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Dear Sirs:

I have three Ries Tri-Lok tripods, one Junior 1500 and two of the next size larger. I have used these tripods in many photographic trips in this country and around the world. I feel that in view of this experience I am qualified to offer you valid criticism of their construction.

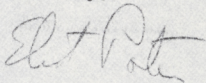
One fault of them all is a tendency for the knobs on the leg adjustment screws to fall off. The aluminum knobs are pressed on to the screws whereas they should have been pinned on. I have done this myself as circumstances require.

The rubber bumpers at the ends of the legs also become detached by the vibration in vehicles and get lost. Moreover, the bushing into which the bumper screws fit are not securely inserted and fall out obviating the possibility of replacing the bumpers. This happened on all three legs of my Ries Jr. Model last summer in Iceland.

I would appreciate, therefore, your sending me soon (I am leaving for Egypt within six weeks) three new bumpers with screws and three (24) brass leg inserts. The leg inserts should be long enough so as to permit pinning them in place.

In closing I should tell you that I consider the Ries tripod the best all around tripod for view camera work on the market.

Yours sincerely,



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