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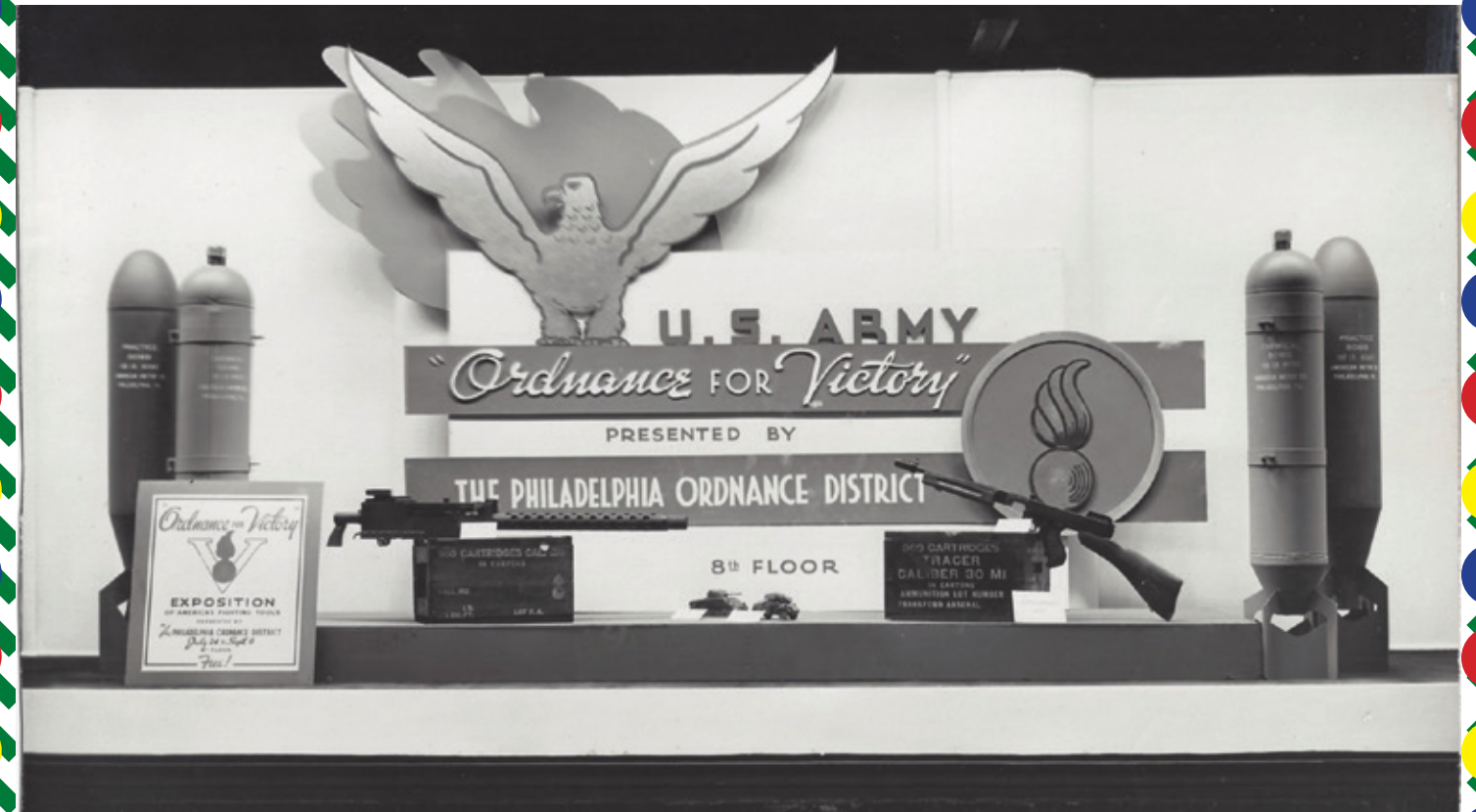
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Christmas window displays were always popular when I was a kid. But, from the image above I must have been shopping in the wrong place.

REPRODUCTION AMMUNITION BOXES

BY
TOM DAVIS, JR.

Those of us that routinely search the far ends of the earth for any products associated with our beloved Thompson submachine gun recently found something new. Listed on ebay is a great looking reproduction Peters shot shell box - at the fantastic price of \$16!



