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THANKS. YEP, I'M DOIN' THIS MYSELF. 'COURSE, I'VE GOT SIX HELPERS HERE IN THE SHOP DAY-TIMES. NOT A BIG BUSINESS, BUT WE ALL MAKE





COULD BE WORSE. MIGHT'VE KILT ME! ANYWAY I LEARNED MYSELF HOW TO MAKE THINGS OUT OF RAWHIDE AND LEATHER AND IF BUSINESS KEEPS GOOD FOR ANOTHER MONTH I'LL HAVE



NSEEN BY CISCO AND FRED, A FACE







































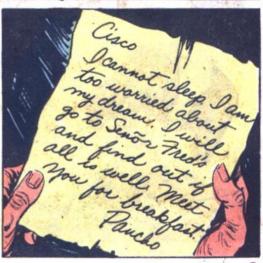


































































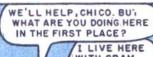












I LIVE HERE
WITH GRAM
TUCKER. SHE
FIXED UP A
HIDEOUT FOR
THEM AND THEY
ALWAYS PAY HER
PART OF THE
LOOT!

I DON'T LIKE IT HERE BUT SHE SAID IF I EVER RAN AWAY, SHE'D CAST AN EVIL SPELL ON ME. SHE'S A WITCH!































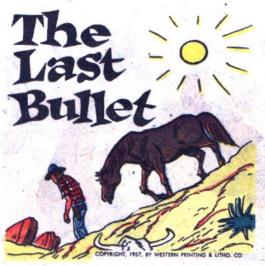












Pete Calhoun stumbled through the sticky heat of the scrub land near the border desert. Everything had gone wrong during this prospecting trip. He had lost his horse to a rattler back in the hills. On the trek back, a mountain cat had sneaked away his last supply of jerked beef one night. The next night he had used up all his bullets, except one, to drive away a pack of hungry coyotes that were stalking him.

On top of it all, Pete had found no gold. He would be lucky to get back to Mesquite Junction alive . . . if he didn't starve first. The few berries he found

barely sustained life.

"One bullet left," thought Pete bitterly.
"Only thing between me and starvation.

Got to bag some game to eat."

But for three days he had found nothing within range, not even an iguana. Hunger pains gnawed within, growing hourly. Suddenly, Pete's heart leaped as he heard the whinny of a horse coming around a boulder. Had he stumbled on a rider, who could feed him and ride him to town?

Pete's heart sank, as he saw the unsaddled horse that came limping into sight, whinnying in terror. A shaggy coyote was slinking behind it, waiting for the kill. A stray horse, lost from some ranch. And limping too badly to ever carry a rider.

Pete groaned. Bad luck again.

Suddenly the coyote leaped for the exhausted horse. Pete whipped out his gun but hesitated, thoughts whirling. Why waste his single bullet? The wounded horse was useless to him. Let the coyote finish him off, what did it matter?

But Pete had always been a lover of horses. His pity aroused, he fired at the coyote, missing but kicking sand in its eyes. Howling, the varmint scuttled away.

The horse sank exhausted. Pete checked his leg. A bad sprain. It would never bear a man's weight for days. Pete shared the last of his canteen water with the animal, then built a fire for the night to ward off varmint attacks.

"I waste my last bullet to save him," muttered Pete in disgust at his soft-heart-edness. "Then I split my last water with him—just to make sure I'll die—of thirst or starvation!"

Waking at dawn, weak with hunger and thirst, Pete wondered if he would last the day. Suddenly, he squinted at the horse's hooves as it lay on its side. Bright yellow flecks-were embedded in the bottom of one hoof.

Gold! Somewhere, the pinto had walked through a stream loaded with gold dust and just waiting to be panned!

And that meant water tool

Excitedly, Pete back-tracked the trail made by the horse yesterday. The animal got up and limped along, as Pete followed the trail through an arroyo, and finally to a shallow stream. As Pete flung himself down to drink greedily, he saw the gold dust gleaming in the river bed.

A gold strike! But then Pete groaned. Unable to ride the limping horse, he'd never reach town to stake his claim. It was the most ironic bad luck a man could

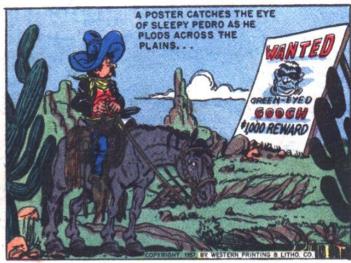
have.

Suddenly, the pinto raised its head, listening, then whinnied eagerly. In the distance, Pete heard drumbeat galloping. Two men came riding up: "Look, there's Star, the prize horse of our ranch. Been trailing him for days. Who are you, stranger?"

"Just a . . . uh . . . friend of the horse," mumbled Pete thankfully. "And glad of it. He brought me rescue and a gold strike, all for the price of one lead bullet . . .

and some kindness."





















LATER, OUTSIDE OF TOWN . . .



















HAW-HA!



