



Parker Brothers
Makers
MERIDEN, CONN.

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Parker shotgun, serial number 176701, was ordered on March 27, 1917 and shipped on September 18, 1917 to Edward A. Grout & Company of Boston, Massachusetts. According to Parker Bros. Order Book No. 96 it was a Trojan grade hammerless, 12-gauge. It featured Trojan Steel barrels with a length of 28 inches. Its stock configuration was a pistol grip. The ledger records its choke as: "R Modified". Its price was \$26.50.

Parker Bros., Remington Arms and others repaired and reconfigured guns as a major part of the gun trade. Over the years this Parker may have undergone many changes to suit its owners. In the past twenty-five years concerns for restoration and preservation of the old Parkers have revitalized interest in the "Old Reliable", and today it leads the list of collectible American shotguns. The quality was built in; if it says Parker it is still the "Old Reliable".

Sincerely yours,

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