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THE COVER: A trio of U.S. Springfield guns you won't see every day: U.S. Rifle M1903, serial No. 1; U.S. Rifle M1, serial No. 1; and U.S. Rifle M14, serial No. 2000, the first rifle marked "M14" and identical to the one presented to then-President Eisenhower. For more on the guns of Springfield Armory and its 200th anniversary, turn to p. 40. Design by Harry Lloyd Jaecks, photo by Bryan Payne.

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