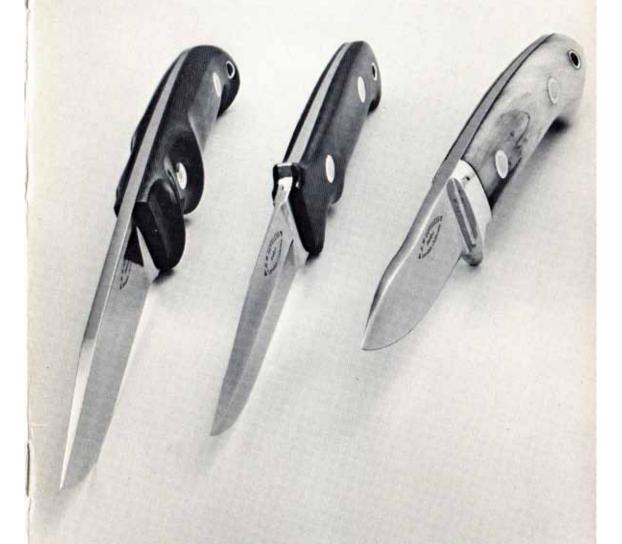
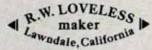
LOVELESS KNIVES

WOOD/LOVELESS KNIVES FRANK KNIVES



FIFTH EDITION Price: One Dollar



Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.

Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die.
It may be that the gulfs will wash us down:
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.
Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'
We are not now that strength which in old days

we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON.

Moved earth and heaven; that which we are,

R. W. LOVELESS, Knifemaker

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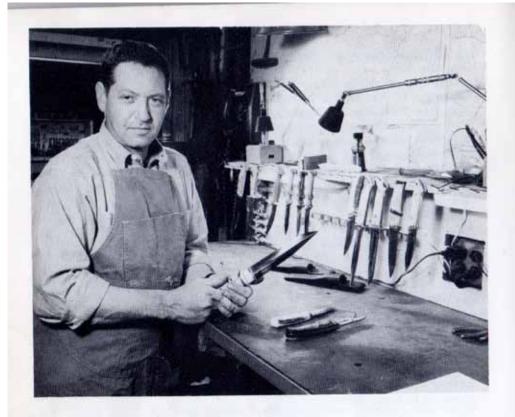
Thank you for your interest in Loveless Knives, and for ordering a catalog.

Recent knife articles have brought a lot of mail in here, and because this is a one-man kind of business, I am often behind in answering the mail. Delivery of finished knives is running somewhere between eight and ten months, depending on how the heat-treating goes and on how much business comes in.

These same articles, published in the last few months, have stirred up interest in Loveless knives, so I'm going to try, in this catalog, to discuss my way of making a knife, and the design and metallurgical thinking that underlies my work.



The little four-inch UTILITY is one of my favorites



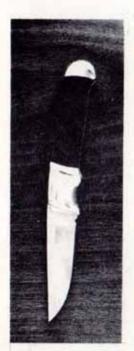
The Loveless Guarantee

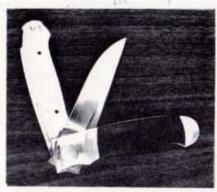
I can make no promises about how well my knife will hold up for you, because I don't know how you'll use it, or how you'll care for it. What I do say is this:

If, after getting your knife, and using it on at least one hunting trip, putting it on a hone and getting to know it, in other words after really putting it to work, if you don't feel it is worth what you paid me for it, RETURN IT FOR A FULL REFUND. There is no time limit here; I don't expect that you'll be able to do all this in a month or so, perhaps. Take your time with it, get to know it well, and then decide for yourself.

This same GUARANTEE applies to the Frank Folding Hunter. I don't know how to be more liberal in this matter, but it is my sincere intention that my customers be satisfied and pleased with my work.

By the same token, if you return a knife to me that has been obviously abused, perhaps even broken into two pieces, you'll find me asking you some very critical questions by return mail. I've been in this business for several years now, and we both know what constitutes proper use of a hunting knife. If you've been tempted to throw the knife, or use it as an axe, you'll find that all bets are off on this side of the fence.









