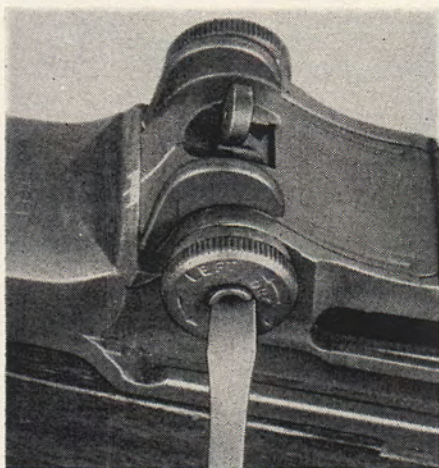


M1-M14 Sight Tension

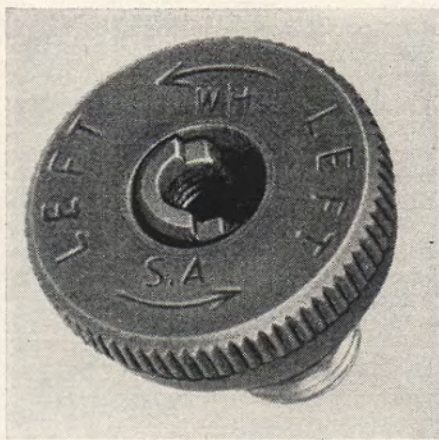
What is the proper way to place tension on the rear sight of the M1 rifle? How much should be used?

Answer: Proper tensioning of the M1 rifle sight is the responsibility of the shooter. It should be enough so that firm thumb pressure on top of the aperture will not cause it to move downward. Too much tension will make the windage knob difficult or impossible to move.

At the center of the windage knob is a slotted nut. When turned, it drops into a notch with each half revolution and is thereby prevented from shifting position once adjusted.



Rear sight nut is adjusted with screwdriver of adequate width.



Nut damaged from use of improper tool.

Using a screwdriver that does not span the nut fully is apt to damage or split the nut. Removal of the windage knob or adjusting tension then becomes a problem.

On rifles of early manufacture, a T-shaped locking nut was used on the windage knob. When turned tight, it locked both the elevating pinion and windage knob. It provided no means for tension adjustment, and made disassembly of the sight a job to be accomplished by trained personnel only.

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