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. . . who force him to direct the soldiers into a trap!

THE PRICE OF FEAR



In a town ruled by terror, Bat quickly makes an enemy of the avaricious head man!



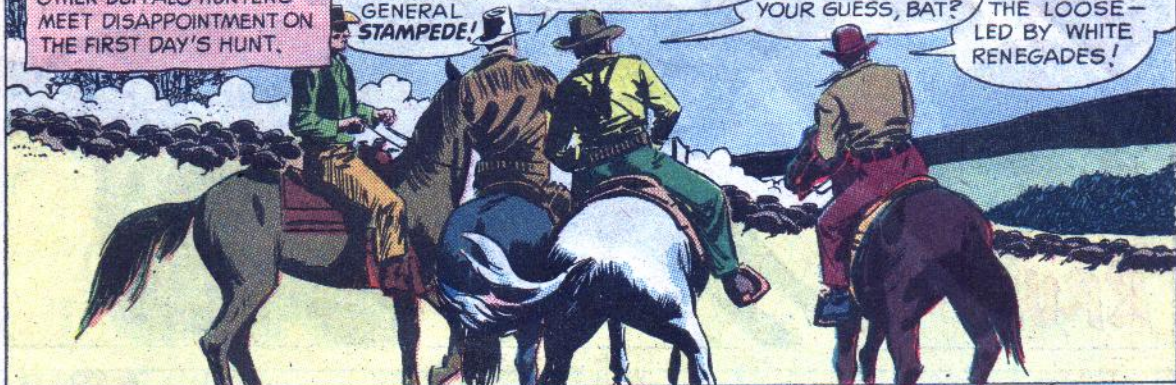
Newly-found friends hide Bat as the boss's thugs carry out a systematic hunt for him!

BAT MASTERSON, AND THREE OTHER BUFFALO HUNTERS MEET DISAPPOINTMENT ON THE FIRST DAY'S HUNT.

SO *THAT'S* WHY ALL THE BUFFALOES WE HAD PLANNED TO SHOOT SKEDADDLED BEFORE THEY GOT IN RANGE! IT'S A GENERAL STAMPEDE!

I WONDER WHAT STARTED THIS ONE? WHAT'S YOUR GUESS, BAT?

INDIANS! THERE'S A BIG SIOUX WAR PARTY ON THE LOOSE—LED BY WHITE RENEGADES!



THERE THEY ARE—RUNNING WITH THE STAMPEDE! SIOUX! AND SOMETHING ELSE—

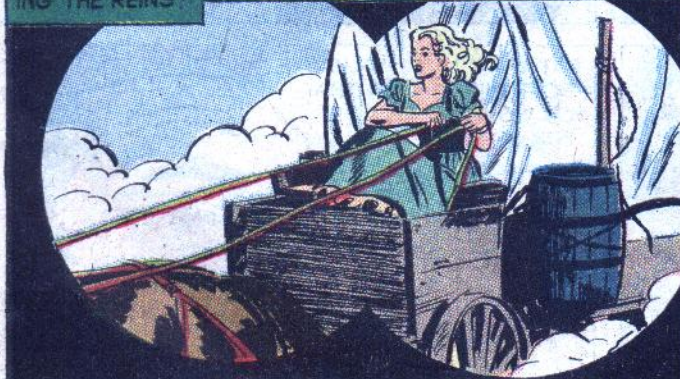
WHAT'S THAT, BAT?



THE FIELD GLASSES PICK OUT HALF A DOZEN MOUNTED SIOUX...



—AND, MUCH NEARER—A WAGON, WITH A LONE GIRL CLUTCHING THE REINS!



THERE'S A GIRL, DRIVING A WAGON IN THAT STAMPEDE!

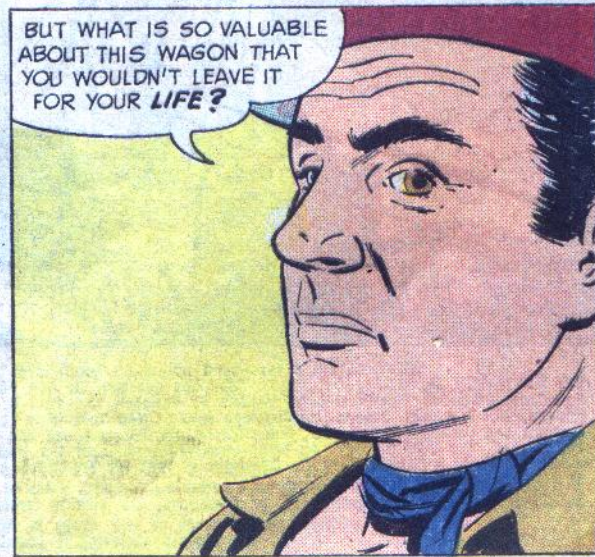
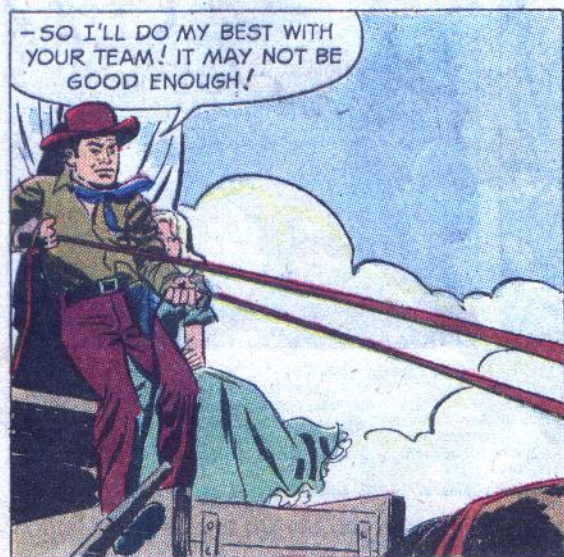
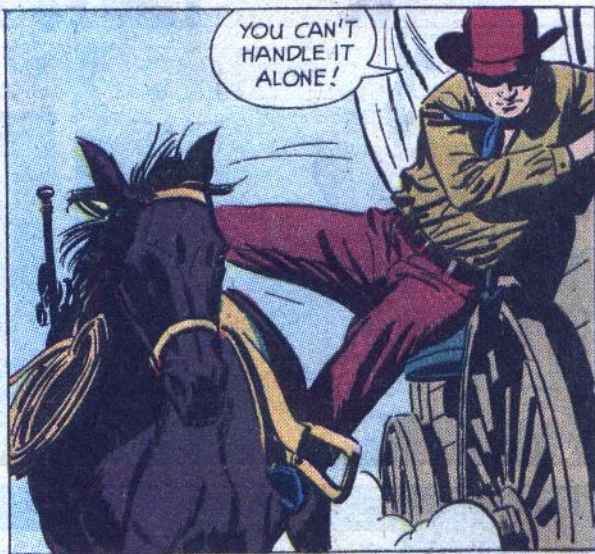
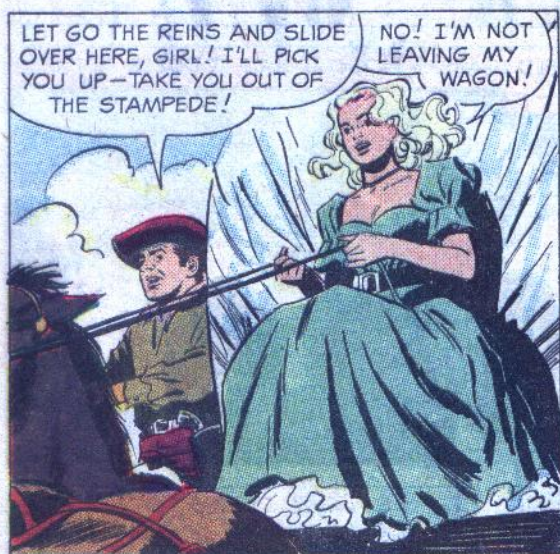
BAT—YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU'LL GET TRAMPLED, TOO!



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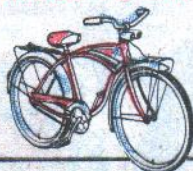
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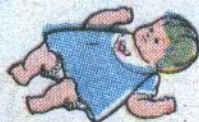
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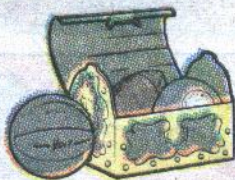


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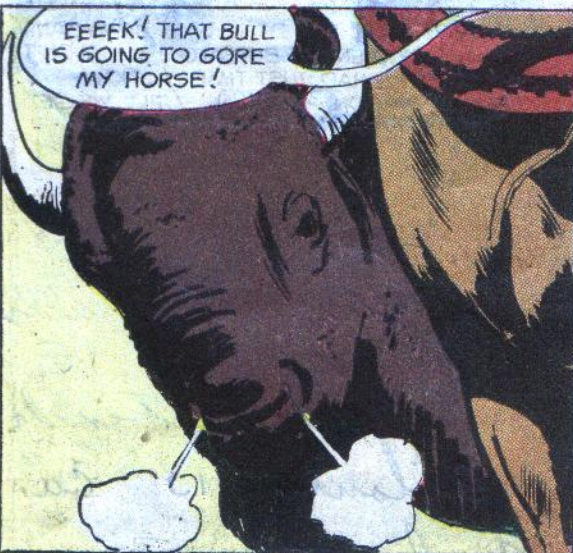
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LATER, THE ROUGHNESS OF THE COUNTRY FORCES THE BUFFALO-BANDS APART—AND OFFERS SHELTER!

WE'RE LUCKY, GIRL! IF WE CAN MAKE THAT PATCH OF COTTONWOODS, WE'LL BE SAFE!

RRUMBLE!

JUST IN TIME! NOW, TELL ME—HOW DID YOU GET CAUGHT ALONE IN THAT STAMPEDE? INDIAN ATTACK?

NO! I DIDN'T SEE ANY INDIANS!

