

# The Bert Giulian Collection of Seven Antique Pistols with Corkscrew Triggers

For Sale

This unusual collection of pistols with corkscrew triggers is available for shipment to **U. S. A. locations only.**

Each of the seven pistols is shown with multiple photos on several pages.

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It is a bit odd that corkscrews were added to pistols if we view the addition as its prime use to be to pull a cork. In fact, most of these delightful pieces used the worm to fix the pistol on a bed post for easy access if a burglar should show up. Knife pistols could be used for protection, but more commonly were employed when hunting. The corkscrew could also be used as an alarm device by being turned into a wood panel and attached to a trip cord. The cord would then be connected to a door or window to fire the pistol and alarm an intruder. These were, for the most part, beautiful works of the firearms makers' art and were produced mostly on order.

And, of course, they could be used to open a bottle of wine, beer, or whiskey!

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French Needle-Fire bolt action French pistol with excellent mother-of-pearl panels covering the sides and brown and translucent and horn grips. The Berthod of Paris c.1870. 5.5mm. 6.5" long. Not marked.

NOTE: In 2017 a Berthod pistol like this sold for \$31,625. at <https://www.rockislandauction.com/detail/72/2288/impressive-parisian-needlefire-bolt-action-knife-pistol-gun> It was in better condition.



The mechanism is disconnected as shown so it will not fire. There is a repair at the top of the grip cover on one side as shown in the photo.

**Pistol1 \$8900**



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There is hinged storage compartment in the grip for ammunition.

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The blade pops up when the trigger is pulled. It is interesting to note that the one shown in the Rock Island Auction video is opened by the narrator with difficulty. When the blade is in the fully extended locked position, it is released by pulling down the tab in the front.



**Pistol1 \$8900**

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A 4.5" long French percussion pistol with tortoise shell scales. The knife is flipped out by pulling the corkscrew trigger twice – once to shoot and once to stab if needed. When the blade is fully extended, it locks in place and is released by pulling down the tab at the bottom front. Accessory ramrod. 6mm. c.1850.



**Pistol2 \$4500**



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The ramrod is  
spring loaded.  
Push backward  
to release and  
pull up.



**Pistol2 \$4500**



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**Pistol2 \$4500**

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22 caliber rim fire with 2 folding triggers. One trigger is an unusual fluted wire helix, while the other is more like an auger bit. Ivory scales. Pulling the trigger back farther releases the knife. Probably French. Hinged door in butt for cartridge. 9", 3 ½ blade.



**Pistol3 \$9500**

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Hinged door in grip.



Double Barrel



**Pistol3 \$9500**



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Pistol3 \$9500



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Percussion knife-pistol with ivory scales and gimlet trigger. Maker's mark etched in steel GEANTY A LIMOGES. Nicely-ornamented, folding grip-handle with curved hoof pick on the end. 5.25".



**Pistol5 \$7500**

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GEANTY A LIMOGES etched on top of the steel barrel.



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Special edition knife-pistol marked UNWIN & RODGERS SHEFFIELD with Birmingham proofs. Scroll engraving on breech and hammer. Ivory sunburst screw escutcheons. Kris-style wavy edged blade marked with a crown over TR. Black horn grips with ivory bands. On top of the breech is a raised set of three silver feathers (from the crest of the Prince of Wales). A piece unique in embellishment and overall design. 31 gauge. c.1830-1850.



**Pistol6 \$15000**

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Marked UNWIN & RODGERS SHEFFIELD



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Raised set of three silver feathers (from the crest of the Prince of Wales)



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Diminutive size c.1890 French needlefire .32 caliber knife-pistol with mother-of-pearl scales. Not marked but many features attributed to Berthod of Paris. 4.5" long. Unusual miniature



**Pistol7 \$7500**

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Access the chamber by removing the "thumbscrew".



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