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While many presentation arms were made, few survive today, and they are considered rare and desirable by the collector of firearms.

The 3 specimens on this month's cover are outstanding examples of Colt presentation arms: (top) Model 1849 cal. 31 Pocket Model, serial #71746; (center) Model 1848 cal. .44 3rd Model Dragoon, serial #15821; and Model 1851 Navy Model cal. .36, serial #38843.

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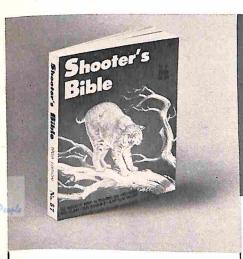


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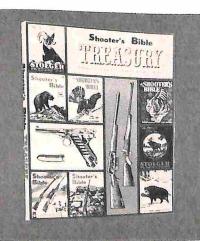


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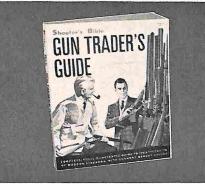
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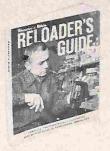
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