



THE FETTERMAN MASSACRE

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Metzger's Bugle named top historical artifact in the state

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Ledger drawing of a mounted Cheyenne warrior counting coup with lance on a dismounted Crow warrior, 1880s.



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- 1. wounded in combat**
 - 2. struck 5 blows at his enemies**
 - 3. wounded or killed his enemy**
 - 4. killed an enemy**
 - 5. killed an enemy and took scalp**
 - 6. struck four blows at his enemies**
 - 7. slit an enemy's throat**
 - 8. wounded several times**



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MODEL 1860 CARBINE

The Model 1860 Carbine, a breech-loading rifle, was used by Union soldiers during the American Civil War. It was a shorter version of the Model 1858 Springfield rifle, designed for use by mounted troops and skirmishers. It featured a shorter barrel and a folding iron stock.

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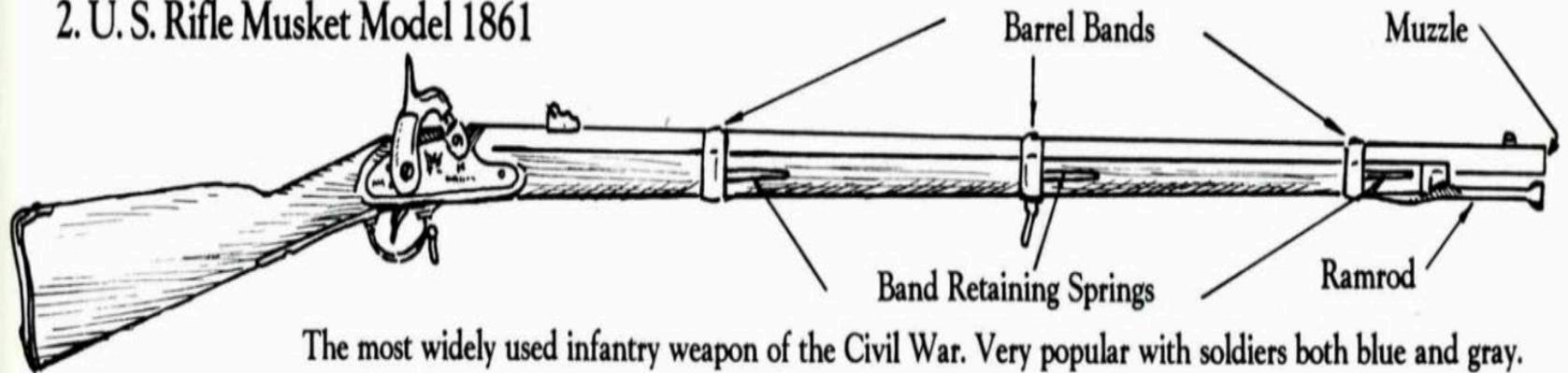
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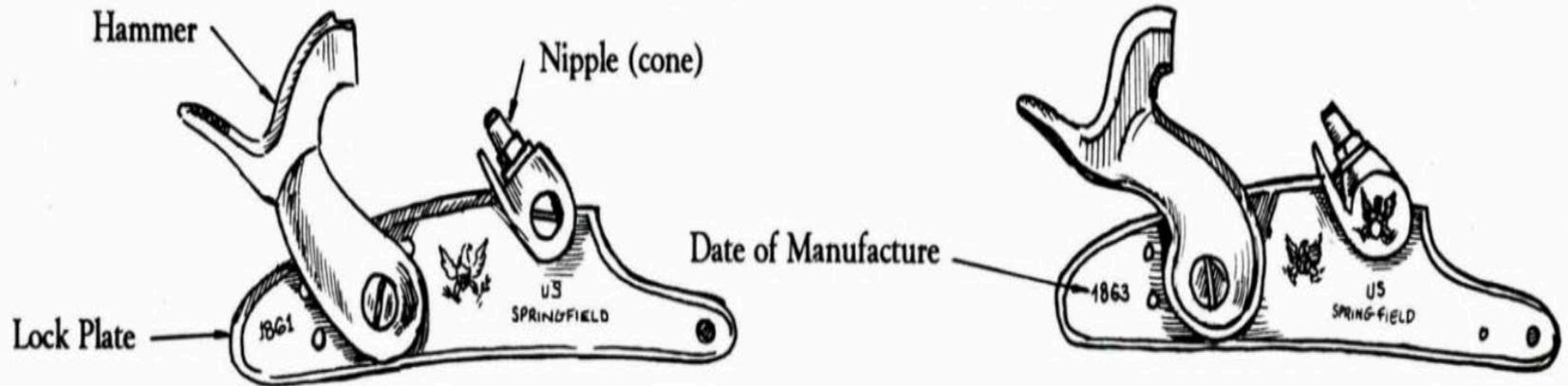


