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Lewis E. Yearout, Major USAFR Ret.  
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Dear Major Yearout:

In response to your request for historical information, we have researched our records and located the following pertinent data:

**COLT MODEL 1878 DOUBLE ACTION FRONTIER REVOLVER**

Serial Number:	4924
Caliber:	.45/c
Barrel Length:	7½"
Finish:	Nickel
Type of Stocks:	Rubber
Shipped to:	B. Kittridge & Company
Address:	Cincinnati, Ohio
Date of Shipment:	January 22, 1881
Number of Same Type Guns in Shipment:	25

Remarks: The "Omnipotent" marking was the name given the .45 caliber revolver by B. Kittridge & Company. They were marked as such and sold exclusively to this firm. To the best of our knowledge, only a few hundred were made with this marking.

We trust the information supplied above will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen J. Hoyt*  
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RETURN: JOHN FERA  
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## COLT MODEL 1878 D-A

SERIAL NO. 4924 CAL. 45 Colt  
FINISH Nickel BARREL LTH. originally 7 1/2 cut to 4 3/4  
TYPE OF GRIPS 2 pc plain Ivory WITH OR WITHOUT EJECTOR with  
LANYARD RING YES Yes NO \_\_\_\_\_  
MARKING ON TOP OF BARREL  
Colts PT F.A. MFG. Co. Hartford CT USA 1 line  
LOCATION OF CAL. MARKING Left side Trigger Guard "45 Cal."  
TYPE OF FRAME STANDARD X FLATTOP \_\_\_\_\_  
MEASUREMENT ACROSS GRIP STRAPS WITH GRIPS OFF AT FARTHEST POINT Early large 1 18/32  
ENGRAVED \_\_\_\_\_ PLAIN X  
CONDITION NRA Good  
HAMMER SLOT MARKING None LOADING GATE # 924  
MARKING'S ON BACK OF CYLINDER 9  
SPECIAL MARKING'S OR ENGRAVING, COLT IN CIRCLE No  
MARKING'S ON GRIP STRAPS UNDER GRIPS None  
MARKING'S ON BARREL UNDER EJECTOR None  
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# *The Canadian Militia & Defence Marked Colt 1878 Double Action Frontier Revolvers*

*by John Fera*



**A group of frontiersmen just after the Louis Riel Rebellion of 1885. The two on the left are military men, the one on the right with Militia issue holster and Model 1878 revolver.**

**T**he year was 1885, one of the most turbulent years in Canadian history, and one that Canadians would remember for all time.

The event was the Northwest Rebellion. This campaign which resulted in the suppression of the hostilities was the first conducted by Canadian troops alone, without any assistance from the British regular army.

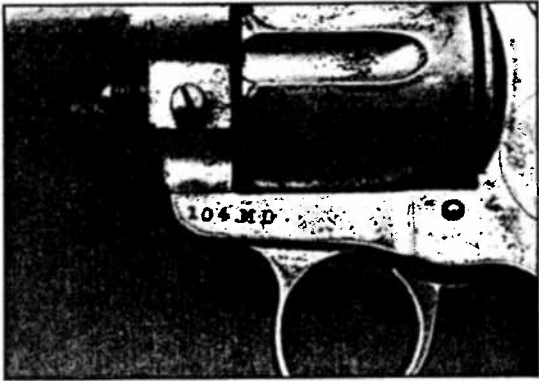
The Rebellion marked an exciting chapter in this young country's life – for this time Canadians from different provinces fought side by side, shedding their blood to enforce the authority of the federal government.

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police along with the Canadian Militia, under the command of Major General Middleton, and with a little help from a Gatling gun, defeated Louis Riel at Batoche in May of 1885. Louis Riel, a miller's son, who had led the Red River Rebellion 15 years earlier, was back with help from Gabriel Dumont, famed buffalo hunter and plainsman, he managed to anger the Indians and the Metis over fear of losing their lands. Riel was captured, tried and convicted of treason. He was hanged on Nov. 16, 1885.

Just prior to and during these events of which I have very briefly outlined the Canadian government was faced with several problems. The Militia was

armed with aging Spencer rifles and obsolete Colt 1851 Navy revolvers (upper and lower Canada). Steps had to be taken quickly to update this equipment before confrontation with the Indians and the Metis became a reality.

Updating the arms was the responsibility of the Department of Militia & Defence. With all-out rebellion looming ever so close, they acted very quickly. By order of the department and using funds allocated by special vote of the government, the New York-based firm of Hartley & Graham was selected. Hartley & Graham one of the Colt allies was by far one of the largest arms dealers in North America. Why



Close-up view of serial #14733 Militia & Defence marking. (John Fera collection.)

the Canadian government didn't contact Colt directly is not known.

An order was placed for 1001 Colt Model 1878 double action frontier

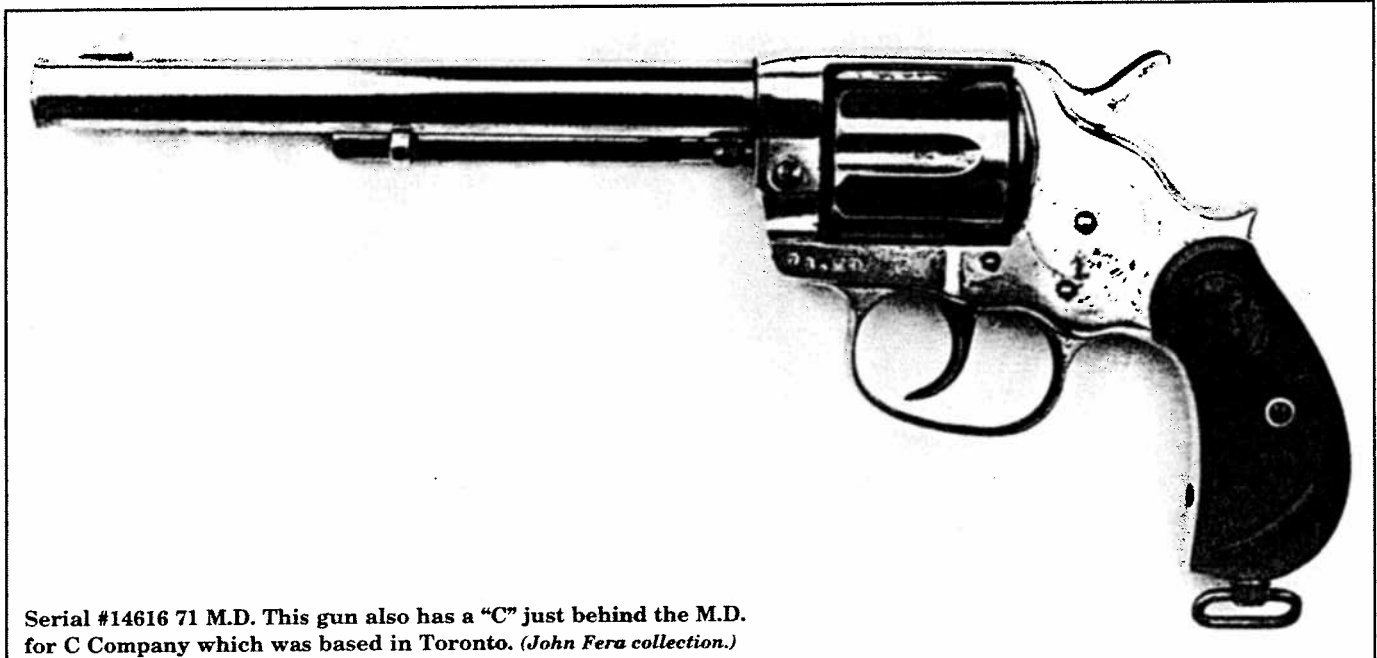
revolvers; .45 cal. Colt with 7-1/2" barrels all to be nickel plated finish with trigger, screws and hammer of heat treated blue, and at a cost of \$13 each. Within days the first lot of 1878s was on its way to Col. Jackson, the quarter master for the field force.

Hartley & Graham shipped from their extensive stock immediately and proceeded to order the balance from Colt on a rush basis. There must have been a number of blue finished revolvers in stock, both at H&G and at Colt. At this time as I

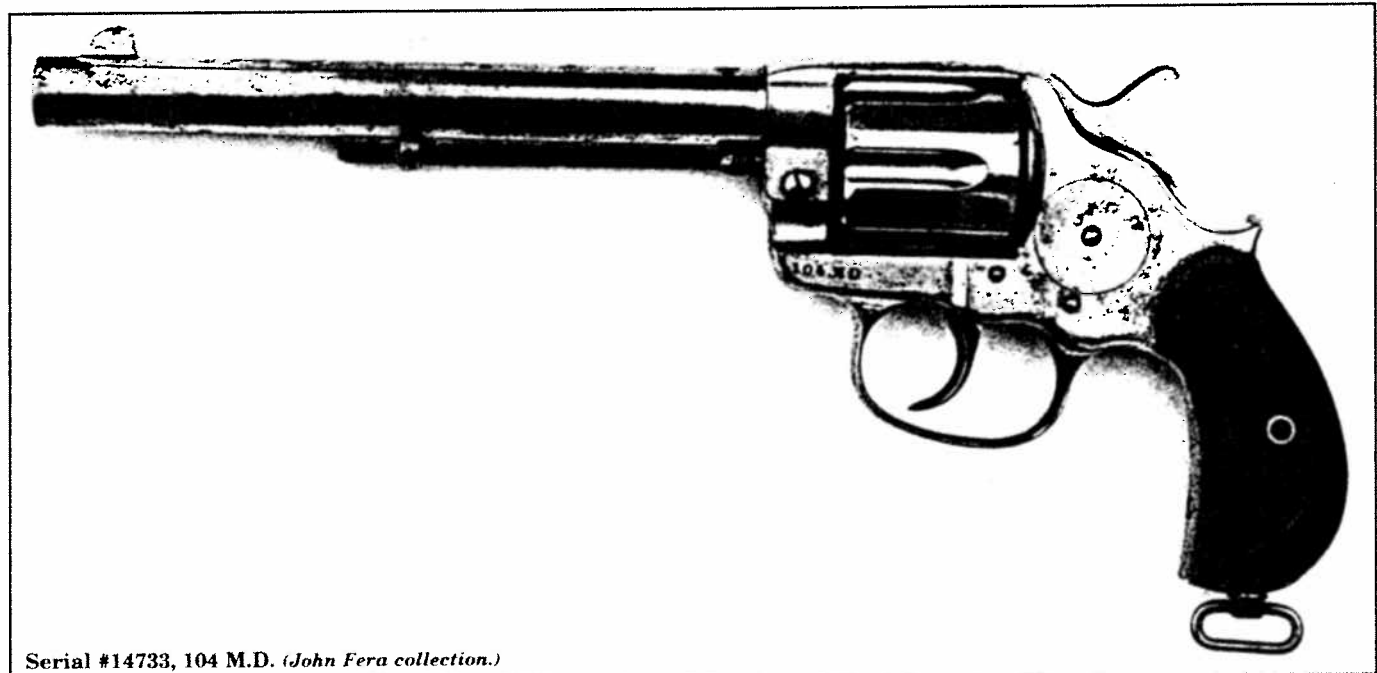
have observed an over-stamping on a high majority of these guns. This over-stamping is located on the trigger-guard, a very faint .45 cal. can be seen below a fresh stamping which would indicated that polishing would have taken place. A factory letter on serial #11760 lists the gun as blue, however, the gun was unmistakably shipped nickel.

