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Parker shotgun, serial number 4412 was completed on September 23, 1874. According to Parker Bros. Stock Book No. 2 it was a Quality 0 hammer, 12-gauge. It featured Twist Steel barrels with a length of 30 inches. The chokes were patterned RH (135 # 8 pellets in a 30" circle at 45 yards) and LH (135 # 8 pellets in a 30" circle at 45 yards). Its stock configuration is not listed. According to Parker Bros. Stock Book No. 2, its specifications were: Length of Pull: 14 1/2", Drop at Heel: 2 5/8", Weight: 8 pounds and 4 ounces. The price listed in the May 1, 1874 price list for a Quality 0 grade was \$55.00 for pistol grip and \$50.00 for straight grip.

Parker Bros., Remington Arms Company Inc. and others repaired and reconfigured guns as a major part of the gun trade. Over the years, this Parker may have undergone changes to suit its owners, either at the factory or other competent facility. Complete factory return and repair records **do not exist** therefore our research team cannot comment, report, or have any responsibility for work performed. It is important to note that those Parker records remaining are hand written and show considerable fading from their age. The research committee has done its best to interpret and report our findings in answer to this request and assumes no responsibility for the recorded accuracy or other work completed.

Sincerely,

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