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Parker shotgun, serial number 143368, was ordered on October 4, 1907 and shipped on October 14, 1907 to the Tufts Lyon Arms Company of Los Angeles, California. According to Parker Bros. Order Book No. 73 it was a VHE hammerless, 16-gauge. It featured Vulcan Steel barrels with a length of 28 inches. Its stock configuration was a capped pistol grip. According to Parker Bros. Stock Book No. 51 its specifications were: Length of Pull: 14", Drop at Heel: 2¾" and Weight: 6 pounds 8 ounces. The Stock Book records its pattern as: 110 & 148 [pellets] of shot. Its price was \$50.00 with an additional \$25.00 for ejectors. Parker notables, Bannister, Anschutz, Storm and Phenix, worked on this gun.

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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QUALITY GUN REPAIR

May 17, 2005

SUBJECT: PARKER DHE GRADE 12 GAUGE DB SHOTGUN WITH DAMASCUS BARRELS #123195
PARKER VHE GRADE 12 GAUGE DB SHOTGUN #143368

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Your letter dated April 28th and above guns received. First, I am not able to accetp the DHE grade shotgun for repair. We do not do any work on guns with Damascus barrels as we consider them to be unsafe to shoot.

The automatic safety pin in the VHE grade was not original and I fitted a new Parker safety pin. I also retimed the ejectors and fitted two new strong pins as the ones in the gun were very weak.

This job is now completed and both guns are being returned today, Parcel Post, Registered Mail.

I took the VHE grade to our local skeetclub, gave it a severe testing and find everything operates satisfactorily.

May I quote the following:

Fit Parker safety pin, adjust safety and triggers properly	\$ 92.00
Fit ejector retaining spring, strong, adjust sears properly	48.00
Packing, handling, return postage (two shipments)	<u>110.00</u>
	\$250.00
NYS & Nassau county sales tax	<u>\$ 21.88</u>
Total amount due	\$271.88

Thank you for this business. If I can be of any service to you at anyime in the future, please feel free to get in touch.

Yours truly,

Larry DelGrego

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