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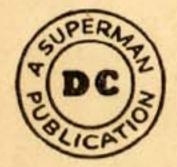
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ONE RAINY NIGHT SHORTLY AFTER V-J DAY, A
MAN HURRIED THROUGH THE DARK STREETS
OF A CALIFORNIA CITY



AS HE DARTED ACROSS AN INTERSECTION, A SLEEK PASSENGER CAR OUTLINED HIM IN ITS HEADLIGHTS.







THE WOUNDED MAN STAGGERED COURAGEOUSLY TO A NEARBY POLICE PRECINCT, HIS LIFE EBBING AWAY WITH EACH FALTERING STEP....

















MORAN REPORTING,

COME IN, LIEUTENANT! THIS CASE WILL REQUIRE AID FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT!













WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY
MAID ONCE MORE-FOR YOUR LIFE!
WE ARE DEALING WITH KILLERS!

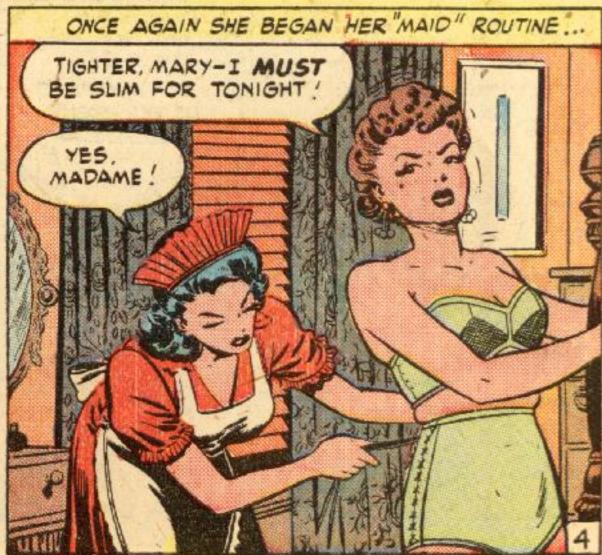




IT WAS EASY FOR MARY TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT THROUGHOUT THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS - BUT THE CROOKS FAILED TO BITE!





















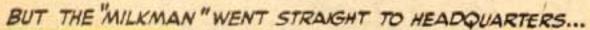
WE DON'T WANT THE COPS TO THINK MAIDS

DO THE JOBS! IT'S GOTTA LOOK LIKE AN OUTSIDE











BUT DESPITE THE PLANS OF THE POLICE, SOMETHING WENT WRONG. FOR IT WAS WEDNESDAY NIGHT THAT THE MOB VISITED THE APARTMENT...











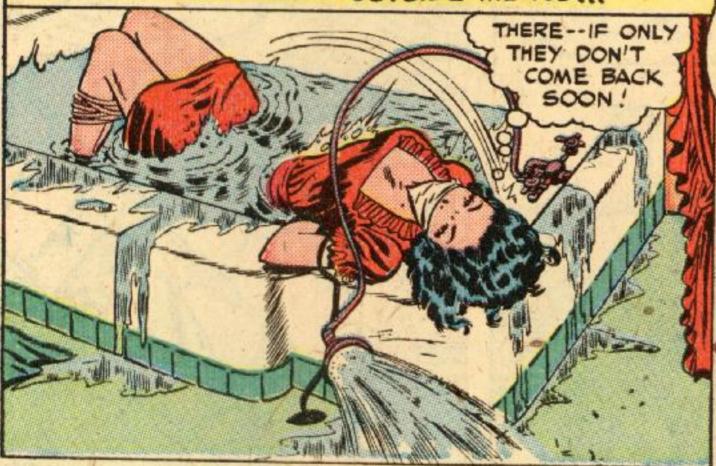








MARY WAITED UNTIL THE THUGS BEGAN RANSACKING THE LIVING ROOM. THEN, STRIKING THE HOSE WITH HER HEAD, SHE MANEUVERED IT OUTSIDE THE TUB...





AS THE JANITOR STARTED TO RING THE DOORBELL, HE OVERHEARD VOICES FROM WITHIN ...

