



**ARMORY AND OFFICE,**  
*Hartford, Conn.*

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*M* To Whom It May Concern

*Bought of*

**THE SHARPS RIFLE COMPANY.**

Dear Sir:

Sharps rifle serial #156146 has been located in the original records of the Sharps Rifle Company. It is listed in Order Book No. 2 as an Octagon Rifle, later termed the Model 1874 Sporting Rifle, and was invoiced at the Bridgeport factory on April 22, 1876 to E. E. Eaton, gun and sporting goods dealer of Chicago, Illinois.

The rifle is further described in the record as being .44 caliber, case length not specified, with a 30 inch full octagon barrel, double triggers, open sights and oil-finished stocks. The weight was not listed, but the price of \$42 less 20 + 10% suggests that it was a rifle of standard weight, i.e., up to 12 pounds.

The order to the Eaton firm on this date consisted of five Octagon Rifles, three configured as above, and two varying only with single trigger. Along with the rifles Eaton received six sets of reloading implements in .44 caliber and six in .50 caliber. The net total of the order, including the shipping crate, came to \$199.53.

Trusting this information to be of value, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*Richard J. Labowskie*

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