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Mr. Stanley Vestal
% Houghton Mifflin Company
2 Park Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Vestal:

There was recently given to me a pistol which is reputed to be the one which was used in the slaying of Sitting Bull.

Your most excellent book on Sitting Bull describes very vividly the scene of his arrest and the subsequent fight.

Is there any evidence that indicates the type of weapon used by Bullhead and Red Tomahawk? The weapon which I have is a single shot percussion cap dragoon pistol, .54 caliber, 8-1/2" barrel, weight 2-3/4 pounds, brass mounted. It is evidently an Army weapon, because the initials U.S. appear on the lock. It was made by H. Aston in Middleton, Connecticut in 1851.

If you can give me any information which will lead to an accurate determination of the story connected with this weapon, I will greatly appreciate it.

Yours very truly,


Lenox R. Lohr