I GOT SOME SPARKLERS FROM THE DRESSER, PHIL!

BURGLARS!
I GOTTA
CALL THE
COPS!



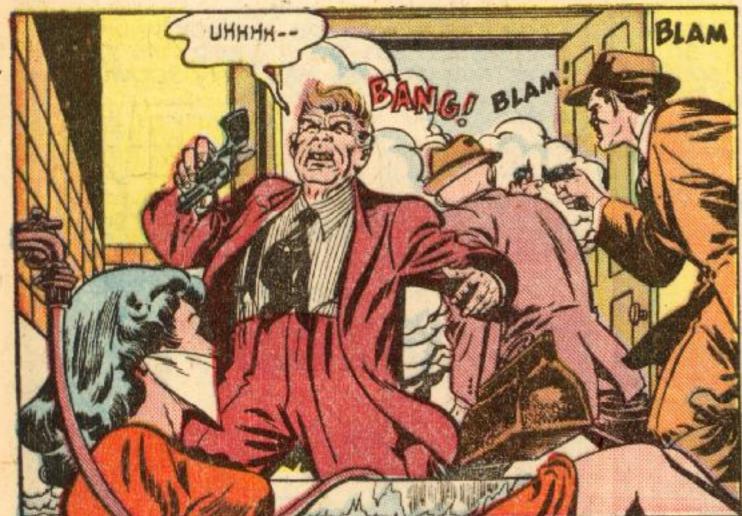
WE GOT EVERYTHING -- LET'S GO! WHAT'S WRONG HERE? THE DAME AIN'T DROWNED!

WATER! IT'S FLOODIN' DA FLOOR!