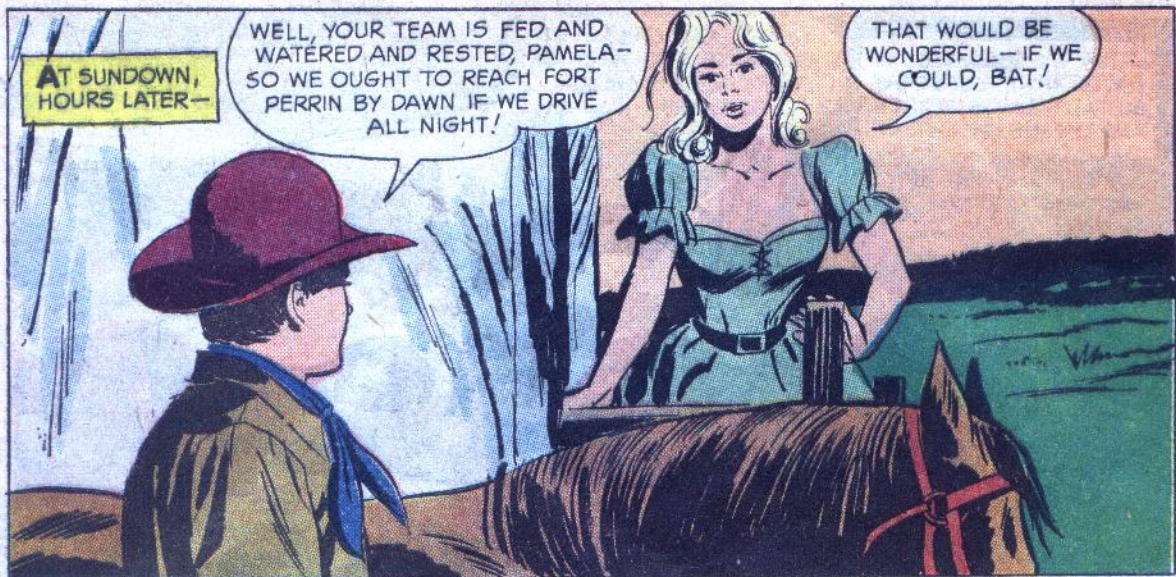
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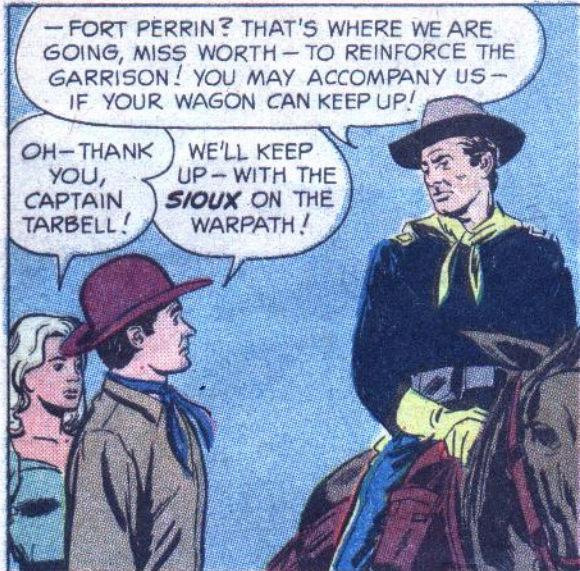
WILLIAM BARCLAY MASTERSON—KNOWN TO MY FRIENDS AS "BAT"! YOU WERE WITH A WAGON TRAIN, PAMELA?

YES! WE WERE HEADED FOR CALIFORNIA, BY WAY OF FORT PERRIN! MY PARENTS CAUGHT "TRAIL FEVER" AND DIED—TWO WEEKS AGO—AND I HAD THE CHOICE BETWEEN ABANDONING OUR WAGON—TO JOIN MY UNCLE DAN'S FAMILY—OR BEING MY OWN DRIVER!

I WAS DRIVING THE END OF THE WAGON TRAIN WHEN THE BUFFALO WERE SIGHTED! I HAD JUST TIME TO TURN MY WAGON AND RUN WITH THE BUFFALOES! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHERS!

UMMM! AND YOU WON'T KNOW—TILL WE GET TO FORT PERRIN! WE'LL REST THE HORSES TILL DARK—AND I'LL LOOK FOR WATER...





THAT'S WHY THEY WERE OVERRUN, CAPTAIN—SIOUX ARROWS BROUGHT DOWN THE TEAM! AND BY THAT THE INDIANS HAVE GIVEN THEIR PLANS AWAY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MR. MASTERSON?

THE SIOUX WERE RIDING **WITH** THE STAMPEDE—THAT IS, BETWEEN THE RUNNING BANDS OF BUFFS—TO COVER THEIR OWN TRAIL! THEREFORE THEY WERE A LARGE PARTY, RIDING TO MAKE A SURPRISE ATTACK! FORT PERRIN IS THEIR NEAREST TARGET!

HMMM! YOU COULD BE RIGHT, MASTERSON! THE GARRISON IS WEAK!

IF THEY **WERE** INTENDING TO SURPRISE THE FORT, THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T STOP TO DESTROY THE REST OF THE WAGON TRAIN—THEY'D CATCH IT AT FORT PERRIN ANYWAY!

ONE SUGGESTION, CAPTAIN! IF WE REACH FORT PERRIN BEFORE DAYBREAK, WOULD YOU LET ME SCOUT AHEAD, AND MAKE SURE THE SIOUX AREN'T OCCUPYING IT—WAITING FOR VISITORS?

I'LL THINK IT OVER, MASTERSON!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, CAPTAIN TARBELL? MAY I GO IN—ALONE?

IF YOU WISH, MASTERSON! IT WILL BE DAYLIGHT IN HALF AN HOUR! WE'LL WAIT HERE AMONG THE TREES!

EVEN AS BAT AND CAPTAIN TARBELL ARE SPEAKING, A SIOUX SCOUT RETURNS TO REPORT THE CAVALRY'S ARRIVAL.



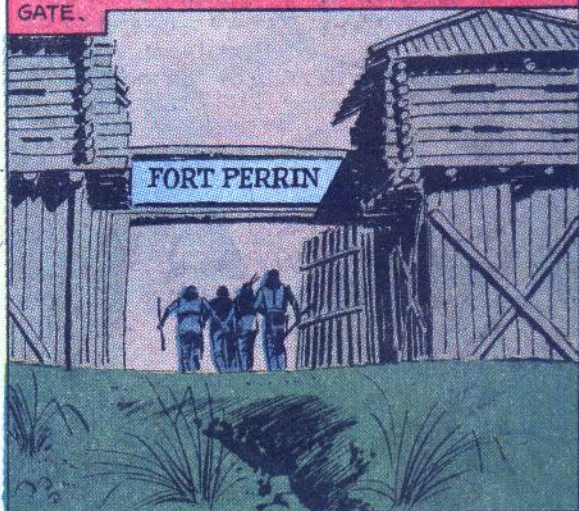
IT'S TOO QUIET! AT THIS HOUR, THE GARRISON'S COOK SHOULD BE BANGING POTS! I'LL CRAWL INTO THAT SHADOW AND LISTEN...



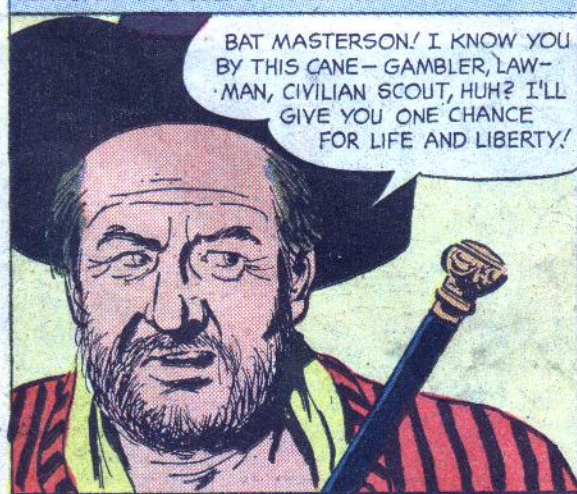
DARK, SINEWY BODIES HIT BAT FROM THE SHADOWS! A DIRTY RAG IS PUSHED BETWEEN HIS JAWS... HIS GUN IS SNATCHED, AND HIS CANE!



IN GRIM SILENCE HE IS PULLED IN THROUGH THE GATE.

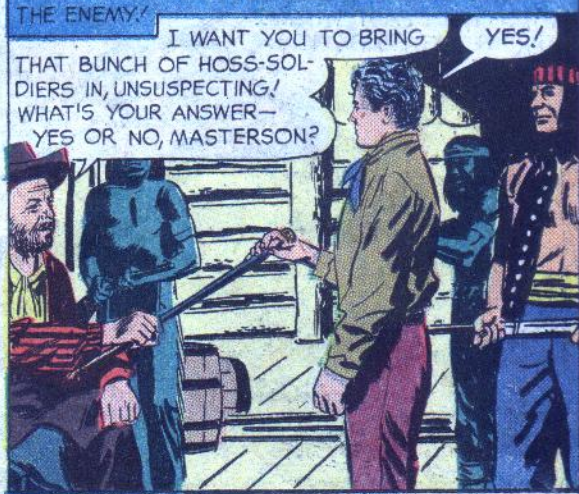


...AND BROUGHT FACE TO FACE WITH THE WHITE RENEGADE WHO SEEMS TO BE RUNNING THE SHOW!



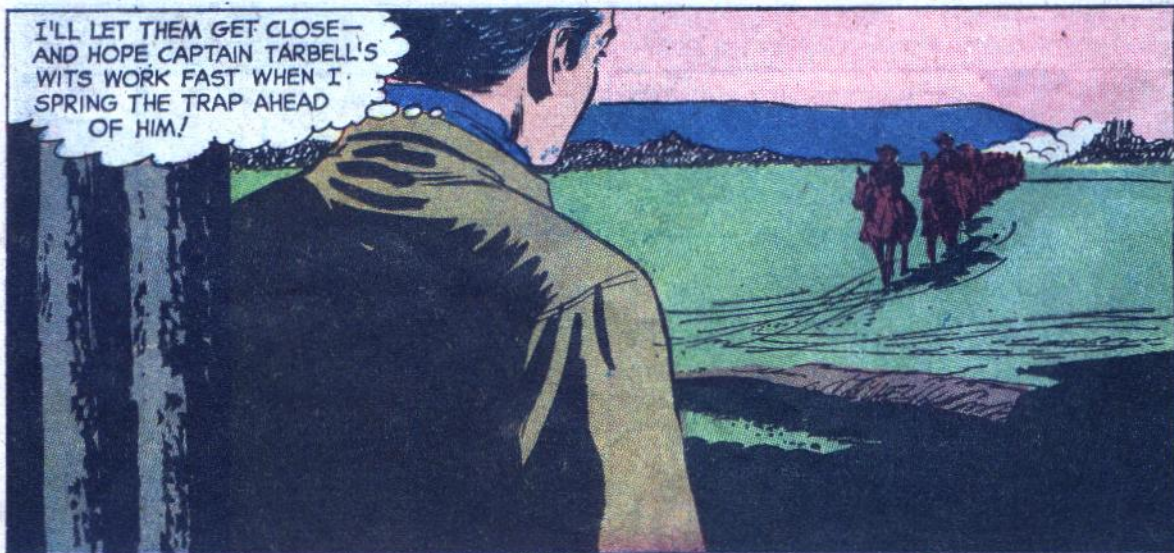
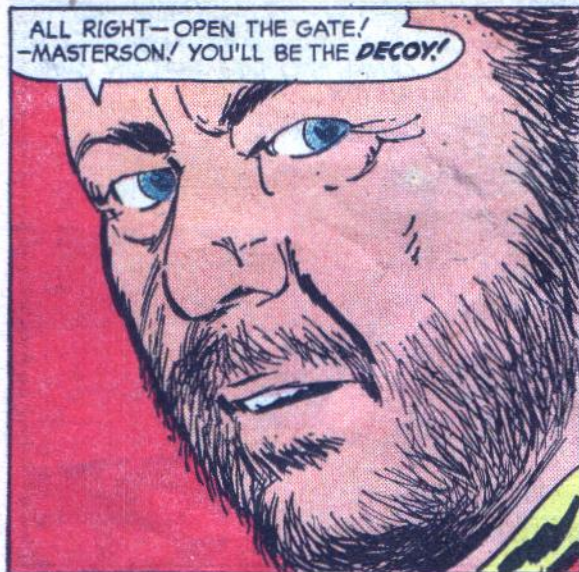
BAT MASTERSON! I KNOW YOU BY THIS CANE— GAMBLER, LAW-MAN, CIVILIAN SCOUT, HUH? I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE FOR LIFE AND LIBERTY!

