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January 22, 1973

Mr. Kenneth L. Cope
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Dear Ken:

A while back a friend or acquaintance of yours had written me about an Engraved 41 caliber New Line which had chipped or missing grips. Approximately two months ago he called saying that he wanted to sell that gun plus four other New Lines and would send me a description and possibly a picture of them. I have not heard from him and do not have his name or address and am curious if they are still for sale. Even though the Engraved New Line was supposedly not mint and possibly refinished, I would still be interested. If you recall the man's name send me his name or pass the word on to him to drop me a line.

I am still looking for Engraved and Cased New Lines and also Colts, Marlins and Smith and Wessons with the cast metal grips on them. I also might pick up one or two more Norwich revolvers with the cast metal grips but apparently they are more plentiful than I suspected.

Good collecting in 1973 and also hope you have many articles published in 1973.

Yours truly,

Robert G. Cox, M. D., P. A.

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June 19, 1972

Mr. Kenneth L. Cope
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Dear Ken,

Your friend from Milwaukee just called me regarding replacement pearl grips for a .41 caliber New Line. He stated that you had just sold him an engraved .41 caliber Rimfire with a chip off one of the pearl grips. I did not have any replacement grips for him and suggested that he would have to buy another gun just for the grips. He was very pleased with the .41 New Line and it sounded like he got a bargain. If the finish (blue) was original and the engraving was original factory engraving, I would pay \$140-\$145 for this gun even with the cracked grip, so you might pass this price on to him and if he wants to make a profit on the gun, I would be happy to add it to my New Line collection. I am also enclosing copies of New Line pricings I would be willing to pay. I worked up this list for a dealer who inquired recently. If you get a chance, show the list to Carl Moldenhauer. I would appreciate both of your comments regarding my price list. Also hope that you might run across another engraved .41 caliber. I am particularly looking for the .32, .38, and .41 caliber New Lines engraved and all the New Lines cased.

The Norwich revolver arrived and I am very pleased with it. I was surprised that it was not one of their "engraved" guns. The other Norwich revolvers that I have seen and the two that I have are engraved (but poor quality engraving). I would like very much to get a Zerox copy of the advertisement or other leaflet which you saw describing the Norwich Falls Pistol Company. I believed you stated that this was in an 1884 Malby Curtis price list. If at all possible, please send me a copy. I have felt all along from examining the Norwich grips and comparing them with the DeGress grips that they are a patent infringement. They are cast out of similar linotype material, but have a very thin silvered plating. The authentic DeGress grips have a much higher quality engraved pattern and always have the patent date on the outside surface and may have a silvered, nicked, or gilded plating finish.

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I am looking forward to a copy of that Malby Curtice price list and also hope your friend will take a profit on the pistol you sold him .

Yours truly,

Robert G. Cox

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KENNETH L. COPE / Author-Collector

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May 25, 1972

Robert G. Cox
804 S. Sycamore
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Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter and for the data on your Colt Open Tops. You added a good deal to my listing, especially on the engraved guns. This being the age of computers, I have been feeding all the data into a computer so I have a readout of each variable: engraved, high or low hammer, ejector, bbl length, etc. I think it will prove most interesting as an article some day.

I'm afraid I can't help you much on the two Open tops with DeBress grips. I don't have time and the data I took didn't include the pattern of the grips. Number 1669 does have an ejector.

I ran into some information on the Norwich Arms revolver with cast grips that might interest you. The gun was made by the Norwich Falls Pistol Company and is listed in 6 different versions in an 1884 Maltby, Curtiss & Co. price list. Three of these versions have "silvered grips" no doubt the cast grips. This dates the gun well after the DeGress patent but still during the time the patent was in force. It appears it might be an infringement. I can't see a Suicide Special maker paying royalties to anyone on an item such as grips.

I don't remember if I included a flyer for our big fall show in Milwaukee in my last letter. In any case, I'm enclosing one now. Make of it you can. If you do let me know so we can get together for a while. I hate to write letters, but I love to talk.

Hope the Norwich have arrived by now and that it is what you expected.

Best Personal Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Cope". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font. The first letter "K" is large and prominent, followed by "Cope". There are some loops and flourishes in the writing.

