

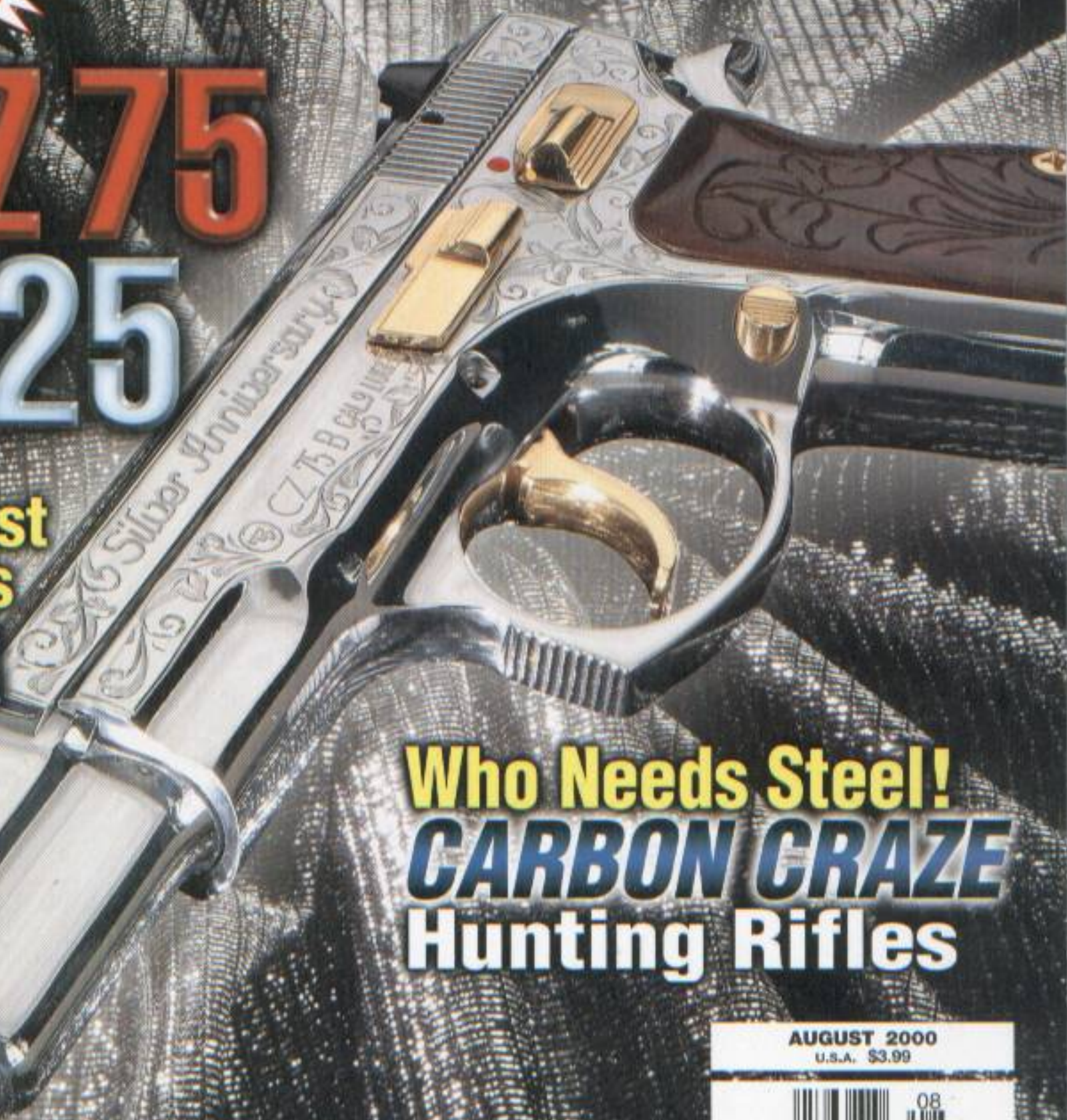
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# GUN Smoke

By Phil Spangenberg

## Peacemaker Parts Available Again!

Those Hard-to-Find Components for Vintage Colt SAAs are Being Reproduced for Shooters and Collectors.

