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Dear Sirs:

I DOUBT IF THIS COULD REACH WAYNE LEEK,
HOWEVER, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. AS CAN BE
SEEN FROM THIS PAPER-AND-PEN-INFORMAL LETTER
THIS IS JUST A COMMUNICATION FROM AN AVERAGE,
GUN MINDED, STUDENT ABOUT TO ENTER THE
DEVASTATING WORLD OF COLLEGE.

I AM A GUN COLLECTOR BY HEREDITY AND
PERSONAL PLEASURE. I LOVE TO SEE A WELL DESIGN-
ED GUN, ALTHOUGH I OWN NO REAL WORTHY GUNS
HOWEVER, I KNOW THAT I WILL EVENTUALLY BE
SOMETHING, SO THAT I CAN INDULGE IN THESE
WORLDLY PLEASURES OF GUN COLLECTING. HOWEVER,
THE REAL WORTH OF A GUN COMES FROM THE
PURPOSE IT IS DESIGNED FOR, SHOOTING!

ABOUT A YEAR AGO I DECIDED WHAT MY
FIRST + MOST MEMORABLE GUN OF MY COLLECTION
THE REMINGTON XP-100.

I FEEL IN LOVE WITH THIS BEAUTIFULLY FUNCTIONAL WEAPON, BECAUSE HAND GUNS ARE ESPECIALLY IN WITH ME AND BECAUSE OF ITS SUPER ACCURACY. I CONSIDER MYSELF A FAIRLY GOOD SHOT WITH A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER (POLICE SPECIAL, SWITH AND NESSON) AND I KNOW THAT SOME DAY I WOULD BE THE MOST ENVIED VARMINT HUNTER ANYWHERE AROUND.

BUT AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE WITH LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, A FLAW WAS SOON FOUND IN MY BEAUTY. IT CAME IN THE FORM OF AN ARTICLE "NO, FLOWERS, PLEASE" BY WARREN PAGE IN THE JULY ISSUE OF FIELD AND STREAM THIS YEAR. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, BECAUSE OF THE SALES, OR RATHER THE LACK OF SALES, THE XP-100 MIGHT BE DROPPED AND ITS FABULOUS .221 FIREBALL WILL "GO THE BOBSLED ROUTE". NOW I AM A PRACTICAL PERSON AND NOT A TRUE LOVER OF AESTHETIC BEAUTY IN GUNS. I WANTED THE XP FOR ITS ACCURACY AND CHALLENGE. I DON'T WANT AN UNFIRABLE PIECE OF MACHINERY, NO MATTER HOW GOOD LOOKING!

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A MAN WITH SUCH A CREATIVE MIND AS MR. LEE'S COULD SAVE THIS DYING RACE OF GUNS. I SHOULD LIKE TO POSE SOME QUESTIONS AND AS I

PLAN TO BE AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER FIRSTMOST AND GUNSMITH IN MY RETIRED YEARS, I HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT PRINCIPLES ARE INVOLVED IN RECHAMBERING, BOLT PRESSURE, ETC. IN OTHER WORDS, I AM STUPIDLY TRYING TO SUGGEST SOMETHING WHICH MAY BE TOTALLY ASinine TO AN INVENTOR LIKE MR. LEEK. HOWEVER, THE EFFORT IS HERE AND I HOPE IT IS TAKEN TO HEART AT REMINGTON, ENOUGH SO AS TO TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK.

1. WOULD THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CARBINE RIFLE USING THE .221 BE POSSIBLE? IT MIGHT REVIVE THE SHELL AS THE .22/250 HAS REVIVED. (THEN AGAIN IT MIGHT ALSO FLUNK)
2. COULD A FEEDING MECHANISM BE DEvised SO AS TO MAKE THE XP-100 A 4 OR 5 SHOT REPCATER?
3. WHAT ABOUT A HAND GUN OF THE SAME FORM BUT CHAMBERED FOR A .22/250? WOULD IT BE AS ACCURATE? HOW DOES THE MUZZLE VELOCITY OF THE .22/250 COMPARE WITH THE .221'S 2,650 ft/sec?
4. WHAT ABOUT PUBLICITY? I ONLY READ ONE ARTICLE OF IT IN POPULAR SCIENCE, OR SOME SUCH, BACK IN 1963(?)
5. OR MAYBE I AM ALL WET AND

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DEAR OLD REMINGTON DOESN'T GIVE A D__D,
WHAT SAY YOU BRILLIANT PEOPLE?

I SERIOUSLY THINK IT COULD BE A BIGGER
AND BETTER SMASH THAN EVER BEFORE, IF
ONLY YOU CAN DECIDE WHAT IS RIGHT TO
DO.

6. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT
OTHER BRILLIANT CONTRIBUTIONS REMINGTON
HAS MADE IN THE AREA OF ACCURATE
HAND GUNS?

WELL, AS I HAVE BEEN RATHER RATHER VERBOSE
I WILL CLOSE WISHING YOU WOULD REPLY IN
SOME WAY, SHAPE OR FORM AND I HOPE I
HAVEN'T DEGRADED THE AVERAGE, GUNMINDED
STUDENTS OF AMERICA.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Larry Miller

THAT'S LARRY MILLER

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN OF
HANDGUNS"

THOMAS CARTY ?