

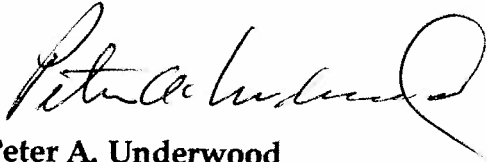
Jim's FIREARMS

September 27, 2012

Your recently acquired Colt Cavalry SAA serial number 131728, puts it in shipment of approximately 300 units inspected by Rinaldo A. Carr, as the grip stamp (RAC) indicates.

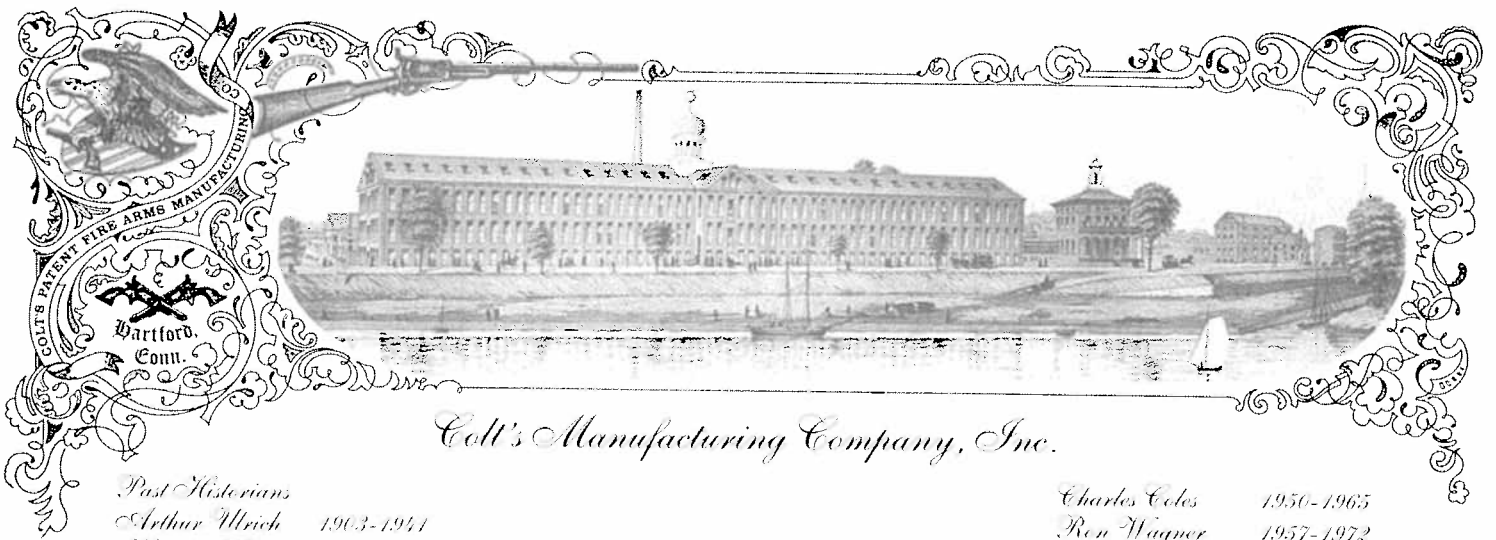
Because of the subsided western hostilities, this SAA has seen only light action, resulting in its 95% condition, not common in a blued firearm of its age. This excellent condition places its value in the range of \$45000.00.

The value of Colt SAA pistols in this condition continues to rise, with no indication of decline in the future.



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Ren Wagner 1957-1972
Martin Huber 1972-1993

Colt, by the means of this letter, is proud to authenticate the manufacture of the Colt firearm with the following serial number:

COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER

<i>Serial Number:</i>	<i>131728</i>
<i>Caliber:</i>	<i>.45/c</i>
<i>Barrel Length:</i>	<i>Not Listed</i>
<i>Finish:</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>Type of Stocks:</i>	<i>Not Listed</i>
<i>Sold To:</i>	<i>United States Government</i>
<i>Delivered To:</i>	<i>U.S. Government Inspector</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>located at the Colt plant</i>
<i>Date of Shipment:</i>	<i>April 30, 1890</i>
<i>Number of Same Type</i>	
<i>Guns in Shipment:</i>	<i>300</i>

Remarks: As noted above, the records do not provide information with regard to the barrel length of subject revolver or the type of stocks. However, this is usually an indication of a 7 1/2" barrel length and walnut stocks as these were considered standard issue for that time period.

We trust you will find the historical information, retrieved from the original Colt shipping records, to be of interest.

