OCTOBER 2025 SALES LIST

As the country's leading specialist in supplying quality items to discerning collectors, investors, and shooters of antique and vintage arms we take pleasure in presenting our latest sales listing. On these pages you will find one of the best selections available. We are confident that this list offers the best value in the country, where you will find quality items, cheaper than encountered at arms fairs and with other dealers. We are full time professionals, not Arms Fair part timers who like to make a big profit at your cost. To survive we have to deal with people fairly and more than just once.

Many items come and go without even appearing on our website, some even vanish into our own collections without mention. So, if there are any particular items you are looking for please give us a call, maybe we can help.

Our regularly updated website now lists most of our stock, that you can view 24/7. You can look with pleasure; decide at leisure, no pressure, no crowd. We hope you enjoy this catalogue. If you have any queries or require further information on any item, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you and being of service now and in the future.

We would like to draw your attention to a new book we have recently published entitled A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930. A book that is becoming the standard basic reference work on the subject. The book is selling fast and not just to U.K. collectors but also internationally and becoming recognised as one of the standard basic reference works on the subject. Details on page 43-44 and now available at £50 + £5 P & P.

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LONGARMS

AN INTERESTING .75" INDIA PATTERN TYPE BROWN BESS NATIVE STATE ISSUE FLINTLOCK MUSKET, made to the regulation pattern with 39" barrel having the usual baluster turned breech, rounded lock the centre embellished with the impressive image of a palace or pagoda supported by two lions and fitted with a swan-neck cock. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock with New Land style wrist and low comb, the left butt with issue marking B/6 This interesting musket has been made to an exceptionally high standard, the emblem on the lock I believe shows the royal palace of Nepal, supported by two lions, lions being the kings emblem. It was possibly made in the state armoury in the 1830/40's, there being a British embargo on the supply of arms to Nepal. It is an interesting musket in exceptionally good condition with excellent stock quite sharp overall, barrel to a grey / brown patina and at a fraction of the price of a British issue Brown Bess. A good piece at a good price



A GOOD .75" PAGET STYLE OFFICERS, YEOMANRY OR VOLUNTEER FLINTLOCK CARBINE BY BARNETT CIRCA 1830'S, with 20" Birmingham proofed barrel, the top inscribed with makers name "BARNETT", swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, plain flat style carbine lock with swan-neck cock, full walnut stock with regulation Paget style mounts, chequered wrist and forend. Probably made for private sale to an officer, volunteer or yeomanry unit. In exceptionally good condition, with excellent stock, sharp and untouched, the barrel to a plum brown finish. An above average specimen.



A GOOD GURKHA ISSUED .75" EAST INDIA COMPANY E TYPE (1842) PERCUSSION MUSKET OF THE INDIAN MUTINY, 39" barrel stamped at the breech with London proofs and the E.I.C. inspection and date stamp of a stylised E over 7, dating the musket to 1842 and the inspector as John Millward Jr, assistant inspector of barrels, brass mounted full walnut, including Brunswick pattern scroll trigger guard, three rammer pipes, including a tail-pipe, Hanoverian bayonet catch protruding through the nosecap, borderline engraved lock stamped with the rampant lion cypher to the centre, bun-nut retained hammer. The musket is complete with its correct E.I.C. pattern ramrod. This is an early E Type musket with some features of the D type such as the tail pipe that was soon discontinued. Percussion muskets were first adopted by the E.I.C. in 1840, six different patterns of musket were produced, known as A. B. C. D. E. & F. Approximately 60,700 E type muskets were manufactured between 1842 and 1845 and this example was one of the first, and today the survival rate is small. Such arms were not just issued to E.I.C. forces but also when required to imperial regiments serving in India. Muskets such as this saw service and action in many of the Indian campaigns from 1842, including the 2nd Sikh War and of course the great Indian Mutiny where it was used by both sides. During the Mutiny Nepal sent a number of regiments from its army to support the British, they were led by the Nepal Prime Minister, on arrival these regiments were rearmed with E.I.C. arms and allowed to keep them on their return to Nepal. It is also known that large numbers of mutineers fled over the border to evade capture and seek sanctuary, they were disarmed, and their arms kept by the Nepal authorities. This must was one that was either carried by a Gurkha during the mutiny or used by a mutineer who crossed India before ending up in Nepal. Who knows what stories it could tell. Many of the arms were returned to this country from the Nepal Royal Armoury, the contents of which have been sold off over the years A true piece of history and in very good condition, good stock with some wear commensurate with age and use, barrel and lock to a fading blue, brown patina. A good piece and I am sure with a story to tell. £550



