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THE COVER

A big piece of country is what some hunters seek, and that's what Peter Nelson is looking at in Washington's Cascade Mountains here. Mossy dead trees are often seen in that country. The rifle is a 760 Remington barreled to .35 Whelen, restocked by the photographer, Norm Nelson.

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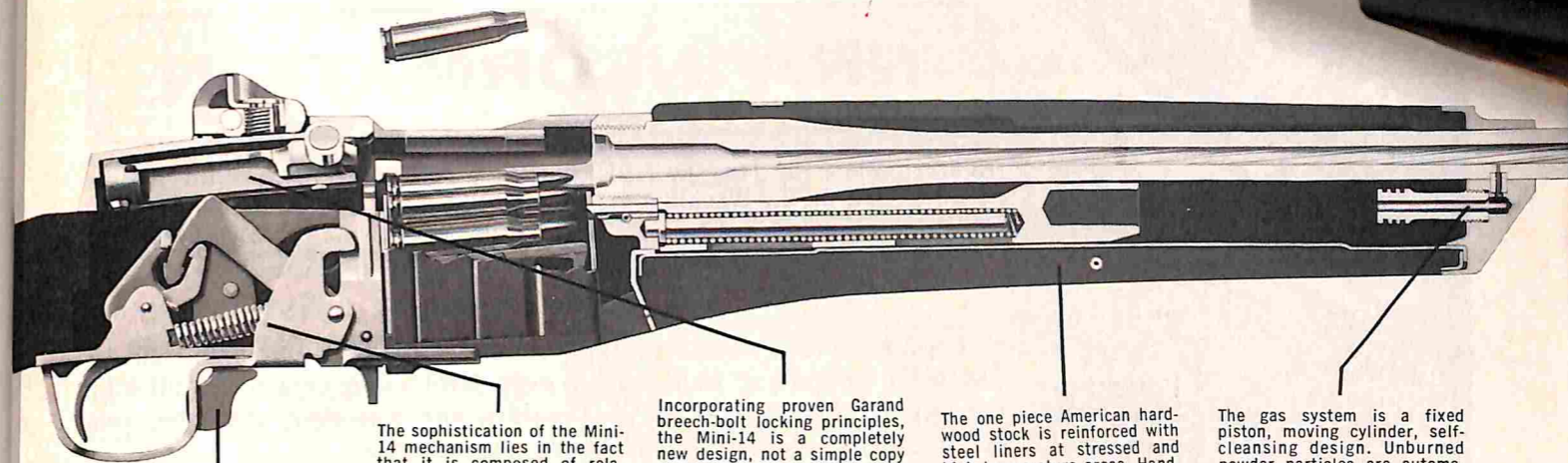
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The safety blocks both the hammer and the sear. The slide can be cycled when the safety is on. Mounted in front of the trigger, the safety may be set to Fire position without removing finger from trigger guard.

The sophistication of the Mini-14 mechanism lies in the fact that it is composed of relatively few, extremely rugged components. Breech and firing mechanisms are held to a minimum in size and weight by the efficient use of hardened chrome-molybdenum steels. Music wire coil springs are used throughout. The Mini-14 can be field stripped to its eight basic subassemblies in seconds without the use of tools.

Incorporating proven Garand breech-bolt locking principles, the Mini-14 is a completely new design, not a simple copy of the M-1 or M14 rifles. Heat treated chrome-molybdenum and other alloy steels are used throughout the mechanism to ensure reliability under field operating conditions. The firing pin is retracted mechanically during the first part of the unlocking movement of the rotating bolt.

The one piece American hardwood stock is reinforced with steel liners at stressed and high temperature areas. Handguard and forearm are separated by air space from barrel to promote cooling. Ideally dimensioned and shaped, the Mini-14 stock is smoothly finished in traditional carbine styling.

The gas system is a fixed piston, moving cylinder, self-cleansing design. Unburned powder particles are automatically vented from the system. The mechanism is shown in full recoil after firing. (Slide and bolt will then move forward under pressure of main spring to chamber next cartridge). The gas pressure drops to a negligible level before bolt unlocks.

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A Rugged, Compact .223 Semi-Auto...

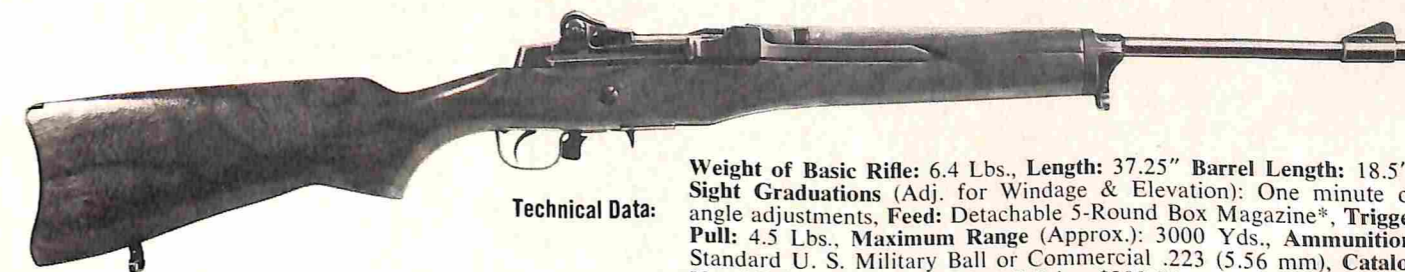
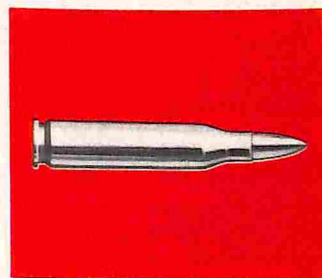
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The Mini-14 is a scaled-down Ruger version of the famous U. S. Garand-type rifles. It embodies the proven engineering ideas and superior materials that are standard in all Ruger products. Introduced in 1972, after more than five years of engineering and development, the Mini-14 has been widely accepted by Government and law-enforcement agencies all over the world. Now, with expanded production facilities operating smoothly, the Mini-14 can be offered for sale to individuals.