Sincerely,

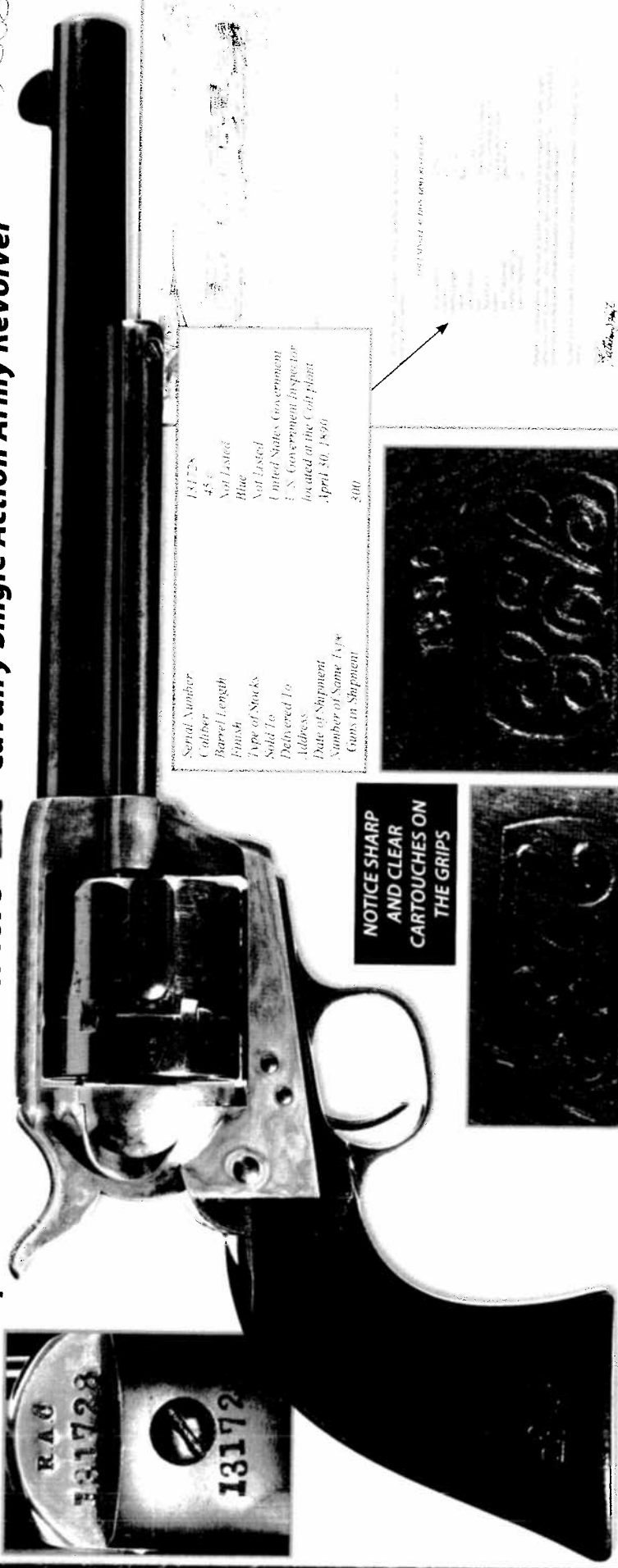
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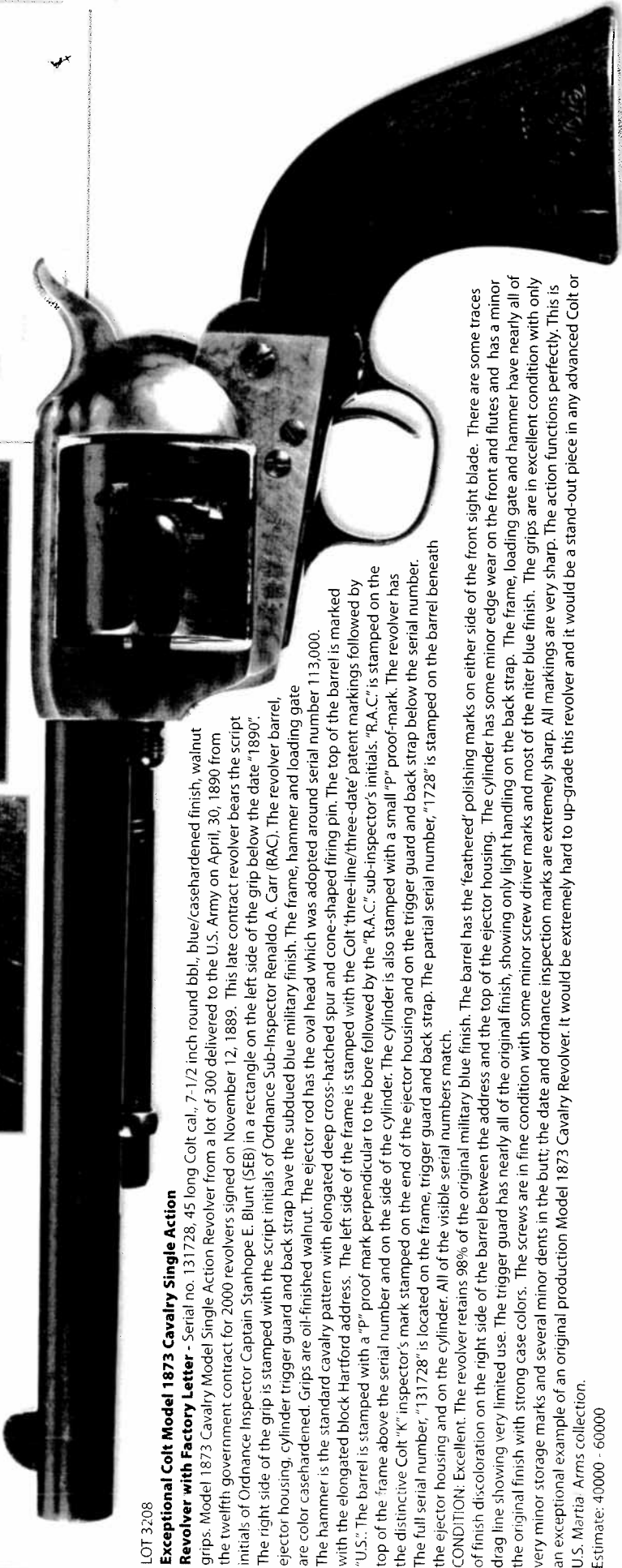
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Spectacular Colt Model 1873 "BEC" Cavalry Single Action Revolver



