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Dear Ted:

Well, now that you have a cryptic letter (the last one) to confuse you, maybe you're stymied.

So:

Thank you very much for agreeing to let me borrow another shotgun. Since the primary reason for same is deer, secondarily, though not very, turkeys, I would like a sighted slug gun.

Specifically, make it an 870R Rifle Sights 12 ga. Then, include a 28" full choke barrel also. (I like this combination because it gets a recoil pad.) This would be Gun #4856 and Barrel #6216 or 6224.

Extremely careful scrutinizing of the catalog leads me to believe you all offer barrels with Gutta Comp installed. That would be wild if you could rise to it in place of the Full choke barrel. I assume it comes with a skirt tube, but I think I could locate a tighter one without too much trouble.

There's a lot of loose talk about an all-round shotgun. Now, I know a couple fellers down here out in the flat pine woods who figure they got all-round shotguns and wouldn't have no other kind. One of 'em shoots a Iver Johnson and t'other a Stevens. They ain't but a single shot to do with, but whatever they shoots gets shot with them guns and if they ain't all-round shotguns, somebody better tell these fellers pretty quick so they can stop wasting time. If they had better guns, maybe they wouldn't feel so bad when they miss one shot. Every year or so, one of them comes crying to me he missed a shot.

Loose talk notwithstanding, the 870 rig outlined above would by dam' be an all-round shotgun as far as I'm concerned.

Now, a question, perhaps an embarrassing one: What in the world do you do to unrinkle a Nylon ventilated rib on a Mod. 600 or an XP-100? Both of mine have adjusted themselves into a rather attractive waviness between pegs. Not between every peg, of course — just once in a while. They have buckled upwards, in short. Should I iron 'em? Is this Florida weather, the well-known and celebrated Warner luck, or some little thing that nobody could figure beforehand?

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