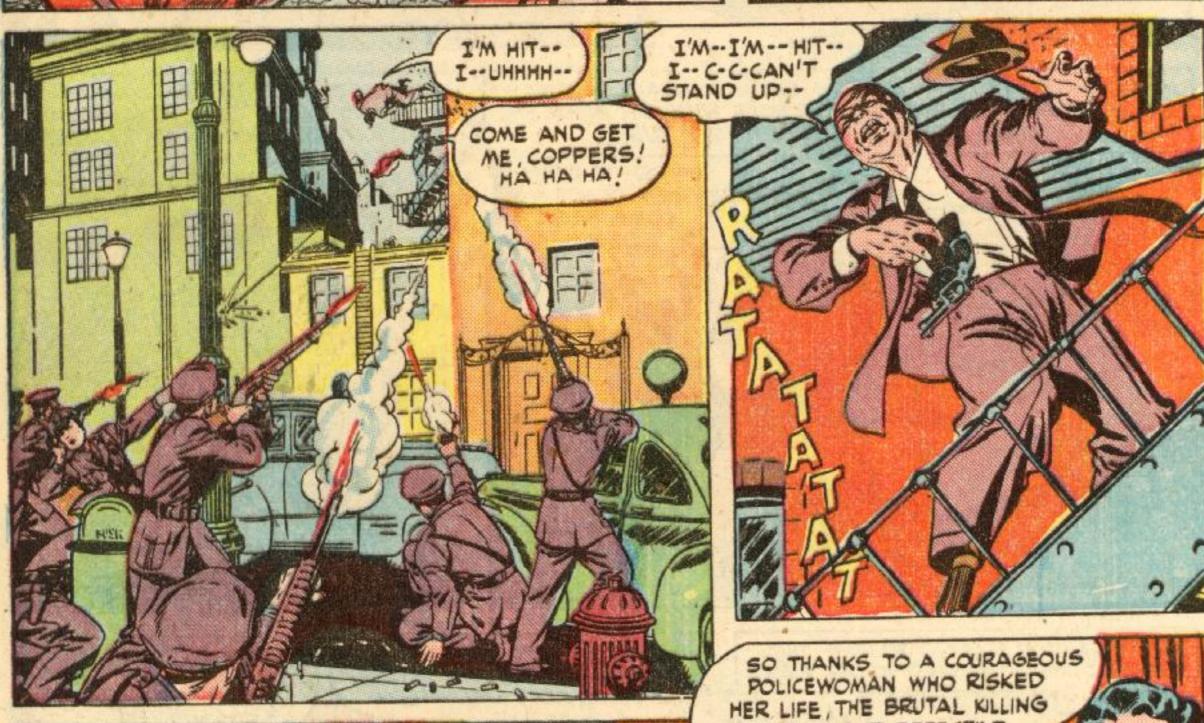


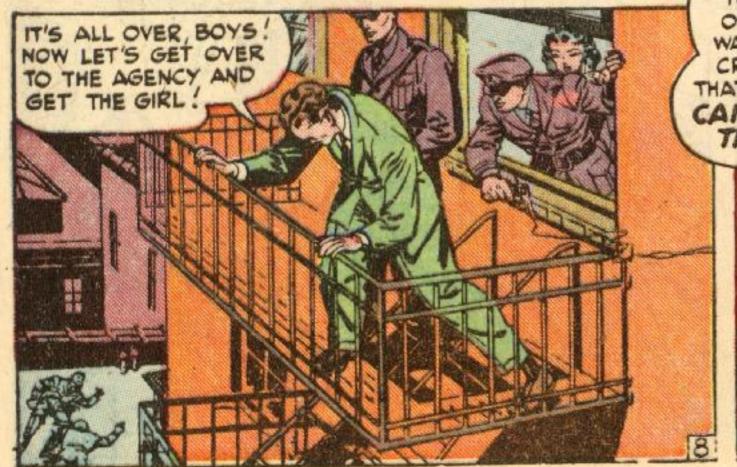












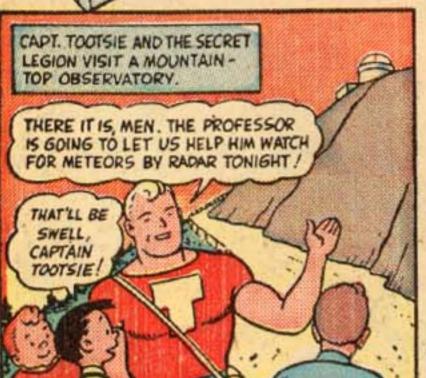


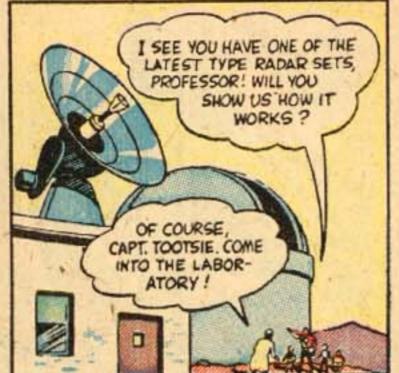


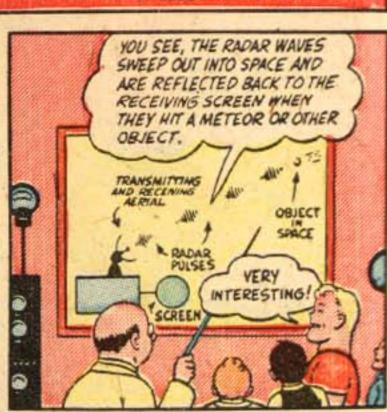


OUTSIE RESE

BY CC BECK AND PETER COSTANZA











A PLANE! BUT WHATS IT





















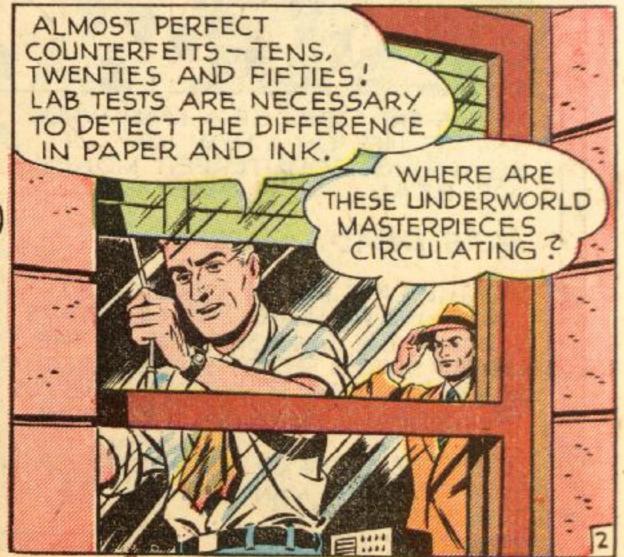


















THAT NIGHT, JOHN TOBIN BEGAN A
TOUR OF COASTAL TOWNS, MAKING
CASUAL FRIENDS, ACTING A PLAYBOY
ON THE LOOSE ...