What got my immediate attention was the seller's location, Burlington, Kentucky. Burlington is a small town only minutes from where I live. I reached out to the seller and asked him if he would like to see a "real" Peters Rustless-Riot Cartridge box along with some shot magazines and shells. He responded quickly that he would be interested in seeing the real thing.

The seller is Patrick Boyer and his business is named: Boyer Bros. Hardware and Gun Shop. He does have an internet site – <http://boyerbroshardware.com> – but Patrick warned the site is still under construction. He has been so occupied making product that he has not had time to complete the site. After a close-up look at many of his products, I understand completely why he is busy. While the Peters box is an obvious reproduction (and that is a good thing), the quality of the workmanship is excellent. Patrick stresses that he does not want his products to be authentic, only authentic looking. His primary customers include Cowboy Action Shooters, re-enactors, and movie & production companies needing inexpensive but authentic looking props that can be used (and abused) in movies and plays at a nominal cost. Patrick stressed that he does

not produce absolute or perfect reproductions. That level of detail is not needed for his customer base and would not be available at the price level he markets his product. He readily understands that there are those in the marketplace who would attempt to sell reproductions as originals.

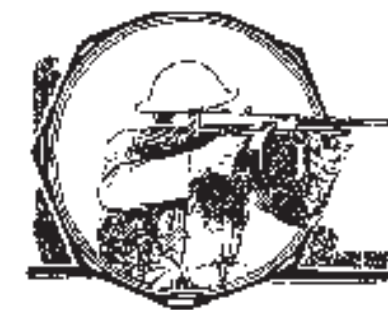
If you view all the pictures of his ebay auction for the shot shell box you can get a glimpse of his other products. Many are piled high on his dining room table: numerous cartridge boxes, labels for medicine bottles, gun boxes, and beautiful custom pistol grips. Seeing Patrick's dining room table was a real treat. A quick review of his other items on ebay make it is easy to tell the Thompson community is just a very small part of his business.

Aside from the Peters box, Patrick also makes a reproduction ammunition box for the United States Cartridge Co., the ammunition used in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. As with the Peters box, the United States Cartridge Co. box is also an obvious reproduction. While his boxes do have an authentic look to the uninformed, anyone that knows anything about ammunition boxes would instantly know these items are current day reproductions. Each label is made with ultra-violet or UV protection and an archival coating – something not found on the originals. They are perfect for displays and movies where if damaged, the loss is minimal. The type of boxes used for the United States Cartridge Co. and the Peters shot shell are not even the right type of boxes. Original boxes are a different size and do not have the half-moon cutout on the sides. Stock boxes are purchased in lots of 1000 so small projects like the Peters and US

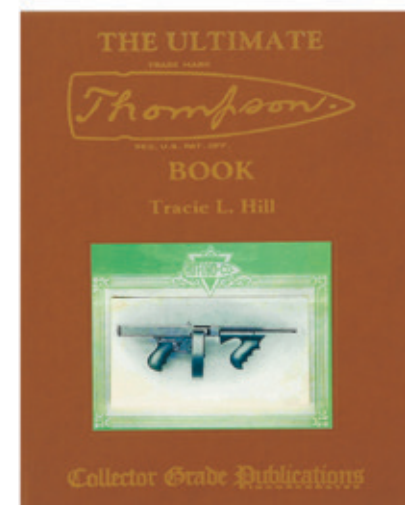
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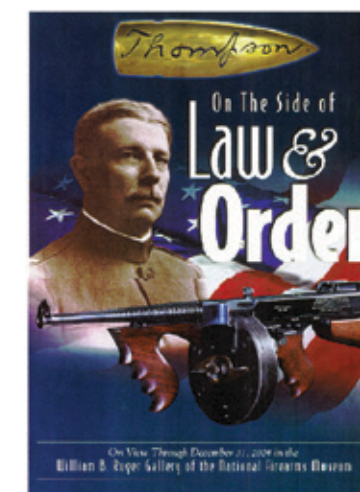


