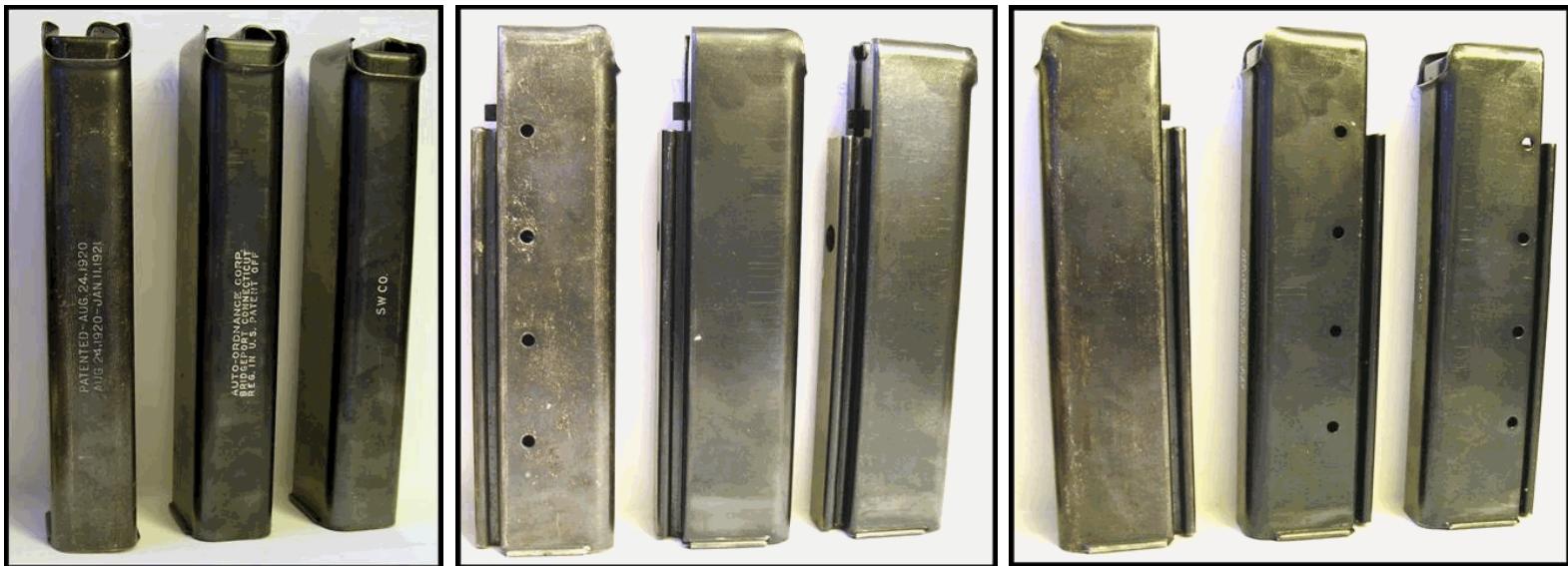


# JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL

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As I build my collection, I have been trying to get one of each of the various stick magazines. Don't ask why, just because! Along the way I have bought or traded for the Auto Ordnance, Colt's (Blank, Repeat Patent, and Corrected Patent), SW Co., W.P.S., Seymour, etc. variations. I have collected both 20 round and 30 round magazines, including pre-WWII and WWII manufactured pieces. During one of my touch and feel sessions with my collection (just looking doesn't do it for me), I was looking at my 20 round magazines and noticed something unusual. All the pictures of TSMG magazines I had seen showed that the bullet viewing holes were on the left side of the magazine, period! But there they were, on my "Repeat Patent" magazine, ON THE WRONG SIDE! Who knows why? Maybe it was a bad day on the assembly line. Maybe it was disgruntled left hand shooters who wanted to have the holes on their side for a change! Whatever the reason, there they were. The magazine shows no sign that it had not been originally made that way. I believe the magazine was just manufactured with the peculiarity. I have checked other "Repeat Patent" magazines and they are made with the holes on the conventional side.



In each of the three pictures the left most "special" magazine and two "normal" magazines are shown. All other aspects of the unusual magazine appear to be as expected. I had not noticed the difference for a while after getting the magazine. It would be interesting to know if this is a one of a kind or are there others?

Just one more interesting variation in the world of Thompson Stuff!