TO THE BEST HOTEL.
THEN I'D LIKE TO
SAMPLE THE LOCAL
NIGHT LIFE.

PICKED THE
RIGHT TOWN AND THE RIGHT
CABBIE



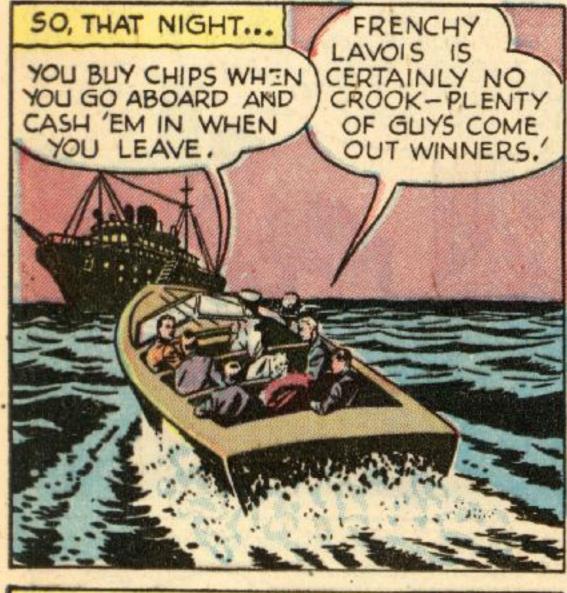












ONLY- IT WASN'T AN HONEST GAME.

TOBIN SUSPECTED THAT THE ROULETTE

WHEELS WERE OFTEN RIGGED ;-

IN THE PATRONS' FAVOR .















