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Dear Mr. Campbell,-

I am enclosing a little article which I have just written about an old gun. I rather hesitate to send this to you, as I am fully aware of your extensive knowledge and keen interest in the subject of Indians. However, this letter may catch you in a mood where you would be patient enough to read the manuscript. If you are, I myself can make the following comments: The name Cheyenne should probably be changed to some other tribe. I have ridden horseback all my life, and in my younger days I used to punch cattle. In my description of the way the Indians carried powder, I say that they did not use a powder horn. I am aware that some authorities claim that they did. I would hate to try to load this old musket from a powder horn while riding full speed over rough ground on a cow pony. They say that the mouth of the horn was very large to allow the powder to run out easily. I have never seen a powder horn with what might be called a very large mouth, and I have seen quite a number.

I have always been vitally interested in Indians, and have collected anything that I could get hold of which they made or used. I have also always been a collector of antique guns; but my tastes run to just the very finest, such as the flintlock fowling pieces, and dueling pistols made in England and France. I shoot partridges whenever I have the opportunity with a Joe Manton double barrel flintlock -- a gun which throws a pattern superior to my modern Parker of the same gauge, and a gun which it is much more interesting to use.

I would like very much to write up an article on two or three of the first Winchester models. I own one of these, which has quite a history.

If you know of any magazine which might print the enclosed, will you be kind enough to drop me a line.

Thanking you in advance, and hoping that you will return the enclosed, I am

Yours very truly,

E. A. Hawks

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