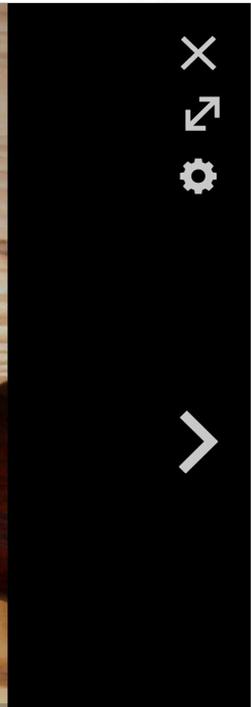
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The most widely used infantry weapon of the Civil War. Very popular with soldiers both blue and gray.





Spencer Carbine, magazine tube, and cartridges

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in work
one with open breech

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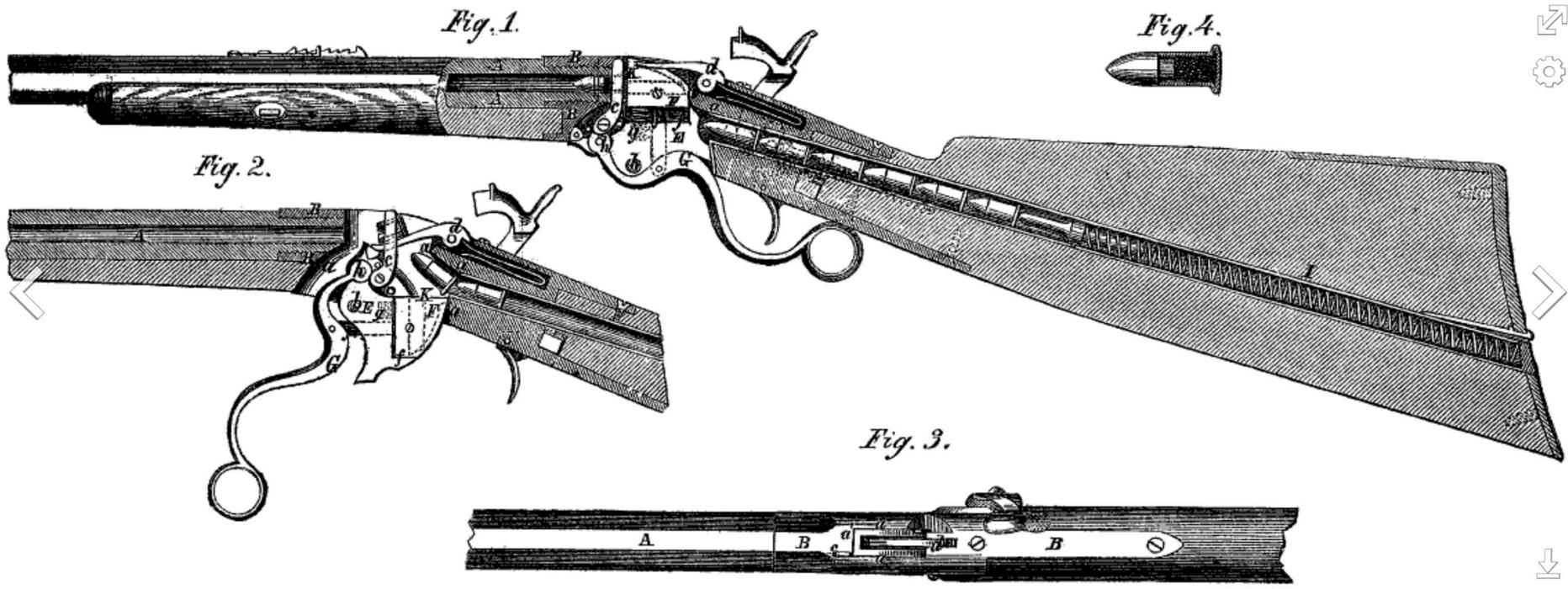


Diagram of the Spencer rifle showing the magazine in the butt. It uses a falling breechblock (F) attached to a carrier (E). Figure 1, shows the breechblock raised. Firing forces are contained by the receiver at the rear of the breechblock.