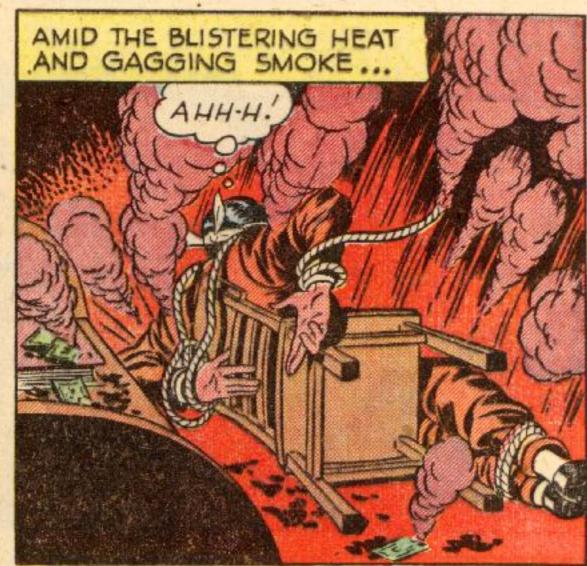




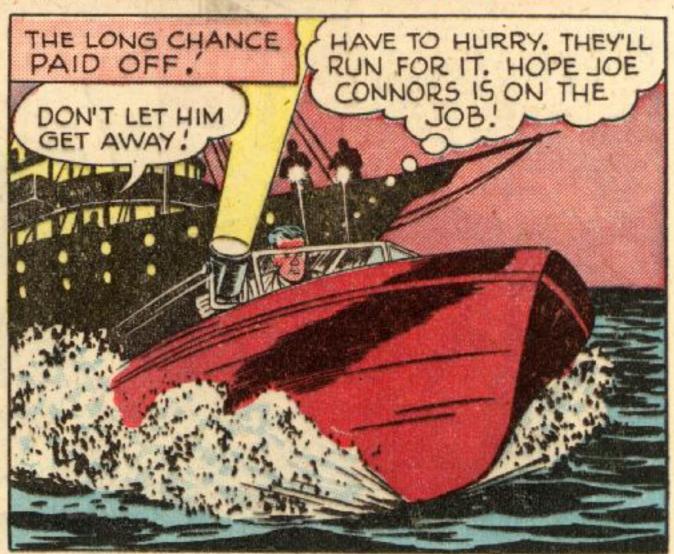


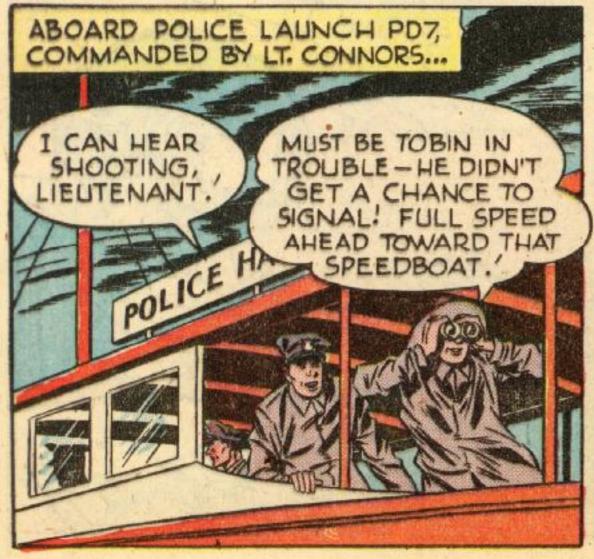


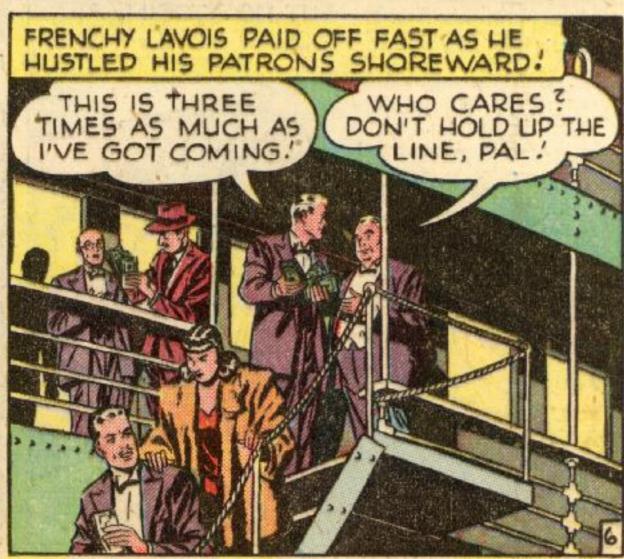






