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Fulton, N.Y.

*L.C. Smith Specialty Grade  
 Serial Number 78956  
 Finished January 14, 1925*

*Certificate No. 15911*

The Hunter Arms Company, Inc. manufacturing records for Serial Number 78956 are contained in the Shipping Records and show that it is a 12 gauge Specialty Grade with 26-inch barrels. It was started on November 13, 1924 and finished on January 14, 1925. It was shipped on January 28, 1925 to the Supplee-Biddle Hardware Company (Philadelphia) to complete order number 24579. The letters FwE in the ledger indicate that it has a featherweight frame and automatic ejectors. No other information is available for this serial number. The Research assumes no responsibility for the recorded accuracy at the factory.

The Specialty Grade was advertised as "every inch a true sportsman's gun." When introduced in 1913, its base price with double triggers and extractors was \$64. In 1925, a Specialty Grade with the configuration of Serial Number 78956 would have retailed for \$94.

The Specialty Grade was available with Nitro fluid steel barrels, although a few early guns had damascus steel barrels. Engraving was placed on the barrels at the breech and occasionally near the muzzle. The right barrel was usually roll-stamped L.C. SMITH SPECIALTY GRADE and the left was marked HUNTER ARMS CO. M'F'RS FULTON, N.Y. U.S.A. Some variations to these markings have been reported.

The lock plates were fully engraved with a pair of quail in cover on the left lock plate and a duck flying over a marsh on the right lock plate. Both lock plates were engraved L.C. SMITH. Additional engraving was placed on the frame, top lever, forearm iron, and trigger guard. A few variations to these patterns have been reported. The frame and locks were color case-hardened. The stocks were usually made from high quality walnut containing some figure. The stock and forend were checkered and were usually finished with oil.

Specialty Grade shotguns were manufactured in 10, 12, 16, and 20 gauges and .410. Recent research has determined that total production during the period of 1913 to 1950 was 6,675. Production of 12 gauge Specialty Grades was 4,879, and 301 of those had 26-inch barrels. Only 89 were made in the exact configuration of Serial Number 78956.

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Sincerely,

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