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Cheyenne Tribe



This article contains interesting facts, pictures and information about the life of the Cheyenne Native American Indian Tribe of the Great Plains.

The Cheyenne Tribe

Summary and Definition: The Cheyenne tribe were a powerful, resourceful tribe of the Great Plains who fiercely resisted the white encroachment of the Native Indian lands. The names of the most famous chiefs of the Cheyenne tribe included Dull Knife, Chief Roman Nose, Little Rock, Morning Star and Black Kettle.

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An example of a gunstock club with only one knife:







Bottom bow is sinew-backed and was broken when strung backwards



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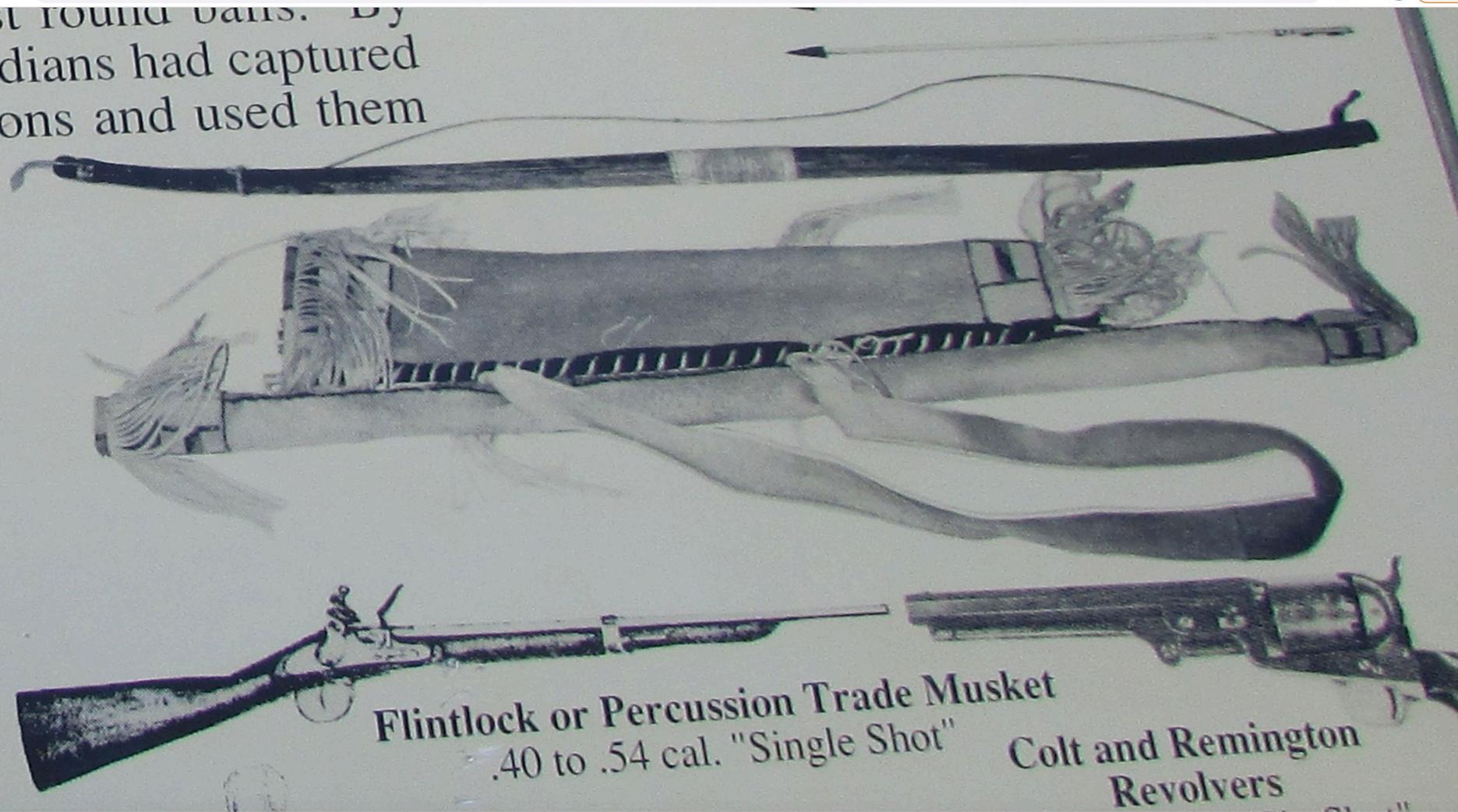




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Flintlock or Percussion Trade Musket
.40 to .54 cal. "Single Shot"

**Colt and Remington
Revolvers**

Carried a Spencer
or Model 1865 .50
caliber repeating carbine. He
could be carried in his
pockets. The standard
rounds.