A .750" PATTERN 1839 2nd TYPE OR PATTERN 1845 EXTRA SERVICE PERCUSSION MUSKET FOR MILITIA, 39" fully Ordnance proofed barrel with block foresight / bayonet lug, the lock of flintlock form and stamped with the TOWER Crown V.R. cypher. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock and fitted with Lovell's pattern spring bayonet catch, B.O. stamp to right butt. This variation of the Pattern 1839 musket has only recently been identified and termed a Pattern 1845 Extra Service Musket, previously this pattern had been misidentified as a Pattern 1839 musket. (See British Percussion Muskets of the 1830's & 1840's. George Lovell's Legacy. By Adrian Roads or A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930). The introduction of the percussion system in to British Military service brought about the obsolescence of the entire reserve of flintlock arms, large quantities of which were on issue to the militia. The militia were usually armed with weapons of cheaper manufacture and the new musket chosen for them was a cheaper version of the Pattern 1839. The difference between them is so minor that in the past there has been no distinction between the two types, the Pattern 1845 is the more basic of the two. The majority of these Pattern 1845's have no rearsight and they utilize pins to retain the barrel instead of keys and generally the locks are undated, variations can be found in stock furniture. Initial production used up the final reserves of flintlock parts, these included both New Land and India Pattern locks, suitably modified and the tails rounded, old India Pattern barrels and mounts, later production was new made. The first order was placed in October 1844 and the last as late as 1855, with a total production of 205,000. They were not on issue for long and soon replaced with the Pattern 1853 Enfield rifle, like most obsolete service arms at the end of their useful life most were scrapped, the metal parts being recycled and the stocks sold off as firewood. In very good condition with good stock some minor bruising commensurate with use, barrel to a blue / brown patina. A basic item for the British Military collector. (Ex-Museum Collection) £695



A .656" EAST INDIA GOVERNMENT NATIVE INFANTRY ISSUE PATTERN 1859 ENFIELD THREE BAND PERCUSSION MUSKET, 39" barrel of .656" calibre with full Enfield proof and inspection stamps, fixed vee rear sight, standard Enfield style lock stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher dated 1864. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, butt with feint Enfield roundel to butt. This is one of only 14,000 Pattern 1859 Native Infantry Muskets made at the Royal Small Arms Factory Enfield. Approved by the Ordnance authorities on 7th May 1859 as an improvement on the Pattern 1858 musket. The main difference being the Pattern 1859 has a slightly thicker and heavier barrel; the pattern was approved in 1859 but no appreciable quantities were produced at the Enfield factory until 1864 and only 14,000 were manufactured. (See page 134 A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930)

The P59 was one of a family of smoothbore Enfield's produced for issue to Sepoy regiments in the East India Governments army. After the mutiny of 1857 it was decided that native regiments be armed with inferior weapons to the P53 of the British regulars. This musket made at Enfield in 1864 was shipped to India and issued to a sepoy regiment in the Bengal army. It is one of approx. 200 acquired by Walter Clode of Westley Richards from the family of the Maharajah of Faridkot in 1992. The Maharajah had a large armoury of weapons left over from the days when his family had its own private army allowed by and in support of the British East India Government. Walter Clode was an old friend of the Maharaja and in previous years had purchased large quantities of various arms from the family armoury, the 1992 batch was the last. In the heyday of the Raj, the then Maharajah of Faridkot who was a Sikh ruled his domain in the Punjab under the control of the East India Government. He was allowed a small army to maintain order and provide employment. This musket was undoubtedly one of a quantity supplied to him from E.I.G store when obsolete from Government service. The last Maharaja was a personal friend of Walter Clode, the then owner of Westley Richards & Co. the Maharaja died in 1989. Following his death there followed a long battle over his estate from 1993 to 2013 and I believe it is still on going. This is a rare gun and in very good plus condition with much deep blue, good bore, good stock with some minor loss of sharpness. Serious black powder shooters consider the Pattern 1859 to be the most accurate of all percussion muskets due to it reduced calibre and its high quality of manufacture, barrel boring and finishing. (Ex-Museum Collection) £850



A GOOD 577" SNIDER / ENFIELD MK III TWO BAND SERVICE SHORT RIFLE DATED 1872. with 30 ½" barrel rifled with 5 grooves, profusely Ordnance marked at breech, ladder rearsight, bayonet lug at muzzle, lockplate marked with the Crown "V.R." cypher on the tail and "B.S.A Co. / 1872" to the centre. Regulation iron mounted full walnut stock the right butt stamped with the Birmingham 1st class roundel together with issue markings "Mx 1 / 93. Possibly indicating issue to the 1st Middlesex Militia. The Mk III Snider was a new made arm and not a conversion, its improvements over the Mk II includes a positive bolt locked breech and a steel barrel. The Snider Short Rifle was produced for issue to Sergeants of Infantry and Rifle Regts. In very good condition with fine stock, fading blue to barrel, tight action. A good example.



A .577" SNIDER MK II CARBINE, with 19" Birmingham proofed barrel, rifled with 3 grooves and fitted with a ladder rearsight, Mk II action, the lock stamped with a crown on the tail and "TOWER 1892", to the centre, regulation brass mounted walnut half stock. This type of carbine was produced for commercial sale to volunteers, famers and settlers in the colonies, it is in very good condition, with good sharp stock, barrel having a fading original blued finish, good bore and tight action.