Due to the rush nature of this order all existing nickel guns were shipped immediately and blued guns nicked and shipped as soon as possible.

There seemed to have been several shipments from Colt to H&G, the last



Serial #14616 71 M.D. This gun also has a "C" just behind the M.D. for C Company which was based in Toronto. (John Fera collection.)



Serial #14733, 104 M.D. (John Fera collection.)



August 30, 1978

John Fera  
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Dear Mr. Fera:

In response to your request for historical information, we have researched our records and located the following pertinent data:

**COLT DOUBLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER**  
 (Model of 1878)

Serial Number:	14673
Caliber:	45
Barrel Length:	7-1/2 inches
Finish:	Nickel
Type of Stocks:	Not listed
Shipped to:	Hartley & Graham
Address:	New York, New York
Date of Shipment:	April 14, 1885
Number of Same Type	
Guns in Shipment:	120

We trust the information supplied above will be of interest.

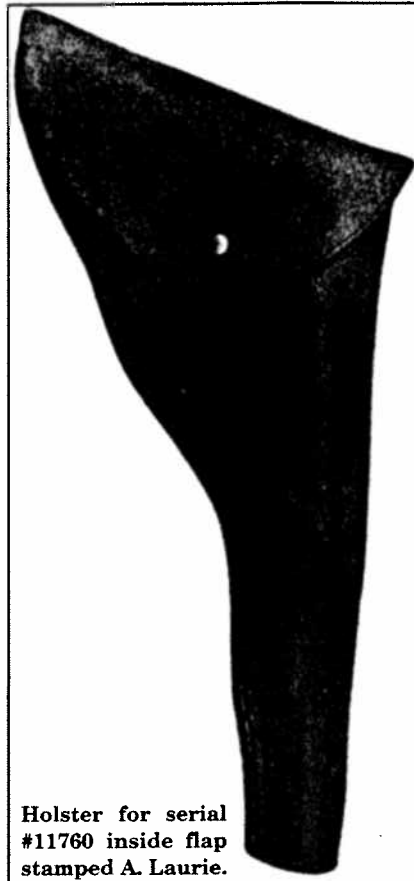
Sincerely,

*M. S. Huber*  
 M. S. Huber  
 Historian

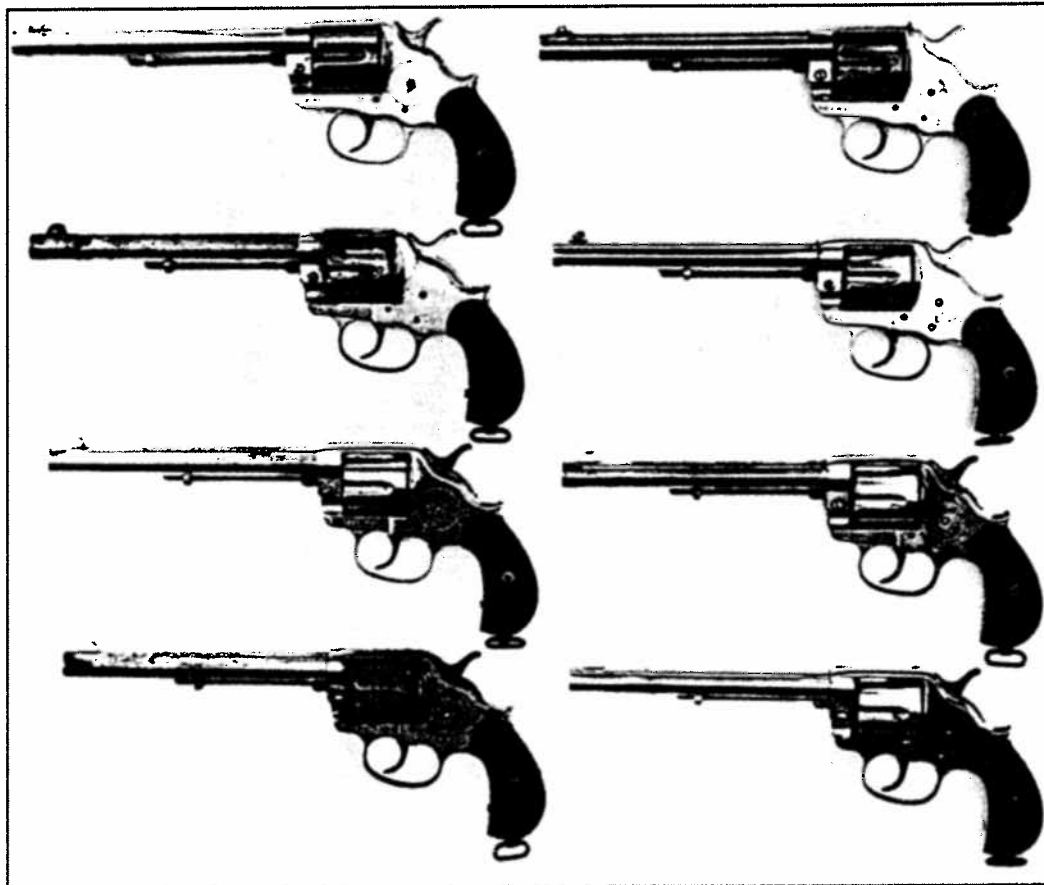
Copy of Colt letter showing shipment of April 14, 1885.

leaving Hartford on April 14, 1885 with 120 guns in the shipment.

The serial range according to my survey is between #8731 and #14996. Both of these guns are in my collection. To date I have surveyed 35 examples; of the 35 examples only two are in the four digit range; three in the 11000 range; two in the 12000 range; and the balance are in the 14000 range



Holster for serial #11760 inside flap stamped A. Laurie.



Together again. These eight 1878s were all shipped together on April 14, 1885 to Hartley & Graham, then shipped to the Canadian government for issue to the militia. All are in the 14000 serial range. (John Fera collection.)

(28). I believe that the earlier serial numbered guns were already in stock at H&G when the order was received.

Special markings were applied to most of these guns. Yes, I did say most. For some reason a few of these guns escaped government markings. Twenty-one of the 35 in my survey are marked, the balance are not. The marking was applied to the front left side of the frame and read as follows: issue number followed by M.D.; the marking on gun #14996 is 22 M.D. The highest issue number in my survey is #289 which appears on gun #12128 in the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. The M.D. stands for Militia & Defence.

When, and by whose orders this marking was applied remains a mystery today. Many of these pistols were on loan to the Northwest Mounted Police immediately following the rebellion, and it is possible that these marking were applied by them. Just how long the Northwest

ORIGINAL OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

No. 44137 Date of Registration Jan 22 1935

Owner John Fawcett

Address

Occupation Nationality British

Use for which small arms required Keepsake

NOTE—This is NOT a permit to carry any weapon.



Serial #14616 showing 71 M.D. and "C" on right side of frame.

(1) I hereby certify the following to be a true description of the small arms now registered by me on behalf of:

John Fawcett

(2) Manufacturer's Name John Fawcett

Caliber 45

Serial No. 11

1899 Army issue South Africa

(3) Signature of Applicant John N. Fawcett

Address

Occupation Night janitor

Signature of Registration Officer

Above, original 1935 Canadian registration for serial #11760. Note 1899 Army issue South Africa and Keepsake gun issued to A. Laurie Lieut. J.N. Fawcett was in the same contingent and they went over to Africa together.

Mounted Police held on to some of these pistols is unknown – some were never returned.

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Most of these pistols were returned to government stores and remained there until 1899, when they were re-issued to the officers of the militia being shipped to South Africa for the Boar War.

Serial #11760 pictured with its original holster along with its 1935 Canadian registration card, shows it registered to John N. Fawcett and describing the gun as an 1899 Army issue South Africa, and also showing that it was a "Keepsake." The inside flap of the holster is stamped with the name A. LAURIE. Upon preliminary investigation I find that both of these men were shipped to South Africa in 1899 in the first contingent and were from the same city, Toronto. A. Laurie was Lieut. and J.N. Fawcett was a private. The gun was obviously issued to Laurie by the government, as only officers were issued pistols. Why it was brought back by Fawcett is something I am still investigating and may be the subject for another article.

I purchased my first M.D. marked Colt over 20 years ago. At that time the seller told me the gun had belonged to a doctor. I paid him \$75. Since then I have purchased 16 more. Thanks to all the research the secret of the mysterious MD marked Colt would still be unknown.

Special thanks to Mr. Clive Law of Nepan, Ontario who has just published a new book *Canadian Military Handguns, 1855-1985*. Clive has put in many hours of research at the Canadian War Museum and some of this information was made possible by his efforts.

I'm sure that there is still a lot to learn of this 1001 gun shipment of 1885. If anyone out there has one, I would love to hear from you. My address is: John Fera, 12 Lindhurst St., Brampton, Ontario, Canada L6S 4C2



Left, markings on holster for serial #14616 71 M.D. and "C" on frame. Markings show C.M.R. for Canadian Mounted Rifles "A" and 399 - these markings were applied for issue to militia going to South Africa.