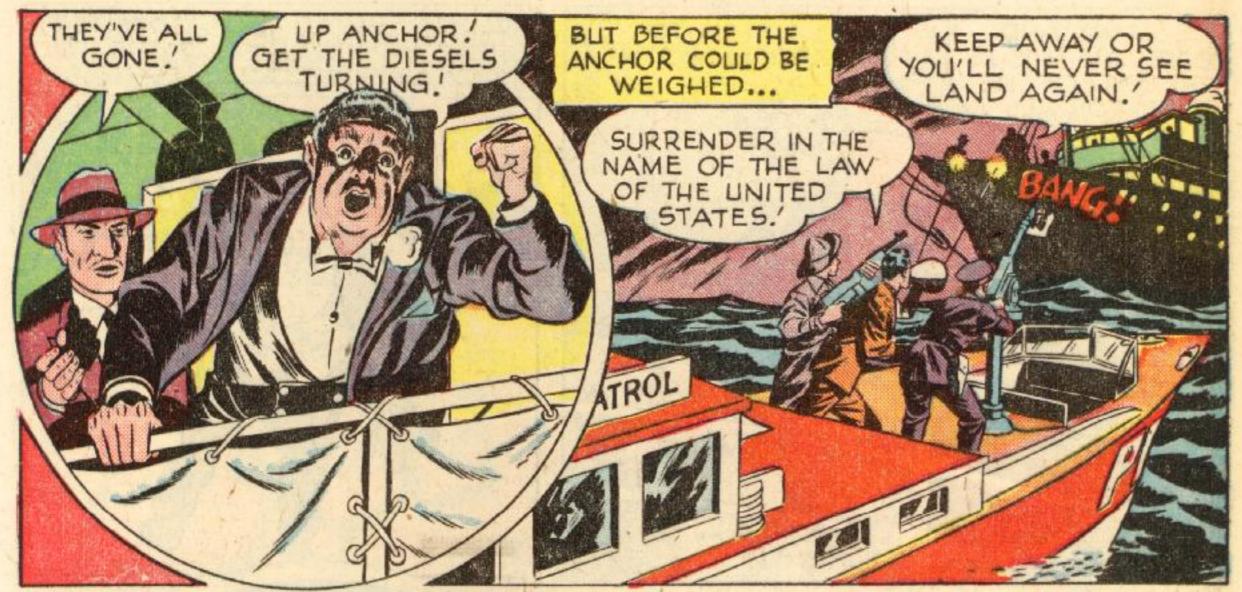






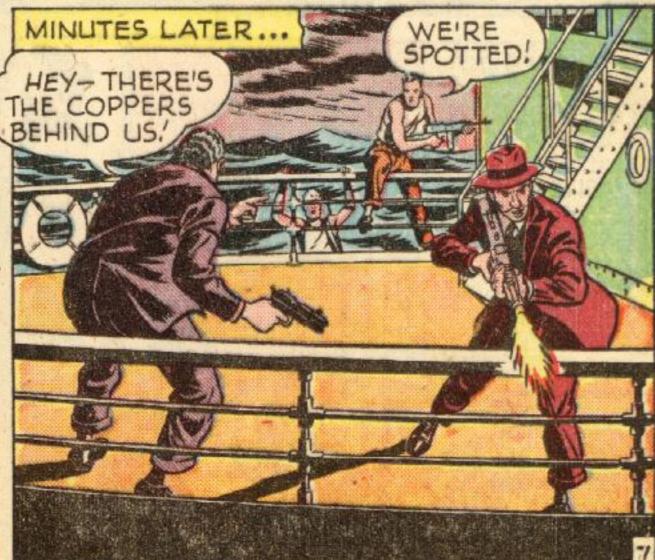










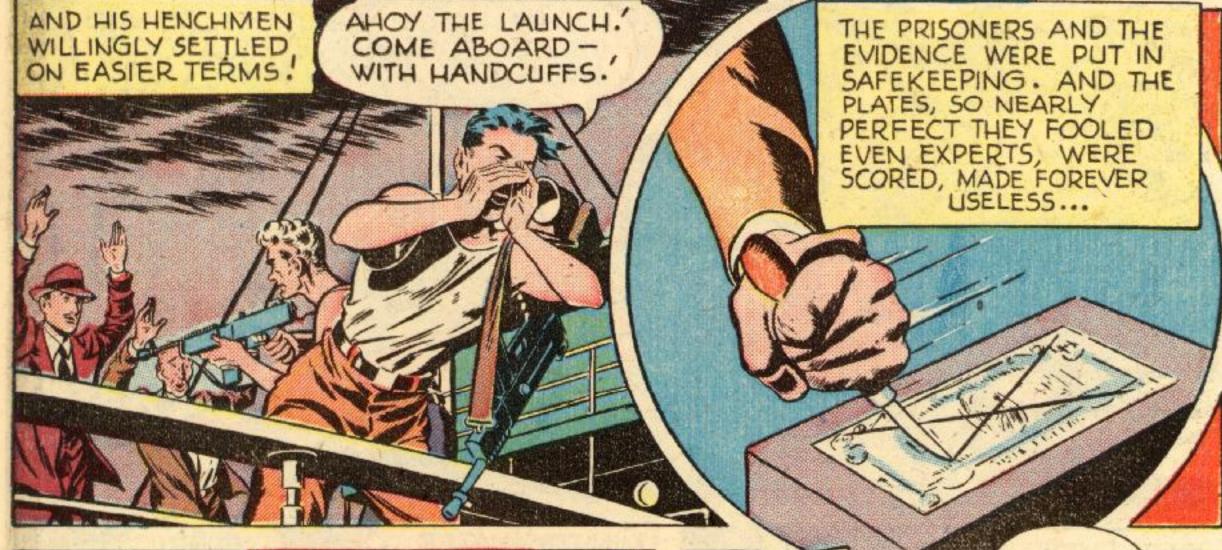














BACK IN THE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE...