£695



A VERY RARE .43" EGYPTIAN, MODEL 1868 REMINGTON ROLLING BLOCK MUSKETOON, 28" barrel with reversed pattern ladder rearsight, bayonet lug at muzzle, the action tang with the usual Remington legend, iron mounted two-piece walnut stock, the fore-end retained by two spring retained barrel bands. It has been estimated that the Egyptian government purchased 200,000 Remington Rolling Block rifles, of these only 800 of these rare musketoon's were included in the shipment, possibly for police issue, the survival rate is small, the leading expert on the subject and author of "Remington Rolling Block Military Rifles of the World", George Layman has encountered only 4 examples. The rifle is in very good plus condition with good stock barrel to a blue / grey patina, tight action and good bore.



A SWORD BAYONET FOR THE ABOVE, with 21 ½" recurving blade, ribbed brass hilt with hooked quillion to crossguard, Farsi issue markings to hilt, with its original steel scabbard. Very good condition. £150



A RARE & EARLY .577" (SNIDER) BRAENDLIN ALBINI VOLUNTEER 2 BAND SHORT RIFLE BY THE BRAENDLIN ARMOURY, with 30 1/2" barrel rifled with 3 grooves, fitted with ladder rearsight graduated to 1000 yards, bayonet lug at muzzle, and also a stud at the breech for supporting the breech block when open, a rare feature that I have not encountered on any other Braendlin Albini rifles. The Enfield Pattern 1853 lock is dated 1863, indicating that the rifle is a conversion from an earlier muzzle loading rifle. Regulation iron mounted walnut stock with inset oval brass disc stamped with the number 32, an old museum or armoury identity number. This rifle probably dates 1865/66 and is an early Braendlin Albini and a conversion, the conversion being effected in a similar manner to the first Snider conversions, the upper part of the barrel has been machined away to act as a receiver and the breech block hinge forged onto the top of the barrel. Later Braendlin Albini's and the Snider utilized a screw on breech shoe unit. This breech-loading system was designed and patented in 1866 by an Italian Naval Captain, Augusto Albini and Francis Augustus Braendlin a Birmingham gunmaker and proprietor of the Mont Strom Gun Works and later the Braendlin Armoury. In fact, the Braendlin Albini is an adaption of the Mont Storm. It features a hinged breech block which is swung up and forward to open, operating a double claw extractor. The firing pin runs through the breech block and is driven by a plunger linked to the hammer which also locks the action closed on firing. The system is far superior to the Snider, having a positive locked breech and positive levered extraction, it was trialled by the War Department and performed credibly well. It was from those trials that the Martini Henry was adopted, the Braendlin Albine system was adopted by Belgium. In very good plus condition with excellent untouched stock, barrel with much original blue, tight action and good bore. A rare collector piece for those with an interest in the evolution of breech loading systems. £1650

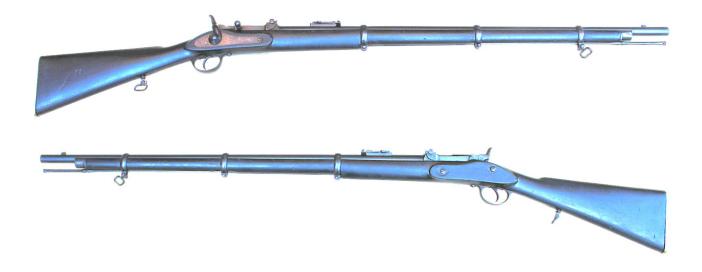


A SUPERB & RARE .577" (SNIDER) SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ISSUE BRAENDLIN ALBINI 3 BAND SERVICE RIFLE, with 36 1/2" London proofed barrel rifled with 3 grooves and fitted with ladder sights, the top of the breech stamped "H. HOLLAND, 98 NEW BOND St.", together with a small crown of W.T. for William Tranter, the breech block marked "BRAENDLIN ALBINI PATENT NO 2551", and a W.T. stamp on the underside. The lock is also struck with a small crown over W.T. and is dated 1867, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the buttcap tang marked with a crown over S.A. / 121. The system was trialled by the W.D. but passed over in favour of the Martini Henry, it was adopted by Belgium in 1867, and 500 purchased by S. Australia of which this example is one. The S. Australian authorities requested a supply of Snider rifles from the W.D. and were informed that priority was to arm British regiments with the new Snider first. After trials the S. A. authorities decided to purchase 500 Braendlin Albini rifles and the order placed by their agent general in London with H. Holland, who had supplied the trials rifle. The order was then forwarded to the Breandlin Armoury, Birmingham, and it appears was subcontracted out to William Tranter. The rifles arrived in Adelaide on board the Caranjah on 23/06/1868, but were considered of inferiour quality and never issued. This example is in superb unissued condition with excellent untouched stock, barrel with full blue finish and case colours to lock and action. A superb unused piece and difficult to better. £2500





AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE & COLLECTABLE .450 x 2 ½" BREANDLIN ALBINI 3 BAND RIFLE, POSSIBLY 1 OF 6 TRIALS RIFLES SUPPLIED TO THE W.D. FOR THE 1867 BREECH LOADING RIFLE TRIALS, 32" barrel rifled with 5 grooves, Birmingham proofs to breech. The breech block engraved "Braendlin Albini Patent". Ladder sight of Whitworth pattern, lined but ungraduated, the lock engraved "BRAENDLIN / BIRMINGHAM", regulation brass mounted full walnut stock. This is a very rare variation of the Braendlin Albini, the majority of British made Braendlin Albini rifles follow the configuration of the Pattern 1853/61 long or short rifles and are chambered for the .577" Snider cartridge. This example is a 3-band rifle yet has a 32" barrel and is chambered for a .450" cartridge, it is known that in 1868 Francis Braendlin submitted 6 rifles in .450 Cal. with 32" barrels and 5 groove rifling for government trials, from which the combination of the Martini Henry was decided upon. I do not know if this specimen is one of those trials rifles or one made for commercial sale, but it fits the pattern and is interesting that the sights are not graduated, which can be a feature of a trials arm. The rifle is in excellent condition, with fine stock, sharp and untouched, just age darkened, most blue to barrel and action, fine bore. An exceptionally rare if not unique piece.





A .577/450" MARTINI HENRY MK I CAVALRY CARBINE DATED 1887, with 21.3" Henry rifled barrel stamped with full Enfield proof and inspection stamps at breech, with hacksaw cut just in front of the nocksform, the action body stamped with the Crown V.R. Enfield cypher dated 1887, and I.C.1. (interchangeable carbine, Mk I, meaning it could be either a cavalry or artillery carbine dependant on the type of fore-end fitted). Two-piece iron mounted full walnut stock, the butt with various issue markings. The carbine was decommissioned by cutting the barrel and firing pin nose, during its working life, for use in regimental depots for training new recruits. It is still operational but cannot be fired. In very good overall condition the barrel and action to a blue / grey patina, good bore and action and good stock and complete with original rod. Martini / Henry carbines are exceptionally scarce and soughtafter.





A 577/45 MARTINI HENRY SPORTING RIFLE SIGNED T. BARNSLEY, GRAHAMSTOWN, CIRCA 1880, with 27" Birmingham proofed barrel fitted with short carbine style rearsight graduated to 1000 yards, the borderline and foliate action, the leftside signed with retailers name T. Barnsley & CO. Grahamstown. In very good condition good stock, some wear to chequering commensurate with use, barrel and action with fading blue finish. (21/25)





A .577/45 MARTINI HENRY SPORTING RIFLE, with 26" Henry rifled, London proofed barrel, fitted with carbine style rearsight, standard Martini action, two-piece walnut stock with chequered wrist and forend. In very good condition with well refinished stock, barrel and action with old reblue, good bore and tight action. (20/25)

£495



Revolvers & Pistols

A SUPERB .44" REMINGTON NEW MODEL ARMY PERCUSSION U.S. ARMY SERVICE REVOLVER CIRCA 1863, 8" sighted octagonal barrel the top flat struck with crisp Remington legends, 'Patented Sept. 14, 1858, E. Remington & Sons. Ilion New York U.S.A. New-Model', underbarrel loading lever, solid onepiece frame, six shot cylinder, two-piece grips with inspecting officers cartouche. The revolver is numbered in the 55,7XX serial range dating 1863. The Remington "Army" .44 percussion revolver was the primary competitor to the Colt .44" Army Model 1860 revolver during the American Civil War era. Although Sam Colt was the better salesman and marketer, Remington eventually beat Colt out of their military contracts by delivering a comparable revolver, which some felt was actually superior, for less money. In 1864, after the US government had finally beat Colt's price down to \$14.00 per revolver from the \$20 per gun they had been paying during the early days of the war, Remington agreed to furnish their "Army" revolver for only \$12.00 per gun. That ended the reign of the Colt Army as the first choice for the Ordnance Department procurement officers for the rest of the American Civil War. In the field, even though the Colt revolver had the name and reputation many cavalry troopers preferred the much sturdier solid frame design of the Remington revolver. Approx. 106,000 Remington New Model Army percussion revolvers were purchased by US government during the American Civil War, of these around 80,000 were purchased during the last two years of the war, between 1863 and 1865. According to the research published in Remington Army & Navy Revolvers 1861-1868 by Donald L. Ware, Remington revolvers through serial No 149,000 were accepted prior to the end of the Civil War. Guns below serial No 123,000 were accepted prior to the end of 1864. After the Civil War many Remington revolvers went west and saw further service during the Indian Wars until replaced with cartridge revolvers. This example dates 1863 and was probably never issued, it is in fine condition with excellent grips and 90% original deep blue remaining to barrel, frame and cylinder. An above average specimen and a credit to any collection, this is a revolver that some dealers would be asking between £3500 and £4000. (105/25) Our price. £2495





AN 80 BORE (.38") TRANTER FIRST MODEL DOUBLE TRIGGER EXTRA ENGRAVED PERCUSSION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1858, 4 1/4" London proofed sighted octagonal barrel, with foliate engraved breech, the top strap signed "TRANTER'S PATENT", five shot cylinder with rope decorated leading edge and foliate engraved panels, profusely foliate engraved frame, bearing the serial No 5492T, and fitted with a pin on the left for mounting the detachable rammer, one piece finely chequered walnut grips with stepped and foliate engraved buttcap. The First Model Tranter was made without a fitted rammer which was kept separate (rammer not with gun). The First Model is the rarest of all the four models of Tranter percussion revolvers, extra engraved examples especially so. In very good condition, good grips showing some minor wear commensurate with use, barrel and action with fading blue finish, good action and bore. (112/25) A rare collectors revolver.





