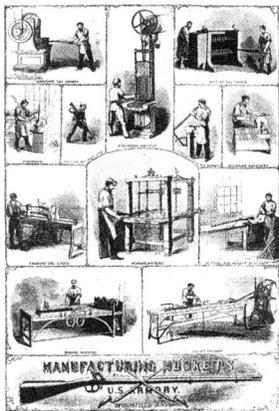


coming up with an idea to "beat the system" in New York State or anywhere else where gun rights are restricted. Having to come up with an idea or invention to keep our rights in our own state/neighborhood/home because we choose to live there, out of choice or circumstance, is sad. It's said that "Necessity is the mother of invention," which I agree with, but if I have to have my choice of defensive firearms curtailed, I'll just move. Congrats to Troy Industries. It is proof that American ingenuity still lives.

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RIGHT-HAND TWIST

I read a comment in the July issue and wanted to comment on the reason for the right-hand twist of rifling. When a bullet progresses down a barrel, it's forced by the rifling to rotate. As the rifling forces the bullet to rotate, there is an equal and opposing rotating force transmitted back to the barrel itself. With a right-hand twist to the rifling, the bullet is rotated clockwise (viewed from the shooter's position), and the reaction force is directly opposite on the barrel and impacting a counterclockwise rotation to the barrel. Viewed from the muzzle, it's clockwise. Since most barrels are threaded into receivers with a right-hand thread, this reaction force helps to prevent the barrel from shooting loose from the receiver and helps keep the barrel tight. Such is the reason for right-hand rifling twist.

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