

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage

First U.S. Rifle To Use Smokeless Powder a Krag

I stuck a piece of paper in the breech and looked down the muzzle. Though I had run a cotton cloth through it, the barrel looked foul, a condition that showed unmistakably the steel was pitted.

"Let me take a look," said Fred, and I passed him the weapon with the remark that it wasn't worth \$35, even if it was a Krag-Jorgensen.

"It's got the regulation 30-inch barrel," he said with obvious satisfaction, "and a 45-inch stock, and the overall length is 49 inches and a little more."

He even measured the trigger guard and the length of the trigger.

TWACHTMAN PAINTINGS HAVE OUTSTANDING VALUES

I would probably never have noticed the picture except for the reaction of a rather bulky blonde.

"That stuff," she said, herding an elderly man along, "went out with antiques. That's why it's here."

The picture the unfortunate fellow had been admiring was a rather dusty thing about 18 by 24 inches, excluding the heavy frame. Nonetheless, there was a feeling to it despite the dust and grime.

The scene was a small meadow running back into wooded country. A sycamore, on the bank of a brook in the foreground, stood out against the dark forest at the meadow's edge. A mist over the water gave an air of incipient magic.

I blew some more dust off the canvas and looked for the artist's name. It was almost indecipherable, but presently I spelled it out as Twachtman. It meant nothing to me, but the picture

"All right," said Fred regretfully. "All right, if you want to hold me up for \$75, I'll pay it. Just write out a bill of sale."

"Was there a gold bullet jammed in the magazine," I asked when we got outside.

"No gold bullet," Fred answered. "But this happens to be no common Krag. In fact, it's an original model of the first American rifle to use smokeless powder. It's a genuine U.S. Magazine Rifle Model 1892. Most of them were later converted into Model 1896. The essential difference is that the 1896 is not so long. It's 48.9 inches. And because this is an original, it has a value of from \$125 to \$175."

was certainly worth the \$30 on the price tag.

So I bought it, a purchase I shall never regret. Some hours later I was delighted to learn that John Henry Twachtman, 1853-1902, is one of the foremost of American painters. He was a native of Cincinnati and very much of an individualist—too much of a one to follow slavishly the French impressionists, or any others, very long.

For that reason, of course, he is out of fashion today, out of fashion with the long-hairs, with those who are ever breathless from attempting to stay in the avant-garde. But that doesn't matter for the simple reason that much of his work is among the most beautiful ever produced from oil and canvas.

If you ever come across a picture by Twachtman under similar circumstances, buy it. Their value range anywhere from \$200 or \$300 to \$2,000 or \$3,000. At a sale in 1935, for example, his paintings brought from \$500 to \$3,100 each.

PEOPLE KNOW LITTLE ABOUT VALUE OF MAPS

"A map of Nebraska? Yes sir, here's the very latest. Only a dollar," and the clerk enthusiastically spread it out on the table so that we could see it was indeed the very latest.

"And how much is this one," said Frank as I handed over the dollar. "This old map of Nebraska, I mean."

The clerk gave it a quick glance—it was a map from a second hand table—and looked at its back.

"I'm afraid we'll have to charge you \$3 for that, sir. You see it's one of the early maps of the state and they're getting kind of scarce."

Frank unfolded the map. It was in color. "Boy! What enormous counties. Look at that Sioux county," he exclaimed. "And some of these counties have disappeared. There isn't any Black Bird county now, but there's one here."

After studying the map for a moment, he got out his ruler and measured it. It was 26½ by 34 inches. As he fingered the

lines backing, I studied the legend.

The map was dated 1879. The draftsman was C. Roesser, J. Bien, one of the most noted men in the field of cartography of his day, was the one who had done the lithography.

"This line's cracked on the back," said Frank. "I don't suppose you have another one."

"As a matter of fact, we do," said the clerk. "Just a moment."

He was back in a flash, but the duplicate map he carried was not much different. It, too, was in excellent condition except for some cracks on the back. Frank looked at it thoughtfully.

"I'll take them both," he said, handing the clerk \$8.

When we got in the car a few minutes later, Frank shook his head.

"It's amazing," he said, "how little people know about maps. Why these things are worth \$30 each of anybody's money."

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Not only is the plan of building in Crater Park inviting. The site is ideal for people who want to raise families—or gardens. It is an easy 6-minute drive from Medford, about a mile from the excellent Crater schools, and less than two miles from the Central Point shopping center.

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