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by Dunlap: "A slightly short stock makes for a fast handling rifle. I believe in short buttstocks, and found some support from Jack O'Connor who stated to me one day that his theory now is that most men get their rifle stocks too long and their shotgun stocks too short. It is a fact that the longer a man uses a rifle, the shorter his stocks become."

By Crossman: "Generally speaking, the man who shoots much rapid fire prone and is a skilled and fast expert in this game, does not want over 13 inches of butt stock with a bolt action rifle if he is of average size, which may be taken as 5'8" to 5'9". On the other hand the same size and build of man who shoots only stand and has no intention of operating the bolt from the shoulder or of doing much rapid fire work will find 13 1/2" more comfortable."

"More shooters will be fitted with a stock of 13 1/4 inches than of 13 5/8".

DROP & LINE OF SIGHT RECOIL

by Dunlap: in re M/721 Low Comb

"Stock has no redeeming feature from where I stand. Shaped on the general lines of Remington's cheapest .22 bolt actions, it looks a beautifully sleek and nice to look at, but one of the saddest to shoot you ever hit."

Remington slipped here, badly. Maybe they thought they were getting out a job ideal for quick snap-shooting, but I have had quite a few men try throwing the rifle up fast and they all report the same result I get, -- nothing is visible but the rear sight... The drop of the stock seems much more than it is, and if decreased will help reduce recoil as well as make the rifle much more comfortable. As it is, in .30-06 or .270 caliber, the M/721 kicks like the proverbial army mule."

"The little brother of the M/721 is the 722 This paddles at \$36.55 and you still need a stock for it."

DROP PITCH & RECOIL

by Crossman: "The minimum of recoil is obtained with a straight stock and reasonable pitch - the straight stock to avoid putting the resistance to recoil far below the line in which it starts; the pitch to avoid having to wrap the face down too much to get in the sight line."