

Rock Island's April Sale To Offer Condition and Rarity to Firearms Collectors

Moline, IL April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010. 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, the April 30, May 1 & 2 Premiere Auction is no exception. This sale has many high conditioned and unique firearms from antique to modern that is sure to entice all levels of collecting.

This auction features the C.W. Slagle Firearms Estate 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 & Relic firearms. Collectors everywhere should take note that this auction is a real opportunity to obtain truly one-of-a-kind pieces.

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. This is just the beginning of what this auction holds...

There are more than 600 derringers and curio type weapons in this sale headlined by an extremely rare AM. Sterling marked solid sterling silver Colt second model derring pistol, one of only four known solid silver Colt derringers, estimated at \$50,000 - 90,000. Other impressive examples are an extraordinary Marston superposed three barrel, retractable knife blade deringer 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 - 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 - \$35,000. Another example is a Colonel Samuel Colt presentation cased and deluxe factory engraved Colt model 1855 sidehammer revolver with extremely rare Charter Oak grips. It is engraved: "Sylvester Bliss/Presented by/Col. Colt/Aug. 1857/Stock of the Charter Oak" and estimated at \$20,000 - 40,000. Single action Colt revolvers include an outstanding pre-war Colt dual caliber 44 Russian/S&W special with original matching serialized factory carton and original box and an outstanding D.F.C. inspected U.S. Colt model 1873 cavalry single action revolver each carrying pre-auction estimates of \$18,000 - 27,500. An outstanding selection of engraved 1877's & 1878's include a magnificent Gustave Young factory engraved, J.P. Lower shipped Colt Model 1878 sheriff model double action revolver with factory letter (\$25,000 - 50,000). Many of these 1878's are the finest condition we have been fortunate enough to offer at auction in quite some time.

A firearms auction would not be complete without Winchesters. Over 400 Winchesters comprised of outstanding lever actions plus excellent Model 21's and sporting rifles including Model 70's will be brought to the auction block. Three Henry rifles, a magnificent factory cased and engraved Volcanic lever action Navy pistol estimated at \$70,000 - 125,000 and a spectacular, Winchester model 1886 fancy sporting rifle with factory Montgomery Ward inscription in 38-56 WCF which holds a pre-auction estimate of \$30,000 - 60,000 are only a few of the impressive firearms being offered at this sale.

Rock Island Auction never disappoints the military collector. RIAC is the auction house for buying and selling all military genres. Beginning with the Civil War, two fine historically significant examples are an exceptional Gustave Young deluxe engraved, factory cased and Civil War officer inscribed Colt model 1851 navy revolver engraved "Lieut Jas B. Smith/Co D National Guards 2nd Regt Philada" (\$50,000 - 90,000) and an inscribed and identified Civil War New Haven Arms Co., Henry lever action rifle belonging to "Peter Church / Co.C. 23rd Ill Vols" (\$60,000 - 75,000). A rare Miller & Co., presentation cavalry officer's saber with Collins & Co., blade is one of nearly 100 swords in this auction including several Union & Confederate. The upper scabbard mount has an integral, oval, plate inscribed: "COL. NELSON WALL. / - From Officers of - / the 4th R.I.M." (\$8,500 - 16,000). Over 100 Civil war lots with high condition carbines, rifles and revolvers from Starr Arms, Richmond Armory, Burnside, Remington and many others. This auction will also offer impressive U.S. military arms from

early trapdoors through WWI & WWII sniper rifles, edged weapons and semi-automatic pistols. An outstanding U.S. Springfield model 1873 trapdoor carbine is within the serial number range of carbines documented as being used by the 7th Cavalry at the Battle of Little Bighorn and carries a presale estimate of \$20,000 - 30,000. A highlight of the military items is a rare WWII Singer contract U.S. M1911A1 semi-automatic pistol with Parkerized finish (\$20,000 - 40,000), one of two Singers in this auction. There are over 100 1911's and early autos in this auction, an extremely rare U.S. army first contract Colt model 1900 automatic pistol serial number 93 with holster is estimated at \$25,000 - 37,500.

