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Model 1873 Special Corbin's Serial Number 569944
I have carefully examined this one
Winchester, inside and out, and have
determined it is all original or made
by Winchester.

According to remaining records,
this gun was produced in 1903.

When it was received in the warehouse
it was listed as a "musket, Caliber 47" or
other information is listed except the
date received in the warehouse, August 26
of 1903. On September 18, 1903 it was
shipped out to order number 13880
along with 687 other 1873 models.

Winchester always had a large
stock of guns on hand, and when necessary
would convert a gun to fill an order. In
the case of this 1873, a close inspection
of the workmanship, markings, found and other
parts indicate factory work.

The original musket barrel
was reduced to corbin's length (30
inches) and the front sight was silver-
broned to the new location. This sight is
located in the exact location of other corbin's
sights. The original musket sight remains
on the barrel near the receiver.

While assembly numbers were
usually found on most 1873 models,

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on this carbine is seen the letter "L". No numbers are found on the stock or buttplate, which is unusual and indicates special work.

This carbine remains in unusually fine condition, with a high degree of the original finish seen on the walnut and on the steel parts. The polished and finish of this '73 are better than usually seen, and appear to have an "Extra Finish" generally found on very special guns.

It is unusual to find Winchester which have been converted at the factory, and very few examples are known.

Because of its age, condition and rarity, number 569944 is a fine collector's Winchester and it merits a prominent place in any collection or museum.

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