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Rusted, pitted, and gripless, this Remington New Model .44 caliber Army percussion revolver of the Civil War period was uncovered in an old Vermont barn.

The gun proved a challenge to 28-year-old Winston G. Churchill, Ludlow, Vt. (The family genealogist finds no connection with the English statesman.) Churchill straightened out the badly bent brass, rebuilt, burnished, inlaid, and restocked the arm. Then, in the style of the great 19th Century engraver Nimschke but with his own design, he engraved it with the tools shown. Now with Griffin & Howe, gunsmiths for Abercrombie & Fitch, New York, young Churchill plans to make gun engraving his life's work.

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