A 54 BORE WEBLEY BENTLEY SELF COCKING PERCUSSION REVOLVER, with 5 ½" octagonal Birmingham proofed smoothbored barrel, the top strap engraved 'PATENT LONDON', fitted with Kerr type loading lever, five shot cylinder, two-piece barrel and frame, two piece chequered walnut grips, In very good condition professionally reblued, the left grip with some bruising, Bentley patent nose catch removed. (38/54)





AN ATTRACTIVE & GOOD 100 BORE (.35") PERCUSSION SELF COCKING TRANSITIONAL REVOLVER SIGNED REILLEY LONDON, CIRCA 1850, with 6" octagonal sighted Birmingham proofed barrel, the top flat signed with retailers name 'REILLY LONDON', six shot cylinder with feathered decoration to leading edge, foliate engraved open top round German silver frame, foliate engraved bar hammer, two piece finely chequered walnut grips, folate engraved iron pommel with trap. The early transitional revolvers were basically a continuation of the Pepperbox design adapted to a short cylinder and single barrel, they are one of the major advancements, on the path to the modern revolver. Consequently a very important collector's item for those with an interest in British pistols and revolvers. The retailer was J. C. Reilly (after 1857 E.M. Reilly) of 502 New Oxford St. London, one of London's major gunmakers of the period. In very good condition, excellent grips, traces of original blue to barrel. (67/25)





AN INTERESTING & RARE .30" RIMFIRE TRANTERS STYLE SINGLE ACTION POCKET REVOLVER, with 2.5" octagonal barrel, fitted with side mounted ejector lever and plunger, top strap engraved with retailers name "J. SQUIRES, LONDON", borderline engraved one piece frame, spur trigger-guard and side mounted loading gate, plain six shot cylinder, two piece chequered walnut grips. Although very similar to Tranters design the pistol was probably made by P. Webley & Son. In very good condition with excellent sharp grips, barrel and action with fading blued finish. Revolvers of this type and calibre are quite rare. (92/25)





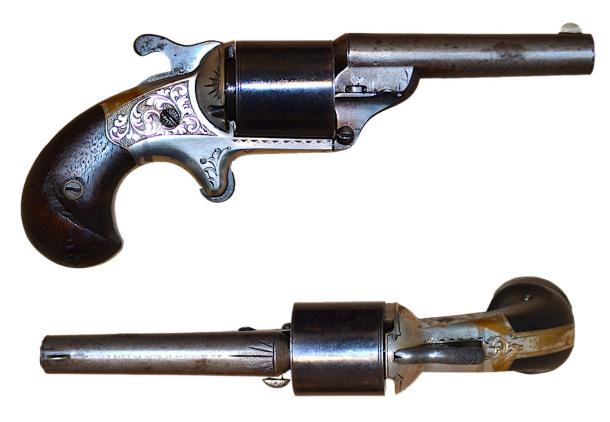
A RARE .32" RIMFIRE MOORE'S PATENT SINGLE ACTION SEVEN SHOT BELT REVOLVER, CIRCA 1863, WITH PERIOD HOLSTER, with 4" octagonal barrel, the top flat signed "D MOORE'S PATENT, SEPT. 1860", and having an under-barrel cartridge ejector rod, seven shot cylinder, brass open top frame foliate engraved in the style of Louis Nimschke, brass backstrap and trigger-guard all engraved to match, swing out seven shot cylinder. The Moore's seven shot revolver was produced 1861 to 1863 and proved to be a very popular competitor to the Smith & Wesson cartridge revolver, it had a short production life due to the loss of a patent infringement suit brought by Smith & Wesson who owned the rights to the through bored cylinder. Many were privately purchased by Union officers and enlisted men as backup guns and carried during the Civil War. In very good condition, with good grips, barrel and cylinder to a blue / grey patina, traces of silver plating to frame, complete with a period holster, possibly original to the gun. £595







A GOOD CASED .32" TEAT FIRE MOORE'S PATENT FRONT LOADING REVOLVER, CIRCA 1865, 3 1/4" round sighted barrel, marked 'MOORE'S PAT. FIRE-ARMS CO, BROOKLYN N.Y.', plain six shot cylinder marked 'D. WILLIAMSON'S PATENT / JAN. 5, 1864', foliate engraved silver-plated brass frame, spur trigger, two-piece walnut grips. The Moore teat-fire revolver was produced 1864 to 1870 with a total quantity of 30,000, the system was an attempt to circumvent the Rollin White patent for the through bored cylinder, the rights of which were owned by Smith & Wesson. The Moore was one of the most successful competitors to Smith & Wesson, it is believed that their strong sales with a range of products was one of the reasons for Colt's purchase of the National Arms Company (Moore's successor). At least six distinct variations of the Moore revolver are known, this is an early example numbered in the 30XX serial it is contained in its original red velvet lined and partitioned mahogany case with cartridge tray for 21 rounds. The revolver is in very good condition, the barrel to a blue / grey patina, much deep blue to cylinder and a large percentage of silver plating to frame, the case and lining in good condition, action slightly A/F. Cased Moore's revolvers are exceptionally scarce.