IN BAT'S MIND IS ONE THOUGHT— TO PLAY FOR TIME— LOOK FOR A CHANCE TO DOUBLE-CROSS THE ENEMY!



I WANT YOU TO BRING THAT BUNCH OF HOSS-SOLDIERS IN, UNSUSPECTING! WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER— YES OR NO, MASTERSON?

YES!



YOU SAY THE PLACE IS
DESERTED, MASTERSON?

SEE FOR YOURSELF,
CAPTAIN!



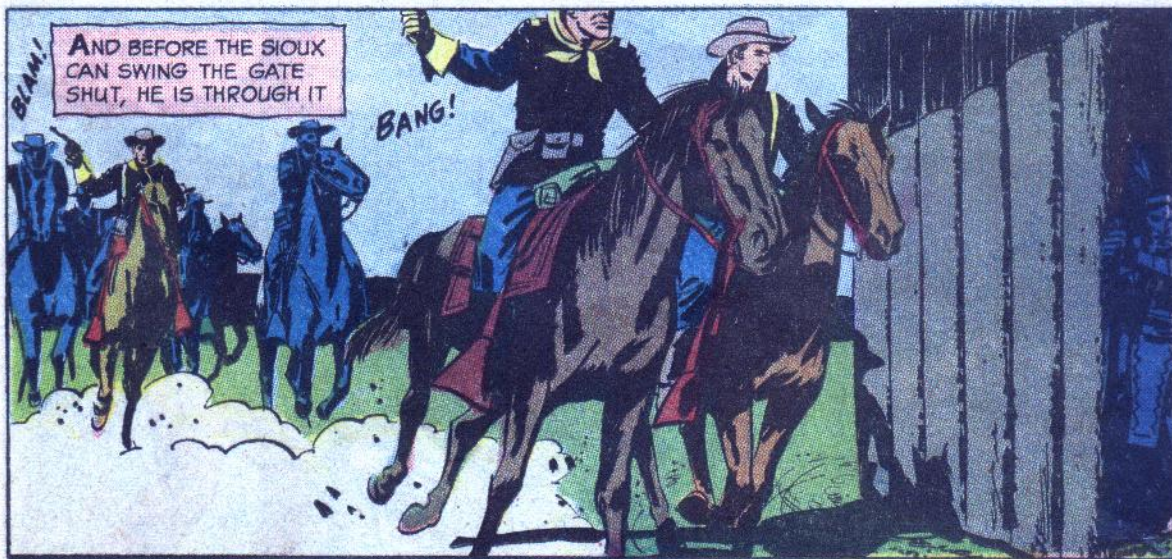
**SUDDEN FLAME AND SMOKE BELCH FROM BAT'S
CANE — REALLY A RIFLE WITHOUT A STOCK OR
VISIBLE TRIGGER!**



IN THE SAME SPLIT SECOND, HE DIVES!



THE CAPTAIN'S WITS WORK AS FAST AS BAT'S!



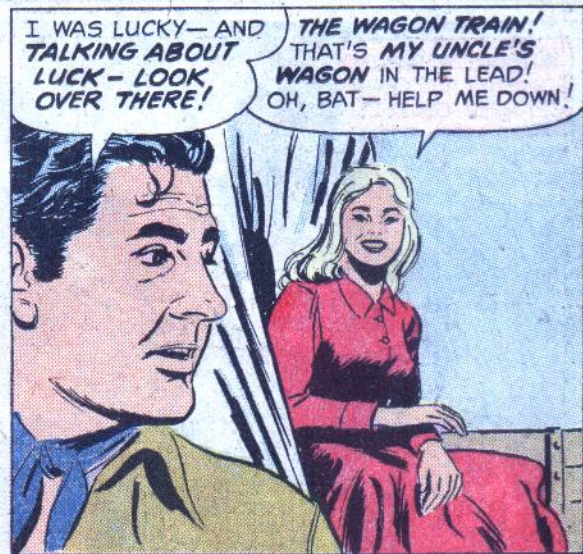
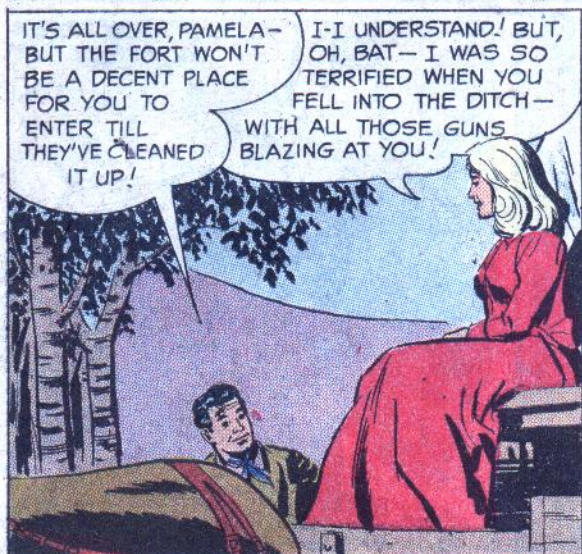
**AND BEFORE THE SIOUX
CAN SWING THE GATE
SHUT, HE IS THROUGH IT**

BANG!



BULLETS FROM THE TOWERS STOP A FEW, BUT THE REST—"KEEP COMING!"





"Softspoken" Smith

WINDY DAY

ONE BRISK, PRAIRIE DAY, A NEW TYPE OF VEHICLE
SAILS INTO SOFTSPOKEN SMITH'S TOWN...

THAT'S "WINDWAGON"
GEORGE— COMING FASTER
THAN THE PONY EXPRESS!
THEY SAID IT COULDN'T
BE DONE!

HIS
AXLES ARE
SMOKING!

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WITHOUT WARNING,
THE STRANGE CRAFT
CHANGES COURSE.

YEOW!
LOOK OUT!

SHE'S GOING
TO HIT US!

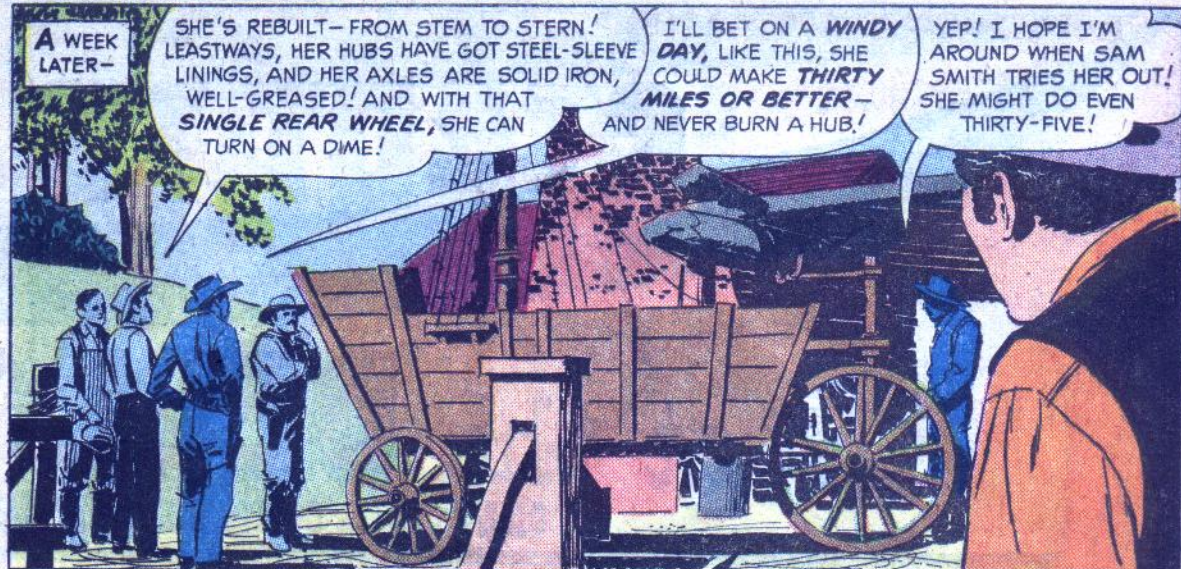
BLAM!

I'M BLAMED SORRY, SMITH!
THE DOGGONE HUBS GOT SO
HOT THEY SEIZED-UP ON THE
AXLES— AND I COULDN'T
STEER HER!

I FIGURED THAT, GEORGE.
BUT IT WON'T TAKE
MUCH WORK TO FIX
YOUR WAGON, I GUESS!

I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES—
I'M THROUGH! YOU CAN **HAVE**
THAT WINDWAGON, SMITH— TO
PAY FOR THE DAMAGE TO YOUR
WALL! I WOULDN'T TRUST THOSE
HUBS FOR **ANYTHING!**

UMMM!
FAIR
ENOUGH,
GEORGE!



A WEEK
LATER—

SHE'S REBUILT— FROM STEM TO STERN!
LEASTWAYS, HER HUBS HAVE GOT STEEL-SLEEVE
LININGS, AND HER AXLES ARE SOLID IRON,
WELL-GREASED! AND WITH THAT
SINGLE REAR WHEEL, SHE CAN
TURN ON A DIME!

I'LL BET ON A **WINDY
DAY**, LIKE THIS, SHE
COULD MAKE **THIRTY
MILES OR BETTER**—
AND NEVER BURN A HUB!

YEP! I HOPE I'M
AROUND WHEN SAM
SMITH TRIES HER OUT!
SHE MIGHT DO EVEN
THIRTY-FIVE!



ABOUT NOON, SIX-GUNS ROCK THE STREET OUTSIDE
THE BANK.



MISSED— WITH
EVERY SHOT—
BLAST THEIR
HIDES!

**BANG!
BANG!**



EVERY MAN WHO HAS A
HORSE— CLIMB ON! WE'RE
TAKING OUT AFTER THOSE
BANK ROBBERS! SPREAD
THE WORD!

POSSE! SHERIFF'S
FORMING A POSSE!
MOUNT UP!



