FIREARMS

SHOTGUNS

WOOD MOLDING - MODEL 870 STOCK

The design is completed on the profile die. Design of the side dies is under way. Dies should be completed by the end of the year.

Study of the carving machine to produce a satisfactory blank continues.

MODEL 1100 AUTOLOADING SHOTGUN

Marketing reported favorable field acceptance of the 20 gauge guns equipped with mahogany Stock and Fore End. A darker good color is requested for future production.

Offering of optional walnut or manogany wood for the Model 1100. 20 gauge in the 1966 catalog is proposed.

R & D reported that tests indicate strength is lower than for walnut; therefore not recommended for 12 and 16 gauge guns, especially since Production is having breakage problems.

Committee Action

Marketing was authorized to catalog in 1966 the optional offering of walnut or mahogany wood for Model 1100, 20 gauge shotguns.

Consideration of mahogany for 12 and 16 gauge will be dropped.

FORE END

Marketing requested a review of the steps being taken to reduce the field problem of Fore End breakage.

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