A .32" RIMFIRE SMITH & WESSON NO 1 1/2 SECOND ISSUE NICKEL FINISH SINGLE ACTION REVOLVER, with 3.5" tip up barrel, raised top rib, stamped "SMITH & WESSON, SPRINGFIELD, MASS. PAT. APR. 8.55. JULY 5.59. & NOV. 21, 65", Five shot fluted cylinder, spur trigger and two-piece rosewood bird's head grips. This model was a more streamlined and improved version of the earlier First Issue revolver and was manufactured from 1868 to 1875, this example in the 68,494 serial range dating 1872. These small pocket revolvers were exceptionally popular with ordinary people and also carried by members of the military, law enforcement, cowboys and outlaws as backup guns, they were sold in large numbers. In very good condition with 80% plus nickel finish flaking in places.

(104/25) £495



A .32" RIMFIRE SMITH & WESSON NO 1 1/2 SECOND ISSUE SINGLE ACTION REVOLVER BLUED FINISH, with 3.5" tip up barrel, raised top rib, stamped "SMITH & WESSON, SPRINGFIELD, MASS. PAT. APR. 8.55. JULY 5.59. & NOV. 21, 65", Five shot fluted cylinder, spur trigger and two-piece rosewood bird's head grips. First Issue revolver and was manufactured from 1868 to 1875, this example bearing the serial No 68,477 dating 1872 the height of the wild west. These small pocket revolvers were exceptionally popular with ordinary people and also carried by members of the military, law enforcement, cowboys and outlaws as backup guns, they were sold in large numbers. In very good condition with good untouched grips, barrel and action with fading blue finish.

(103/25) £494



A .30" RIMFIRE REMINGTON SMOOT NEW MODEL NO 1 SINGLE ACTION REVOLVER, STANDARD MODEL, with $2.^{13}/_{16}$ " octagonal barrel forged integral with the frame, the top flat stamped "E. REMINGTON & SONS, ILION, N.Y. / PAT. W.S. SMOOT OCT. 21, 18732, fitted with side ejector rod, five shot fluted cylinder, two piece chequered hard rubber grips. The No 1 Smoot differs from the No 2 in having a slightly shorter cylinder and barrel length, it was only produced 1875 to 1877, with a total production of 3000, of these the first 650 are known as the early model with a revolving recoil shield, the balance of the production approx. 2,350 pistols are known as the standard model and have a fixed recoil shield. In very good plus condition with excellent grips, and approx.. 80% nickel, some flaking and staining in places, good action.

102/25 £450



A GOOD .41" RIMFIRE REMINGTON TYPE II. MODEL No 3 OVER & UNDER DERINGER PISTOL, 3" barrels top flat stamped "Remington Arms Co, Ilion, N.Y." pivoting action, 2 piece chequered hard rubber grips. Designed by William B. Elliot and probably the most famous of all American Deringer type pistols, the fact it remained on the market for 69 years is evidence of its exceptional merit, practicality, and popularity. Over 150,000 of these famous little guns were produced 1866-1935, serial numbering appears to have been carried out in batches rather than in sequence. This example a type II of which 80,000 were made 1888-1911. A classic collector's gun in very good condition, unbroken frame hinge, excellent grips. A good collector's specimen and far cheaper than some dealers are asking. (99/25)





A SUPERB .41" RIMFIRE COLT NO 3 THUER SINGLE SHOT DERINGER TYPE PISTOL, with 2 ½" side pivoting blued barrel, the top stamped 'COLT', silver plated brass frame with spur trigger and two-piece birds head walnut grips. Produced 1870 to 1912 total quantity estimated at 48,000, a good genuine untouched specimen with over 90% deep blue to barrel and 90% silver to frame and excellent grips, sharp and untouched. A superior quality example and difficult to better. £595





AN INTERESTING .32" RIMFIRE REVOLVER BY AUGUSTE FRANCOTTE, CIRCA 1870, WITH A PERIOD HOLSTER, made in the continental style with 4 ½" round sighted barrel, marked at breech "A. FRANCOTTE / LIEGE", with side mounted ejector rod, borderline engraved cylinder with raised reinforce over rear section, stamped with Liege proofs and the crowned A.F. makers mark, open top frame with hinged loading gate and also stamped with the crowned A.F. makers mark, folding trigger, two piece broom handle walnut grips. In very good sharp overall condition, excellent grips, barrel and action to a grey patina, probably originally finished in the white. Complete with a period brown leather holster. (110/25)