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN, ON A JOB REQUIRING BRAINS, PATIENCE, NERVE-

AND AN

ASBESTOS SKIN,

CHIEF! FROM NOW ON

THE EXPRESSION,

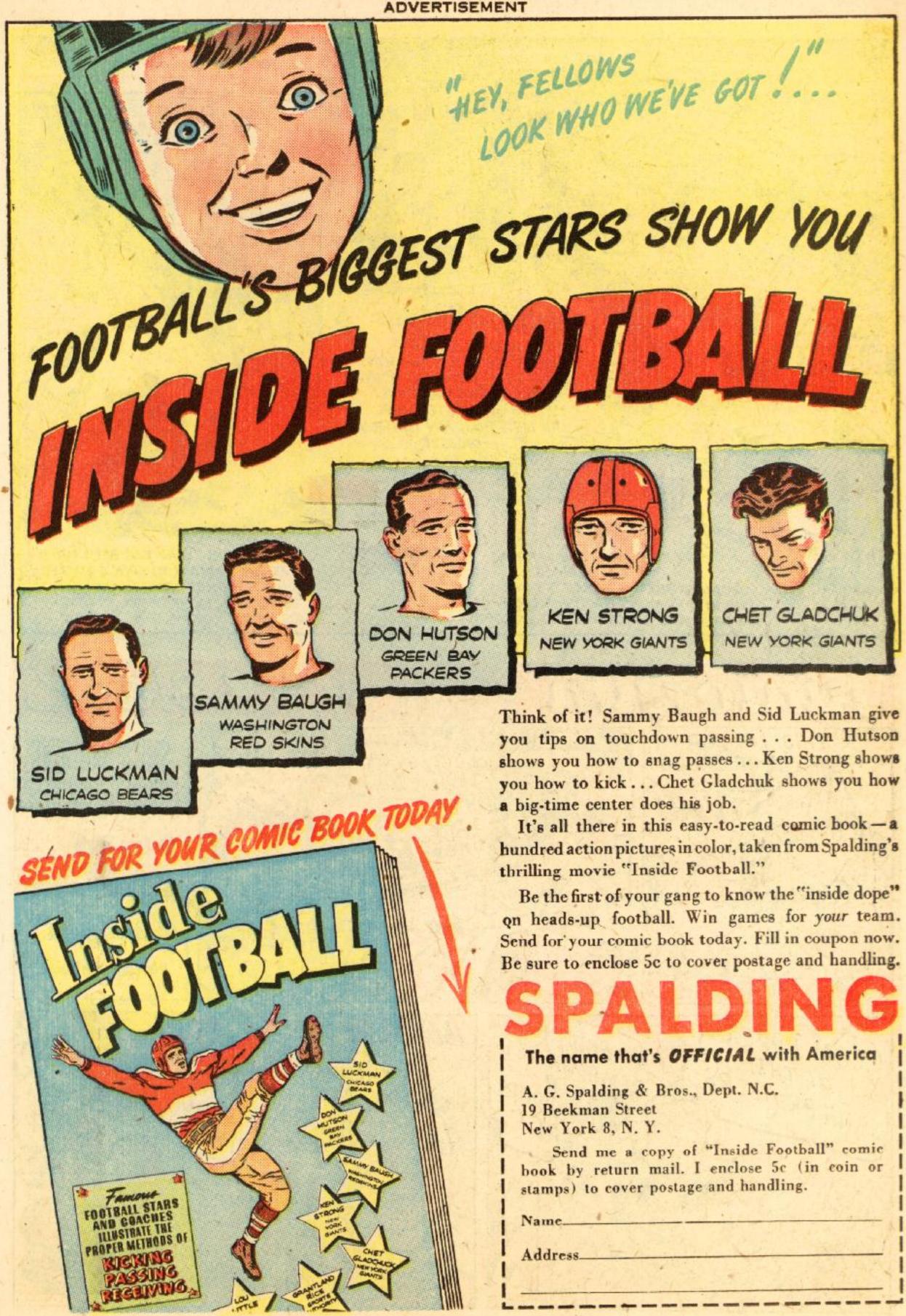