YEOW! LOOK WHAT'S
COMING DOWN THE
STREET!

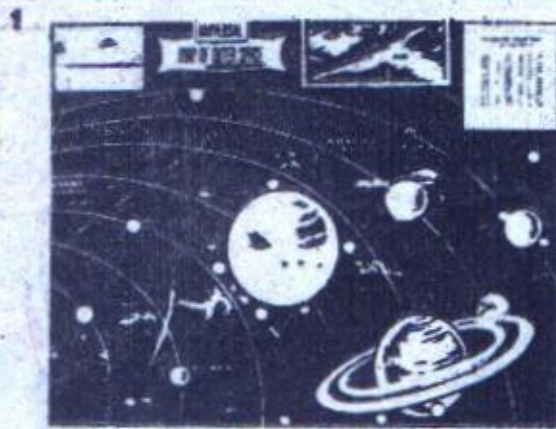
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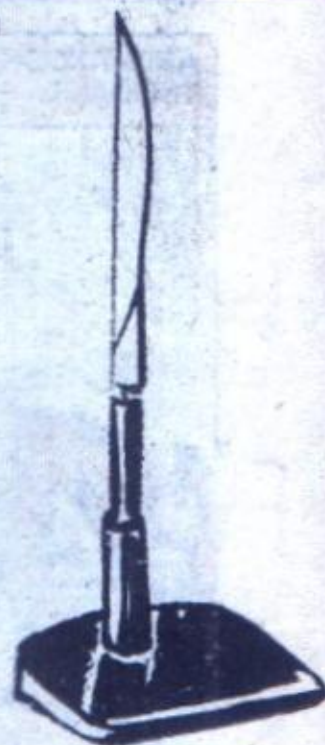
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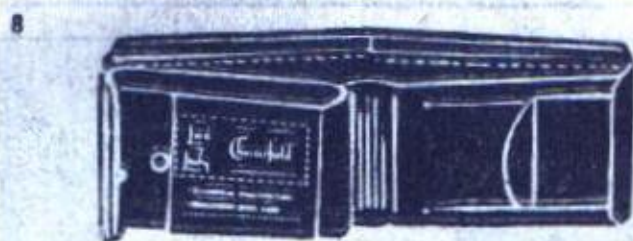
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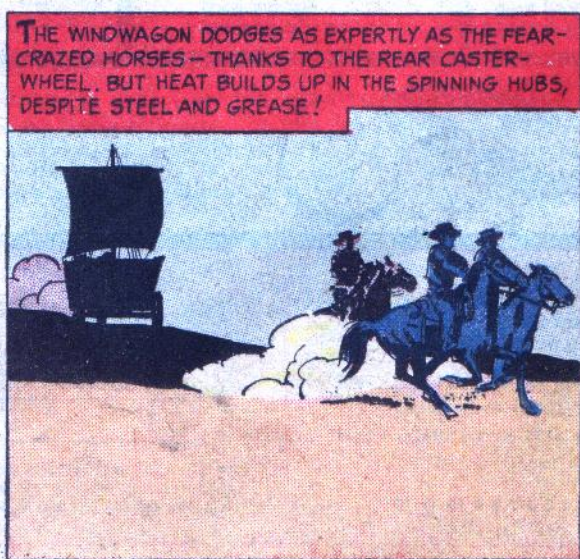
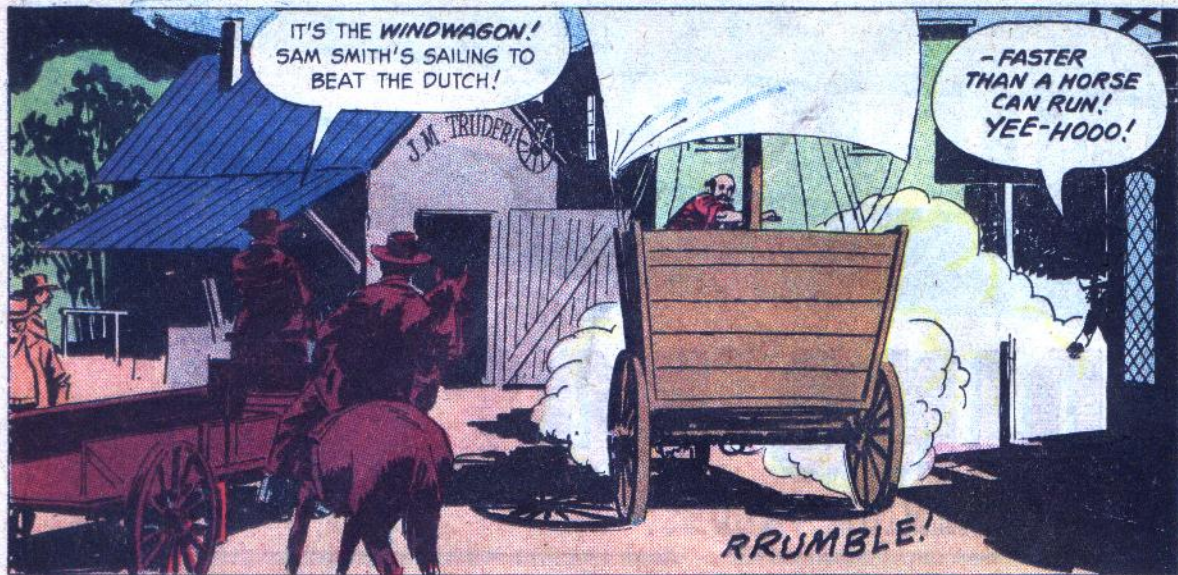
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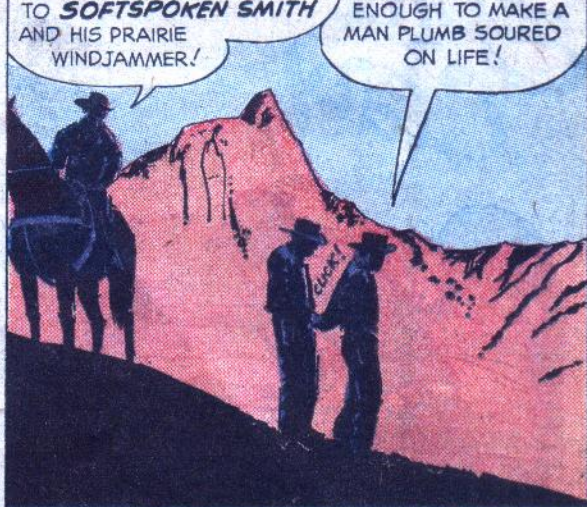
THE BUCKED-OFF BANDIT HAS JUST LOCATED HIS DROPPED GUN WHEN ROUNDING HOOFES AND A GRIM COMMAND HALT HIM.

REACH HIGH,
DOGGONE
YOU!



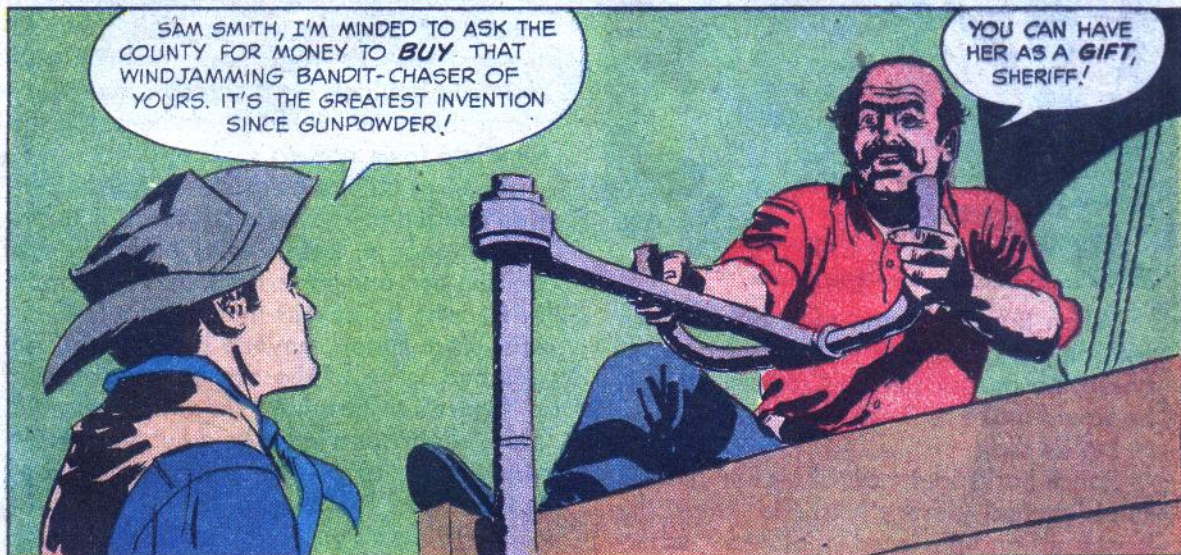
THE DAY OF BANK ROBBERS
IS PLUMB ENDED, THANKS
TO **SOFTSPOKEN SMITH**
AND HIS PRAIRIE
WINDJAMMER!

RUN DOWN BY A
WINDWAGON! IT'S
ENOUGH TO MAKE A
MAN PLUMB SOURED
ON LIFE!



SAM SMITH, I'M MINDED TO ASK THE
COUNTY FOR MONEY TO **BUY** THAT
WINDJAMMING BANDIT-CHASER OF
YOURS. IT'S THE GREATEST INVENTION
SINCE GUNPOWDER!

YOU CAN HAVE
HER AS A **GIFT**,
SHERIFF!



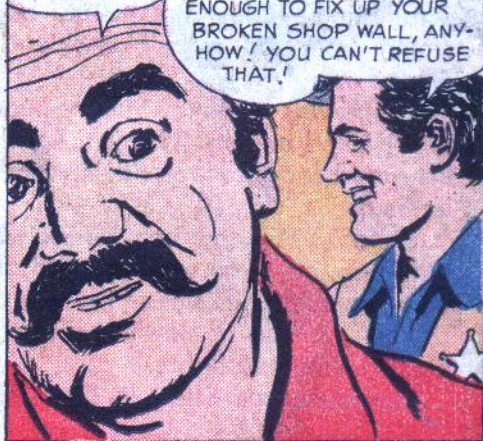
AS A **GIFT**! SAM,
YOU SURE ARE A
GENEROUS, PUBLIC-
SPIRITED GENT—!

NO, SHERIFF—JUST REASONABLE! THIS
CONTRAPTION USES TOO MUCH AXLE-
GREASE, AND THERE'S NO CURE FOR
IT AT SPEEDS OVER TEN MILES AN HOUR!