Selection of Pinfire Revolvers

The pinfire revolver in Britain has been very much neglected as a collector's item and examples generally undervalued, offering the collector on a budget the opportunity to acquire items both historic and interesting at a fair price. There is no doubt that the development of the pinfire system was one of those monumental leaps forward in firearms design that eventually led the way to the centrefire selfcontained gastight, metallic cartridge. The issue of a patent to Casimir LeFaucheux in 1845 for a breech-loading pistol using a self-contained cartridge should have rendered the cap and ball system obsolete, and it did to a large extent in Europe but for various reasons it did not find much favour in U.K. Eugene LeFaucheux (who took over the business on the death of his father Casimir in 1852) further perfected the system and by the early 1850's had developed a practical military revolver, with guidance it is said from Col. Colt, who was considered a great family friend. In fact E. LeFaucheux's 1854 patent illustrates a Colt Navy revolver adapted to the pinfire cartridge. In Europe pinfire revolvers were made in their hundreds of thousands in the major arms centres, Liege, Paris, Brescia, Solingen and Eibar in Spain. Strangely few were made in England but imported in their thousands in the white for finishing and proofing in Birmingham for the home market. Pinfire military revolvers in 12mm calibre (.48") were adopted by many countries, their advantage being obvious, it takes about 60 seconds to load a cap and ball revolver with prepared cartridges, as opposed to less than 20 seconds for a pinfire. The difference in battle could mean the difference between life and death. Consequently the pinfire revolver became the sidearm of choice for thousands of military officers across Europe, as well as civilians who felt the need for a personal protection weapon. In America the Civil War and the urgent need for arms gave the pinfire its chance to reach the American market and many thousands were imported by both North and South. It has been estimated that over 1.7 million 12mm pinfire cartridges were made in the U.S.A. during the Civil War, which gives an indication of its widespread use.

A GOOD 12mm (.48") PINFIRE BELGIAN MILITARY TYPE DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1860's, with 5 3/4" sighted round barrel, fitted with cartridge ejector rod to right side, plain Liege proofed six shot cylinder, open top frame with hinged loading gate, two-piece broom handle style chequered walnut grips with lanyard ring to butt. A large calibre officers revolver, many revolvers of this type were sold in America during the Civil War, it has been estimated that 1.7 million 12mm pinfire cartridges were made in the USA during the Civil War, giving an indication of their widespread use. Pinfire revolvers were sold in large numbers all over the world in the 1850's. 60's, 70's and later, pinfire cartridges were still being produced into the 1930's, they offered a great advantage over percussion muzzle loaders. In very good condition with excellent grips sharp and untouched barrel and action to blue / grey patina, big and impressive officers / military revolver. (91/25)





A GOOD 12MM (.48) PINFIRE MILITARY PATTERN DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1860'S, with 6 3/4" sighted round barrel, fitted with cartridge ejector rod to the right side, plain six shot cylinder, open top frame with hinged loading gate, two-piece plain walnut broom handle style grips, with lanyard ring to butt. A typical military pattern revolver of the type popular with officers in the European military, this example possibly made in either Germany or Austria. In very good condition with excellent untouched grips, barrel and action with fading blue finish, good action and bore. A big and impressive military type revolver. (92/25)





A GOOD, ATTRACTIVE & RARE 7 MM PINFIRE LEFAUCHEUX TYPE 12 SHOT DOUBLE ACTION POCKET REVOLVER, with 5" round, sighted barrel with foliate engraved breech and fitted with side mounted ejector rod, 12 shot foliate engraved cylinder, with lightened rebated centre, foliate engraved open top frame, with hinged loading gate, folding trigger and two-piece broom handle grips. This type of multishot LeFaucheux type revolver chambered for pinfire cartridges was copied by other makers in France and the rest of continental Europe. This example in very good plus condition, with excellent grips, barrel and action with much original deep blue finish, a desirable and above average collector's item, these multi shot revolvers are exceptionally rare and sought after (94/25)





A GOOD 9MM PINFIRE SIX SHOT DOUBLE ACTION POCKET REVOLVER, 4 ½" octagonal sighted barrel, fitted with side mounted ejector rod, six shot Liege proofed cylinder, open top frame, hinged loading gate, two-piece chequered broom-handle style walnut grips with lanyard ring. In very good plus condition with excellent grips and much original blue remaining, an attractive collector's revolver.

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A 7MM PINFIRE SIX SHOT DOUBLE ACTION POCKET REVOLVER, 3 ½" sighted octagonal barrel, fitted with side mounted ejector rod, plain six shot cylinder, open top frame, with hinged loading gate and folding trigger, two-piece walnut grips. In very good sharp overall condition with excellent grips, barrel and action to steel grey finish, (originally finished in the white) action slightly at fault, works of single action but sticks on double action, probably pawl spring weak. But only. (88/25) £150



FLINTLOCK & PERCUSSION PISTOLS

A GOOD .65" FLINTLOCK OFFICERS PISTOL SIGNED OATES, CIRCA 1800, with 9" barrel fitted with Wilsons patent hook breech, inset with gold poincon inscribed "WILSON / PATENT / LONDON", and one inlaid gold band, platinum lined touch-hole, foliate engraved fixed breech. Bevelled flat style lock with stepped tail, retailers name "OATES" signed to centre, rainproof pan and roller to frizzen spring, swanneck cock, iron mounted full walnut stock, with chequered bag shaped grip, the trigger-guard bow with foliate engraving. A quality officers pistol, in excellent condition, with fine stock, barrel professionally rebrowned and looking good.





