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RELIC RIFLES RECOVERED FROM U. S. S. MAINE

SUNK IN HAVANA HARBOR, JULY 15, 1898

RIFLE RECOVERED FROM THE WRECK OF THE U. S. S. MAINE in Havana harbor, Cuba, by U. S. Navy Department, and sold to Francis Bannerman, as shown by copies of the correspondence, together with the bill from the U. S. Navy Department. Price of rifle, $40.00.

Five U. S. Springfield Breech-loading 45-calibre Rifles received from the wreck of U. S. S. Maine. Price, $35.00 each.

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New York, Jan 24 1900

Rear Admiral John W Philip U.S.N.
Comdg New York Navy Yard

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Would it be asking too much to have the names of the ships sent me from which the Cartridge shell (as per enclosed bill) came from. i.e. records which names in cartridge shell omce that sold the lot to give our customers the correct honest records of these old relics and thank you very kindly for asking us

Yours respectfully Francis Bannerman

No. 1.

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1st Endorsement

NAVY YARD, NEW YORK.

JAN 26 1900

Respectfully referred to the Inspector of Ordnance for the information necessary to enable Commandant to reply to writer.

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REAR ADMIRAL, U. S. N.
Commandant Navy Yard & Station.

No. 2.

Navy Yard, New York, JAN 2 1900 189

Mr. Francis Bannerman

To U. S. NAVY DEPARTMENT, Dr.

Lot No	Quantity More or Less	Sale of Condemned Stores by Sealed Proposals	@ Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.
		DEC 27 1899				
60	54	Rifles, 6 m-m				
	6	Springfield Rifles, Cal. 45 (From the Maine)				

6 Mus rifles, Lee straight pull. Numbers of -
9978 - 7178 - 8582 - 6525 - 5994 - 7380 - 7762 - 6868
6479 4694 8464 7281 7850 73 6174 8138
8486 6943 7131 8267 3667 8527 8873 8808
5808 9582 6938 9332 8333 6917 (7151) 7680
6483 5399 5760 2357 9076 9820 6472 6547
7027 6455 6799 8409 8700 6107 9622 4957
6627 7367 8586 7825 9722 8328

Springfield Rifles cal. 45 Numbers of.
4728541 - 472941 - 322899 - 311218 - 322634 -
472927

M. Joyce Gunner U.S.N.

No. 3.

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2nd ENDORSEMENT

RECEIVED JAN 27 1900 NAVY YARD, NEW YORK

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Respectfully returnd. Contents noted.

Information asked for written in on face of bills as requested.

Commander, U. S. N.
Inspector of Ordnance.

No. 4.

That our customers may see the care we take to prove the history of our war relics and curios, we here print copies of letter sent to the late Admiral John W. Philip, U. S. N., while in command of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, regarding our purchase of the rifles recovered from the wrecked U. S. S. Maine.—No. 1 is our letter to the Admiral.—No. 2 is the bill received from the U. S. Navy Department, showing the U. S. S. Maine rifles sold to us.—No. 3 is Admiral Philip's endorsement to the Inspector of Ordnance, with date and number.—No. 4 is Commander Wm. Swift, Inspector of Ordnance, noting the fact that the information desired is complied with. Bill No. 5 also shows the factory numbers of the guns written on the bill by M. Joyce, Gunner U. S. N. No better proof than copy of these letters could be desired, proving as they do the genuineness of the rifles we offer for sale. See page No. 8 for additional particulars; also see page No. 30 for particulars regarding the cannon shells also vouched for by U. S. Naval officers, as per the request made in our letter. Copy of our bill similar to No. 2 will be given to each purchaser of Brass Cases offered on page 36, from which cannon shot was fired from U. S. Navy warships. See New Goods pages for particulars, showing how these fine historical relics can be made up into handsome, serviceable dinner gongs.

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(From U S S Maine)

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9978	7178	8582	6525	5994	7380	7760	6868
6479	4694	8464	7281	7850	73	6174	8138
8486	6943	7131	8267	3867	8527	8873	8808
5808	9582	6938	9332	8333	6917	7151	7680
6483	5399	5960	2357	9076	9820	6472	6547
7027	6455	6799	8409	8700	6107	9622	4957
6627	7367	8586	7825	9722	5328	—	—

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