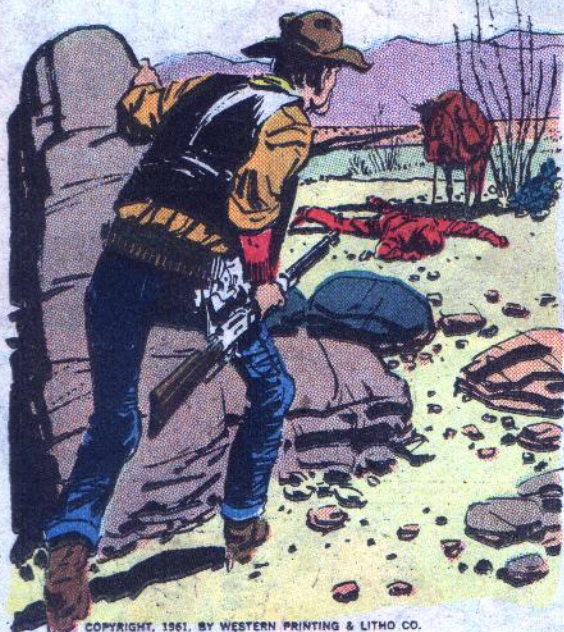


BESIDES—MY TRADE
IS **BLACKSMITHING**
—NOT PRAIRIE
SAILORING!

SUIT YOURSELF,
SAM—BUT I'M PAY-
ING YOU PERSONALLY
FOR THIS BANDIT-CHASER!
ENOUGH TO FIX UP YOUR
BROKEN SHOP WALL, ANY-
HOW! YOU CAN'T REFUSE
THAT!



Gold Crazy



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When Rance Horgan rode out of town with only a gunshot lead on the marshal's posse, no one at Cholla Crossing thought he would make it.

But he did.

Rance had spent most of his life in these sun-bleached desert hills. He knew the backtrails and the location of every water-hole . . . and three days later he was camped by his lonely fire in a rocky arroyo in the Sundag range. He'd thrown off the posse. The only trouble was that in the scramble he'd lost the money bag he'd stolen from old man Skelton's General Store.

Rance was a money-hungry man. He'd never killed anyone. Not yet. But the way his greed for gold was driving him, it was in the cards.

He looked up now from his fire where he had a desert quail cooking, and distantly in the glazed air, under the hot sky, he could see buzzards slowly circling. He took his rifle and investigated.

The buzzards lifted in their lazy coil

when Rance got close, leaving Rance alone with a man sprawled on his face in the desert dust. The man was living still—but barely, in collapse from heat and thirst.

Before Rance did anything to help him, he investigated the saddle bags on the man's burro. He found them heavy with ore—quartz shot through with stringers of pure gold. More gold than quartz almost. The richest ore Rance had ever looked upon.

He hurried back to the dying man, lifted his face from the dust and got a canteen at his lips, pouring water into the parched throat. Slowly, the man revived, and Rance fired questions at him about the gold ore.

"Where'd it come from? Where?"

The man wouldn't talk at first, but Rance held water out on him—and then he talked. He gave the location right down to the last side canyon, mesquite bush and dolomite boulder. He'd staked a discovery claim there, he revealed, and was on his way into town now to register it.

This was all that gold-greedy Rance Horgan needed to know. He left the man in the desert near a water hole, and took his golden ore and rode back into town with it. He was inside old man Skelton's General Store before anyone spotted him. He dumped some of the ore on the counter.

"Here's twice what I stole from you, old man," he rasped in his gold hunger. "Now you've withdrawn all charges against me, is that right?"

"Why sure . . ." old Skelton sputtered.

News of Rance Horgan's arrival had been noised around town by this time, and the marshal and a bunch of men escorted Rance to the assay office. The town was jumping with excitement.

"The man in the assay office looked at the ore, asked dryly, "You say you dug this out of your own discovery vein?"

"Sure I did," Rance blustered.

"Ore's like fingerprints," the assay man said dryly. "It's not quite the same in any two diggings. I've been expecting this to show up. This ore was stolen from the ore room of the Crondite Mines."

The marshal put his gun on Rance and headed him for the town jail. "You'll have a long time to think this over," he said.





FRANK AND HERB ARE MERCHANTS—DOING QUITE WELL, BEFORE BELROY'S GUN HANDS TOOK OVER THE TOWN ...BUT NOW COMMERCE IS DYING BECAUSE OF THE PRICES BELROY MAKES EVERY BUSINESS PLACE CHARGE!

DOES HE OWN
OR RUN THEM ALL?

NO—ONLY THIS HOTEL!
BUT HE MEETS EVERY
BOAT—AND BUYS EVERY-
THING THAT'S UNLOADED—
WHOLESALE!



YOU MEAN—
NOTHING COMES
INTO TOWN EX-
CEPT BY BOAT?

THAT'S RIGHT! AGUA FRIO IS THE ONLY
RIVER TOWN IN A HUNDRED-MILE STRETCH—
AND IT'S SURROUNDED BY DESERT WHERE
ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN TO FREIGHT
WAGONS...NOT ONLY **COULD**, BUT **WOULD**
HAPPEN—BY BELROY'S ORDER!



SO YOU PAY BELROY
HALF A DOLLAR A POUND
FOR OATS—OR TEN DOLLARS
FOR CARDS! WHAT KEEPS
BUSINESS
ALIVE AT
ALL?

MINES! HARD ROCK
MINES IN THE
HILLS AND SOME
GOOD PLACER
CLAIMS ALONG
THE RIVER! BELROY
DONES'T INTERFERE
WITH ORE OR GOLD
SHIPMENTS! BELROY'S
GOT HIS OWN GOLD
MINE—US MERCHANTS,
AND THE POOR SUCK-
ERS WHO HAVE TO
TRADE WITH
US!



ALL RIGHT, GENTLEMEN, I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR
YOU! GET ME A LIST OF ALL THE SUPPLIES AGUA
FRIO CAN USE AT **ORDINARY WHOLESALE** PRICES
—AND I'LL DELIVER THEM TO YOU UNDER ARMED
GUARD IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS!



BOYS, MR. BAT MASTERSON
HAS GIVEN YOU A LAST
CHANCE! BETTER TAKE
IT! IF YOU ALL
STICK TOGETHER—

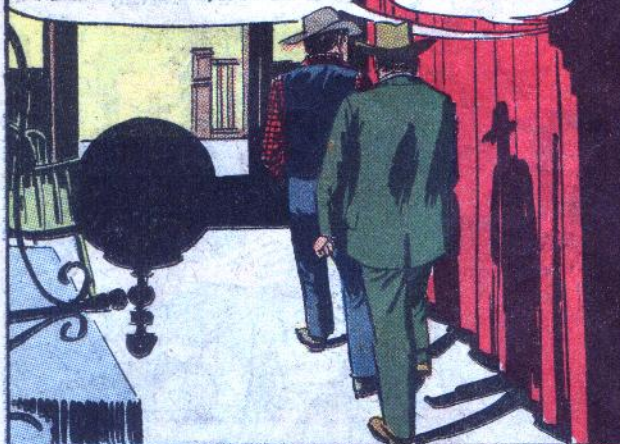
SALLY,
YOU'VE
CALLED THE
TURN! WE'LL
TRY IT!



FRANK MOUNDS AND HERB WALKER LEAVE QUICKLY AND QUIETLY.

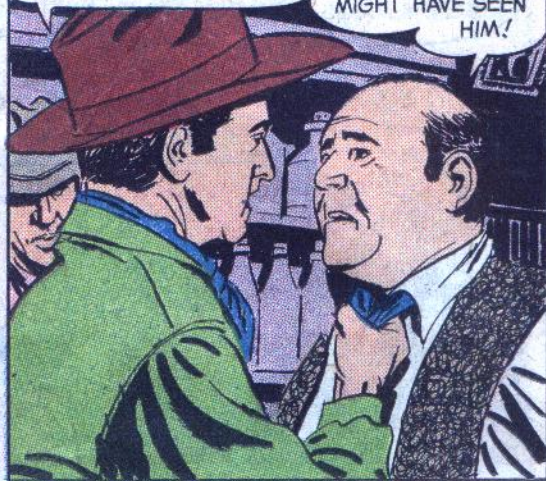
THAT SMART PILGRIM WHO
"BUSTED" BULL BUNDY—
WHERE DID HE GO, BARKEEPER?

HE-HE KIND OF
DISAPPEARED,
MR. SANTONE!



YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN
THAT, BARKEEPER! **WHICH**
WAY DID HE "DISAPPEAR"?

UH— INTO THE
LOBBY, MR. SANTONE!
UH— MISS BLYE
MIGHT HAVE SEEN
HIM!



MISS BLYE HAS KIND
OF "DISAPPEARED,"
TOO, SANTONE!

SO I NOTICE, MONK!
WE'LL TRY HER ROOM,
UPSTAIRS!



**UNLOCK THIS DOOR—
BEFORE WE BREAK
IT DOWN!**

BREAK INTO
A **LADY'S**
ROOM? AT
YOUR PERIL!
ONE MOMENT—!

**BAM BAM!
BAM!**



UH— WE'RE LOOKING FOR
MASTERSON— THE STRANGER
WHO BEAT UP BULL BUNDY!
WE THOUGHT HE MIGHT
HAVE— UH—

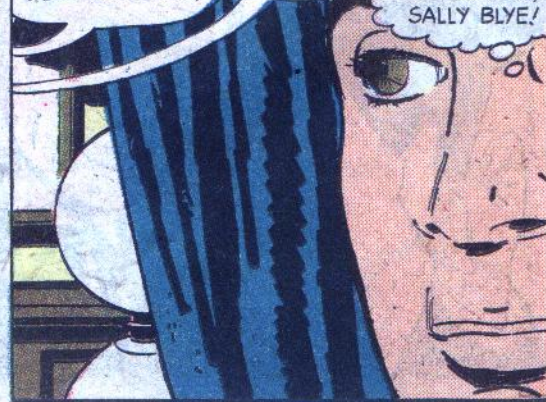
I DON'T CARE WHAT
YOU THOUGHT! IF YOU
HAVE TO SEARCH MY
ROOMS FOR SOMEBODY,
DO IT QUICKLY— AND GET
OUT! OR ELSE—!

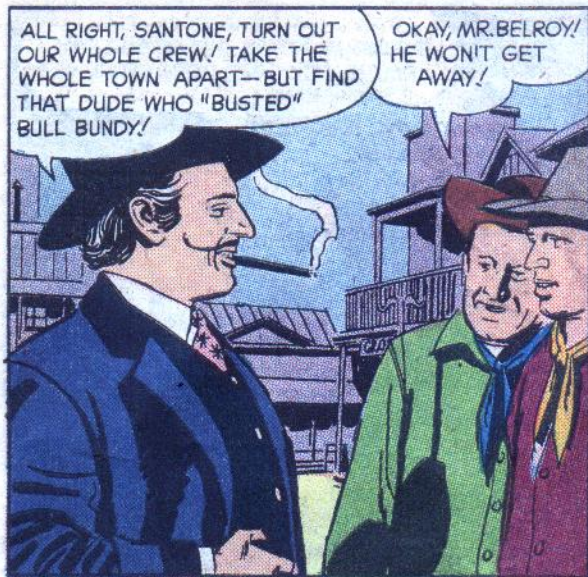


SORRY, MISS BLYE,
MA'AM! NO OFFENSE
MEANT! I RECKON
YOU'RE NOT HIDING
ANYBODY... UH—
YOU'RE A LADY!