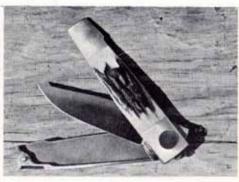
Sid Latham, in his article in the May issue of SPORTS AFIELD, mentioned a folding knife called the WOOD/LOVELESS MARK III. This knife is the result of a collaboration between myself and Barry Wood, the maker of the Colt Folding Knife. Using Wood's patented mechanical design, we have designed this knife to feel and work just about like the LOVELESS Caper/Finn.

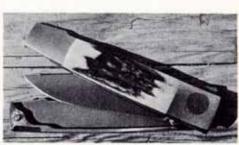
The blade length is 31/4 inches; when opened, the knife measures just less than 8 inches. We plan to make it with both Type 304 Stainless Steel handle halves, and in a more costly version, with Titanium. The blade will be made in our own Shop from the Type 154 Corrosion-Resistant blade steel, and the handle slab inserts will be Linen-Micarta, with Sambar Stag optional.

The pictures do not show how the knife opens and closes, but you can look at a Colt Folding Knife in most Sporting Goods Stores to learn what this design offers.

There are only two prototype knives in existence now, and we do not expect to be able to deliver finished knives until late this year. The planned price of the knife is \$75 in the 304, and \$125 in the Titanium. Please do not order the knife with a large deposit; mailing in your check for \$10 will put your order on the delivery schedule.









These pictures show the **Wood/Loveless Mark IV**, a further result of the collaboration between Barry Wood and myself. The Mark IV is a slightly more compact design, with a blade made of 1/8th-inch stock, in the typical Loveless Utility Hunter style.

The significant feature of these knives is the method of their construction, which allows several advantages not found in the

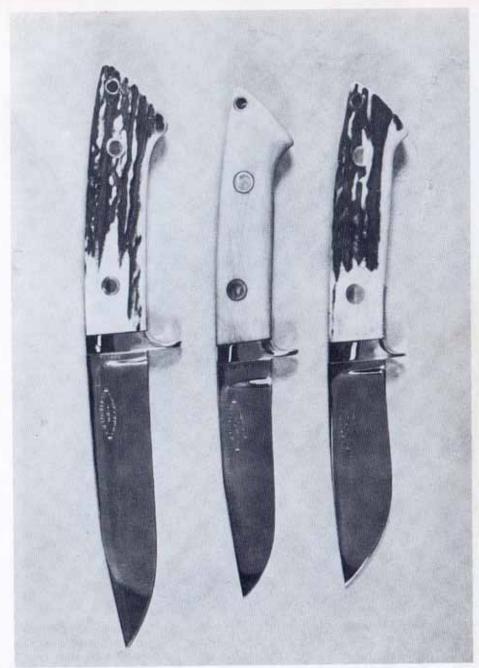
usual folding knife:

1. The design uses no springs at all, and there is no chance for spring failure thru breakage or fatigue; 2. The blade-pivoting pin is 1/4-inch in diameter, with an excess of strength for the loads imposed; 3. The design has no hidden areas for dirt to build up in to hinder opening or closing. It may be washed off very easily in a handy stream or under the faucet after use; and 4. This manner of construction allows somewhat more blade length to be stowed within the handle.

As with the Mark III, the Mark IV knife will be available in either Type 304 Stainless Steel handle pieces, with an average weight of about 5 to 6 ozs., or with a lighter alloy of Titanium or High-Tensile Aluminum, weighing about 2-1/2 to 3 ozs. Again, the blades will be made in my shop, of the Type 154 material. The price of the Mark IV will be \$75 in either Type 304 or KO-1 Alloy, and \$125 in Titanium, and this price includes the handle slabs of Sambar slabs. If handles of Dark Red Linen-Micarta are desired, the price is \$5.00 less.

Blade length of the Mark IV is 3-3/4 inches, handle length when closed is 4-1/2 inches, and the knife when opened is 7-3/4.

Delivery of the Mark IV is scheduled to start in late August, and advance orders again must include a check for \$10.



left: Utility Hunter, Conventional Handle. 5-inch blade of 3/16ths stock. Nickle-Silver hilt, Sambar Stag slabs. Note that the maker's mark is etched in the blade after heat-treatment, rather than stamped.

center: Utility Hunter, 4-inch model. Bighorn Sheep horn slabs furnished by the customer.

right: Dropped Hunter, 4-inch blade, a fine choice for the deer hunter, with plenty of belly to the blade for skinning, Sambar slabs.

