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Dear Prof. Campbell:

Yours of the 27th inst. is at hand, and I reply by return mail.

No, I can not give you any titles of books on Indian firearms, for the simple reason that except for Firearms in the Custer Battle, they do not exist. I can give you a couple of titles that will help though, as they contain information on guns used by hostiles, or on types or arms I am reasonably certain were in Indian hands:

Sawyer, Charles W. Our Rifles (Phillips, I had it purchased, so I am sure it is there - with a few other arms books) *OK*

Catalogue of the Nunnemacher (Nunnemaker ?)
Collection of Projectile Arms, Milwaukee Public Museum (I believe a few items are identified as of Indian usage) - *Rare book stacks* *OK*

The subject is one that has received very little attention. Personally, I have a thick bundle of pencil long hand notes on the matter, but doubt they would be of any use to you due to the code I use in note taking and the often hasty script employed.

I have recollection of notes indicating that Roman Nose the Cheyenne personally owned a Spencer rifle (7-shot, lever action). This at the time of his death at Beecher Island. 1868
1867-Finn Burdett (Bozeman Trail) says that the first 1866 brass frame Winchester he saw was taken from the body of a Sioux hostile near Ft. C.F. Smith. Wheeler (Buffalo Days) mentions taking a 3-band "needle gun" from a dead hostile (at Sappa Creek, I believe) - this would have been an altered (from muzzle-loading) Civil War Springfield, with the model 1866 breech put on it, to take the 50/70 center fire cartridge.