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NOTICE SHARP AND CLEAR CARTOUCHES ON THE GRIPS



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Exceptional Colt Model 1873 Cavalry Single Action

Revolver with Factory Letter - Serial no. 131728, 45 long Colt cal., 7-1/2 inch round bbl., blue/casehardened finish, walnut grips. Model 1873 Cavalry Single Action Revolver from a lot of 300 delivered to the U.S. Army on April, 30, 1890 from the twelfth government contract for 2000 revolvers signed on November 12, 1889. This late contract revolver bears the initials of Ordnance Inspector Captain Stanhope E. Blunt (SEB) in a rectangle on the left side of the grip below the date "1890". The right side of the grip is stamped with the script initials of Ordnance Sub-Inspector Renaldo A. Carr (RAC). The revolver barrel, ejector housing, cylinder trigger guard and back strap have the subdued blue military finish. The frame, hammer and loading gate are color casehardened. Grips are oil-finished walnut. The ejector rod has the oval head which was adopted around serial number 113,000. The hammer is the standard cavalry pattern with elongated deep cross-hatched spur and cone-shaped firing pin. The top of the barrel is marked with the elongated block Hartford address. The left side of the frame is stamped with the Colt 'three-line/three-date' patent markings followed by "U.S.". The barrel is stamped with a "p" proof mark perpendicular to the bore followed by the "R.A.C." sub-inspector's initials. "R.A.C." is stamped on the top of the frame above the serial number and on the side of the cylinder. The cylinder is also stamped with a small "p" proof-mark. The revolver has the distinctive Colt "K" inspector's mark stamped on the end of the ejector housing and on the trigger guard and back strap below the serial number. The full serial number, "131728" is located on the frame, trigger guard and back strap. The partial serial number, "1728" is stamped on the barrel beneath the ejector housing and on the cylinder. All of the visible serial numbers match.

CONDITION: Excellent. The revolver retains 98% of the original military blue finish. The barrel has the 'feathered' polishing marks on either side of the front sight blade. There are some traces of finish discoloration on the right side of the barrel between the address and the top of the ejector housing. The cylinder has some minor edge wear on the front and flutes and has a minor drag line showing very limited use. The trigger guard has nearly all of the original finish, showing only light handling on the back strap. The frame, loading gate and hammer have nearly all of the original finish with strong case colors. The screws are in fine condition with some minor screw driver marks and most of the niter blue finish. The grips are in excellent condition with only very minor storage marks and several minor dents in the butt; the date and ordnance inspection marks are extremely sharp. All markings are very sharp. The action functions perfectly. This is an exceptional example of an original production Model 1873 Cavalry Revolver. It would be extremely hard to up-grade this revolver and it would be a stand-out piece in any advanced Colt or U.S. Militia Arms collection.

Estimate: 40000 - 60000