Serial #11760 no M.D. number. Although there are no M.D. numbers this gun was definitely shipped in 1885 to H&G then to Canada for the Riel Rebellion. Shipped from Colt Oct. 27, 1883. It sat in stock at H&G for almost 2 years before being nicked and shipped to Canada. It is in near mint condition. (John Fera collection.)



# SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL.

1900-1901.

Roll of Individuals of the Canadian Contingents entitled to the South Africa Medal and Clasp, under the Army Order granting the Medal, issued on 1st April, 1901.

Regiment No.	Rank	NAME	CLASP	WHETHER ENTITLED TO CLASP														MEDAL DELIVERED		
				Boer War	Transvaal	Orange Free State	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	South Africa	Place	Date	Remarks
0051	Lieut	Laurie	A															1861	19/10/01	Presented by H.R.H.
0052	Lieut	Howard	A.C.																	
0053	Major	Wood	J															1861	21/10/01	Presented by H.R.H.
0054	Lieut	Wood	J																	
0055	Lieut	Wright	S																	
0056	Lieut	Wright	S																	
0057	Major	Wright	S																	
0058	Lieut	Wright	S																	
0059	Lieut	Wright	S																	
0060	Lieut	Wright	S																	
0061	Lieut	Wright	S																	
0062	Lieut	Wright	S																	

South Africa Medal roll showing Lieut. A. Laurie received his medal in Montreal on Sept. 19, 1901 from her Royal Highness Queen Victoria. His medal with three bars for action in Johannesburg, Cape Colony an organized free state.

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Corps Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry  
Special Service Battalion

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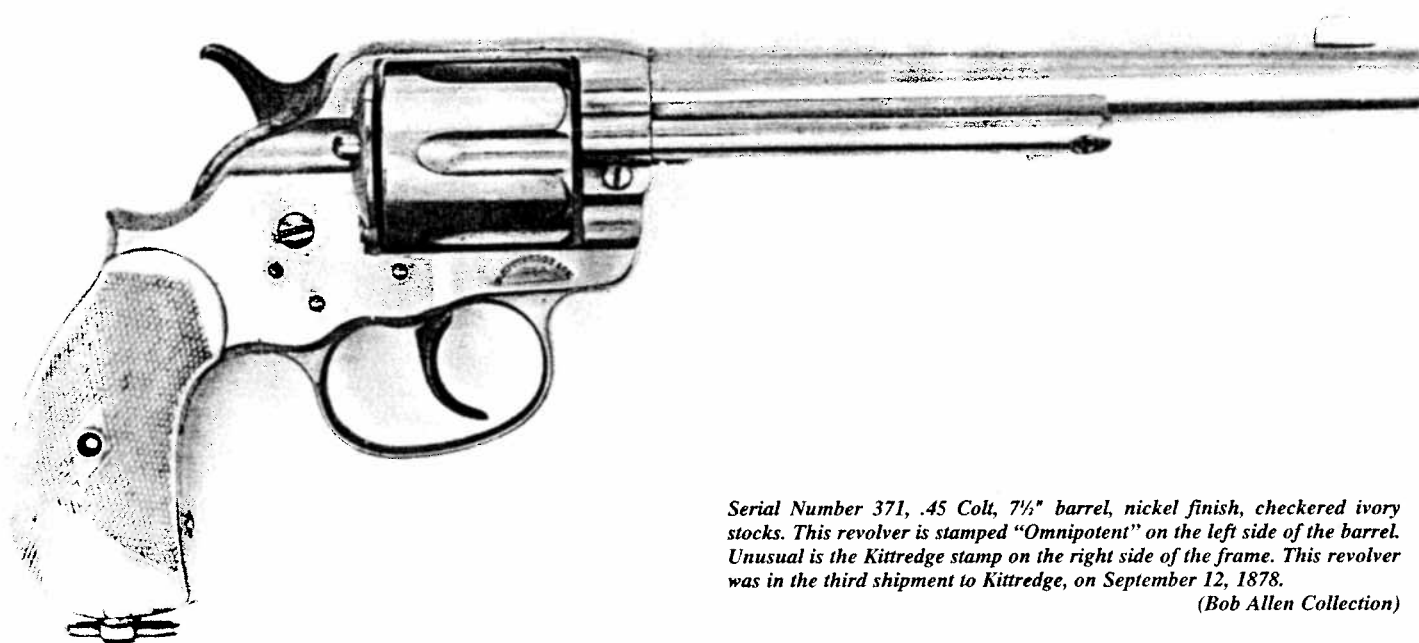
Pay List of the Officers of the above Corps for the Undermentioned Period.

No.	NAME	RANK	PLACE	PERIOD	FROM	TO	No. of Days	PAY		STOPPAGES	Pay Amount Due to each Officer		RECEIPT OF THE OFFICER	REMARKS
								Rate per day	Total					
								£	sh.		£	sh.		
1	Col. Otter	W.D.		1.11.99	30.11.99	50	645	192	90	60	132	90	Col. Otter	
2	Bruchan	L.		do	do	50	475	142	50	60	82	50	Bruchan	
3	Belletier	O.C.		do	do	50	487	146	10	60	146	10	Belletier	
4	Arnold	H.		21.10.99	do	41	282	115	62	60	55	62	Arnold	
5	Woods	H.A.		19.10.99	do	43	282	121	26	60	61	26	Woods	
6	Stewart	D.		do	do	43	282	121	26	60	61	26	Stewart	
7	Pettier	J.E.		18.10.99	do	44	282	124	08	60	64	08	Pettier	
8	Rogers	L.		do	do	44	282	124	08	60	64	08	Rogers	
9	Stuart	H.B.		26.10.99	do	36	282	101	52	60	41	52	Stuart	
10	Barrow	L.X.		20.10.99	do	42	282	118	44	60	58	44	Barrow	
11	Fraser	G.X.		21.10.99	do	41	282	115	62	60	55	62	Fraser	
12	Parrot	H.A.		1.11.99	do	80	250	75	60	60	15	60	Parrot	
13	Burstable	K.B.		1.11.99	do	30	275	82	60	60	22	60	Burstable	
14	Macdonald	A.H.		1.11.99	do	30	3	90	60	60	30	60	Macdonald	
15	Macdonald	A.H.		24.10.99	do	38	2	76	60	60	16	60	Macdonald	
16	Opilov	H.K.		1.11.99	do	30	3	90	60	60	30	60	Opilov	
17	Lawless	W.		18.10.99	do	44	2	88	60	60	28	60	Lawless	
18	Jones	F.		do	do	44	2	88	60	60	28	60	Jones	
19	Hodgins	A.B.		16.10.99	do	46	2	92	60	60	32	60	Hodgins	
20	Boob	J.M.		20.10.99	do	42	2	84	60	60	24	60	Boob	
21	Moison	L.C.		21.10.99	do	41	2	82	60	60	22	60	Moison	
22	Armstrong	G.C.		23.10.99	do	39	2	78	60	60	18	60	Armstrong	
23	Swift	A.B.		28.10.99	do	34	2	68	60	60	8	60	Swift	
24	Willis	B.B.		26.10.99	do	35	2	70	60	60	10	60	Willis	
25	Marshall	H.R.		24.10.99	do	38	2	76	60	60	16	60	Marshall	
26	Kaye	L.H.		1.11.99	do	30	2	60	60	60	6	60	Kaye	
27	Ledro	L.		1.11.99	do	30	2	60	60	60	6	60	Ledro	
28	Wipac	C.B.		21.10.99	do	41	2	82	60	60	22	60	Wipac	
29	Caldwell	A.B.		25.10.99	do	37	2	74	60	60	14	60	Caldwell	
30	Laybourn	S.P.		1.11.99	do	30	2	60	60	60	6	60	Laybourn	
31	Laurie	A.		26.10.99	do	40	2	80	60	60	20	60	Laurie	
32	Belletier	B.A.		21.10.99	do	41	2	82	60	60	22	60	Belletier	

Pay list for Militia - Dominion of Canada. Laurie second from the bottom.

by Don Wilkerson, Kansas City, MO

# COLT'S D.A. REVOLVER: MODEL OF 1878 "OMNIPOTENT" MARKED REVOLVERS



*Serial Number 371, .45 Colt, 7½" barrel, nickel finish, checkered ivory stocks. This revolver is stamped "Omnipotent" on the left side of the barrel. Unusual is the Kittredge stamp on the right side of the frame. This revolver was in the third shipment to Kittredge, on September 12, 1878.*

*(Bob Allen Collection)*

**B**enjamin Kittredge was one of the original Colt Allies, a group of dealers who pooled their orders to dominate most of Colt's retail and wholesale market in the 1870s and into the 1880s. He was listed as an arms dealer in the Cincinnati, Ohio, city directory from 1845 to 1891. Kittredge was the leader in advertising Colt's revolvers. At least nine models were labeled with his own trade name. He is credited with the name "Peacemaker" for Colt's single action Army revolver, "Lightning" for the double action .38 and "Thunderer" for the double action .41 caliber revolver. In addition, he named all five of Colt's New Line models: "Big Colt," "Pet Colt,"

"Ladies Colt," "Pony Colt" and "Little Colt." Another famous name coined by Kittredge, and the subject of this chapter, was "Omnipotent." Kittredge had this name etched on the left side of the barrel of double action Army revolvers sold by his firm. Omnipotent-marked Model 1878 revolvers are among the most sought after revolvers by collectors today.

The first double action Army revolver received by Kittredge was shipped on July 18, 1878. This revolver had a 5½" barrel and was intended as a sample of the new revolver Colt had just introduced in May. It is not known when Benjamin Kittredge decided on the name "Omnipotent," but his first shipment of revolvers, after the

sample, carried the notation "Omnipotent" in Colt's ledgers. By definition, Omnipotent means "having unlimited authority or power" — an apt name for a double action revolver that would fire six 250 grain bullets at almost 900 feet per second. The standard "Omnipotent" revolver was in .45 caliber with a 7½" barrel.

Kittredge's first order for Omnipotent revolvers was shipped on August 6, 1878. The order consisted of six revolvers. The type of stocks and finish applied to the revolvers was not listed. The stocks were probably checkered walnut, as Colt did not receive their first shipment of rubber stocks for the double action Army revolver until mid to late September. The



type of finish on these revolvers was probably blue since they were not listed as nickel. Colt's shipping clerks in the early years of production usually did not list the type of finish if the revolver was finished with Colt's standard blue. Later a blue finish was listed as "plain," and still later in production the term "blue" was used.