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PALESTINE, TEXAS 75421

13. 2 3/8" dbl. walnut grips. brass frame
spur trigger. factory engraved
sloping hammer ser.#77431
14. 2 3/8" dbl. pearl grips. nickel frame
factory engraved. sloping hammer ser.#76511
15. 2 3/8" dbl. ivory grips. nickel frame
factory engraved. sloping hammer ser.#76514
16. 2 3/8" dbl. pearl grips. Gold Wash
frame. factory engraved. sloping
hammer ser.#87176
17. 2 3/8" dbl. Cash Medal Tiffany brass
grips. brass frame sloping hammer ser.#87253

Handwritten signature

DRS. HUNTER, COX, WALKUP & JORDAN
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COLT OPEN TOP 22 REVOLVERS

1. 2 7/8" bbl. with integral ejector
 walnut grips. orig. brass frame with
 blue bbl. and cyl. high hammer ser. #863
2. 2 3/8" bbl. with integral ejector
 walnut grips. orig. nickel frame with
 blue bbl. and cyl. high hammer ser. #2724P
3. 2 3/8" bbl. walnut grips. orig. silver
 frame with blue bbl. and cyl. high
 hammer ser. #4785
4. 2 3/8" bbl. pearl grips. orig. nickel
 frame with Factory engraving ser. #16359
5. 2 3/8" bbl. ivory grips. orig. nickel
 frame with Factory engraving. high
 hammer ser. #21879
6. 2 3/8" bbl. walnut grips. orig. bronze
 frame. sloping hammer ser. #42469
7. 2 3/8" bbl. ivory grips. orig. nickel
 frame. Factory Engraved. sloping hammer
 ser. #44165
8. 2 3/8" bbl. walnut grips. orig. nickel
 frame. sloping hammer ser. #46443
9. 2 3/8" bbl. pearl grips. orig. nickel
 frame and bbl. factory engraved
 sloping hammer ser. #53327
10. 2 3/8" bbl. walnut grips. nickel frame.
 sloping hammer ser. #62496
11. 2 3/8" bbl. walnut grips. nickel frame
 with factory engraving. sloping
 hammer. ser. #67680
14. 2 3/8" bbl. walnut grips. brass frame
 sloping hammer ser. #73713

*Approved
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 Wilson Southland
 Cat Book 6.*

DRS. HUNTER, COX, WALKUP & JORDAN

304 S. SYCAMORE

PALESTINE, TEXAS 75601

May 21, 1972

Kenneth L. Cope
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Dear Ken,

I received your letter today and I am looking forward to the Norwich arms revolver arriving. I will be watching the AMERICAN RIFLEMAN for the Remington New Line Revolver article.

From your letter, I was not sure whether you had seen the Colt Open Top Revolvers with DeGress grips or whether you owned them (serial no. 61911 and no. 1669). Is the no. 1669 a open top with the integral ejector? Are the embossed patterns the same on both these two Open Tops? Do they have a Lion's head?, a Colt's head?, or a Dog's head on the right grips? Is there a scroll pattern on the left grips? Do both of them have the 1828-1874 patent date near the upper edge? Would you sell either or both of them? Are they engraved guns?

Thanks for the information regarding Mr. Carl Moldenhauer. I have written him a letter and would be very interested in the Colt New Line, .41 caliber.

I am sending you on a separate sheet a list of serial numbers and other pertinent facts of the Open Top 22 Revolvers I have. I have seen several Open Tops with DeGress grips but do not own one yet. Both of the Colts I have are 30 caliber that have the DeGress grips. If there is any other information I can give you on the guns I have let me know, and I will be happy to do so.

Yours truly,



Robert G. Cox



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COLT COLLECTOR
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Engraved Four Trigger Cartridge
COLTS wanted

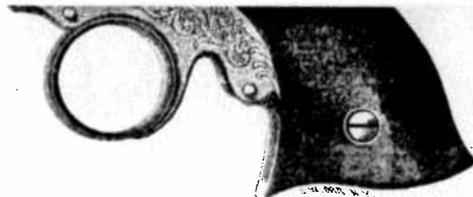
*Most of the info. I have on Open Top
revolvers in Southern and Western areas has been
on the New Line, these pistols, these pistols, etc. Cope*

*I have seen several Open Top
revolvers in the past but do not own one yet. Both of the
Colts I have are 30 caliber that have the DeGress grips.*

KENNETH L. COPE / Author-Collector

3629 South 54th Street / Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53220

May 18, 1972



Dear Dr. Cox,

Thank you for your letter of May 15 and the enclosed check for \$52.50. As I mentioned, I really have no idea what the Norwich is worth but your offer seems quite fair so the gun is yours. I'll send it along as soon as I can get to the Post Office, probably this Saturday.

I am mainly interested in cartridge derringers of all types rather than just Remington, but I have never seen Degress type grips on any of them. Since very expensive dies would have to be made for each grip for each gun they were made for, I doubt that many were made besides those you already have.

I just sold the American Rifleman an article on Remington New Line Revolvers and during research for that article, I found nothing like the Degress grips on any of them.

By the way, I have been working on an article on the Colt open top and if you could send me serial numbers and descriptions of those in your collection, I could greatly appreciate it. You might be interested in knowing that I show Colt open top revolvers, serial numbers 61911 and 1669 have Degress grips. Undoubtedly, you know of others.

You might want to contact Karl Moldenhauer, Cederburg, Wisconsin. He has a mint, cased, Colt New Line. 41 caliber, I think. I believe it is for sale but am not sure.

Thanks again and please let me hear from you on the Colt open top's.

Best Regards