

ARMORY AND OFFICE,

Hartford, Conn.

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M To Whom It May Concern

Bought of

THE **SHARPS RIFLE COMPANY.**

Sharps rifle Serial # 160841 has been located in the original records of the Sharps Rifle Company. It is listed in Order Book No. 6 as a Model 1874 Sporting Rifle and was invoiced at the Bridgeport factory on December 8, 1877 to Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, gun dealers and wholesalers of New York City.

The rifle is further described in the record as being .45 caliber, using the 2 & 7/8 inch shell, with a 30 inch full octagon barrel, double triggers, open sights, and oil-finished stocks. The weight was listed as 13 pounds 2 ounces. The price was \$43 less 20 + 10 %, reflecting a \$1 extra charge for added weight.

The rifle is seen equipped with Freund Patent Sights, front and rear barrel, which were no doubt substituted for the original Sharps open sights by an early owner.

This rifle has been in my personal collection since 2001 when it was purchased from the estate of Dr. Robert L. Moore, Jr. It is in extremely fine condition with respect to barrel blue and receiver case colors. The wood shows minor handling marks.

*FREUND SIGHT CIRCULAR
TO BE INCLUDED*



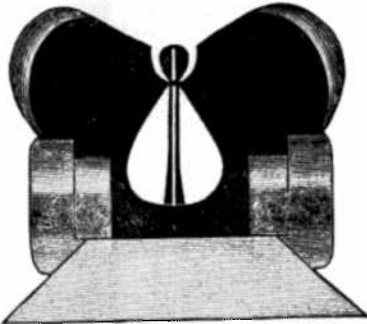
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The *optical focus* of the rear sight is a *wonderful change* from the old style, and it is impossible for any one to illustrate or to understand its full value unless seen on a rifle, and tried under unfavorable circumstances.

The eye has a clear track. In the old sight the centre of the eye's rays occurred in the notch. The lower half of the rays were interrupted at the rear sight below the notch, because the rays could not penetrate the solid matter there; of course the result was, that the eye did not receive a clear image, but the notch was always blurred. With this new sight, however, the rays form a perfect focus in the eye, because of the open spaces