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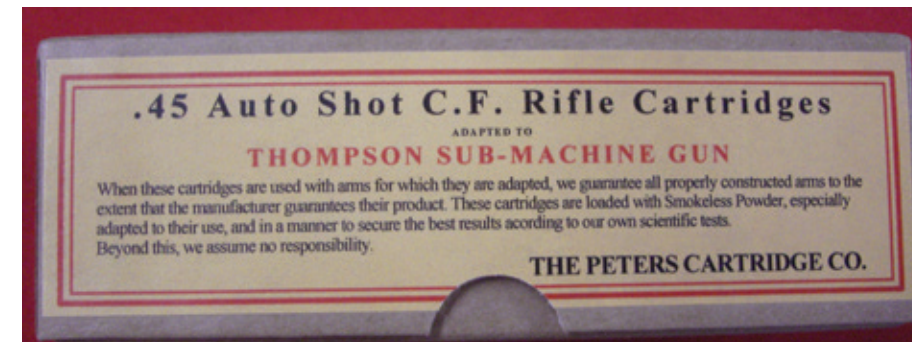
Patrick was kind enough to give me a Peters and US Cartridge Co. box at the end of our visit. I will bring the Peters box to the next All Thompson Show and Shoot in 2014 for all to see and handle. If you want to see the reproduction United States Cartridge Co. box, you will have to visit Lt. Mike Kline and the St. Valentine Day Massacre display from the Berrien County Sheriff's Department, Michigan. I knew the SVDM display would be the perfect place for the United States Cartridge Co. box...ah, prop. We have all had displays where the observers just have to touch something. Now Mike has something to hand them!



COMPARISON OF SHOT SHELL BOXES - (TOP LEFT) ORIGINAL 1930s, (TOP RIGHT) BOYER REPRO AND (LOWER) ORIGINAL 1920S.



COMPARISON OF SIDES OF THE SHOT SHELL BOXES - (TOP LEFT) ORIGINAL 1930s, (TOP RIGHT) BOYER REPRO AND (LOWER) ORIGINAL 1920S.



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE REPRO BOX OF
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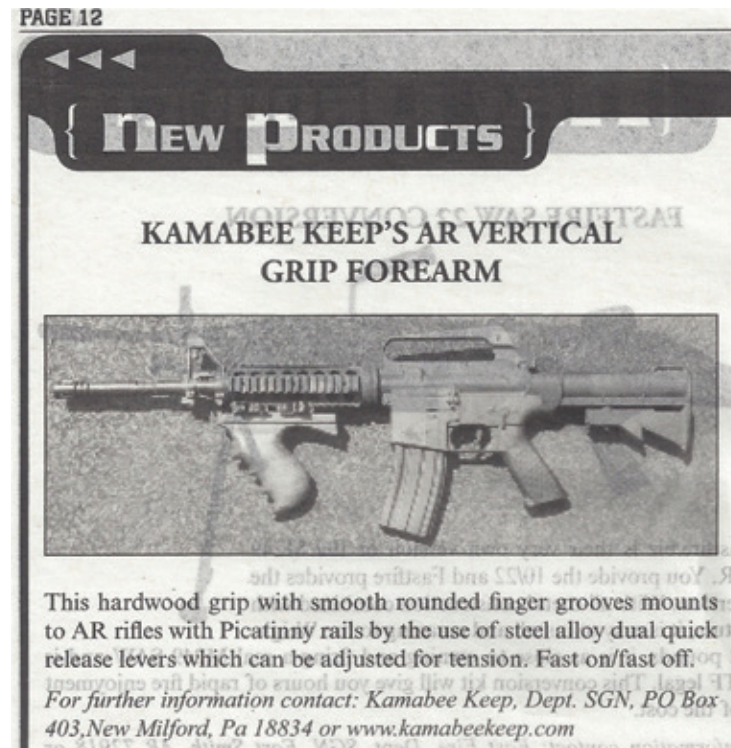
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ANOTHER INTERESTING VIEW OF THE "ORDNANCE FOR VICTORY" DISPLAY. ENJOY!

WHAT'S NEW

The Thompson Submachine Gun's vertical fore grip has been a distinctive item ever since it was added to the first Model of 1919. This same fore grip has been used on several other arms such as the Model of 1911 pistols (mostly the full auto .38 supers), the Remington Model 8s used by the gangsters and now it is for sale for your favorite black rifle.



NEAT STUFF OR DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!



Bulletproof vests from the 1920-1930s are always interesting and rare items to collect. The American Armor Corporation's, "Bovite" vests were a very valuable item for the police and the criminals. The vests appear in several arms caches of the gangster era. The vests would stop most rounds except the .38 super. The vest only covered the front chest area of the body. AAC even sold Thompson Submachine Guns and gas gun equipment.

The above photo was one of the most "popular" means of demonstrating to a crowd of interested sales prospects. The testimony on the left page showed that under the right conditions the vests worked.



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