If there's ever anything a Cowboy Action shooter, cowboy mounted shooter, collector or just about any single-action enthusiast ever needs, it's parts. No matter what kind of firearms you use, sooner or later you'll need to replace something. If you're like me, and you enjoy keeping those old first- and second-generation Colt Single Action Armys blazing away, you probably already know how difficult it can be to locate replacement parts for your vintage Peacemaker. Trouble is, components for Colt SAAs, especially the older models, are practically nonexistent. While there are a number of gun shops around that stock a few new factory parts, finding just the right component—for the proper generation in a vintage Colt—can be another problem. I'd like to tell you about one outfit that I've dealt with through the years, and have had success with in locating otherwise hard-to-find replacement parts for old Model P Colts. I'm talking about Peacemaker Specialists, who not only stock Colt factory-

produced parts for the new third-generation Single Actions, but also supply many internal and external components for 19th-century and early 20th-century guns as well.

Peacemaker Specialists owner and operator, Eddie Janis, realized the difficulty in locating original Colt parts, so he started having quality replacement pieces manufactured. Sold under the moniker of "Peacemaker Parts," these components are constructed of the highest-quality, cold-finish C12L14 steel, a material that allows for ease of fitting and is very durable. Janis' replacement parts feature subtle cosmetic details that make them look right when installed in an old Colt and are offered in nickel or blue finish. His inventory includes screws for all generations (with properly domed heads and correct slot sizes), base pins (for black powder or smokeless era Colts), first-generation base pin bushings and base pin screws, cone and concave firing pins, Bisley mainsprings, and other tough-to-find

parts. As an example, the new-made bolt and trigger screws have been heat-treated for rugged Cowboy Action use and are properly sized and finished to fit the tapered SAA frames.

Besides their own newly produced parts, Peacemaker Specialists also stock some original Colt pieces (from all generations) when they can be obtained. Offered in their 21-page catalog of parts are such seldom-encountered components as early cylinders and barrels (when in stock), loading gate springs, various screws, backstraps, hammers and hammer parts, floating firing pins, several U.S. Arsenal surplus parts, and others.

Whether you need to replace a worn or broken part, install a missing part on an old gun you're restoring, or just want to stock a couple of spare SAA components, chances are good that Peacemaker Specialists will have the piece you need. Janis also offers topnotch gunsmithing service, cowboy action jobs, and restoration work. If Colt Single Actions are your game, then Peacemaker Specialists will suit your pistol! I've dealt with Eddie Janis for years and have found his sixgun work to be right on target! For his catalog, send \$4 to Peacemaker Specialists, Dept. GA, P.O. Box 157, Whitmore, CA 96096.

## VICTORIAN CARPET BAGS

Having grown up in the South, I came to regard the term "carpetbagger" as anything but a compliment. Nowadays, however, thanks to a small Southern California outfit called The Victorian Traveler, I now view anyone toting around an old-time carpetbag in a completely different light. In fact, I'm the proud owner of several of The Victorian Traveler's replica, 19th-century carpet-covered satchels. For the past several years, The Victorian Traveler has been hand-crafting some of the finest looking mid-1800s-style carpet bags this westerner has seen around. Faithful in every aspect to the original valises, The Victorian Traveler's carpet bags are constructed with the old-style framing and hardware and are designed and constructed to stand the abuse of extended travel. They're great for use as an overnight bag at cowboy matches or other events. As a matter of fact, I've been packing my shooting irons around in a Victorian Traveler carpet bag for some time now, and my wife, Linda, used one of hers during our last African safari. I know these bags can hold a passel full of goods—in style!

What I appreciate the most about



*Components for first- and second-generation Colts have always been tough to find, but now if you're looking for replacement parts for your vintage Colt SAA, chances are good that Peacemaker Specialists will have the piece you need. They are now manufacturing an extensive line of reproduction parts for Colt SAAs of all generations.*

