

ALITFORNIA VAQUIERO of 100 Years Ago

THE EARLY SPANISH-CALIFORNIA VAQUERO WAS AN EXPERT HORSE-MAN. HE WAS ALWAYS WELL MOUNTED AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVEL-OPMENT OF THE PALOMINO, OR

GOLD-COLORED HORSE, WITH A WHITE MANE AND TAIL. HE TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN HIS EQUIPMENT, WHICH WAS FLASHY AND FANCY, HIS SADDLE WAS BUILT ON THE MEXICAN TREE WITH A LARGE ROSADEROS, AND EXTRA LONG TAPADEROS WERE EITHER CARVED LEATHER, STITCHED IN ORNATE DESIGNS WITH GOLD OR SILVER THREAD, OR MOUNTED WITH STERLING

CONCHAS. THE "CALIFORNIO" WENT IN FOR FANCY CLOTHING, TOO. HIS SMALL HAT HAD A FLAT CROWN AND STRAIGHT BRIM. HIS SHORT JACKET AND MATCH-

ING PANTS WERE USUALLY MADE OF VELVET AND WERE RICHLY

TRIMMED WITH GOLD OR SILVER BRAID. HE CARRIED A BRIGHT SERAPE TIED TO HIS SADDLE. HIS SPURS WERE SILVER-MOUNTED AND HAD LARGE ROWELS. HIS BRIDLE WAS MADE OF BRAIDED RAWHIDE WITH A QUIRT OR ROMAL" ATTACHED TO THE REINS. THE "CALIFORNIO" WAS AN EXPERT WITH THE REATA WHICH WAS BRAIDED OF SIX OR EIGHT STRANDS OF RAW-HIDE AND SIXTY FEET LONG.



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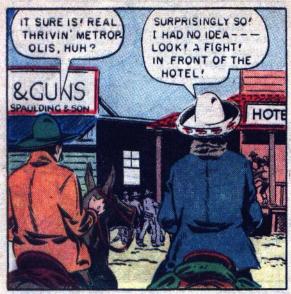


















HUMPH! PANCHO HAS THE HUNCH WHAT WE WILL HUNT NOW WILL BE THE VACATION!





BUT OF COURSE!
ALWAYS PANCHO
FOLLOW CISCO! AND
ALWAYS CISCO FOLLOW
TROUBLE! SO, ALWAYS
PANCHO FOLLOW
TROUBLE, TOO!























A LITTLE LATER, AS CHIP LEAVES FOR HIS











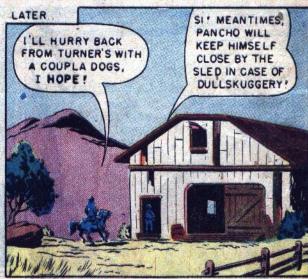


























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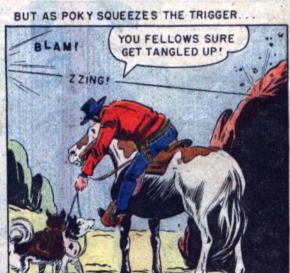