The following is a list of all known shipments of Omnipotent-etched revolvers. All shipments were to Kittredge & Company unless otherwise stated:

#### August 6, 1878.

6 .45/c, 7 1/2", American, Omnipotent

The first order of Omnipotent-etched revolvers.

#### August 17, 1878

5 .45/c, 7 1/2", Omnipotent

5 .45/c, 7 1/2", Nickel, Omnipotent

The first five revolvers were assumed to be blue. The second five revolvers were, of course, listed as nickel.

#### September 12, 1878

3 .45/c, 7 1/2", Omnipotent

3 .45/c, 7 1/2" Nickel, Omnipotent

2 .45/c, 7 1/2" Ivory Omnipotent

2 .45/c, 7 1/2", Checkered Ivory Omnipotent

Two of the three nickel revolvers in this order are in my survey. One has, in addition to Omnipotent etched on the left side of the barrel, "B.Kittredge&Co." over "Cin.O." stamped on the right side of the frame above the triggerguard.

#### September 27, 1878

10 .45/c, 7 1/2" (Did not state Omnipotent, but probably was a clerical oversight.)

#### November 1, 1878

14 .45/c, 7 1/2" Omnipotent (There are several duplicate serial numbers in this ship-

ment.)

6 .45/c, 7 1/2" Nickel, Omnipotent

#### December 3, 1878

5 .45/c, 7 1/2", Nickel, Rubber, Omnipotent

#### December 6, 1878

2 .45/c, 7 1/2", Pearl, Engraved, Omnipotent

#### December 24, 1878

3 .45/c, 7 1/2", Nickel, Checkered Ivory

1 .45/c, 7 1/2", Nickel, Engraved, Checkered Ivory

2 .45/c, 7 1/2". Nickel, Engraved, Ivory

1 .45/c, 7 1/2", Ivory

None of these revolvers were listed as Omnipotent, but we have a copy of the letter, dated December 12, from Benjamin Kittredge ordering the revolvers:

My Dear Sirs,

Please send B.K. & Co. -

20 Ladies Colt Ivory Nickerled (rim fire)

5 " " " Blue Casehardened

40 Pet Rim Nickerled

7 " " " Ivory

3 Hardened Ivory

3 Omnipotent Nickerled Ivory Checkered

1 " " " " Engraved

2 " " " Not " Engraved

1 " Hardened " Engraved

A notation in the margin by the word "Engraved" read "\$1.50 each."

Most of the order of December 24 checked out with the instructions in the letter from Kittredge, except that they were not listed as Omnipotent. The configuration of the first 6 double action revolvers was recorded just as ordered. The 7th (last revolver in the order) did not have the finish listed nor was it recorded as engraved. This revolver was ordered

"hardened." Did Kittredge mean to order a blue revolver, or did he really mean a casehardened revolver. The information in the factory ledger did not list either. The word "Blue" in the order for the "5 Ladies Colt Ivory Blue Casehardened" had a partial line marked through it. This could have indicated that Kittredge may not have known exactly how to order because the Ladies Colts and Pet Colts (which he listed only as "hardened") would have had casehardened frames with blue barrels and cylinders. While the factory invoice did not list the revolver as engraved, it was definitely ordered with \$1.50 worth of engraving in Kittredge's letter. Here the paper trail ends for this particular revolver, unless it shows up at some later date in my survey.

#### April 11, 1879

4 .45/c, 7 1/2", Nickel, Ivory, Omnipotent

#### June 17, 1879

25 .45/c, 7 1/2", Nickel, Rubber, Omnipotent

#### March 4, 1880

3 .45/c, 7 1/2", Nickel, Rubber (Did not state Omnipotent, but probably a clerical oversight.)

#### April 22, 1880

15 .45/c, 7 1/2", Omnipotent

#### April 24, 1880

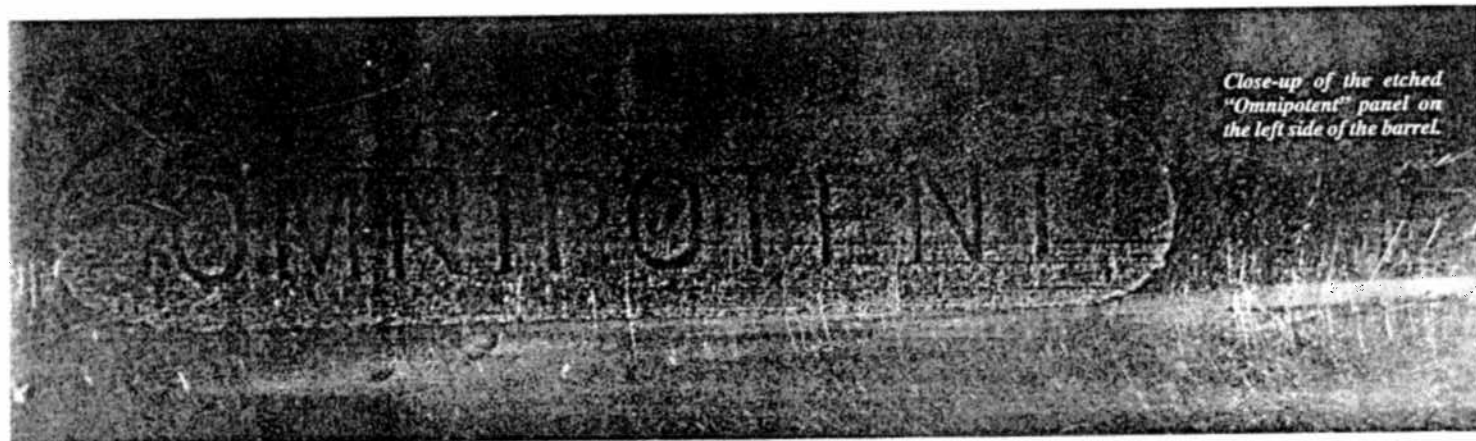
8 .45/c, 7 1/2", Omnipotent

#### May 5, 1880

2 .45/c, 7 1/2", Nickel, Engraved, Pearl, Gold Cylinder, Omnipotent

#### July 14, 1880

5 .45/c, 7 1/2" Nickel, Rubber, Omnipotent



Close-up of the etched "Omnipotent" panel on the left side of the barrel.

**August 7, 1880**

10 .45/c, 7½", Nickel, Rubber, Omnipotent

**December 11, 1880**

Shipped to Hartley & Graham

1 .45/c, 7½", Nickel, Rubber, Omnipotent

**December 23, 1880**

Shipped to Hartley & Graham

1 .45/c, 7½", Plain, Omnipotent (First use of the word "Plain" to describe an Omnipotent-etched revolver. This term had been in use since late 1879 to describe other revolvers with a blue finish.)

**January 22, 1881**

25 .45/c, 7½", Nickel, Rubber, Omnipotent

**May 13, 1882**

5 .45/c, 7½", Nickel, Rubber, Omnipotent  
2 .45/c, 7½", Omnipotent

This was the last shipment of revolvers marked "Omnipotent" shipped to B. Kittredge

**March 3, 1883**

Shipped to Frank Anderson

1 .45/c, 7½", Nickel, Pearl, Omnipotent

Benjamin Kittredge continued to buy double action 1878 revolvers until August 1890. None of the .45 caliber revolvers shipped to him after May 13, 1882, were listed as "Omnipotent." A total of 174 revolvers were shipped to Kittredge between the first Omnipotent-marked invoice on August 6, 1878, and the last Omnipotent-marked invoice on May 13, 1882. The author tends to think all of these revolvers were probably etched with the Omnipotent marking. If we count only those revolvers listed as Omnipotent in the records (the only revolvers that will definitely letter as Omnipotent), we have only 154 revolvers. The 20 revolvers not listed as Omnipotent include the 4 engraved and 3 plain revolvers for which we have located (and quoted) the original letter from Benjamin Kittredge ordering the revolvers.

There is one other Omnipotent-etched revolver in my survey in the 4900 serial number range for which we do not have a shipping date. This revolver is a "no

record gun" in that no information is available at the factory. This revolver may represent an additional shipment of Omnipotent revolvers, or it may have been included in some other shipment by mistake. A number of fairly large orders for revolvers with 7½" barrels and nickel finish were sent to Hartley & Graham during this time frame. There were several duplicates and/or missing revolvers in these shipments. As an example, of 21 revolvers sent to Hartley & Graham on March 8, 1881, only 19 serial numbers were listed and three of these were unreadable.

It is interesting to note that 60% of Omnipotent revolvers were nickel plated, with the remaining 40% finished in blue. There were only two Omnipotent revolvers in blue in my survey. All the rest were in nickel. It may be that the etching wore off the blue barrels quicker than the nickel. In this case, there should be revolvers with not much finish remaining that are undetected as Omnipotent marked. If this assumption is true, it was not borne out by my survey. All known serial numbers for Omnipotent revolvers were checked against revolvers in my survey, and none were found.

Eight Omnipotent revolvers were engraved, if we count the last revolver listed on the order from Kittredge on December 12, 1878. Two of these revolvers had gold cylinders. Four of the engraved revolvers had pearl stocks and four had ivory stocks (two of which were checkered ivory). An additional 11 of the non-engraved revolvers were fitted with ivory stocks, 5 of which were checkered.

One of the Omnipotent revolvers in my survey from the June 17, 1879, shipment had a barrel stamped with the Hartford/Pall Mall address used for revolvers shipped to London. Two more Omnipotents in my survey had been returned to the factory at some later date to have the cylinder locking system updated. Another Omnipotent revolver had the original 7½" barrel shortened to 4¾".

