

SHOTGUNS

MODEL 870 "BRUSHMASTER"

The Production Department reports that new sights have been provided to correct the sight picture to point of impact. Guns are being assembled this week to meet the November warehouse date.

Subject to General Management approval, the Sales Department will announce this item on January 1, 1961 at a list price of \$109.70.

(Subsequent to the Meeting on November 4, 1960, General Management approved the Model 870 "Brushmaster" shotgun for invoiced shipment. Informative Bulletin No. 19-1960 records this approval).

MODEL 58 - 5 SHOT AUTOLOADING SHOTGUN

A styling model was shown. Features of this item, described by the Research & Development Department, are recorded below with members' comments thereon:

Stock

Plans call for a wooden stock and fore-end in the "A" Grade, and a Nylon stock and fore-end in the "ADL" Grade. Use of Nylon in the "ADL" Grade would permit a stock conformation and checkering which cannot now be obtained with automatic woodworking tools.

The problem of mounting a Nylon butt stock to a receiver of the Sportsman 58 type is far from resolved, since normal stock bolting systems will not cope with nylon's tendency to "cold flow" under compression loading. Loosening of the stock and receiver connection results from this nylon displacement and tightening of the stock butt provides only temporary correction. The search for a satisfactory stock-receiver connecting means is being given high priority but the approximate seven-month lead time required to produce a nylon stock, after final design is complete, raises the possibility that a nylon stock might not be available for announcement on the scheduled date of January 1, 1962.

The question of stock styling was raised. The Sales Department considers the proposed Monte Carlo stock with Etchen Pistol Grip to be a handsome but unproved departure from our current shotgun butt stock. Before the proposed stock is accepted, Sales will require a full evaluation by experienced shooters.