PLEASE REMEMBER
THAT, THE NEXT TIME
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
A BARROOM BRAWLER!—
GOOD DAY!

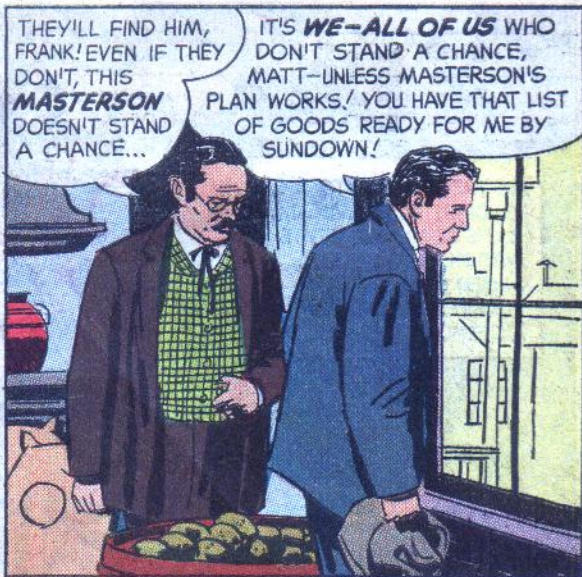
CLEVER GIRL,
SALLY BLYE!





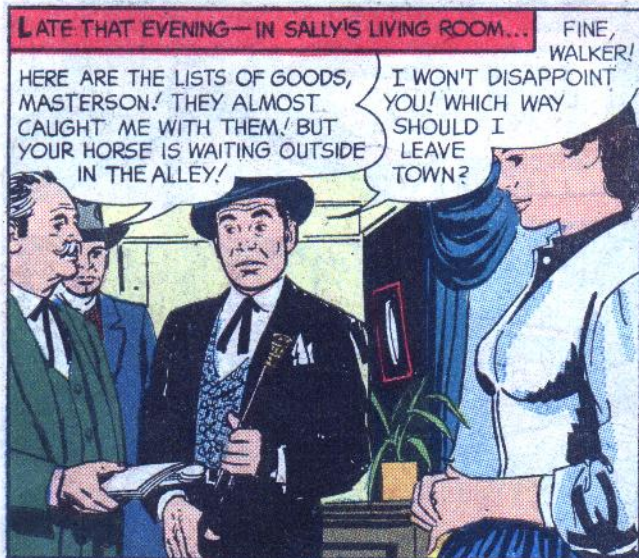
ALL RIGHT, SANTONE, TURN OUT OUR WHOLE CREW! TAKE THE WHOLE TOWN APART—BUT FIND THAT DUDE WHO "BUSTED" BULL BUNDY!

OKAY, MR. BELROY! HE WON'T GET AWAY!



THEY'LL FIND HIM, FRANK! EVEN IF THEY DON'T, THIS **MASTERSON** DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE...

IT'S **WE—ALL OF US** WHO DON'T STAND A CHANCE, MATT—UNLESS MASTERSON'S PLAN WORKS! YOU HAVE THAT LIST OF GOODS READY FOR ME BY SUNDOWN!



LATE THAT EVENING—IN SALLY'S LIVING ROOM...

HERE ARE THE LISTS OF GOODS, MASTERSON! THEY ALMOST CAUGHT ME WITH THEM! BUT YOUR HORSE IS WAITING OUTSIDE IN THE ALLEY!

I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU! WHICH WAY SHOULD I LEAVE TOWN?

FINE, WALKER!



BETTER SWIM YOUR HORSE ACROSS THE RIVER, BAT! WHEN THEY FIND THE HORSE'S GUARD SUGGED, THIS TOWN WILL BE A HORNET'S NEST!

LET IT HUM! I'LL BE SEEING YOU, HERB! SO LONG, SALLY!



TWO WEEKS LATER A CHARTERED BOAT TIES UP AT NIGHT BELOW AGUA FRIO.

THIS IS THE LAST TEAM, BAT!

GOOD WORK, TIM! KEEP THOSE MULES QUIET!

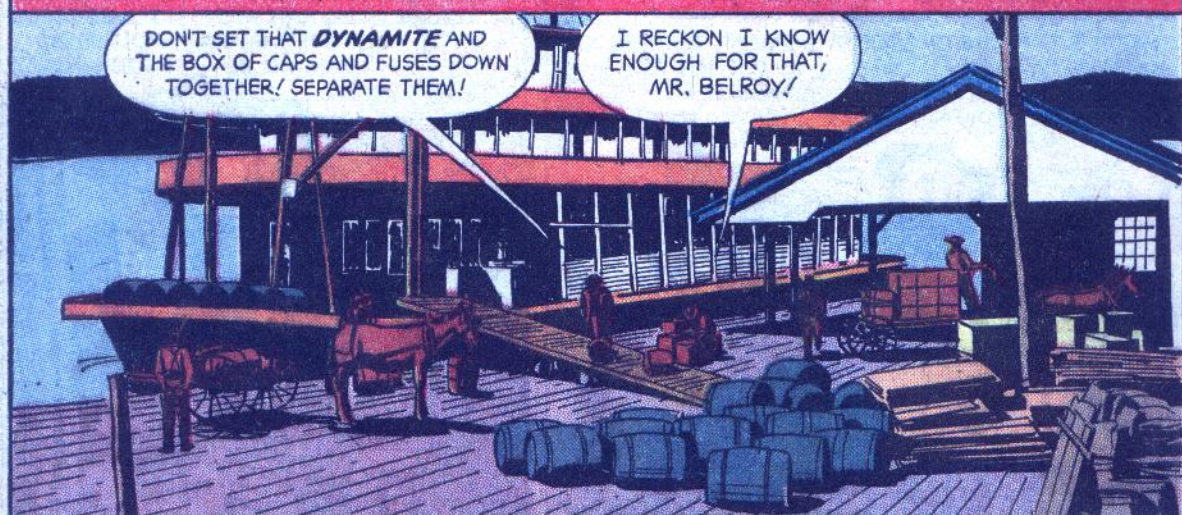


AS THE BOAT CASTS OFF, TO DRIFT DOWNSTREAM, BAT'S LOADED FREIGHT WAGONS WITH THEIR ARMED GUARDS HEAD INTO THE SHELTER OF A DEEP ARROYO!

LET'S HOPE THE REST OF THE PROGRAM WORKS OUT ON SCHEDULE, TIM! IF IT DOESN'T, THERE WILL BE WAR!

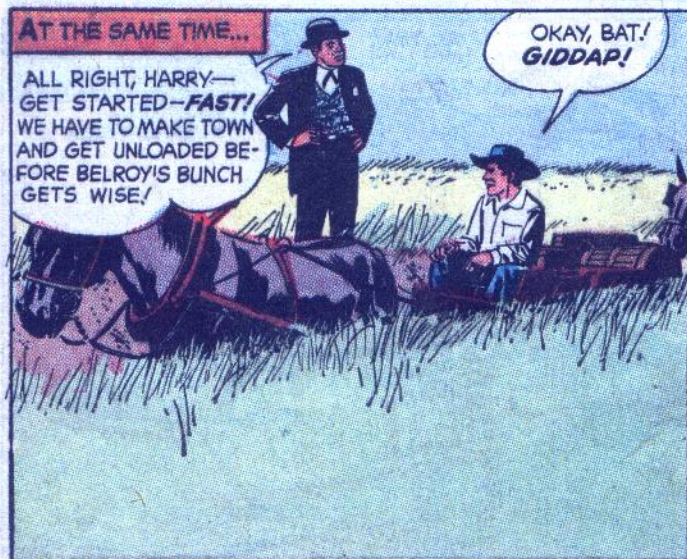
JUST AN HOUR BEFORE DAYLIGHT, BAT! YOU TIMED IT WELL!

LATER THAT SAME MORNING, THE REGULAR SUPPLY STEAMER DOCKS AND IS BEING UNLOADED BY BELROY'S GORILLAS.



DON'T SET THAT **DYNAMITE** AND THE BOX OF CAPS AND FUSES DOWN TOGETHER! SEPARATE THEM!

I RECKON I KNOW ENOUGH FOR THAT, MR. BELROY!



AT THE SAME TIME...

ALL RIGHT, HARRY—GET STARTED—**FAST!** WE HAVE TO MAKE TOWN AND GET UNLOADED BEFORE BELROY'S BUNCH GETS WISE!

OKAY, BAT! **GIDDAP!**

HEY! BACK UP, THERE, BILL! THIS ARROYO IS TOO **NARROW!**

CAN'T BACK UP, HARRY! MY FRONT WHEEL'S LOCKED WITH YOUR HIND ONE! HEEL-FLIES SPOOKED MY MULES!







EVERY MAN INTO THE
WAGONS— AND FOLLOW
ME! WE'VE GOT A **FIGHT**
ON OUR HANDS!

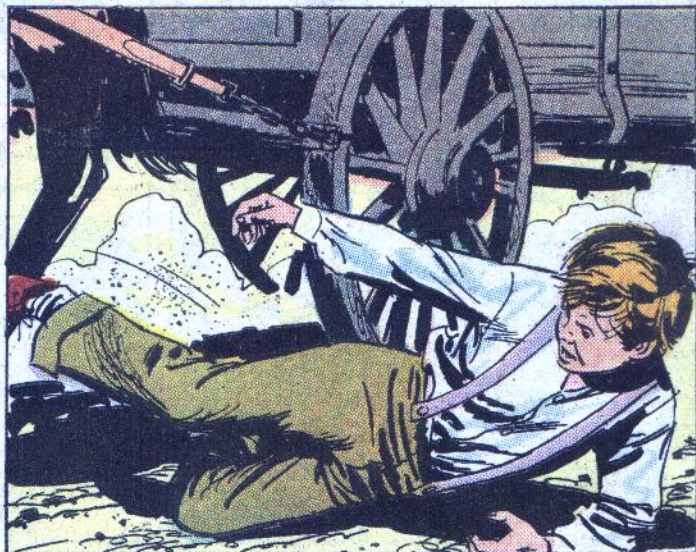
A FIGHT?
OKAY, BOSS!



MR. BELROY!
AREN'T YOU
GOING TO **GIVE**
ME SOMETHING
FOR TELLING YOU?