Conclusion

There are many so-called custom knives on the market. They range from terrible to very fine, and some of the bad ones are quite highly priced. I can only suggest that the prospective buyer be very careful who he deals with.

I do not claim that my knives are the best knives in the world. They are priced somewhat higher than most, however, and I earnestly intend that you be satisfied with your transaction; I want your business when it's time for you to buy a knife for Uncle John, for instance, or for that great hunting partner of yours. In other words, I know what it takes to make a great knife, and most of my customers usually take the time to write and tell me how well pleased they are with their **Loveless knife**. I'm in this business with both feet down solidly, and intend to make knives until I get too old to work any longer.

My knives are made for serious work. Serious students of knives are invited to comment and criticize. If you haven't yet owned a hand-made knife, this might not be the best place to start. If you have, but haven't been satisfied, I invite your confidence, and your order.



Running the finish-polishing

PRICE LIST

January, 1971—These prices have not changed from my last catalog, and I do not expect to have to increase prices in the future, unless things turn upside down.

Caper/Finn, 31/2 to 4-inch blade, either handle style \$	85.00
Dropped Hunter, 4-inch blade	85.00
5-inch blade	90.00
Small Hunter, 4-inch blade	85.00
Straight Hunter, 5-inch blade	90.00
Utility Hunter, 4-inch blade	85.00
5-inch blade	90.00
Semi-Skinner, made only with 4-inch blade or less	95.00
	100.00
	100.00
	110.00
Boot Knife, 5-inch blade	140.00
	170.00
H. H. Frank's Folding Hunter, the Plain Knife	100.00
and in the Engraved Version, with Silver and Ivory	200.00
Frank's Engraved Knife in the large size	225.00
OPTIONS FOR THE LOVELESS HUNTING AND FIGHTING K	NIVES:
Nickle-Silver hilt	7.50
On the Fighting Knife	10.00
Tangs wrapped in Brass	10.00
India Stag slabs	5.00
African Hardwood	5.00
Tusk Ivory	25.00
(Availability of optional materials will depend on current supplies on hand.)	
Russell 8-inch Sharpening stone, with knife order	14.00
Russell 3-inch Pocket Stone	3.00

I'm always interested in dealing with a good knife designer, but can no longer take on much Custom work. Write your wants. My phone number is 213/679-5255, but try to call between 6 and 9 in the evening, Pacific time. I no longer have a phone in the shop, during the day.

My thanks for bearing with me and taking the time to read this catalog



LOVELESS KNIVES



PRICE LIST FOR LOVELESS KNIVES

Effective: June 1, 1972

Symbol & Description	Price
HUNTING AND SKINNING KNIVES-3/16th" Stock	
5UT Utility Hunter, 5" 4ST Straight Hunter, 4" 5ST Straight Hunter, 5" 4DR Dropped Hunter, 4" 5DR Dropped Hunter, 5" 3SS Semi-Skinner, 3"/4" 4SS Semi-Skinner, 4" 5SS Semi-Skinner, 5" 4NS Nessmuk Skinner, 4" 4CR Crooked Skinner, 4"	100.00 100.00 120.00 100.00 120.00 100.00 90.00 100.00 120.00 115.00 115.00 130.00
5BT Boot Knife, 5" blade of 3/16th" stock \$1 4HO Hide-out Knife, 4½" blade, 3/16th" stock 1 5FT Fighting Knife, 5½" length, 1/4" stock 2 6FT Fighting Knife, 6½", 1/4" stock 2 8BB Big Bear, 8½" blade of 1/4", with Sub-Hilt 3	165.00 200.00 225.00
2RA 21/2" Randall, by itself	85.00 85.00 85.00 65.00
THE FOLDING KNIVES OF HENRY FRANK	
4PLF Plain Grade Caper Style, 4"	75.00 25.00 85.00 50.00 85.00
WOOD/LOVELESS FOLDING KNIVES	
Either model, with Titanium handle parts	75.00 75.00 25.00 50.00