In addition to the Omnipotent revolvers shipped to Kittredge, two revolvers were shipped to Hartley & Graham in December 1880, and one with pearl stocks was shipped to a Frank Anderson, address unknown, in March 1883. These three revolvers were marked Omnipotent in the records. Two other

revolvers that may have been etched Omnipotent were ordered in 1879. We have two letters concerning these revolvers. The first was posted on June 21, 1879, from Fort McDowell, Arizona Territory. The letter was written by Lieutenant Henry Myron Kendall, 6th Cavalry:

Sirs,

*A month or two ago I saw a pistol of your make .45 cal. and double acting. I think it was called the "Omnipotent." I desire to know price of said pistol also if it can be sent by mail.*

*P.S. The pistol appeared to me to be about the same size & used the same cartridge as the present Army Colt.*

Lieutenant Kendall's second letter is dated December 2, 1879:

Sirs,

*I enclose here with P.O. Money order amtg to \$39.10 for which please send me by mail registered two of you self-cocking ("Omnipotent") 45 cal revolving pistols, nickel plated. The above amount is sent as the price asked in your letter to me sent on date of July 5, 1879. Length of barrel 7½ inches.*

Both of these revolvers were shipped on December 9, 1879. The invoice listed the revolvers as ".45/c, 7½", Nickel, Rubber." No mention was made on the invoice of Omnipotent.

Serial numbers of known Omnipotent revolvers range from a low of 202 to a high of 8285.

*Editor's note:* The above article is an excerpt from Don Wilkerson's forthcoming new book *Colt's Double Action Revolver, Model 1878*. Don expects to have the book available at the CCA Show in St. Louis in October.

Readers are encouraged to contact Don if they have information to share or questions on Model 1878s. Don can be reached at the following:

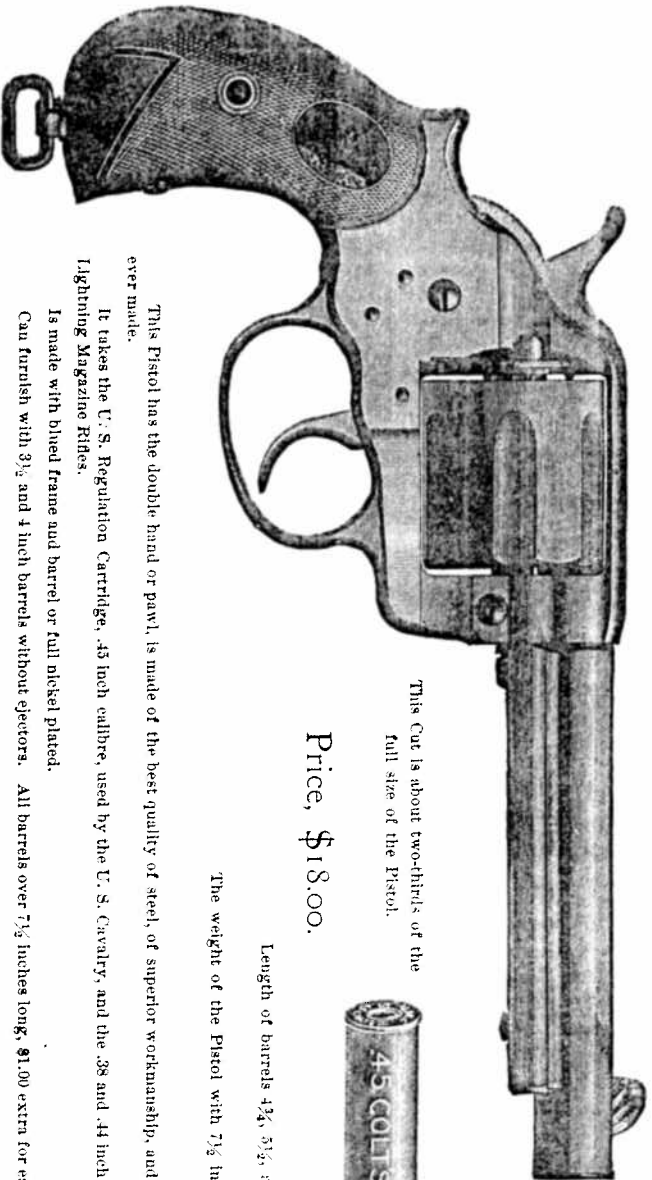
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This Cut is about two-thirds of the  
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Price, \$18.00.

Length of barrels  $4\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

The weight of the Pistol with  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inch barrel is 2 lbs. 7 oz.

This Pistol has the double hand or pawl, is made of the best quality of steel, of superior workmanship, and is in all respects the best Double Action Pistol ever made.

It takes the U. S. Regulation Cartridges, .45 inch calibre, used by the U. S. Cavalry, and the .38 and .44 inch calibre cartridges manufactured for the Colt's Lightning Magazine Rifles.

Is made with blued frame and barrel or full nickel plated.

Can furnish with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and 4 inch barrels without ejectors. All barrels over  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, \$1.00 extra for each additional inch.

29 Apr 6

Hi Lewis,

Looks like spring - we have had a few warm days the last week. The cold air beginning to leave MT by now?

Well, Salt has come and gone. Naples Fla was a great place to relax and charge up the batteries for a few weeks. Long time to be away - 3200 miles in all.

There were a lot of great things at Salt, but not much in way of '78's. The show is so big now, that it is very hard to see all of it at one pass. I don't think I really saw but  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the show.

Have a new Ampipotent serial number SN 4726 -

This belongs the Robert Farnar. I don't plan to give the number to Jean or Houge - have had the silence of information from them. Lessons... This pistol model, 45 cal,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lb, 11R grips, usual erossion.

Stay well,

Reggie de  
Bunce

R. L. WILSON

Nov. 25.90

Dear Lew:

I am afraid that my research did not  
break down the Omnipotent Model 1878  
d.a. Colts sufficient to give  
you a good answer to your recent query.

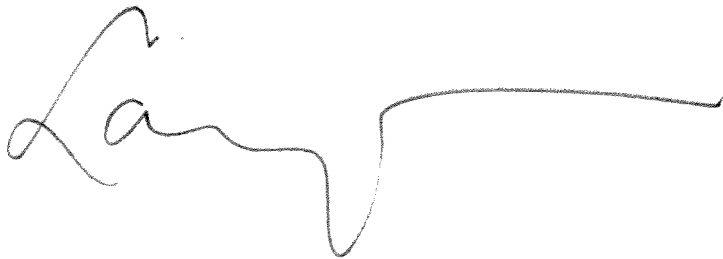
However, you might have better luck with  
Dr. Marohn of Chicago:  
Dr. Richard C. Marohn  
467 W. Deming Place  
Chicago Ill 60614

We have been working on a book on the  
Lightnings, and he may well have  
some data that would be useful.

Omnipotent is not a common item, that's  
for sure.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lew', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

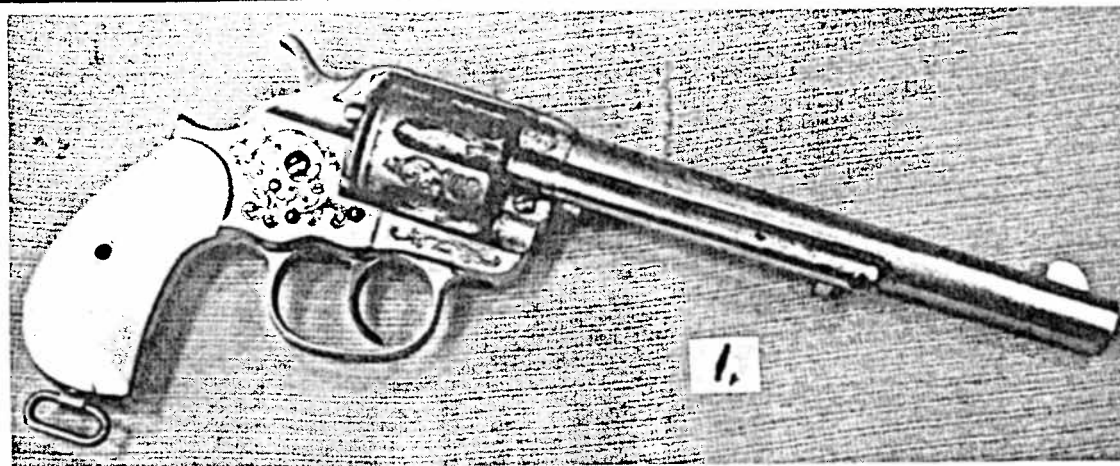
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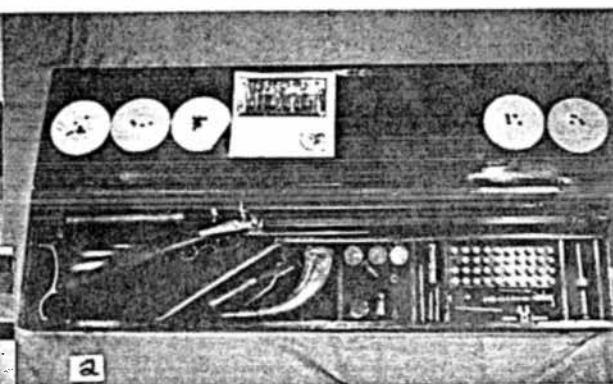
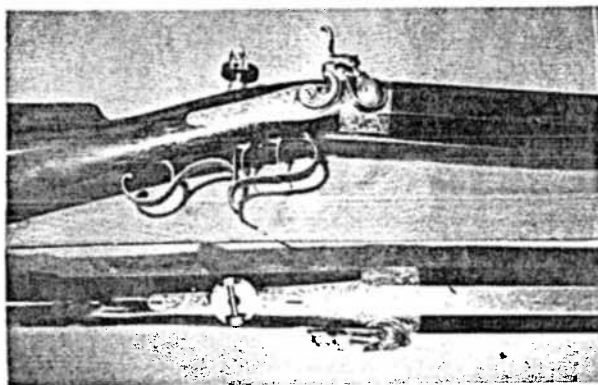
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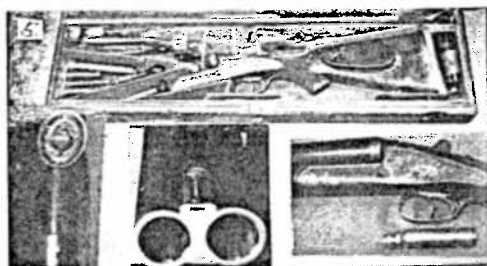
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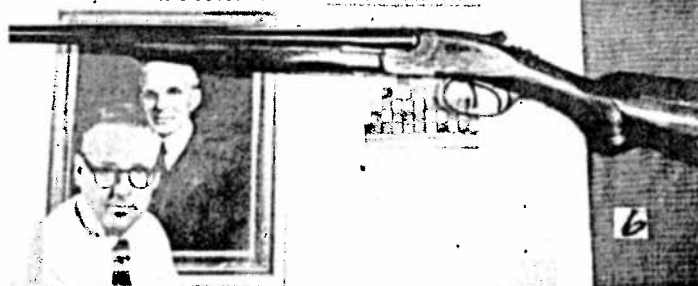