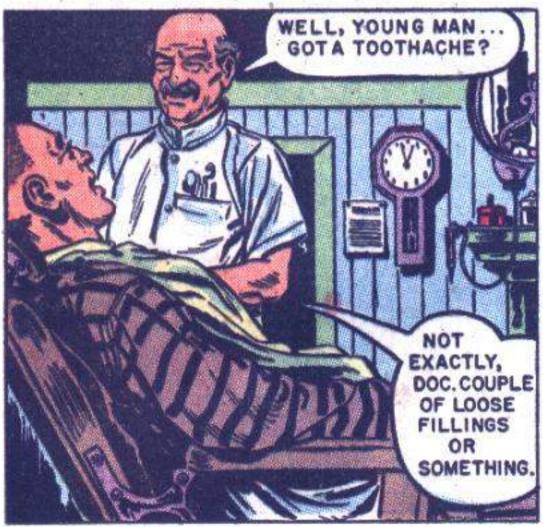


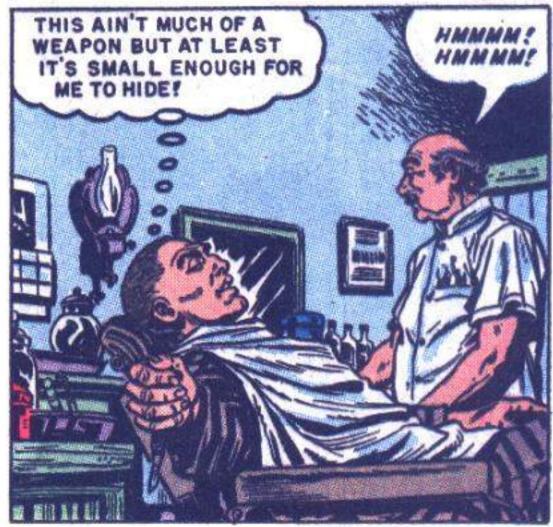


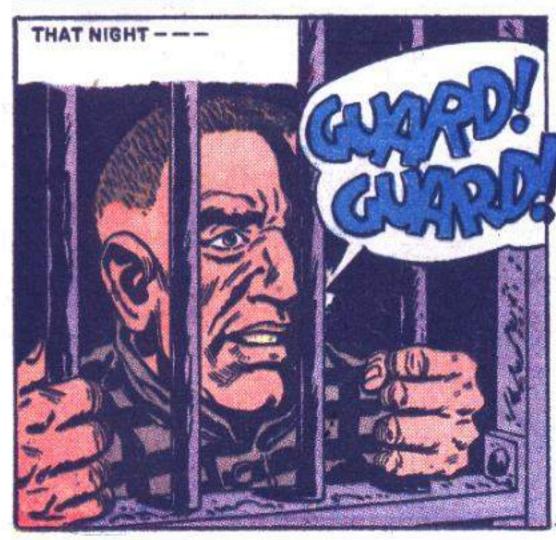


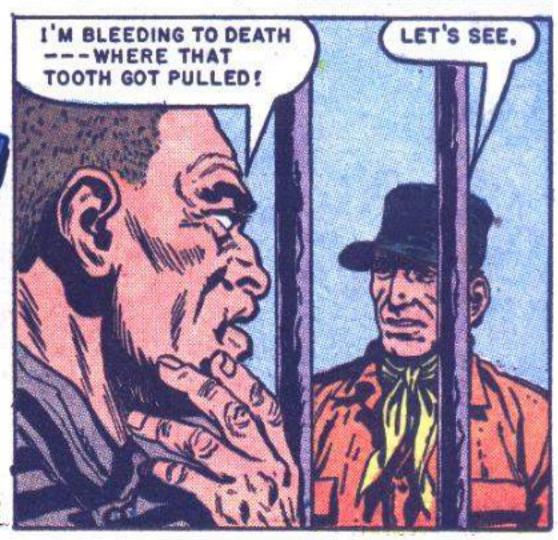






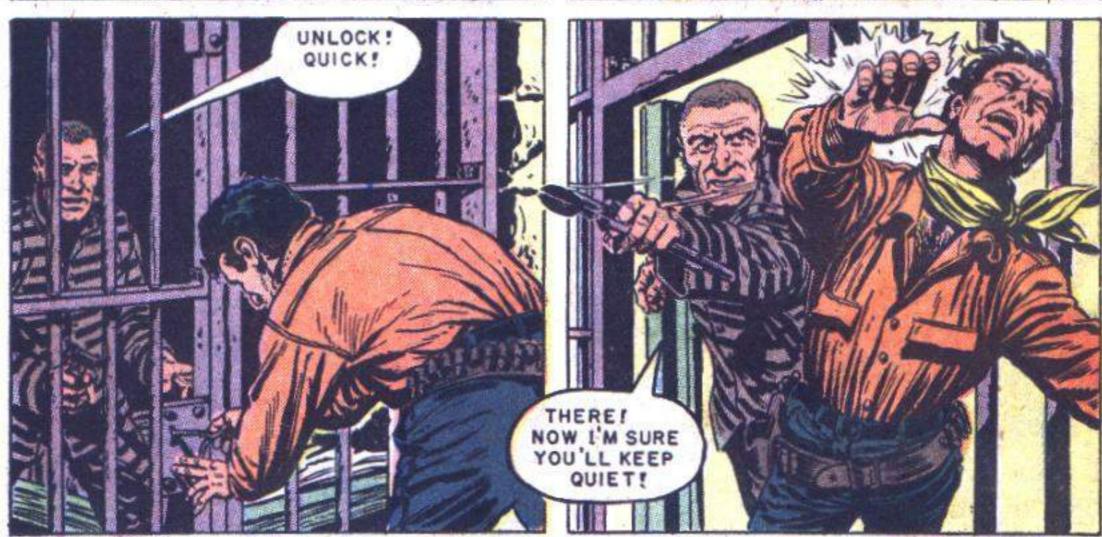


































































































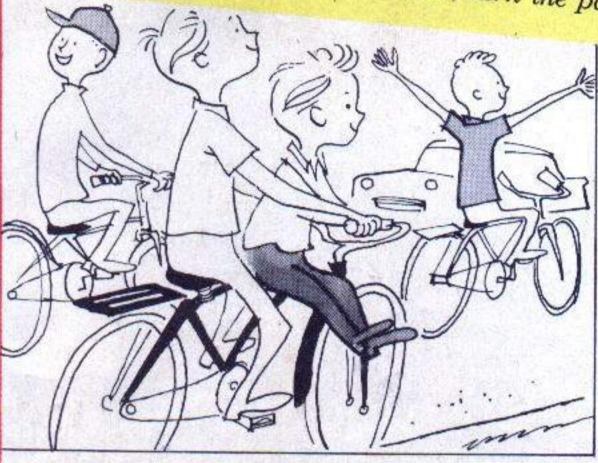


JUICY FRUIT GUM Safety Quiz

Have Some Fun!

See if you can tell
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE PICTURES

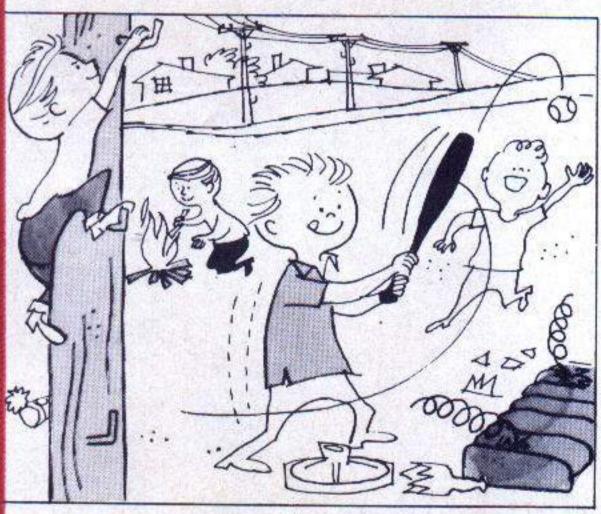
Pick out the mistakes and see how many stars you rate in the safety quiz. You rate one star for each mistake you find. See if you can be a "twelve-star safety expert". (To find out what score you made, turn the page upside down.)



