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**Cassius Marcellus Clay:
Freedom Fighter with a Bowie Knife**

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Cover Picture

A Winchester Model 21 Grand American custom built in 1957 for Mr. Harry Wright



Gun of the Month

A Miniature Borchardt Pistol

By

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Miniature arms have been produced as long as arms themselves. It is a fact that thousands of years ago our ancient ancestors modeled and produced miniature arms; some were toys for children; some were manufactured as religious articles; and others were a source of votive offerings. In later years, many of these miniature items were worn as charms or decorative jewelry.

Were one to have occasion to examine such miniature arms of those bygone civilizations, he would find them totally primitive and crude as compared to their modern counterparts. For today, the manufacture and sale of miniature firearms has reached an all-time high in popularity. Manufacturers of miniature arms are besieged with orders for their products. In the case of the gentleman who

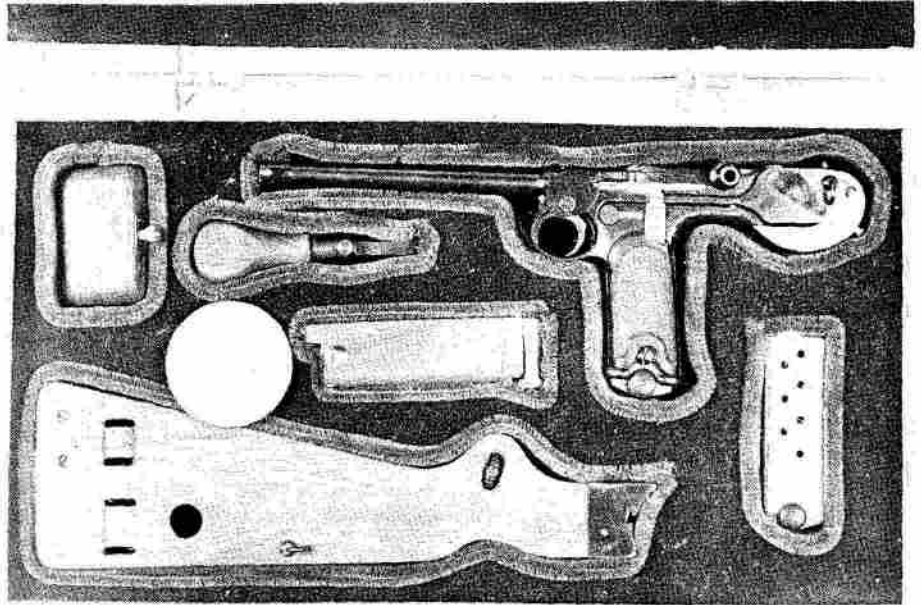


Photo 1: An overhead view of the entire cased Borchardt outfit with all of the accessories hand manufactured and evident.

has manufactured our Gun of the Month, Mr. David Kucer of Montreal, Canada, he writes, "since the last show in Milwaukee, I have orders that will keep me busy for about two years." This month's Gun of the Month is from the collection of and was manufactured by Mr. David Kucer. It is a miniature Borchardt pistol cased with all of the accessories, made to 1/4 scale exactly as the original Borchardt pistols and accessories were made, using all of the 98 parts that it requires to make it a totally functional and absolutely superb miniature arm. It was designed and created from the original instruction manual of the Borchardt pistol in the International Firearms Directory.

Mr. Kucer calls to my attention that one of the most interesting features of the outfit is the magazine "which can be appreciated under a 10 power magnification,

because it is welded together like most magazines, but is assembled with two individual slides on the edges. In fact, the magazine can be completely dismantled by removing the wooden plugs."

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Photo 4: Picture of the entire Borchardt outfit out of the case with all of the accessories and loading tools, oilers, and screw drivers evident.

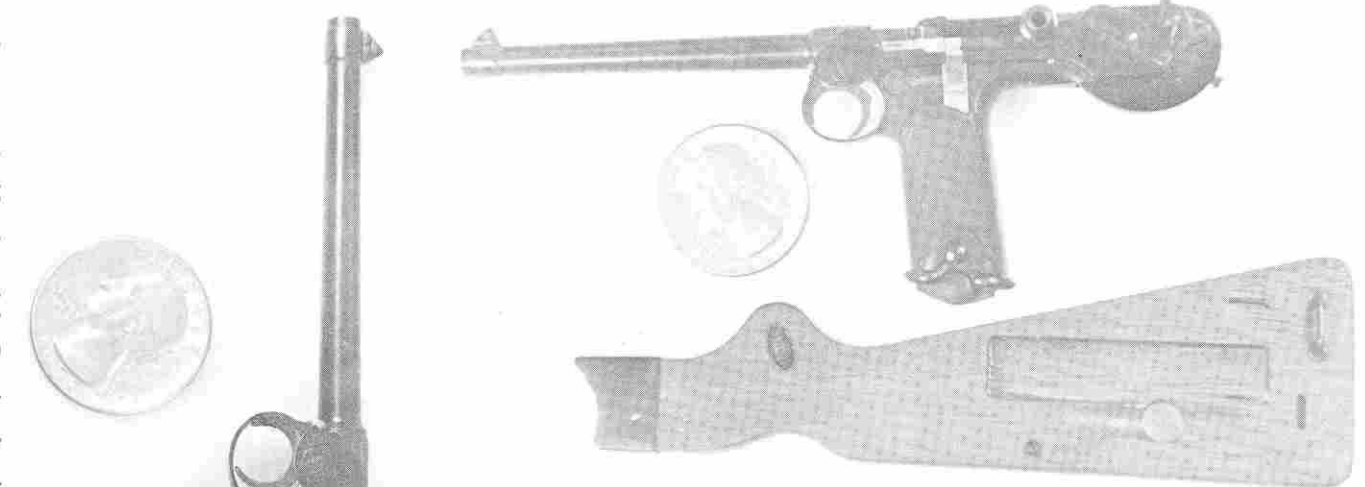


Photo 5: Overhead view of the Borchardt pistol and stock, once again using a quarter as a scale denominator to show the exact size of the pistol. It should be noted that it took approximately 600 hours of manual labor to complete this miniature outfit. (All photos courtesy of Mr. David Kucer)

I have seen several other examples of Mr. Kucer's work, including the 1851 Colt navy and the Colt single-action army revolvers. They are typically unique and beautifully manufactured, as Mr. Kucer is considered by many in the fraternity to be the finest maker of his wares. We of the Gun Report thank Mr. David Kucer for submitting the photographs and data relating to his magnificent Borchardt arm.

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Photo 3: Right side view showing the fine detail and precision uniqueness afforded Mr. Kucer's miniatures.



Photo 2: Left side view of the Borchardt miniature manufactured by Mr. David Kucer. Please note its size in reference to the quarter in the photo.

