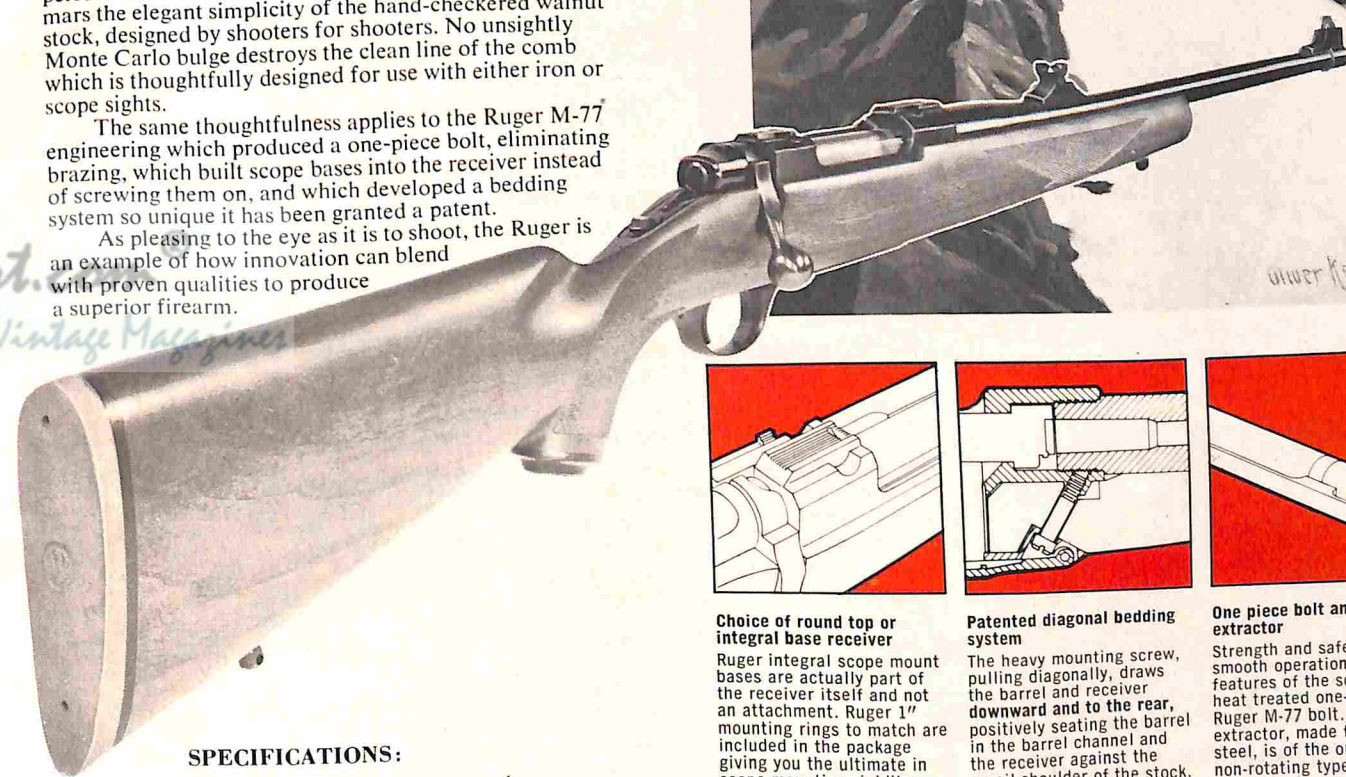
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