



1878 Colt Shotgun. Private
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History of Old West Shotgun

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12 or 20 Gauge Muzzle Loading Shotgun with Ornate Carving. Often Called "Fowling Piece". Muskets could be Used as Shotguns if Loaded with Shot.

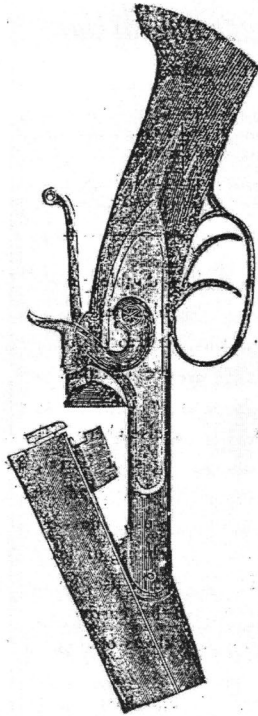


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Colt Revolving Shotgun. Dangerous to Place Hand in Front of Cylinder. Could also Blow Shot into Face.

BREECH LOADING SHOT-GUNS.

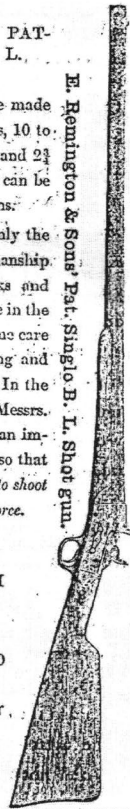
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E. Remington & Sons' Patent Double Breech Loading Shot Gun.

No. 852.—Plain walnut stock, decar-
bonized steel barrels.....\$45.00No. 853.—Checked stock, twist bar-
rels.....60.00No. 854.—Extra finished stock, twist
barrels, engraved lock plate.....75.00REMINGTON & SONS' PAT-
ENT DOUBLE B. L.
SHOT GUN.Nos. 852, 853, 854 are made
only 28 to 30 inch barrels, 10 to
12 bore, 8 pounds weight and 2½
inches drop to stock, and can be
had of no other dimensions.In all of these guns only the
best materials and workmanship
are employed. The locks and
breech system are the same in the
several grades, and the same care
is bestowed upon the boring and
finishing of the barrels. In the
construction of barrels, Messrs.
Remington have adopted an im-
proved system of boring, so that
they can warrant all guns to shoot
thick, even, and with great force.

E. Remington & Sons' Pat. Single B. L. Shot Gun.

E. REMINGTON & SONS' PATENT SINGLE BREECH
LOADING SHOT GUN.No. 885.—Plain walnut stock, decarbonized steel barrel,
16 bore, 30 inch barrel, 6½ pounds weight.....\$23.00(All Remington guns are adapted for either paper or
brass shells.)

Single Shot Shotguns
Very Common.

The 1875 P. Powell & Son catalog advertises Remington's double barrel shotgun in 10 or 12 gauge for \$45.00 to \$75.00 depending on grade while the single barreled gun could be had for \$23.00. Courtesy of Cornell Publications.



Colt Model 1878 Shotgun. Standard Barrel Lengths were 28-30 inches in 10 or 12 gauge. 20" Barrels were not Common. Regarded as the Best American Shotgun Made.

Colt Model 1883 “Hammerless” Shotgun. Hammers were Internal. Some distrusted What They Could Not See and were Suspect of Safety Mechanism.



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Benton, Montana. Will Abbot Photo

Double Barrel 12 Gauge with Extensive Repairs. Many Shotguns
Received Rough Treatment.

Winchester Model 1887 Lever
Action Shotgun. Winchester was
Fond of Lever Actions like Colt was
Fond of Revolving Cylinders.
Loaded through the Action into
Tubular Magazine Under Barrel.
10 or 12 Gauge Standard.

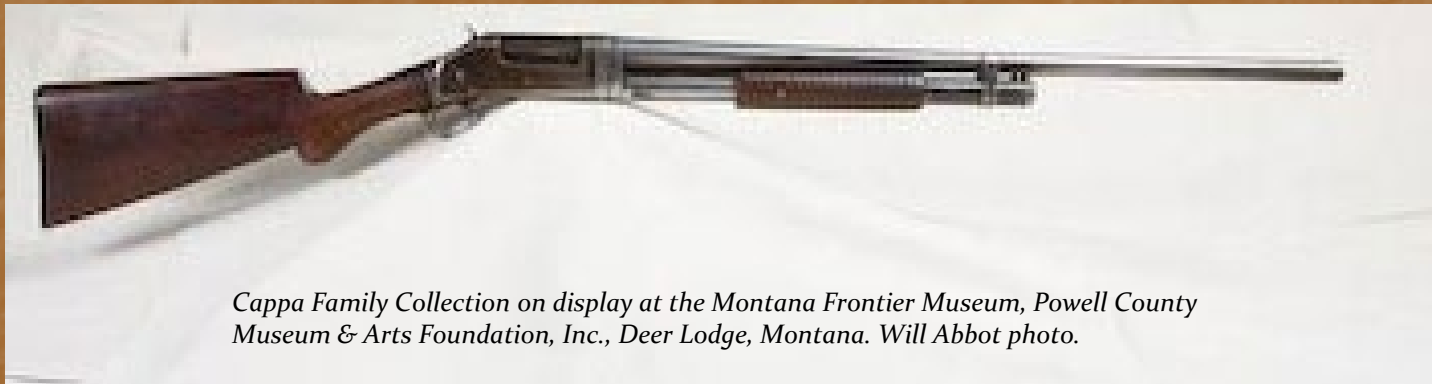


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Winchester Model 1897 Pump Action Shotgun.

John Browning Design. Tried to Talk Winchester out of the Model 1887 and Introduce a Pump Instead. Won the Argument with the Model 1893 and Smokeless Version in 1897.



Cappa Family Collection on display at the Montana Frontier Museum, Powell County Museum & Arts Foundation, Inc., Deer Lodge, Montana. Will Abbot photo.