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Ballistics of the .223 Cartridge:

The .223 (5.56mm) cartridge was originally adopted by the U. S. Armed Forces. It is commercially produced and is available in the United States in a variety of bullet configurations. The catalog muzzle velocity is 3300 feet per second, with 1330 foot pounds of muzzle energy.



Technical Data:

Weight of Basic Rifle: 6.4 Lbs., Length: 37.25" Barrel Length: 18.5", Sight Graduations (Adj. for Windage & Elevation): One minute of angle adjustments, Feed: Detachable 5-Round Box Magazine*, Trigger Pull: 4.5 Lbs., Maximum Range (Approx.): 3000 Yds., Ammunition: Standard U. S. Military Ball or Commercial .223 (5.56 mm), Catalog No.: Mini-14/5, Suggested Retail Price: \$200.00.

*A 10-Round Box Magazine for the Mini-14 will be available in late fall, 1976.

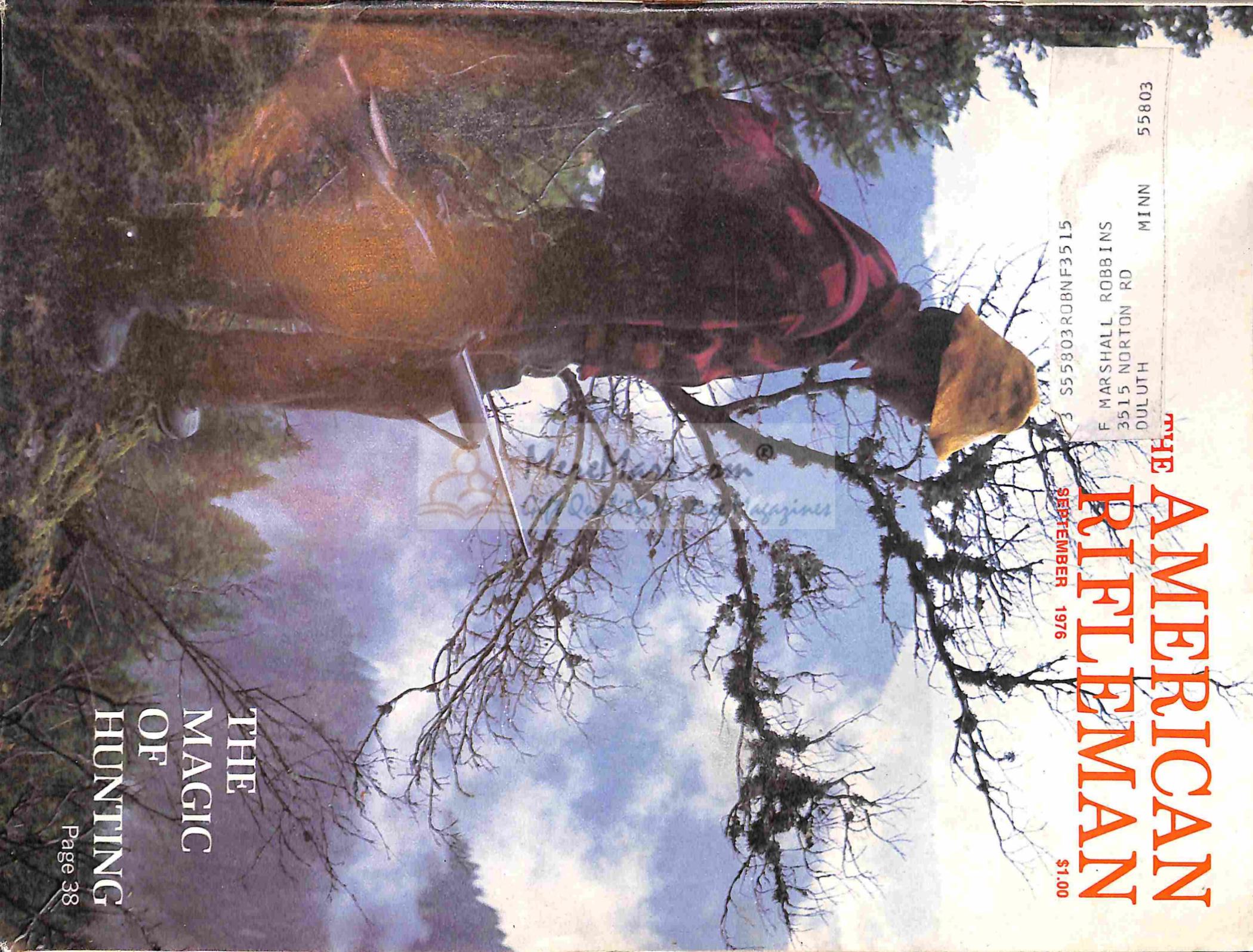
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