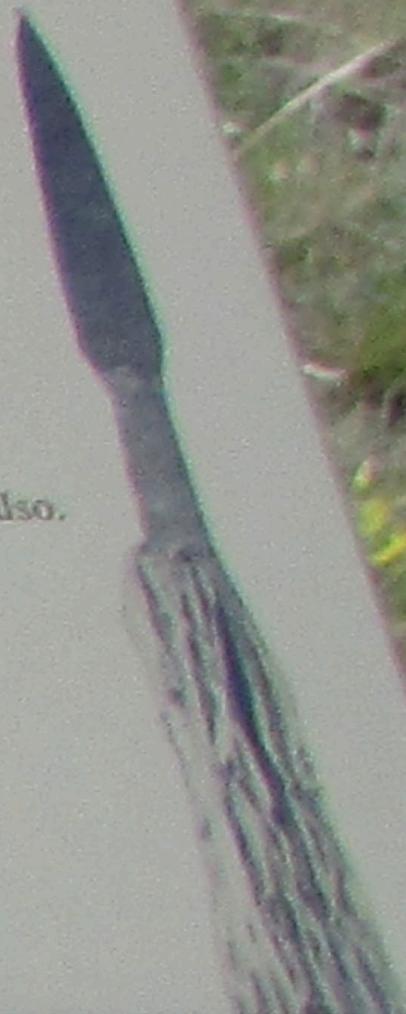
Scalping/Skinning Trade Knife
with steel blade

Wheatley were armed
with .44 caliber, 15 shot



War Lance
with iron point, nine foot
Coups Sticks (not shown) were carried also.

Stone War Club and
Plains Tomahawk
(As contact with traders increased,
stone heads gave way to metal)





Item GREAT INDIAN WAR ERA U S CAVALRY OFFICER'S MODEL 1872 SWORD / SABER W/ SCABBARD (image 1/4)
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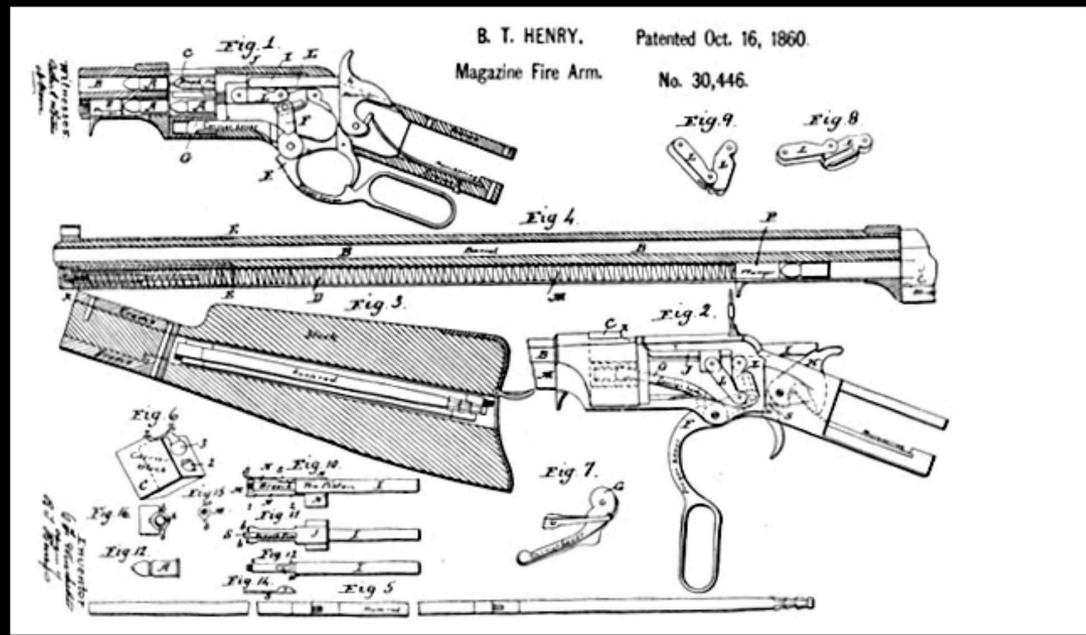


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Henry rifle Model 1860, .44 caliber, manufactured by the New Haven Arms Company.