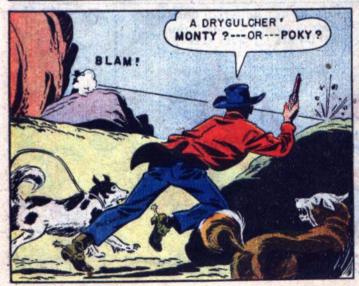




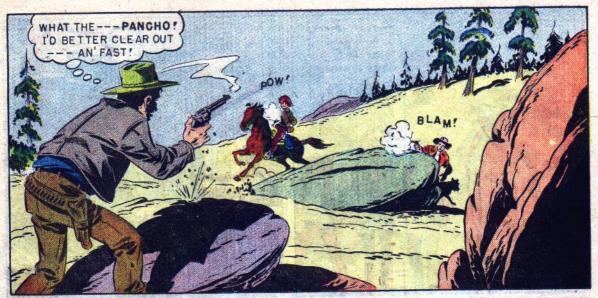




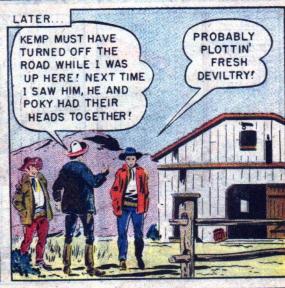




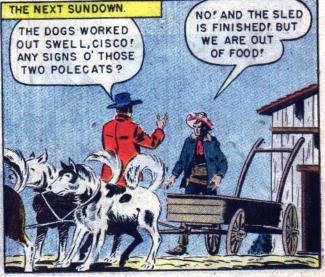


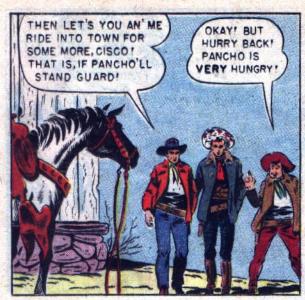










































































CATCHING CISCO OFF GUARD, MONTY ACTS

























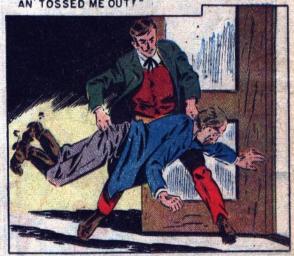
"GRANE TOSSED ME A LINE ABOUT SOME EASTERN HOMBRE BUILDIN' THE PLACE — — TIRIN'OF IT ———AN' GOIN' BACK TO THE CITY!"



LAND'S NOTHIN' MAD WHEN I FOUND OUT THE LAND'S NOTHIN' BUT ROCKS WITH A THIN LAYER O' TOP SOIL! AN' I CALLED CRANE ON IT! HE SNEERED! SO I SWUNG ON HIM!



"WHEN I MISSED, HE PICKED ME UP AN' TOSSED ME OUT!"





SANTO! PANCHO HAS NEVER
HAD THREE THOUSAND
GENTS!--- ALL AT THE
SAME TIME! BUT IF YOU
WOULD TAKE BEANS--AH! THAT WOULD BE
ANOTHER COLOR OF A
HORSE!









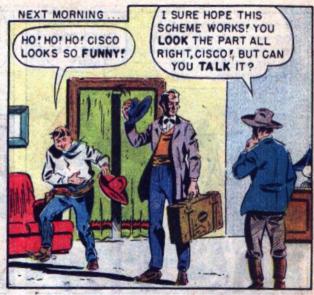




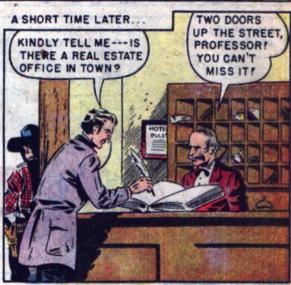






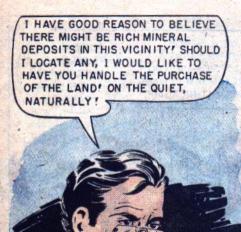
















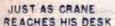


















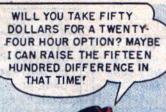












HMMM...
THAT SEEMS
FAIR ENOUGH!
IT'S A DEAL!













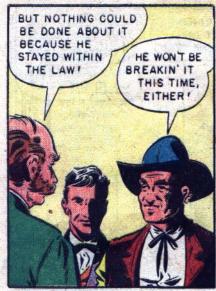












TRUE! BUT WHEN HE
DISCOVERS THE HOAX,
I WOULD NOT BE
SURPRISED IF HE DID
SOMETHING THAT
WOULD PUT HIM
BEHIND BARS FOR
A LONG TIME!

















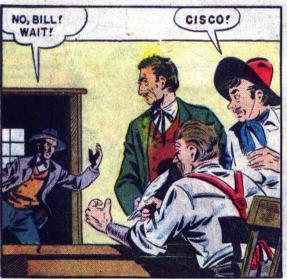
























CISCO SNAKES BACK WITH HIS FOOT ---



AND QUICKLY TAKES CONTROL.



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CRANE'S DISTRACTION, PANCHO LEAPS FOR CRANE BUT. .. BILL ACTS ...





