



*Elaborate Checkered Stock* (Serial 720,505)



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Finally, we have two examples of very elaborate stock embellishment. The first is serial number 40,771, a rifle that left the Winchester factory as a standard gun with an octagon barrel. Early on it received a significant upgrade. The cheekpiece and carving appear to be of Germanic design.

Serial number 720,505, one of the very last Model 1873s to leave the factory (see page 634), is a very special rifle with a style of checkering far more elaborate than anything seen on earlier guns, or for that matter, on any factory checkered guns.

*Carbine Receiver on Rifle—Later* (Serial 720,505)

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The facing photo to the left shows Model 1873 rifle, serial number 20,173, with the saddle ring stud holes still visible.

Later in production some of the carbine frames were converted to rifles by using screws to fill the saddle ring stud holes. The photo to the right shows an example of this.



*Deluxe Rifle Forearm*



Above is a photo of a very unusual deco checkering pattern, found on serial number 720,505.

See pages 151 and 634 for more photographs of this rifle.

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Our survey of Model 1873s includes four guns in the final 720,000–720,610 serial range. These are:

1. 720,227—rifle, octagon barrel, 44 caliber

2. 720,235—rifle, octagon barrel, 38 caliber (see page 632)

3. 720,505—rifle, half-octagon barrel, 38 caliber, highly decorative checkering (shown below)

4. 720,610—rifle, 20" octagon barrel, 32 caliber, unusual shotgun butt stock (see photo and tag on facing page)

*Example of Late Gun* (Serial 720,505)

