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YOUR JANUARY-FEBRUARY COVER

This month's cover features a Schuetzen match rifle and loading outfit dating from about 1902. The Ballard No. 7-A-1 Extra Grade Engraved Action was barreled by Harry M. Pope in .32-40 caliber. The stock is of "straw color" Circassian Walnut from the Ballard Custom Department. The rifle is complete with Pope false muzzle and bullet starter and the wooden ramrod for sealing the bullet from the muzzle to the mouth of the cartridge case. From top is a box of original Leopold bullet lubricant; Pope bullet sizer-lubricator. Pope mould and .32-40 bullets; a can of original DuPont No. 1 smokeless rifle powder and an old can of DuPont black powder; Pope duplex powder measure which throws a priming charge of smokeless and a main charge of black powder with a single throw of the lever; Boxes of U.M.C. No. 7 1/2 brass primers from Union Metallic Cartridge Co.; two boxes of Leopold oleo wad sheets, the formula for which apparently died with Mr. E.A. Leopold; and the Pope de-capper and re-capper for the .32-40. All boxes are labeled "From John P. Lower's Sons, 1511 Larimer St., Denver, Colorado." The photo was taken with a 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 Linhof, 1/60 second at f/11.

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