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THE COVER

This cougar, 7'2" from nose to tail tip, was stalking 2 whitetail does with fawns in Montana's Mission Range last September when Milwaukee hunter Jim Stummeier surprised it. It in turn surprised Stummeier by snarling and preparing to charge instead of running away. He made a one-shot kill at 100 ft. with the rifle he is shown holding, a .30-'06 that he built with 22" Douglas Premium barrel, F. N. Supreme Mauser action, and Herter stock. Scope is a Weaver 3-9X variable in Buehler mounts. Handload used was a 180-gr. Hornady spire-point bullet in front of 46 gr. of 4895 with a Remington 91/2 primer.

Hunting companion Bernard A. Wichman, a National Wildlife editor, took the photograph with a Rolleiflex using Ektachrome S film and flash fill.

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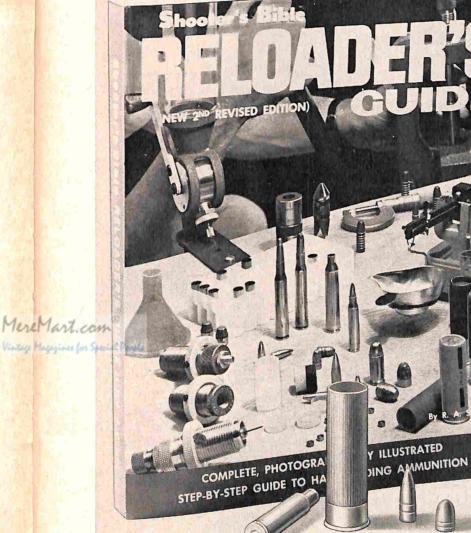
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