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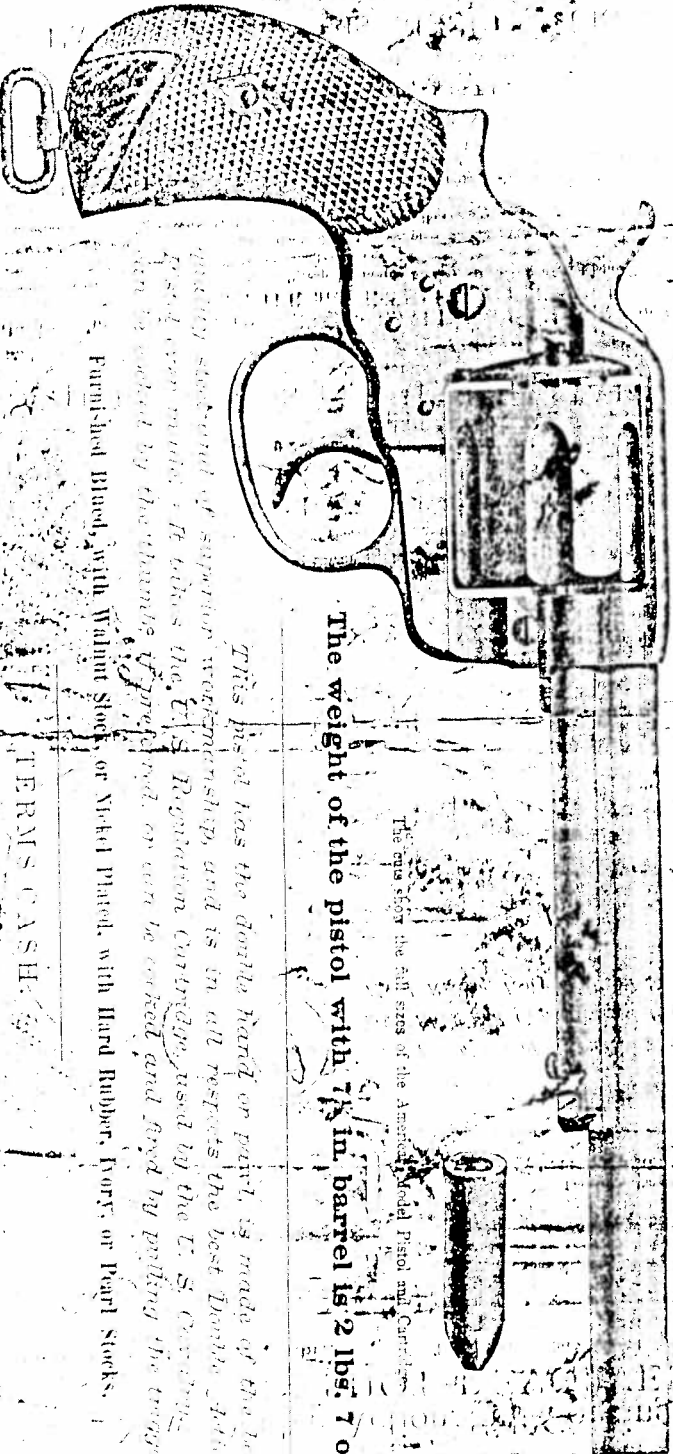


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Colt's Patent Fire-Arms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Connecticut

Actual size reproduction of the "Colt Company" flyer dated 1880. The first known advertisement by the Colt Factory of the Model 1878 D.A. Revolver. The single page paper is very thin linen, and does not reproduce well. The reverse side advertises the Colt D.A. "Lightning" Model 1877 revolver.  
Note: The large or first type grip frame.

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14 Pall Mall,  
LONDON, S. W.

The front cover of the first Green Colt Factory Catalogue containing Cartridge Arms.  
Dated February 1888. A large size publication measuring 12 by 9 1/2 inches with 75 pages.

Mr Marty Huber  
Historian  
Colt Firearms Division  
P.O. Box 1868  
Hartford, Conn. 06101

March 5, 1991

Dear Mr Huber:

I appreciate very much your letter of February 22, 1991 in which you have listed the 25 serial numbers of the Colt Model 1878 that are listed in the January 22, 1981 shipment of "OMNIPOTENT MARKED REVOLVERS " shipped to Kittredge & Co. of Ohio.

In Wilson-Sutherland's book on this model a footnote "the total such shipments of this specific item were several hundred".

Like the above shipment of 25 guns, they probably were shipped in like quantities.

If you, or your staff, or any other persons you may know of who could research the total quantities and list the serial numbers by date - - - I will pay whatever your billing or such persons bill would be.

If such can be accomplished- - -just let me know the price and a check for payment will be sent whenever desired.

Sincerely

Lewis E. Yearout, Major USAFR Ret.,  
308 Riverview Drive East  
Great Falls, Montana, 59404  
Life Member 134 - Colt Collectors Assoc.

P.S.- From the information above- - I would then write an article on this important, yet overlooked group of items, so the entire Colt Collectors as a whole, would greatly benefit.

Mr Marty Huber  
Historian  
Colt Firearms Division  
P.O.Box 1868,  
Hartford, Conn. 06101

Jan.7, 1991.

Dear Sir:

You have forwarded me two letters, --one each that covers Colt I878 Serial no. 4795 and the second letter covers Colt I878 Serial no. 4924. Bothe letters state the two guns were shipped on the same date of January 22, I88I with 25 guns in the shipment. Both guns are .45 Colt 7½ in. barrels and both marked on the barrels " OMNIPOTENT"--and both shipped to B. Kittridge & Co. , Cincinatti, Ohio.

Would it be possible to obtain :

A.- The other 23 serial numbers of that shipment?

B.- The total number of " OMNIPOTENT" guns sold to Kittridge?

Sincerely

Lewis E. Yearout, Major USAFR Ret.  
308 Riverview Drive East  
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Life Member Colt Collectors Assoc. Member No. I34.

4344	4543	4701	4807	4903
	4547	4712✓	4811	4912
		4727	4816 4821	4920
		4741	4823	4924✓
		4767	4825	4926
		4779	4860	4928
		4795✓		4941
				4954

Serial No. 3614 (with letter 1879 deleted) Factory letter  
4¾" barrel - .45 - Nickel - checked H.R. Grips.  
(Barrel)  
Item No. 2308 - Catalog of Robert Howard Collection by  
Butterfield & Butterfield Auction Sale No. 45194  
San Francisco, Calif. - March 26, 1991

This is an up to date (May 3=06) listing all known serial r  
Colt Revolvers.

2I2	I505	2986	36I4	<del>470I</del>	4543	470I	4807	4903
3I9				4344	4547	47I2	48II	4908
344						4726	48I6	49I2?
370						4727	482I	4920
37I						474I	4823	4924
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						4799		4954



COLT'S MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

P.O. BOX 1868, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06144-1868, 203/236-6311

February 22, 1991

Lewis E. Yearout, Major USAF, Ret.  
308 Riverview Drive East  
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Dear Major Yearout:

Enclosed please find the twenty-five numbers shipped to B. Kittredge & Co. on January 22, 1881. They are as follows:

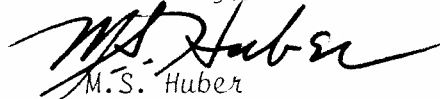
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4807	4860	4928	4816
4825			

\*Please note that the number 4912 is my interpretation of the record, as the records in the area of this number were damaged and very hard to read.

We have no record available on how many "Omnipotent" guns were shipped to Kittredge. However, we hope the listed numbers will be of interest and also aid you in collecting more Model 1878 guns.

Thank you for your interest in Colt collecting.

