

RIA offers condition, rarity in firearms

MOLINE, Ill. — Collecting is a hobby for many, a habit for some and a way of life for others. Rock Island Auction strives to meet each individual collector's desire with every auction it builds. Every auction offers a plethora of opportunities for the firearm enthusiast; their April 30, May 1-2 sale has many high-conditioned and unique firearms from antique to modern that are sure to entice collectors.

This auction features the C.W. Slagle collection to include derringers, palm pistols, powder flasks and other curio type firearms. C.W. Slagle was well known throughout the firearms collecting industry and especially known for his collection of unusual and unique antique and curio and relic firearms.

From the C.W. Slagle collection comes an impressive Morrill, Mosman & Blaire Elgin patent cutlass pistol, serial no. 52 (largest known example). Also part of this unique collection are two scarce factory engraved gold and silver Colt Cloverleaf house model revolvers with pearl grips and a Liege proofed double barrel percussion knife pistol with attractive engraved silver panels.

There are more than 600 derringers and curio type weapons in this sale headlined by a rare AM. Sterling marked solid ster-



More than 600 derringers are offered in the April 30-May 2 Rock Island Auction event.

ling-silver Colt second-model derringer pistol, one of only four known solid-silver Colt derringers, estimated at \$50,000 to \$90,000. Other impressive examples are an extraordinary Marston superposed three barrel, retractable knife-blade derringer, exhibition quality engraved and signed by L.D. Nimschke (\$30,000-\$50,000) and a rare James Reid new-model knuckle-duster revolver (\$8,500-\$13,000). Henry and Philadelphia derringers will include an extremely rare ivory-stocked Henry deringer Philadelphia percussion pistol that is expected to bring \$25,000 to \$50,000.

This auction also boasts over 650 Colts with excellent percussions, single actions and fine engraved double-action revolvers. An exceptional Colt model 1849 pocket

revolver with deluxe factory engraving, ivory grips and pipe style case is expected to bring \$27,500 to \$35,000.

More than 2,700 quality lots will be offered April 30-May 2. For more information on Rock Island Auction Company, call 800-238-8022, or visit www.rockislandauction.com.



This rare original Colt Model 1905 Automatic Pistol was shipped to Abercrombie & Fitch in New York in March 1911. It still retains its rare leather covered metal frame combination shoulder stock/holster. It is expected to sell for between \$16,000 and \$22,500.

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