



*Nowotny Paradox drilling.*

the way that a true combination gun should be!” To be a successful rifle/shotgun combination, my thought is that a combination gun must be light enough that it is a handy, responsive shotgun in addition to being a rifle. Otherwise, it is just an overly heavy single-shot rifle with the rather trivial capability of taking a pot-shot at a sitting bird or other small game for camp meat. I would gladly trade this feature for a weight reduction of about four pounds. Then as I put the Nowotny to my shoulder, I noticed immediately that it had the comforting heft and muzzle-steady hang of my Greener .577 double rifle; the resemblance was rather striking. “Well, if this thing was



meant to be a powerful double rifle instead of a shotgun, it would be about right,” I thought in an unknowing way. In my rush to make an incorrect judgment, I had barely noticed the three triggers reposing in the long triggerguard. Most hammerless drillings have double triggers and a switch located somewhere, often on the top tang and resembling a safety slide, to change the function of one trigger from firing a smooth barrel to the rifled one. This is a little inconvenient if you are not familiar with the firearm. However, the need to make a hurried switch from using a choked shotgun barrel to the high-power rifle barrel probably does not happen too often when using