Sincerely,

  
M.S. Huber  
Historian Emeritus

MSH:br

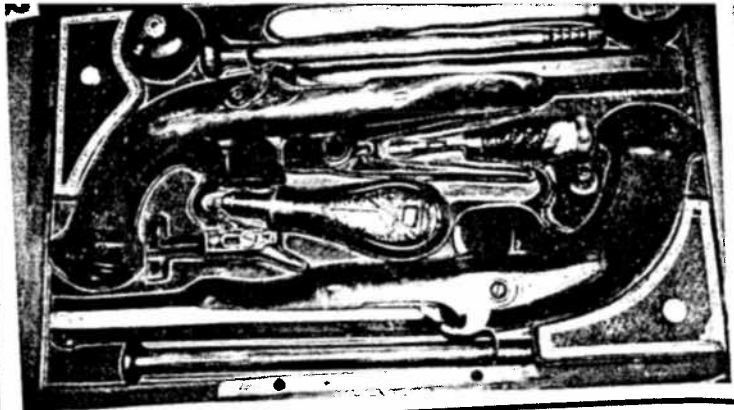
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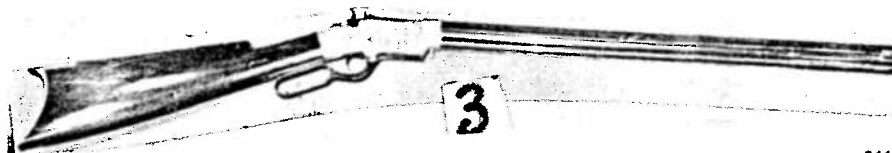
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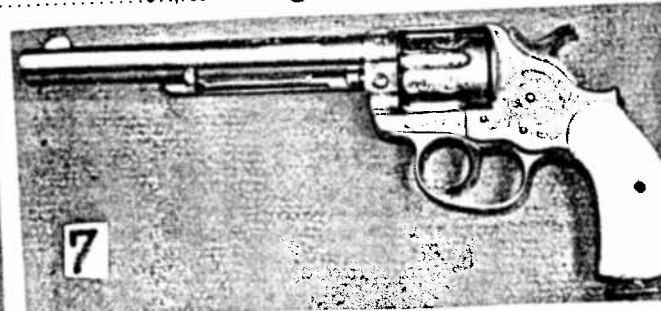
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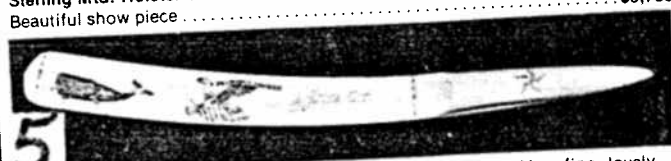
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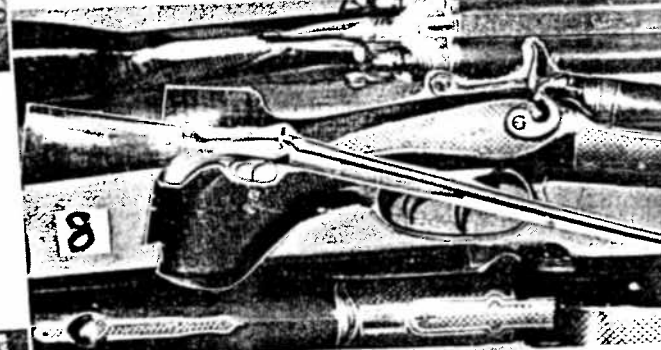
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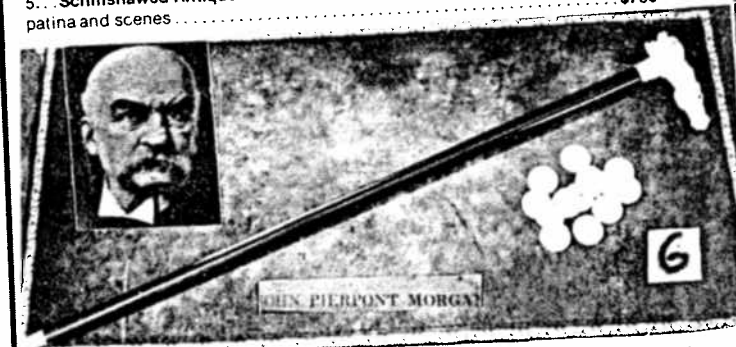
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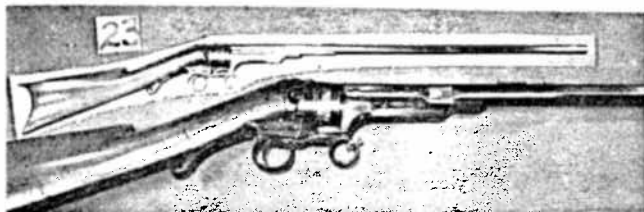
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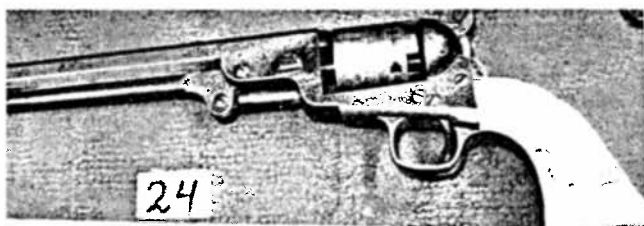
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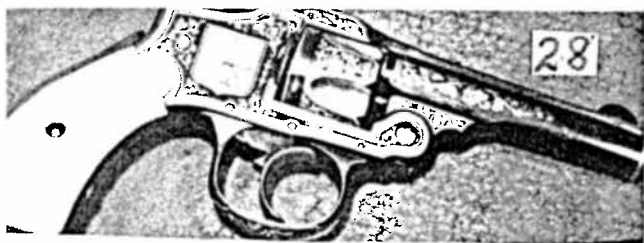
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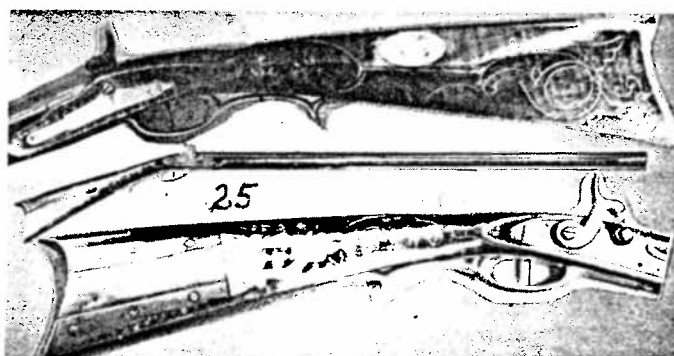
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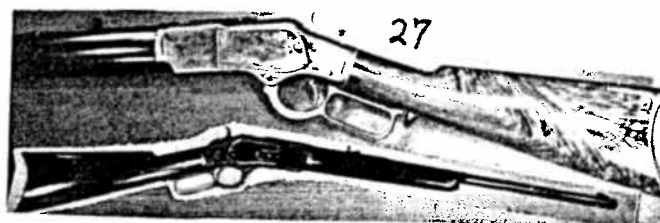
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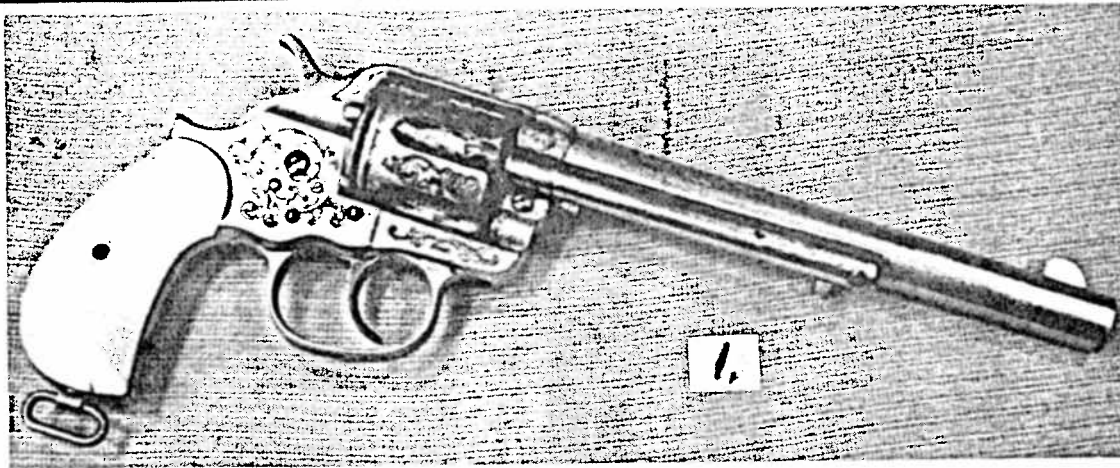
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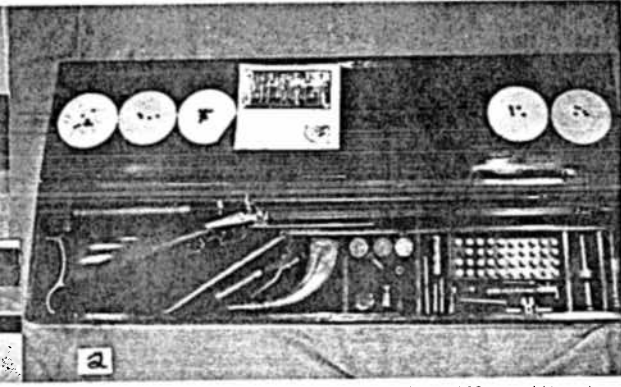
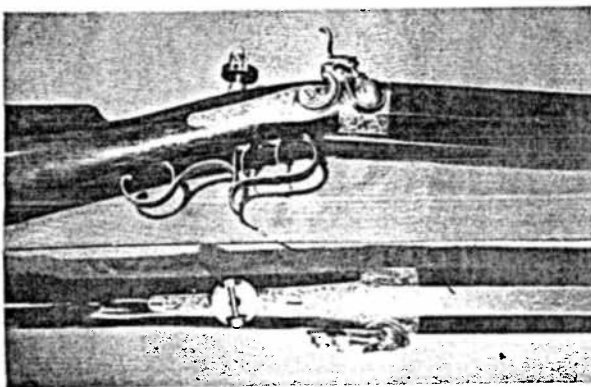
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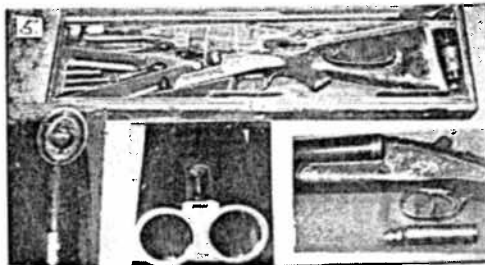


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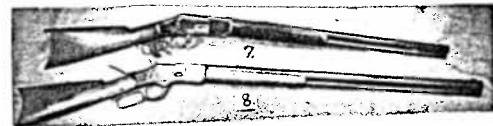


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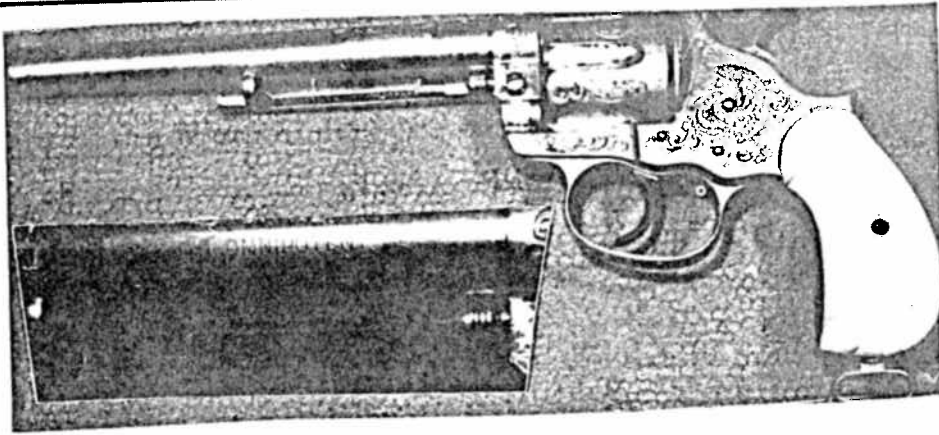


