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THE COVER

The Freund-improved Model 1877 Sharps rifle pictured is one of a handful now known. Frank W. Freund altered and custom-stocked this gun in the Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory in the early 1880's. Freund charged \$100 to \$125 for work of this type and often applied his own serial number (in this case #202) to the finished product. The Model 1877 was chambered for the Sharps 27 $\frac{1}{8}$ " cal. .45 cartridge depicted below it with its Union Metallic Cartridge Co. box.

Transparency by the rifle's owner, Dr. R. L. Moore, Jr., Philadelphia, Miss. using a 4x5 Linhof at F22, 1/2 sec., Ektachrome "Daylight" film.

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Barrel Length: 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Twist: 1 turn in 14 inches, right hand
Lands & Grooves: 6
Barrel: hammer-forged
Sights: open rear, ramp front with hood, .080" gold bead
Sight Radius: 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Bolt: 6 locking lugs, two gas ports at side of bolt body, cocking indicator, recessed bolt face

Ejector: located in bolt face
Safety: locks bolt and rear
Receiver: drilled and tapped for scope mount
Trigger: choice of adjustable single or double-set trigger
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