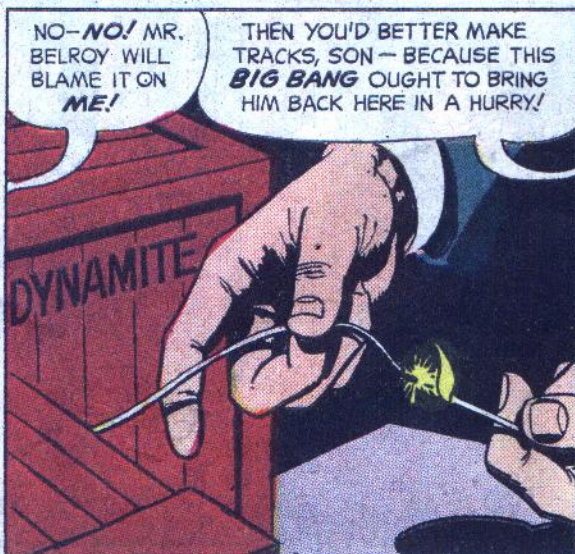


GIVE YOU
SOMETHING?
I'LL GIVE YOU
THIS! STAY
OUT OF MY
WAY!



THAT'S WHAT ANYONE CAN
EXPECT, WHO DOES BELROY
A FAVOR! STICK AROUND,
SON, AND YOU'LL SEE
SOME REAL FUN!

FUN? WHAT
DO YOU MEAN?



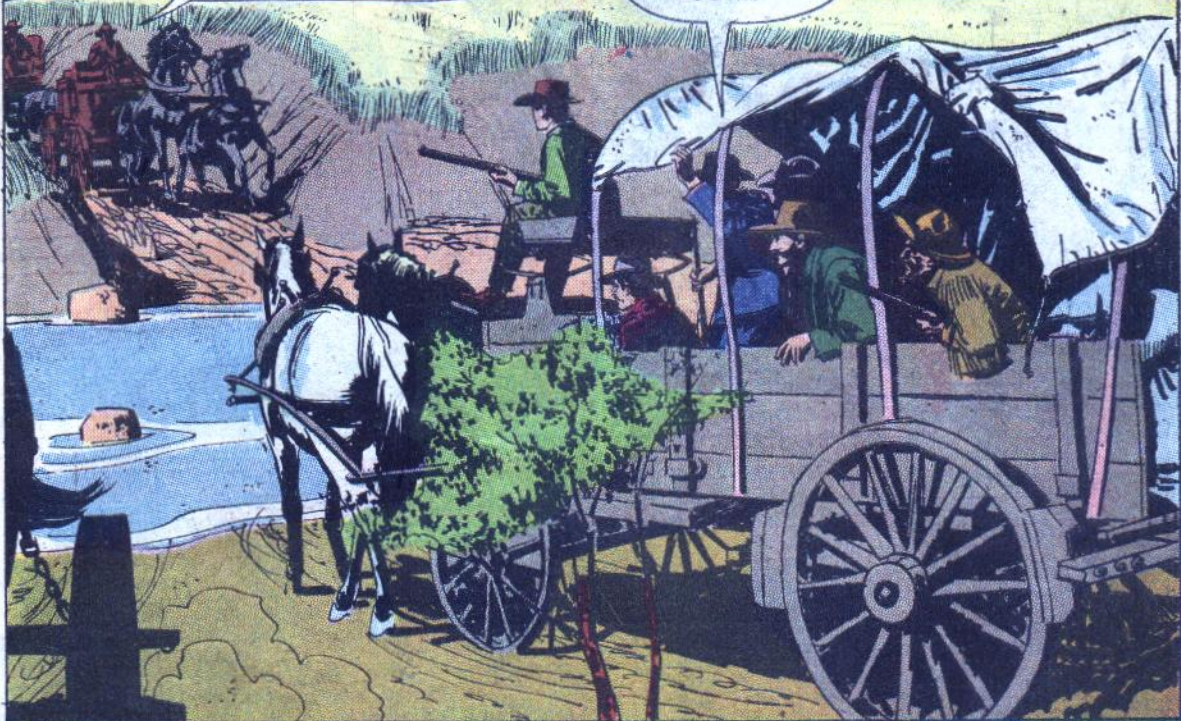
NO—NO! MR.
BELROY WILL
BLAME IT ON
ME!

THEN YOU'D BETTER MAKE
TRACKS, SON— BECAUSE THIS
BIG BANG OUGHT TO BRING
HIM BACK HERE IN A HURRY!

AS BAT'S FIRST FREIGHT WAGON STARTS UP OUT OF THE ARROYO...

WHOAH! WAR HAS STARTED!
AND WE'RE SURE OUTNUMBERED!

THERE THEY
ARE! GUN THEM
DOWN!



WHAT'S
THAT?

OUR **DYNAMITE**—
BACK AT THE DOCK!
YOU IN THE SECOND
WAGON—STAY HERE AND
HOLD THOSE STRANGERS
IN THE ARROYO! I'LL HANDLE
THE TROUBLE AT THE
DOCK!

WHOO MP!

YOU
HEARD
WHAT THE
MAN SAID,
DAN!

YEAH! WE'LL STILL
BE OUTNUMBERED
IF BELROY GETS
BACK! SO GET
YOUR HEAD DOWN,
HARRY! AND YOUR
MULES, TOO!

KRANG!

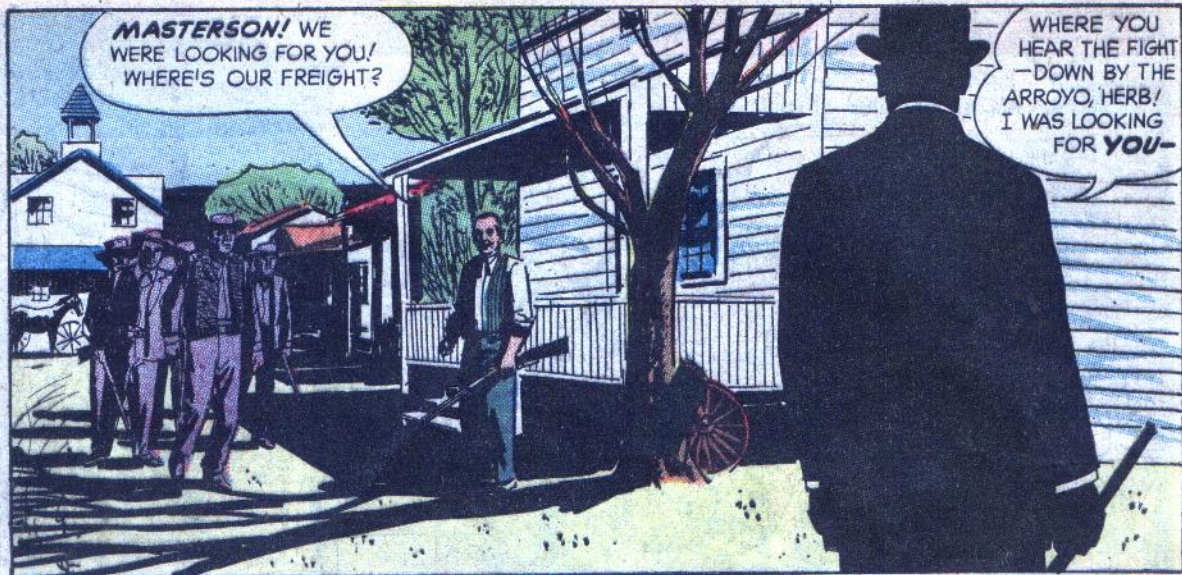
BANG!



THEY'VE GOT
THE BEST COVER
IN THAT ARROYO,
BADGER!

NOT IF WE SET
FIRE TO THE
BRUSH THERE,
POKE! THE
WIND IS
TOWARDS
THEM!





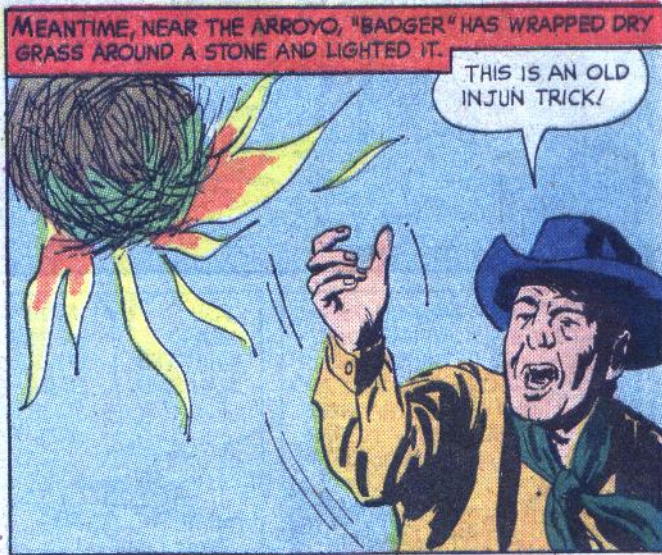
MASTERSON! WE
WERE LOOKING FOR YOU!
WHERE'S OUR FREIGHT?

WHERE YOU
HEAR THE FIGHT
—DOWN BY THE
ARROYO, HERB!
I WAS LOOKING
FOR **YOU**—



—BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO
FIND YOU PACKING GUNS!

WE'VE HAD THEM READY
TO GRAB AT A MINUTE'S
NOTICE—FOR THE PAST
WEEK! THEY SAY EVEN
A **WORM** WILL TURN,
BAT!



MEANTIME, NEAR THE ARROYO, "BADGER" HAS WRAPPED DRY
GRASS AROUND A STONE AND LIGHTED IT.

THIS IS AN OLD
INJUN TRICK!



AND MINUTES LATER, AS
BAT AND HIS FRIENDS ARRIVE...

WE'LL TAKE THOSE
GUNNIES NOW, BAT! YOU
GET OUR FREIGHT INTO
TOWN!

GOOD MAN, HERB!
I'LL SEE YOU
LATER!



RETURNING FROM THE WRECKED DOCK, BELROY SWINGS THROUGH MAIN STREET.

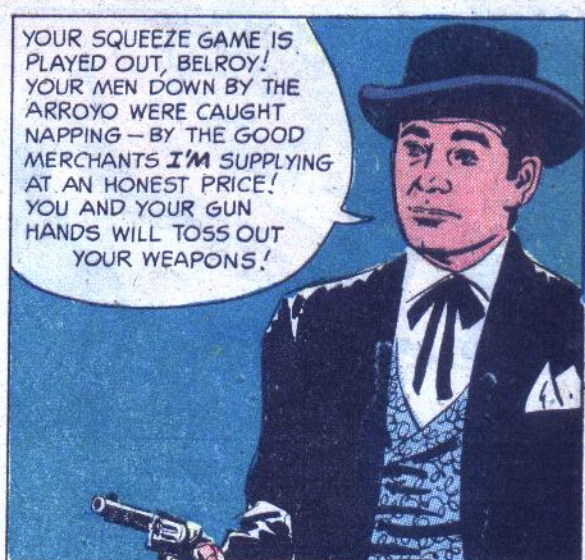
BELROY, I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU!

WHO ARE YOU?

