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Model 1805 Harper's Ferry pistols hold several distinctions. They were the first pistols made at a U.S. Armory and their design graces present U.S. Army Military Police insignia (top). Another distinction claimed for these 2, dated 1807, is that they are the only known matched pair, both #351. Owner Ralph E. Arnold says this confirms original issuance in pairs 160 years ago. He owned one pistol for 24 years, came across the mate at the 1967 NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibit. Transparency by Walter Lane, Gettysburg, Pa., using a 4x5 Linhof with 13.5 mm. lens at F.16, 1/2 sec., Ektachrome "B" film.

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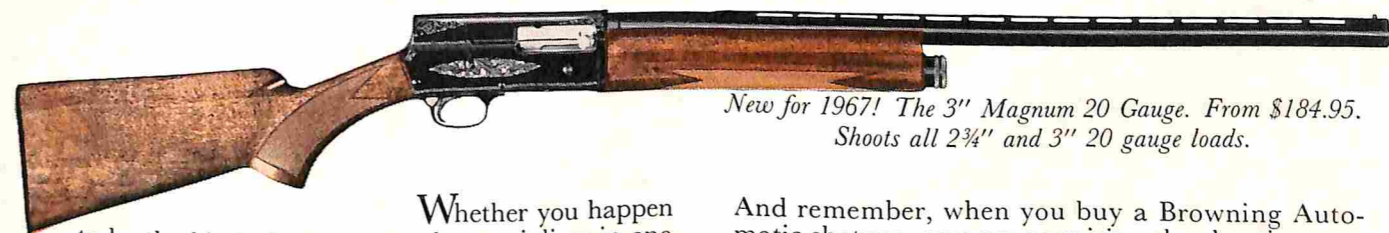
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