The WWII items in this auction are in abundance: nearly 250 German, European and Japanese military arms to include 100 Lugers, and nearly 20 Broomhandles. There is an impressive collection of presentation swords featuring an extremely rare presentation Nazi diplomatic official's sword with damascus blade and gold-etched inscription to Gen. Konsul Dr. Pfeifer. Another Third Reich item is a rare and unique Nazi eagle belt buckle multi-shot pistol estimated to sell for \$15,000 - 30,000. This grouping also features a very interesting Luftwaffe Ace Horst Petzschler's tunic and personal effects (\$7,500 - 15,000). This lot makes for some interesting reading, the missions he flew, fights he was involved in, including times he was shot down. Accompanying this lot RIAC also has a rare Nazi WWII Luftwaffe Model 30 survival drilling with original case and accessories. A desirable WWII German MP-40 submachine gun with spare magazines is one of the 12 class III items in this auction.

Over 500 sporting arms will be offered during the April sale including a rare cased engraved custom order Purdey side lock over and under double barrel shotgun estimated to sell between \$65,000 and 90,000 and an engraved custom order Luciano Bosis over and under sidelock shotgun with case estimated to bring \$40,000 - 65,000. The outstanding sporting rifles are lead by a royal pair of exquisite custom built and engraved, gold inlaid Winchester pre-64 model 70 bolt action rifles owned by prince Abdorreza Pahlavi imperial highness of Iran \$45,000 - 90,000. A rare collector's set of twenty Browning shotguns and rifles that feature the same collector number (00109) prefix in the serial number will grab bidding interest with a pre-sale estimate of \$25,000 - 35,000.

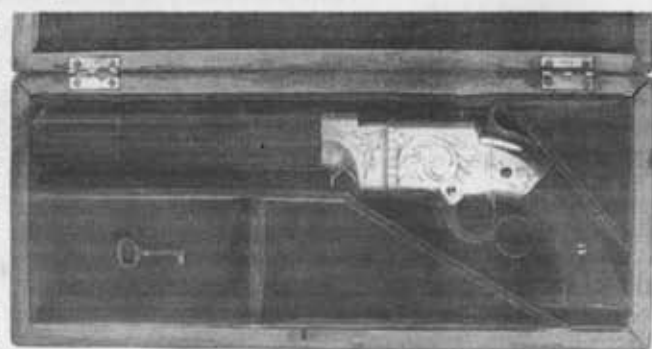
An excellent array of European percussion and flintlocks include an exhibition grade cased pair of German breach loading target pistols. These exhibition-grade pistols are gold inlaid and relief engraved with European walnut forearms and fluted grips. The fluted barrels are blued with relief-engraved floral and cross-hatched designs on a stippled background. Intricate, gold, filigree designs are inlaid on the muzzles, breeches, sides and tops of the barrels. This magnificent set of exhibition grade pistols represents the finest turn-of-the-century German gun-making and engraving skill. This is a one-of-a-kind set of pistols that displays unmatched craftsmanship and detail is estimated at \$35,000 - 65,000. Other fine craftsmanship can be found in a magnificent cased percussion pistol by Gastinne Renette of Paris estimated at \$16,000 - 25,000 and a pair of Daniel Ross Scottish all steel flintlock pistols estimated at \$10,000 - 15,000. Also crossing the auction block is an extraordinary silver mounted Pennsylvania rifle by Pennepacker carrying a presale estimate of \$12,000 - 18,000.

In its entirety, over 2700 quality lots will be offered April 30th and May 1st & 2nd by Rock Island Auction Company. The highly unique and broad assortment of firearms in this auction is sure to offer something for every collector.

The April auction is catalogued in a full-color two-volume catalogue, which can be ordered through the mail (\$60) or viewed online at www.rockislandauction.com. Rock Island Auction Company is currently seeking consignments for their upcoming auctions. For more information call 800-238-8022 and watch next weeks issue for a full page ad.



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