OPTIONS

The IMPROVED handle style, on any hunting knife, extra	10.00
Nickle-Silver hilts, on CONVENTIONAL hunting knives	10.00
Nickle-Silver hilts on Fighting knives	20.00
Nickle-Silver hilt and Sub-hilt, on the Big Bear	35.00

Handle Slabs:

Sambar Stag
Sambar Stag, Crown pieces
Elephant Tusk Ivory
Bighorn Sheephorn, matched for color and pattern 75.00
African hardwoods, Cocobolo, Rosewood, etc
Name-plate on obverse (near) side of handle)
Your name, etched on reverse side of blade, with Burgess Vibratool, as neatly as I can do it No Charge
Serrations, on top of blade ahead of hilt No Charge

REMARKS

I think most of this optional work, for which I MUST charge extra, is a waste of money. The strongest way to buy a LOVELESS knife is with Linen-Micarta handle slabs, and that is included in the base price.

The prices shown INCLUDE the charge for shipping your knife to you by REGISTERED AIRMAIL, with a RETURN RECEIPT attached that must be signed off by the person receiving the package. If you move after ordering, be sure to keep me informed.

PRICES

There is hardly anything, for an outdoorsman, that will have to work as hard, and that will give as much pleasure in use, as your hunting knife. If your first thought, on seeing this Price List, was to feel you can't afford a LOVELESS knife, a little thinking will show the fallacy of that reaction.

You CAN afford a LOVELESS knife, IF you want one. For the past two years I've been saving up for a Leica M5 camera. They cost about \$800 or more, and finally, two months ago, I got mine. And it's worth every damned cent it cost, just as these knives are. Indeed, I would sooner have a high-priced knife and a medium-priced rifle, than the other way around, because I know I'll be using the knife a great deal more than the gun. This is of course a matter of opinion, but I try to buy only the BEST-QUALITY, in equipment that MUST work.

Don't WASTE your money. But remember this: there is no such thing as a free lunch—you will get, in this life, just exactly what you are willing to pay for, and not one bit more.

LOVELESS & JOHNSON, KNIFEMAKERS P. O. Box 7836, Arlington Station Riverside, Ca. 92503 Shop Phone: (714) 689-7800

PRICE LIST & DELIVERY BULLETIN
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 1974
APPLIES TO 5TH EDITION CATALOG

The following knives are discontinued: 8" Big Bear, SET Piker & Randall, 4HO Hide-Out Knife, 3LA Lamb Utility, Frank knives, and Wood/Loveless Knives.

4CF	Caper/Finn\$150	5UT Utility Hunter\$170
4UT	Utility Hunter 150	5ST Straight Hunter 170
4ST	Smell Hunter 150	5DR Dropped Hunter 170
4DR	Dropped Hunter 150	The control of the co
358	Semi-Skinner 150	4CH Chute Knife 250
488	" " 150	6WI Wilderness Knife 300
4NS	Nessmuk Skinner 160	5BT Boot Knife 250
4CR	Crooker Skinner 160	5FT Fighting Knife 300
4GH	Gut-Hook Skinner 170	6FT " " 300

These prices applie to CONVENTIONAL handles, Brass hilts, and Micarta slabs. IMPROVED handles, used on hunting knives only, are \$20.00 extra. All knives furnished with our own wet-fitted sheaths, of pouch design, made from 9-oz. cowhide.

OPTIONAL MATERIALS, HILTS, NAMEPLATES, ETC.

SAMBAR STAG slabs \$20	TUSK IVORY slabs NO
ROSEWOOD, COCOBOLO, etc 20	BIGHORN slabs NO
Nameplate, nearside slab, of	Nickle-Silver hilt, as shown
Nickle-Silver 50	on hunting knives 20
Name engraved	Nickle-Silver hilts, as on Fighting Knives 30

DELIVERY

Delivery currently running 30 months or more, depending on shop load. Please understand that we have many knives now on order here, that must be made before we can get to your order. No knives will be made out of sequence, and no customer given preferential treatment.

MATERIAL SHORTAGES

Tusk Ivory and Bighorn Sheephorn are both gone from the market. Current supplies of Sambar Stag are low. Please indicate a second choice for your handle, so we can substitute if necessary.

DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT

Your check for \$10.00 sets up your delivery position. When we are ready to start work on your order, we will advise of the exact price, we'll ask for your remittance less the \$10, and will go ahead with the work when we receive your check or money order.

Prices shown are subject to change without notice, and will be raised or lowered as conditions require.

The shop is <u>not open</u> to casual visitors; phone for an appointment. California residents add 6% Sales Tax to prices shown.

Best Quality Bench-Made Sportsmen's Knives Since 1954

PRICE LIST, LOVELESS HUNTING AND FIGHTING KNIVES, JANUARY 1970

TERMS: 50% with order, balance when called, less catalog money.

Order the knife by full name, not the number in the photos. List the options you want, and add the shipping charges. Add it up, divide by 2, send it in, and that starts things going here. I'll call for your balance by letter when I'm ready to ship. When I get your balance due, the knife is shipped.

ALL MY KNIVES ARE SHIPPED BY INSURED PARCEL POST, WITH A RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. INCLUDE \$2.50 for surface mail, \$4.00 for Air Mail, double these fees for foreign orders to Europe. BE SURE TO FIGURE THIS IN, on your order.

CAPER, 3-1/2" blade, 3/16th stock .			4		5	85	All hunting knives and th
DROPPED HUNTER, 4" blade, same at	loc	k.	#2CI	1	5	85	Boot Knife are made from
SMALL HUNTER, 4" blade, ditto					5	85	3/16" Stock. The Fightin Knife and the Big Bear ar
STRAIGHT HUNTER, 5" blade			*:		5	90	from 1/4" stock.
UTILITY HUNTER, 4" or 5" blade					5	90	
SEMI-SKINNER, 4" blade							Handle slabs are Micarta Hilts are of Brass,
GUT-HOOK SKINNER, 4" blade			-	-3	51	00	
CROOKED SKINNER, 4" blade							1 do no forging. Please
BOOT KNIFE, 5" blade					51	25	don't ask for it.
FIGHTING KNIFE, 6-1/2" blade, 1/							
BIG BEAR, 9-1/2" blade, 1/4" stock.					52	00	

OPTIONS:

Nickel-Silver hilts \$7.50. On the Big Bear, \$20.00
Tangs wrapped in Brass, \$10.00. In Nickel-Silver, \$15.00.
India Stag slabs, \$5.00. Special flared Crown Stag slabs, \$10.00.
India Water Buffalo horn, \$5.00. American Elkhorn, \$5.00.
Elephant Tusk Ivory, \$20.00, and on the Big Bear, \$35.00.
African and Hawaiian Hardwoods, \$5.00.

Your name, initials, and/or service number etched on the obverse side, with a Burgess Vibratool as carefully as I can do it, no charge. But ask for it if you want it done.

RUSSELL WASHITA/SOFT ARKANSAS SHARPENING STONES, sold only with knives:

WA8-05, 5 x 2 x 1 .	COLUMN TO A	V F 1 V X	5 7.50
WA8-08, 8 x 2 x 1 .	2 7 4 4		\$12.00 (Best size for my hunters)
WJB-028, 8 x 2 x 3/8			\$ 8.50, but be careful with a stone this thin.
WCP-0515, almost 4 x	$1-1/2 \times 3/8$		5 2.50, and a nice pocket stone.

I am willing to do Custom work if it isn't of radical style. Charges will be based on the time required to do it, in comparison to the nearest model of mine. No Bowle-knives, please, and NO PUSH-DAGGERS. Am always interested in dealing with a good knife designer.

My telephone number is 213/644-2081, if you want to discuss something hot. If it doesn't answer, I'm grinding and can't hear it. Try a bit later.

