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THE COVER

An exquisite example of the revolver developed by Parisian gunmakers Casimer and Eugene Lefauchaux (see p. 22-25), this lavishly decorated 12 mm pistol was made during the heyday of pinfire revolver production—probably about 1870. The sculpted, blue steel barrel and color-hardened frame of this revolver, made by the Belgian firm of Ch. T. Colard, are finely inlaid with multi-colored gold and platinum. The grips are of hand-carved ebony. Photo by staff photographer Randy Lamson.

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In the last few years, people are apparently becoming more willing to handle firearms, including Ruger single-action revolvers, without first receiving proper instruction from a knowledgeable shooter. No one should handle any gun without first having supervised instruction about the particular type of gun he is using, as well as about gun safety in general. Until very recently everyone, gun users and non-users alike, seemed to be well aware of this obvious rule, and accidents with single-action revolvers, as well as with other types of guns, were limited to those very occasional lapses of common sense against which, unfortunately, there appears to be no real protection. Now, with the growth of consumerism, people who should know better are acting as though guns, like electric toasters, are meant to be foolproof. There is no such thing as a foolproof gun.

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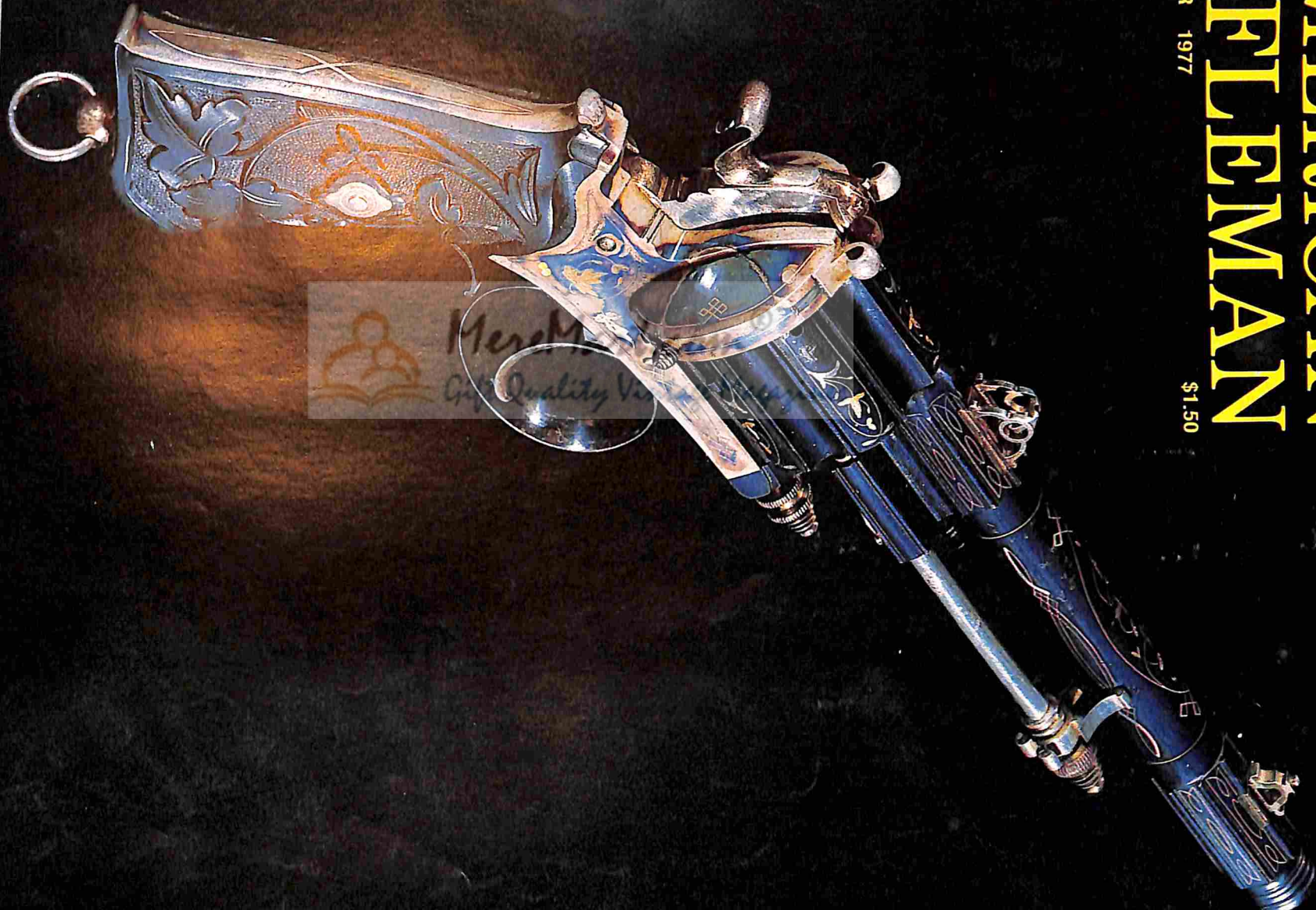
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