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Patent drawing of the Henry rifle

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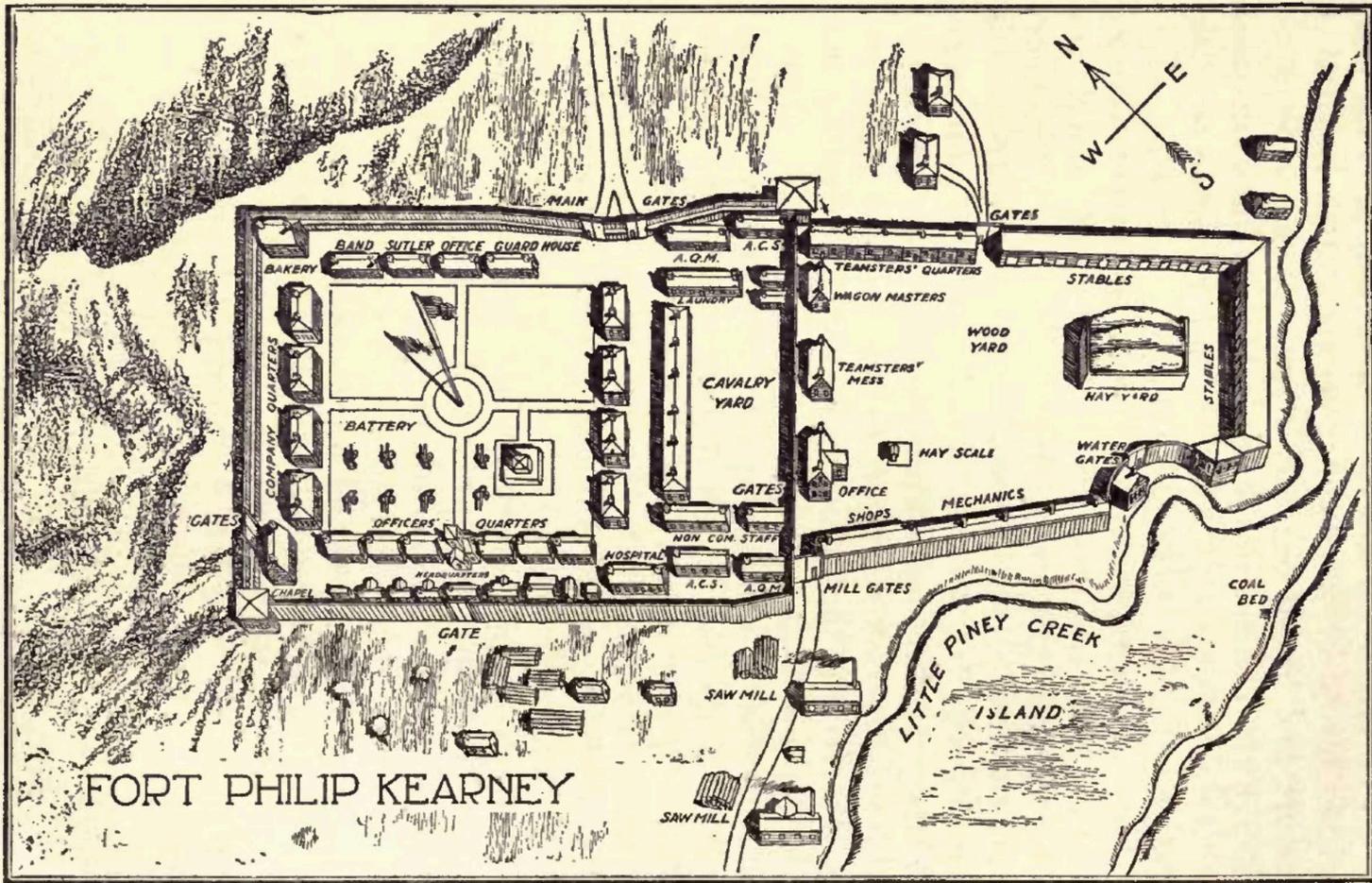


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New model army 1858 Remington percussion revolver. | Paul Bert Serpette

