

# Antiquing with Joel Sater

## Customs Still Ignores Law On Permanent Marking Of Imports

As many of my readers know, I've been conducting a one-sided battle with the Customs Department of the United States Treasury for several years now. I say "one-sided" because I'm the only one doing the fighting, the Customs Department just buttons itself up in the security of its bureaucracy and ignores me.

The gist of my whole complaint is that I say current laws require all imports to have permanent markings. The gist of the Customs Department reply when they bother to reply is that they permit paper label markings on imports because permanent markings might injure the product.

My reply to that is that Customs evidently does not know or is unwilling to recognize that for hundreds of years makers proud of their products have always tried to mark them so they would not be easily confused with someone else's craftsmanship.

Frequently, makers unwilling to permanently mark their wares are copyists hoping to "knock off" the originator by producing similar items to sell for lower prices.

The Customs Department is actually breaking the law by allowing foreign makers to ship hard goods into this country bearing only paper labels. But they justify their actions with the usual government gobbledygook that no one can understand or argue against. The only thing that will ever force them to change their attitude will be pressure in the form of letters and cards from collectors demanding that they "cease and desist."

The law requiring permanent markings exists. It's only necessary for collectors to raise so much clamor about the situation that Customs will have to come around.

Meanwhile, I'd like to call Customs' attention to Jack Feimster who has a country store at Allenwood, New Jersey. Jack sells antique firearms. He also sells reproductions of antique firearms.

The reproductions I carry are

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groups, be a hospital visitor, help elderly citizens adjust, tutor young people, or teach a class and share a particular talent you might have.

Not only does volunteer work offer a legitimate service for someone in need, but it also can provide a meeting ground for people with similar interests.

What may be volunteer work today can lead to professional interest later. If you enjoy hospital volunteer work you might decide to train for a nurses aide or a practical nurse.

You can do many volunteer jobs right at home. If you are tied down with young children or other responsibilities, you might consider becoming a volunteer caller for a church or organization or do emergency baby sitting.

Before you decide to take on volunteer work be sure you can handle both the job and your family. You will need to set your own priorities on what kind of volunteer help you can give with what age group, and how much time you can devote to the job.

made in Italy," Jack points out. "And 'Made in Italy' is permanently and deeply stamped into the metal barrel. In addition each piece is rifled in the opposite direction of the one it was copied from. Each piece is also numbered. Thus there is no change of a novice collector being misled."

Hooray for Jack and the Italian firm making the reproductions. These are handsome, decorative

pieces. They sell for about half the price of similar original pieces. Many people will be happy to own one. And the pieces are well made, often workable and certainly decorative. There is absolutely nothing wrong with anyone reproducing any thing old. But there is something decidedly "right" about the firm making them who takes enough pride in its work to openly and boldly pronounce them "reproductions."


Or perhaps you require this for firearms but not for glass and pottery. If this is the case, I'd surely like to hear your justification.

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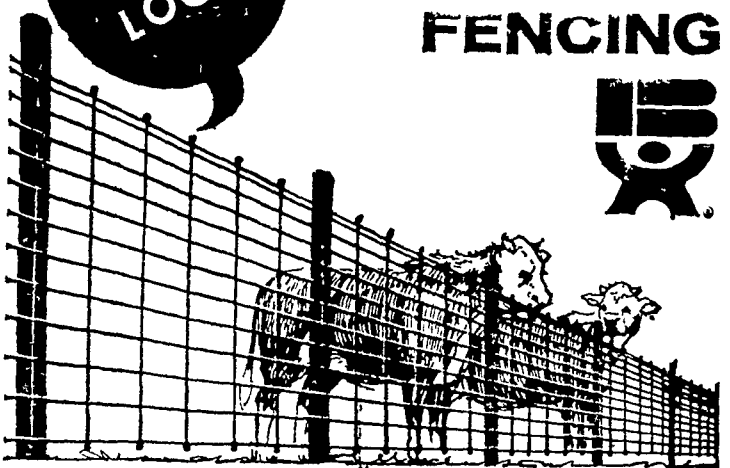


Most of the firearms shown above are modern reproductions made in Italy. This fact is permanently embossed on each. Only three pieces are genuinely antique, the Kentucky half stock, fifth from bottom, about 1850, the shotgun, second from bottom, about 1875 and the all brass saluting cannon, about 100 years old. The rest including the pistols are plainly marked "made in Italy." Shown by Jack Feimster, Allenwood, N.J.

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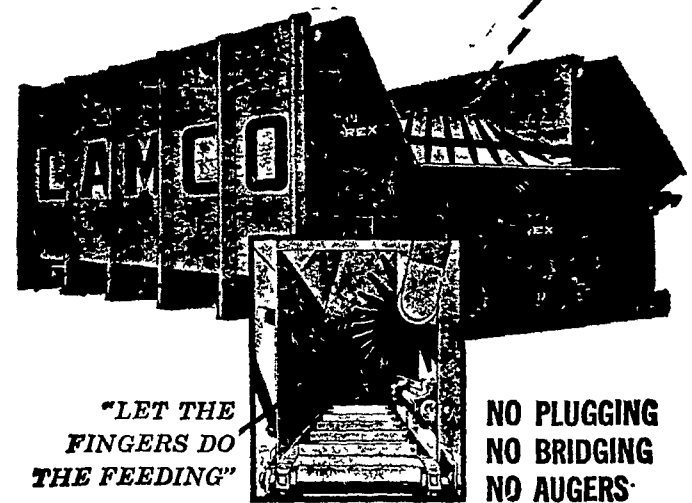
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