LOVELESS & JOHNSON, KNIFEMAKERS P. O. Box 7836, Arlington Station Riverside, Ca. 92503	PRICE LIST & DELIVERY BULLETIN Effective May 1, 1974
Shop Phone: (714) 689-7800	Applies to Fifth Edition Catalog
4CF Caper/Finn	SET Piker & Randall \$220 3PI Piker, alone 110 2RA Randall, " 110 3LA Lamb Utility 110
4SS " "	4CH Archer Chute Knife 210 6WI Wilderness Knife 250 5BT Boot Knife 225 4HO Hide-Out Knife 225
5UT Utility Hunter 160 5ST Straight Hunter 160 5DR Dropped Hunter 160	5FT Fighting Knife 250 6FT " " 275 8BB Big Bear 450

These prices apply to knives with CONVENTIONAL handle shape, Brass hilts, and Linen-Micarta slabs. The IMPROVED handle shape, used only on the hunting knives, is \$20 extra. All knives furnished with our own fitted sheaths.

OPTIONS:

Tusk Ivory slabs no longer offered. Bighorn Sheephorn slabs no longer offered. H. H. Frank discontinued. Wood/Loveless knives discontinued.

DELIVERY:

Delivery of Loveless knives is currently running between 18 and 24 months, from date of order. When we acknowledge your order, a delivery period will be indicated. We'll do all we can to adhere to it, but please understand, before you order, that small-shop craftsmen are plagued by many uncertainties that affect the work schedule, and delivery may sometimes be subject to delays that are completely beyond our control.

SHORTAGES OF MATERIAL:

Tusk Ivory and Bighorn are both gone from the market, and current supplies of Sambar Stag are low. If you order Stag on your knife, indicate a second choice for your handle material, so that we may substitute if it's necessary.

DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT:

We require a deposit of one-half the amount of the order, with your order. When we begin the work on your knife, we'll notify you to remit the balance. No work will be held more than 30 days after completion.

Please make note of the new address and telephone number. The shop is not open to casual visitors; call for an appointment. California Residents add 6% State Sales Tax to the amount of their order.

PRICE & DELIVERY BULLETIN Effective October 1, 1975 5th Edition Catalog

R. W. Loveless, Knifemaker P.O. Box 7836 Riverside, Ca. 92503 Shop Phone (714) 689-7800

DISCONTINUED ITEMS: I no longer handle Frank or Wood/Loveless Folding knives. Sheephorn, Tusk Ivory, and Wood-Micarta no longer available. Handle nameplates no longer fitted.

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THE STANDARD KNIVES (with Brass hill	ts and M	icarta handle slabs)	:
4CF Caper/Finn\$175	5UT	Utility Hunter	\$19
4UT Utility Hunter175	5DR	Dropped Hunter	19
4DR Dropped Hunter175	5ST	Straight Hunter	
3SS Semi-Skinner160	4CH	Chute Knife	
4SS " "175	5BT	Boot Knife	
4NS Nessmuk Skinner180	5FT	Fighting Knife	
4CR Crooked Skinner180	6FT	" "	
4GH Gut-Hook Skinner190	6WI	Wilderness Knife	
4ST Small Hunter175	8BB	Big Bear	
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OPTIONAL WORK & MATERIALS:			
Samber Stag slabs (not fitted to I	24 mb + 4 mm	Vniscon) e	20
Nickle-Silver hilts, single guard,			
		ng Knives	
Serrations, top of blade, Hunters			
Brass Inlay, tang top, for name or			
(I cannot furnish the engraving			ou
have it done locally, by a trop			223
Rosewood, Cocobolo, other hardwood			
All other special work and materia	als will	be quoted to inquir	y .

SHORTAGES & SCARCITY: Supplies of Sambar Stag are unpredictable, so please list a second choice, if you order.

DELIVERY: Currently running 30 months. I hope to improve things here, but can't promise anything sconer.

DEPOSIT: A check or Money Order, payable to R. W. Loveless, with your order, whether for one knife or several, for \$50.00. Orders from abroad must be paid in U. S. funds only.

SHOP VISITS: Shop is not open to casual visitors. Visitors wanting to order should call me for a good time. Incoming phone calls taken from 4PM to 8PM Pacific time.

IMPROVED HANDLE: Forgot this under options, but it's used only on hunting and skinning knives, and costs \$20.00 extra.

California residents add 6% State Sales Tax.
All work is made to order, and no finished knives are kept in stock.
The new 6th Edition Catalog is planned for late Winter or Early Spring, and price will be \$2.00 postpaid.
Try to call on special inquiries; I'm always far behind in answering my mail.

Thank you for ordering my Catalog.

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