A Good & Rare William 4th .65" New Land Light Dragoon Flintlock Pistol, 9" barrel stamped with the Kings proofs at breech, swivel rammer hinged to muzzle. Flat style borderline engraved lock with rounded and stepped tail, fitted with bolt safety and stamped with Crown W.R. cypher, to the centre, raised semi-waterproof pan, borderline engraved ring-neck cock. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, William 4th reigned from 1830 to 1837, a relatively short period, arms bearing his cypher are exceptionally rare. In very good condition with good stock, hole drilled to butt, indicating this was part of a wall display at one time, possibly at the Tower, the barrel with most of its original blued finish. A rare and good collector's gun.



A .577" PATTERN 1839 SHORT SEA SERVICE PERCUSSION PISTOL, the 6" barrel profusely stamped with numerous Ordnance proof and inspection stamps, swivel rammer hinged to muzzle. The lockplate of converted flintlock form with stepped tail, engraved with the usual crown V.R. TOWER cypher dated 1846, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the butt marked with the B.O. Broad Arrow stamp on the leftside of the grip. This pattern of pistol was on issue from 1839 and issued to sailors of the Royal Navy during the Crimean War, this example is one of a quantity sold off by the Tower in the 1960's. In very good condition, good sharp stock, barrel and lock to a pleasing blue / grey patina. A good example. £795



A GOOD .65" PERCUSSION OFFICERS BY D. EGG, CIRCA 1840, with 7" octagonal barrel the top flat faintly marked 'LONDON', swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, borderline and foliate engraved curved backaction lock inscribed with makers name 'D. EGG', full walnut stock with chequered bag shaped grip, foliate engraved iron trigger guard and steel belt hook fitted to the leftside. In very good plus condition, with excellent untouched stock, the barrel professionally rebrowned. A top-quality example of an officers pistol by one of London's finest. (64/25)



Parts & Accessories

A PATTERN 1876 SOCKET BAYONET FOR THE MARTINI HENRY RIFLE, with 21" triangular bald, the top stamped with Enfield inspection stamps and Indian issue markings. In very good condition, no scabbard. £125



A 12 Bore Slug Mould by Lyman, new condition. £75.

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A Set of .57745 Martini Henry Mould Blocks for Patched Bullet. V. G. condition. £95 A Set of .310" Cadet Bullet Mould Blocks. V. G. condition. £30



A Brass Ball Mould for a Brown Bess Musket. V. G. condition. £30



A Parker Hale Dixon Leather Covered Rifle Flask. V. G. cond. £75

A Set of Old West Mould Blocks for a Dreyse Needlegun Bullet. V. G. condition. £150



A Set of Buffalo Arms Co. Mould Blocks Casting a .425" 300 Gr Bullet. V.G. condition £40 Schmit Rubin stripper clips. £10





A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930

By Brian C. Knapp



This new book is sponsored by the Royal Armouries who supplied most of the illustrations and it will without doubt be the standard reference work on the subject, it totals 17 chapters, 267 pages with over 650 colour illustrations. The work tells the story of the evolution of all British military longarms including muskets, rifles and carbines over that 200-year timespan, from the Long Land to the S.M.L.E. The book is divided into 3 sections, Part 1 details all flintlock muskets and carbines, including the 5 patterns of Long Land 1730 to 1756, the Short Land muskets 1744 to 1779 and the later patterns of flintlock muskets 1792 to 1843. Also included in this part are sections on Sea Service flintlock muskets 1730 to 1810 including the Nock volley gun. The series of flintlock fusils and carbines for infantry and other corps, 1730 to 1836, flintlock rifles 1776 to 1838. The part on flintlock cavalry carbines is divided into three sections, covering carbines for light cavalry, heavy cavalry and finally, special production and rifled carbines.

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There is no other work that covers the subject and the entire period, it contains the results of a lifetime's involvement in the subject, and the findings of the very latest research, consequently, provides the reader with previously unknown information and even brings to light previously unrecognised patterns. It also corrects inaccuracies and misconceptions in previous works. For those interested in the subject of the evolution of British military longarms 1730 to 1930, collectors, military historians and museums etc. this is an essential work.





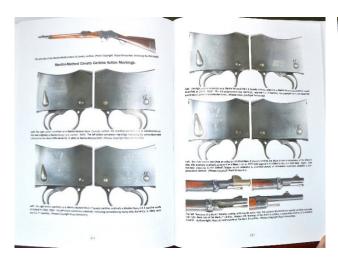




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