MOD. 1883 “BURGESS” RIFLE

TO LOAD THE FIREARM

1) Turn the lever locking latch (Fig. 1) to the release position (Fig. 2). Releasing the latch should allow the lever to go down approximately 1/4". Do not push the lever forward.

2) Load the tubular magazine by pressing the cartridge into the ladle, which is located on the right side of the receiver. Push the cartridge forward and insert it into the tubular magazine (Fig. 3).

3) The lever locking mechanism is designed to prevent an accidental discharge. However, no mechanical device is foolproof and, accordingly, these procedures must be followed.

4) Due to the fact that in a tubular magazine rifle the cartridges are stacked one behind the other, only factory ammunition should be used.

5) We recommend against using old ammunition in these rifles as primers, powder and brass cartridge cases can deteriorate and cause damage to the rifle or injury to the shooter or others.

6) Uberti assumes no liability for incidents occurring through the use of reloaded ammunition.

Do not insist on feeding cartridges in to the magazine when it is almost full. If you are finding it difficult, just stop.

(3) When you are ready to actually fire the firearm, the lever is pushed forward as far as it will go and is then pulled straight back. Your finger should NOT TOUCH THE TRIGGER while manipulating the lever. (Fig. 4).

The rifle will now be fully cocked and will fire when the trigger is pulled. If the lever does not go forward, release the loading lever latch by turning the small knob perpendicular to the rifle.

SPECIAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1) Uberti lever action rifles should never be carried with a cartridge in the chamber.

2) Carrying this style of rifle with a cartridge in the chamber can result in an accidental discharge if the firearm is accidentally dropped or if the hammer is struck.

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Use ONLY COMMERCIALLY loaded cartridges that have been loaded in accordance with SAAMI-C.I.P. standards.

UNLOADING THE FIREARM

6) To unload the firearm it is essential that the lever not be squeezed flush with the frame, as doing so would disengage the safety lock.

7) With the trigger pointed in a safe direction, place your fingers through the rear portion of the loading lever. Be sure your first and second fingers are inside the lever loop. DO NOT TOUCH THE TRIGGER. Then push the lever straight forward and then pull it back. The cartridge that was in the chamber should be automatically ejected by the firearm and another cartridge from the magazine will be automatically loaded into the firearm. (Fig. 7).