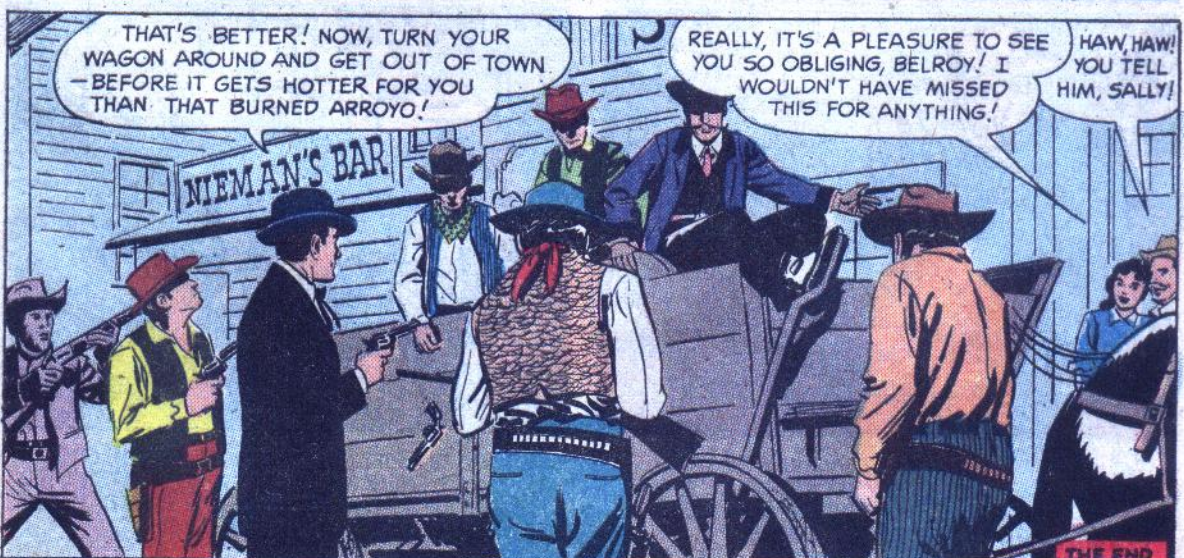
IT'S MASTERSON!



BLAST YOU! I'LL—
KRANG!



YOUR SQUEEZE GAME IS PLAYED OUT, BELROY! YOUR MEN DOWN BY THE ARROYO WERE CAUGHT NAPPING — BY THE GOOD MERCHANTS I'M SUPPLYING AT AN HONEST PRICE! YOU AND YOUR GUN HANDS WILL TOSS OUT YOUR WEAPONS!



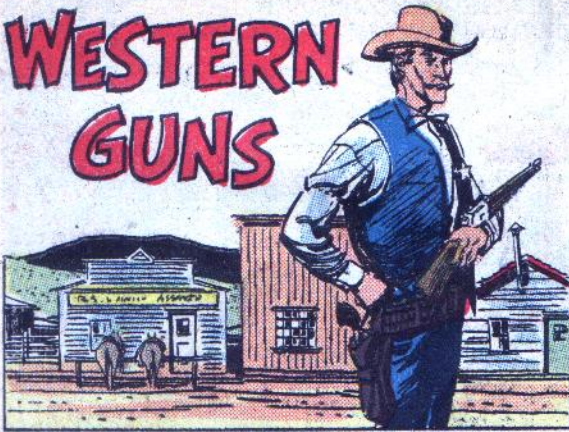
THAT'S BETTER! NOW, TURN YOUR WAGON AROUND AND GET OUT OF TOWN — BEFORE IT GETS HOTTER FOR YOU THAN THAT BURNED ARROYO!

REALLY, IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU SO OBLIGING, BELROY! I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED THIS FOR ANYTHING!

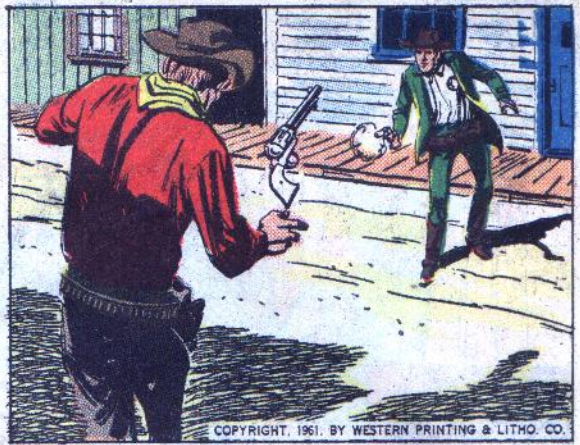
HAW, HAW! YOU TELL HIM, SALLY!

THE END

WESTERN GUNS



THE GUN PLAYED A VITAL PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD WEST. IT WAS BOTH A DREADED ENEMY AND A TRUSTED ALLY TO THE HARDY FRONTIERSMAN.

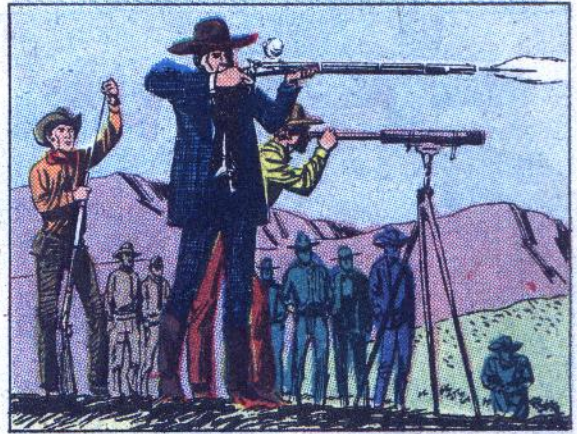


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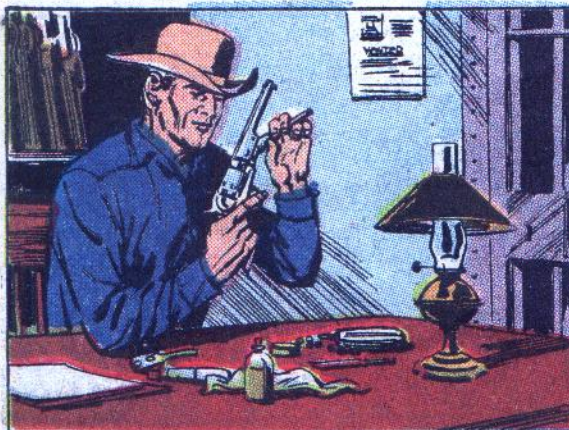
THE MOST WIDELY-KNOWN AND POPULAR GUN WAS THE COLT SINGLE-ACTION REVOLVER. EASY ON THE DRAW, IT WAS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "THE FRONTIER COLT."



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OF THE OLD WEST

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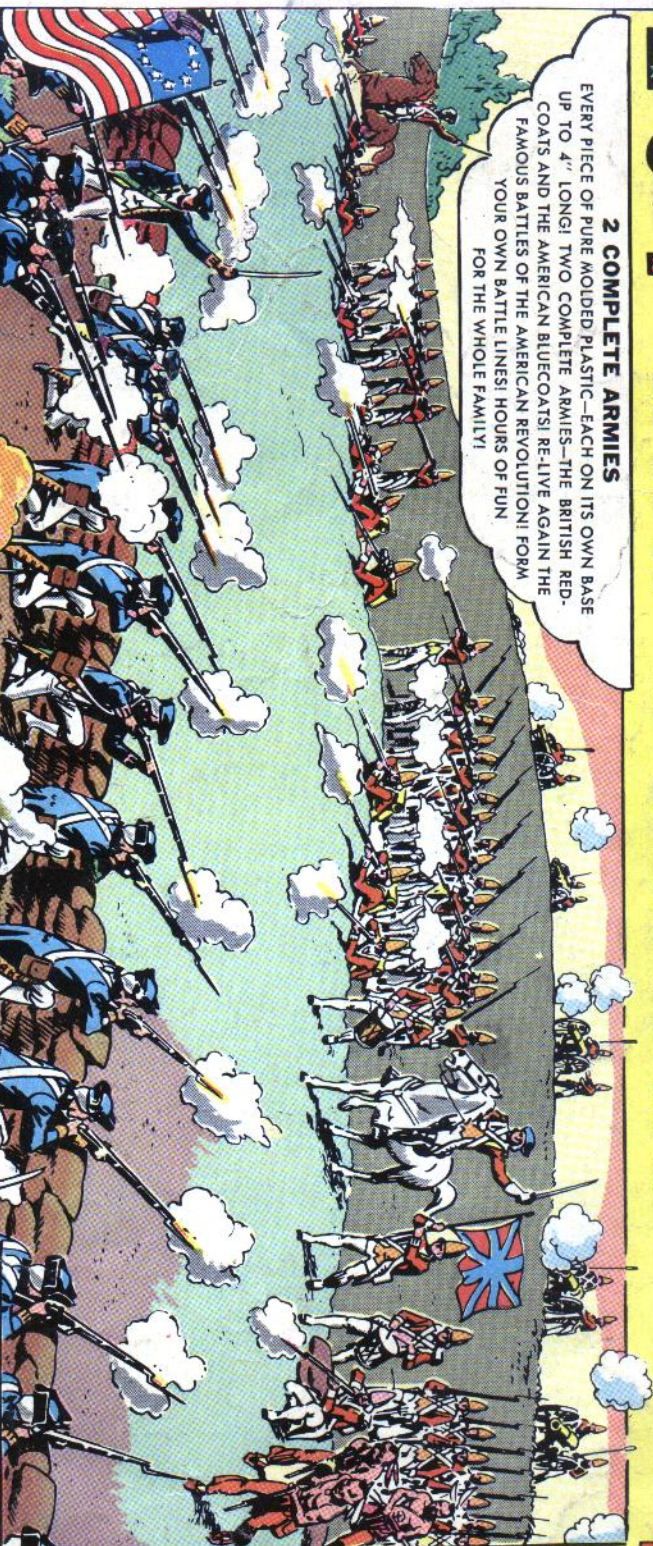


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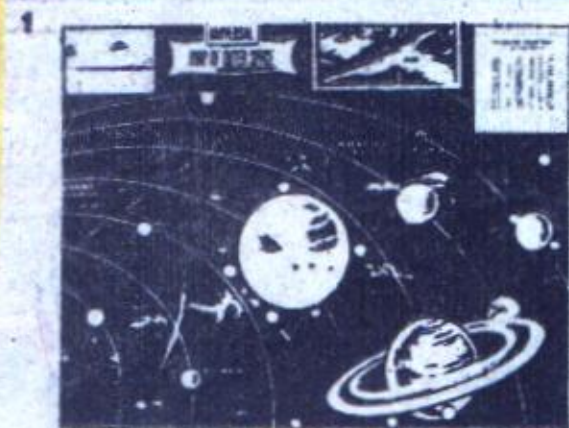
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