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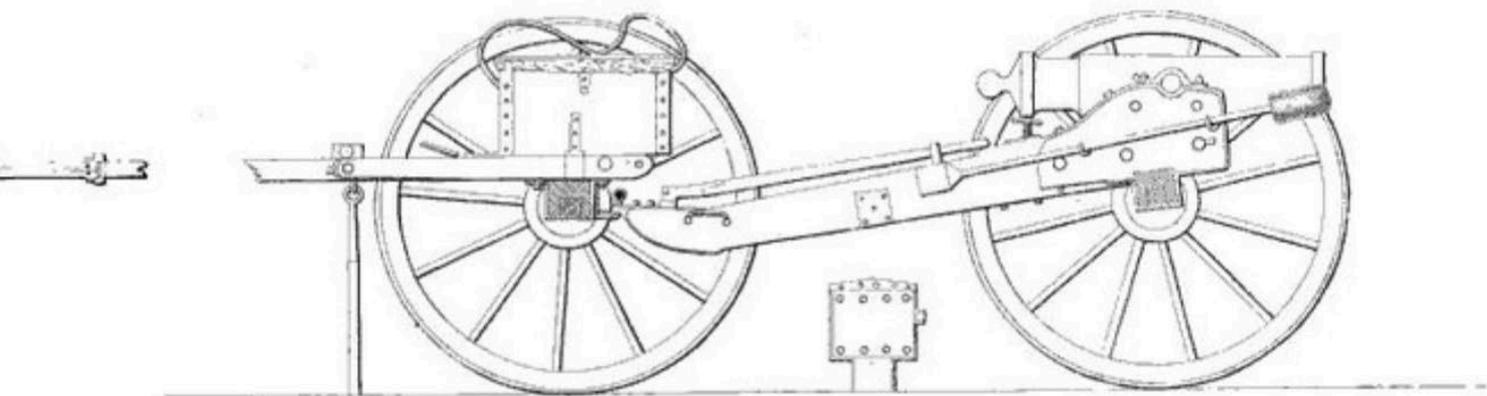
**Howitzer, captured by 17th Regt. N.Y.V. Col. H.S. Lansing, at the
attle of Hanover Court House, from Captain Lathan's Rebel Battery;
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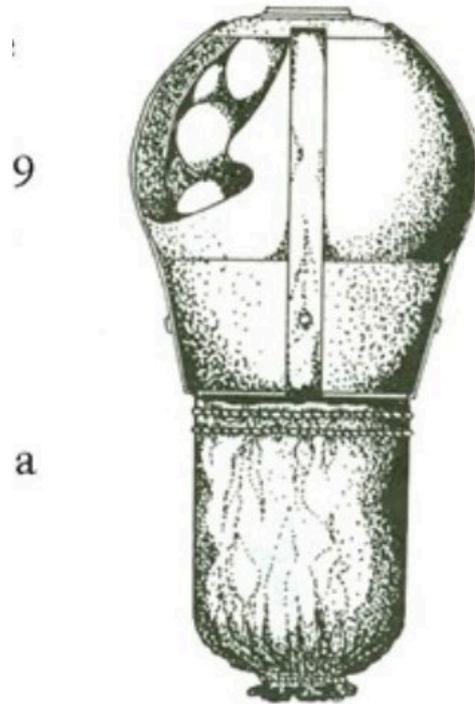


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Mountain Howitzer on a Prairie Carriage.



Spherical Case Shot



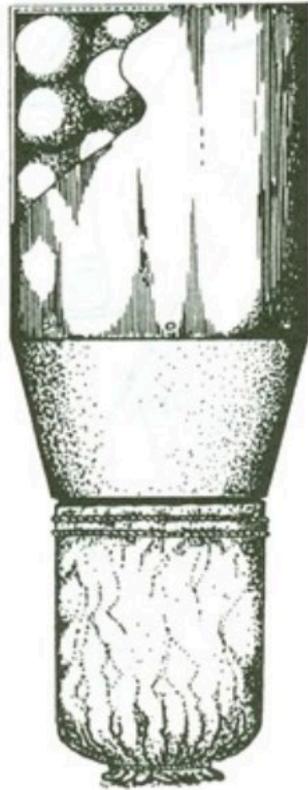
A hollow ball with
.69 caliber lead
balls inside.

Used mostly for
anti-personnel
purposes.

Types of Fi

Canister, circa 1848

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Large can the size of the cannon bore filled with .69 caliber lead balls, placed in tiers and padded with sawdust. Turns the howitzer into a huge shotgun.

314. *Ranges of Mountain howitzer.*

Charge.	Ball.	Elevation.	Range.	REMARKS.
Pounds.	—	Degrees.	Yards.	
0.5	shell	0	170	
"	"	1	300	
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