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A characteristic of most deluxe firearms is their engraving. Shown are three examples of remarkable Germanic-style engraving, noteworthy for deep relief and delicacy. They are by Albin Obiltschnig, Ferlach, Austria, whose signature appears on the lower tang. The right lockplate of this combination rifle-shotgun shows St. Hubert, patron saint of hunters. On the left lockplate is Diana or Artemis, mythical goddess of the hunt. (See p. 36-37 for more on the subject.) Photograph by Assistant Editor Rolfe Baggett.

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