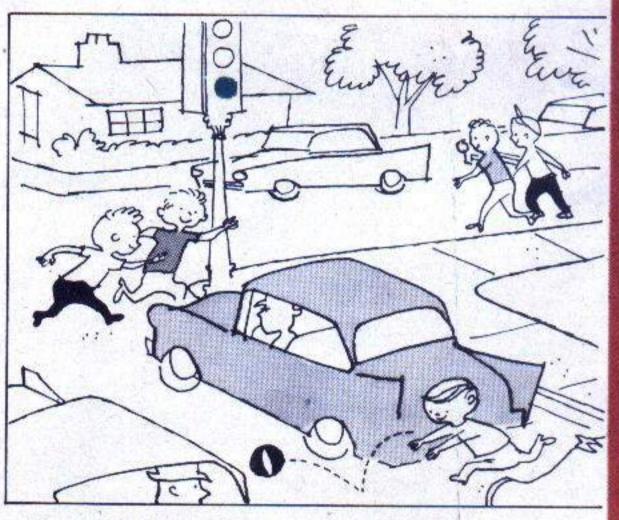
where he is going . Boy riding bike in street without using hands ANSWER: Boys riding double . Boy riding bike, not looking



ueat tocks . Fake calling for help ANSWER: "Ducking" another boy . Diving in shallow water



playing with fire . Playing where there is broken glass, rocks, etc. ANSWER: Dangerous telephone pole climbing . Youngster



Boy chasing ball into street . Boys crossing against light ANSWER: Boys crossing between intersections

HERE'S ANOTHER RIGHT ANSWER!

Chew swell-tasting JUICY FRUIT GUM after every meal! The good, natural chewing helps keep teeth clean. Remind your Mom to bring some home.