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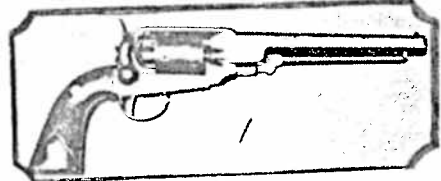
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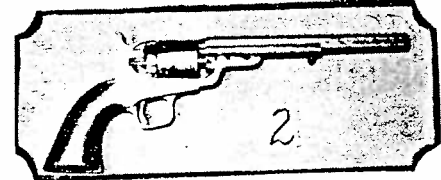
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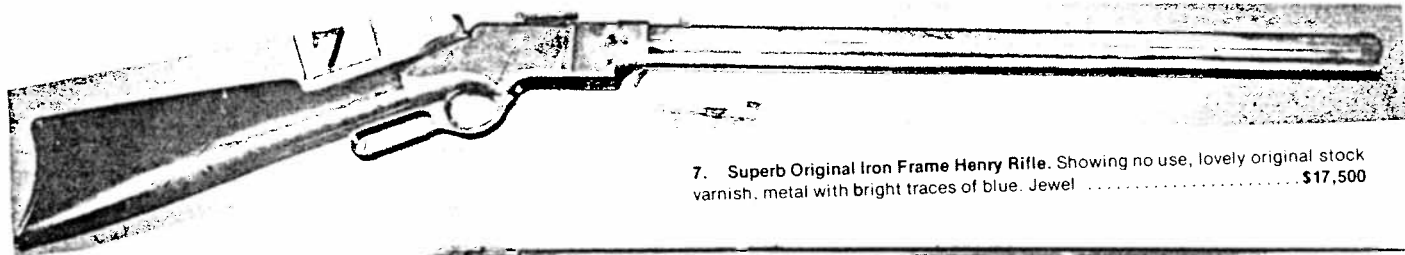
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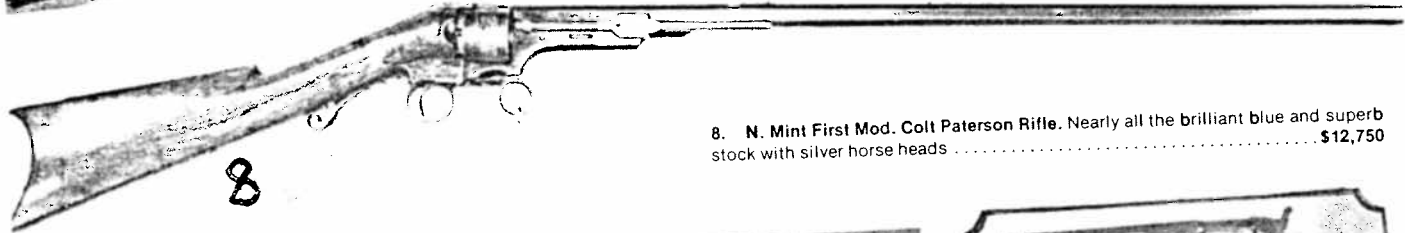
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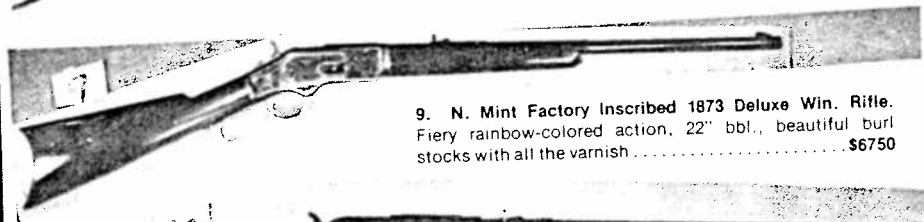
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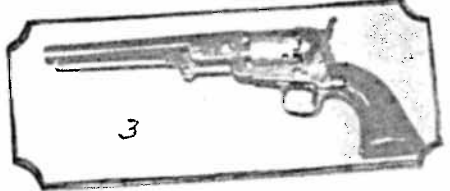
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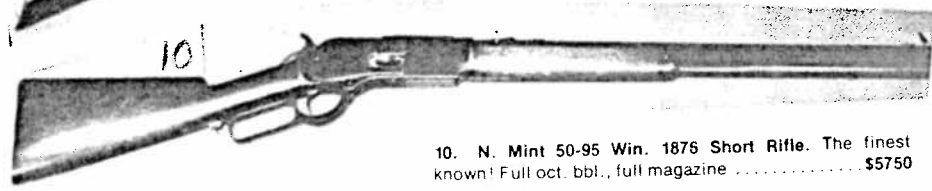
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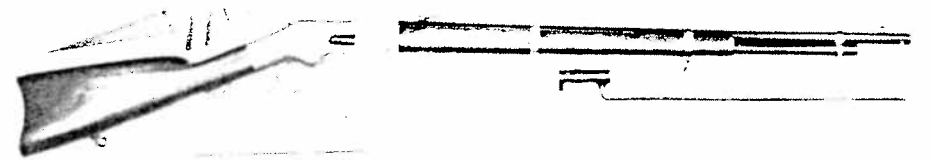
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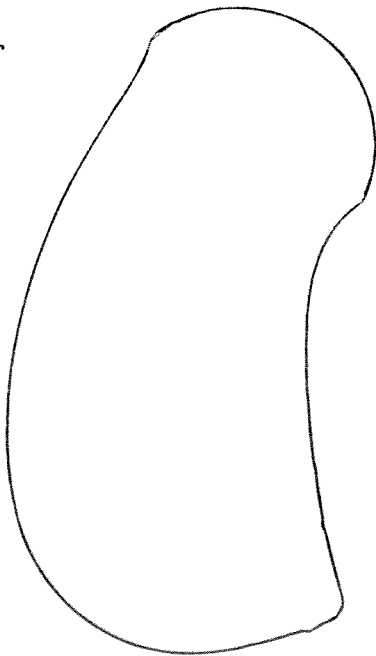
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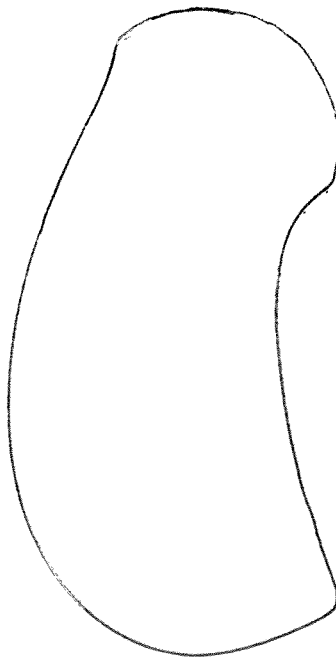
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Colt Model 1878, D.A. Revolvers -Marked "OMNIPOTENT".  
Serials NO.-4795 and 4924.

Serial no.- 4924 with a cut off barrel was purchased from District Judge Robert Holter at the Kalispell Gun Show, March 27, 1982. Holter was from Libby, Montana.

Serial no.-4795 was purchased from Donald Nichols of P.O. Box 17899, Tucson, Arizona, 85731 on Jan. 1, 1991.

Both guns were in the same shipment from Colt of 25 Guns August 22, 1981 to B. Kitteridge & Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio Both are the early or large grip frames. "Omnipotent" was a trade name placed on such Colts at the factory prior to shipment. All Omnipotents went only to the Kitteridge firm. See data enclosed herein and the 25 Serial numbers of that shipment.

Also note the enclosed manuscript submitted to the Gun Report on the "OMNIPOTENT" guns.

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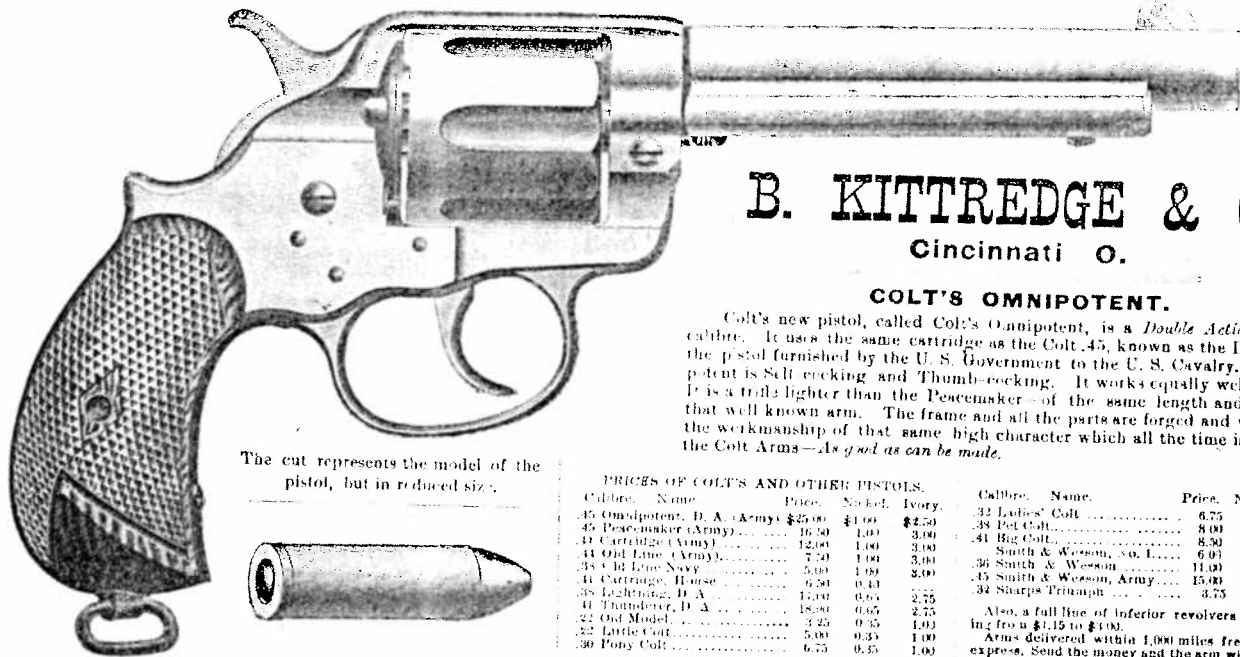


This is the first known advertisement of the "OMNIPOTENT" Revolver, as advertised by B. Kittredge of Cincinnati, Ohio. From the "Army and Navy Journal" of August 31, 1878. As it appears on page of the book entitled, "The Peacemaker and its Rivals" by John Parsons.

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