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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 2%" 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, ½ sec., Ektachrome "Daylight" film.

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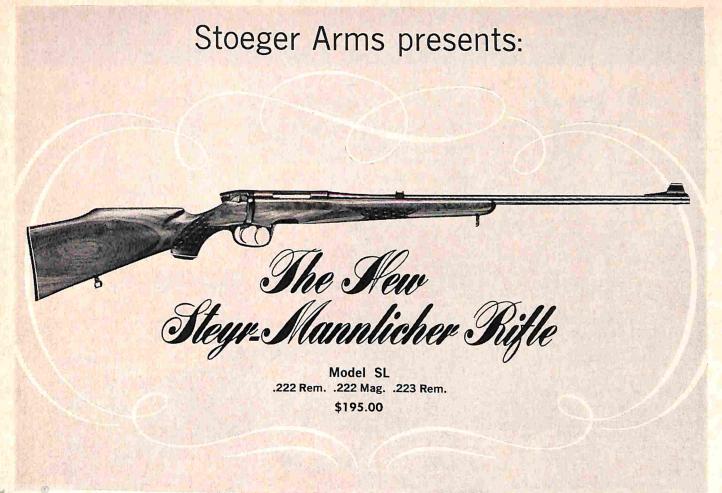
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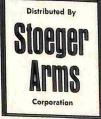
SPECIFICATIONS
Calibers: 222 Remington, 222 Remington
Magnum & 223 Remington. Available
in July: 22/250, .225 Win., .243, 270,
.308, 30/06
Barrel Length: 23% inches
Twist: 1 turn in 14 inches, right hand
Lands & Grooves: 6
Barrel: hammer-forged

Sights: open rear, ramp front with hood, .080" gold bead Sight Radius: 15½ inches Bolt: 6 locking lugs, two gas ports at side of bolt body, cocking indicator,

Receiver: drilled and tapped for scope mount
Trigger: choice of adjustable single or
double-set trigger
Stock: Monte Carlo type with check
piece, epoxy finished, with skip-line
hand checkering, 22 lines per inch

Ejector: located in bolt face

Length of Pull: 14% inches with double trigger Swivels: European type, 1 inch Weight: 6 lbs., 4 oz.



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