

# Bloomberg Businessweek

## Firepower or Collector's Item?

Hofer originally designed the Hummingbird rifle (below) for Robert E. Petersen, the late Los Angeles magazine magnate

### The Stock

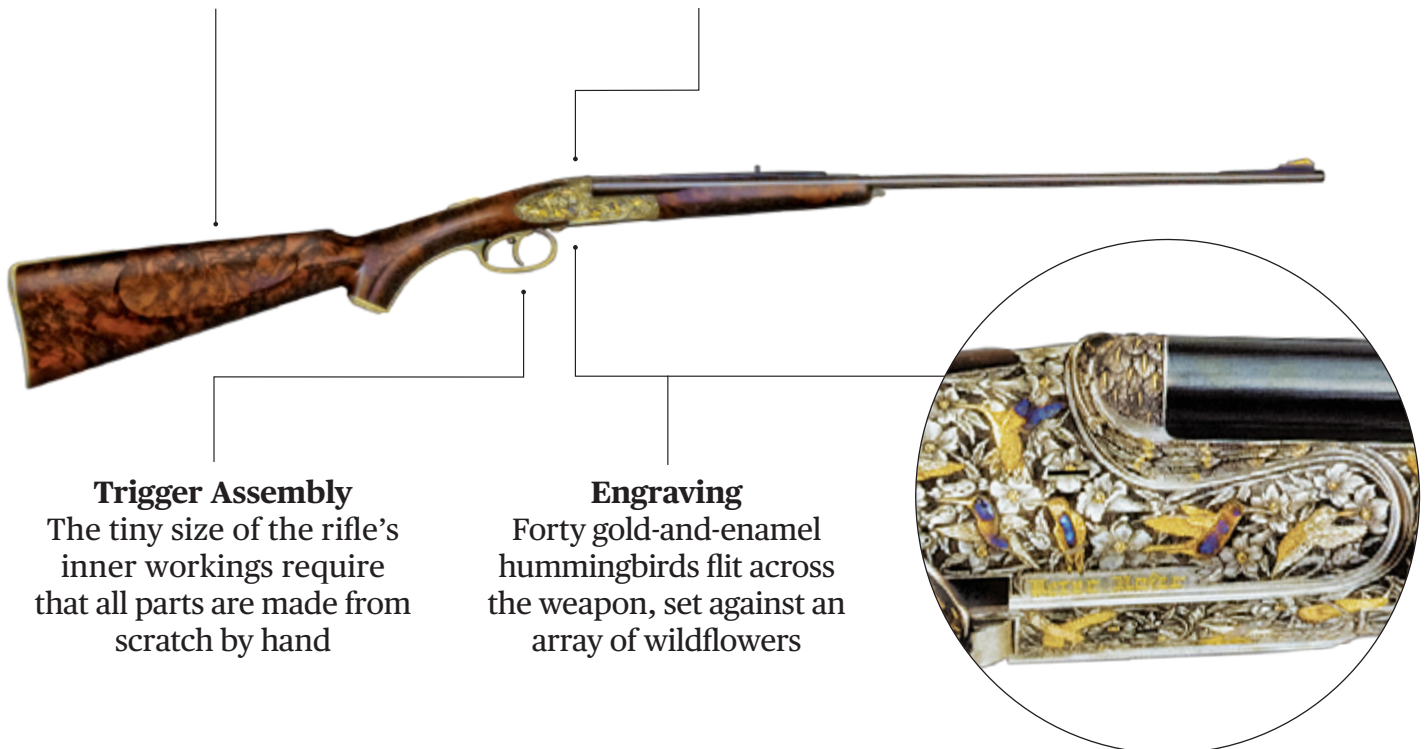
The polished walnut burl comes from an 800-year-old tree cut on the Turkish side of the Caucasus

### The Artistry

Using the Italian style Boulino, engravers make up to 8,000 dots per square millimeter on unhardened steel

### The Weight

Hofer claims his double rifle is the lightest weapon of its kind—weighing a mere .9 kilograms



### Trigger Assembly

The tiny size of the rifle's inner workings require that all parts are made from scratch by hand

### Engraving

Forty gold-and-enamel hummingbirds flit across the weapon, set against an array of wildflowers