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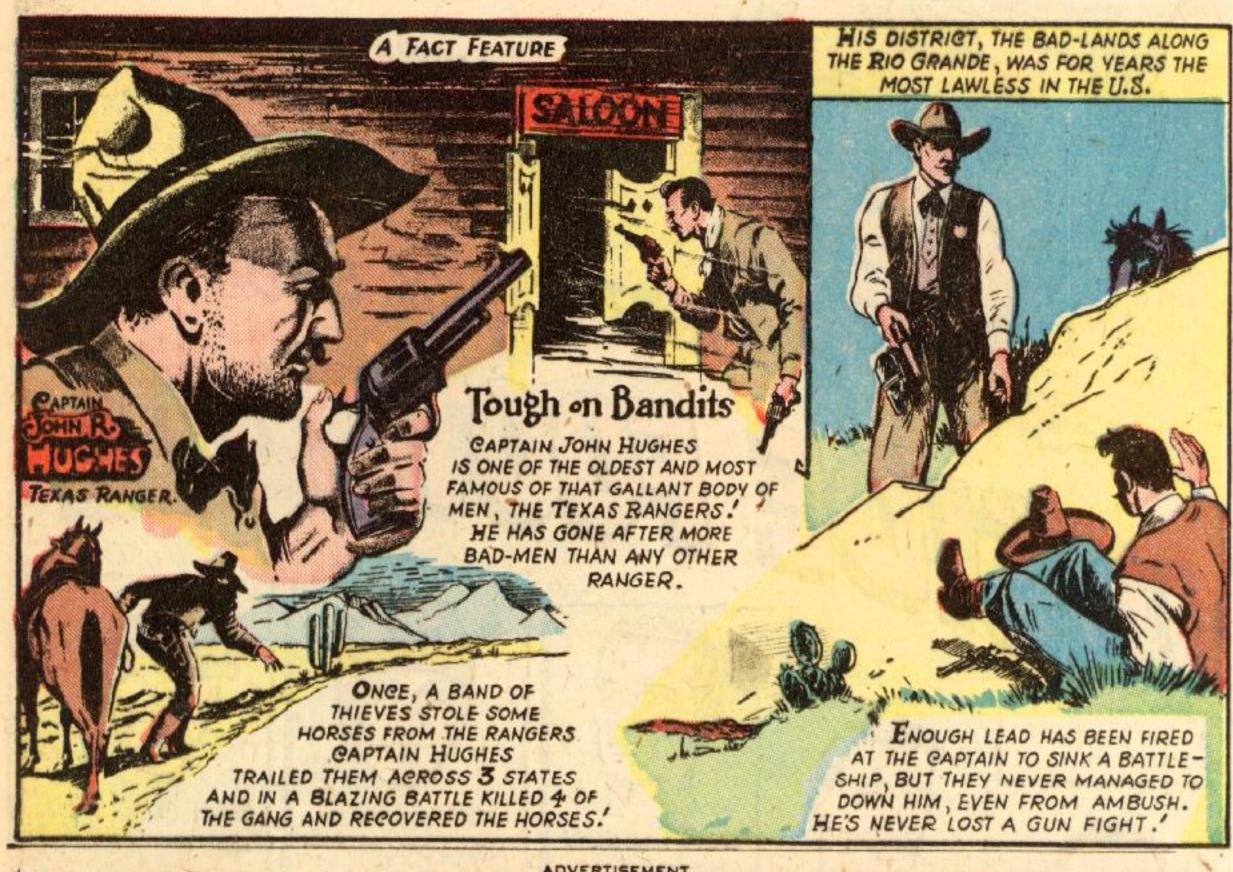
ONS, HAS A NEW

JOB MEANING

AINS, FOR ME.







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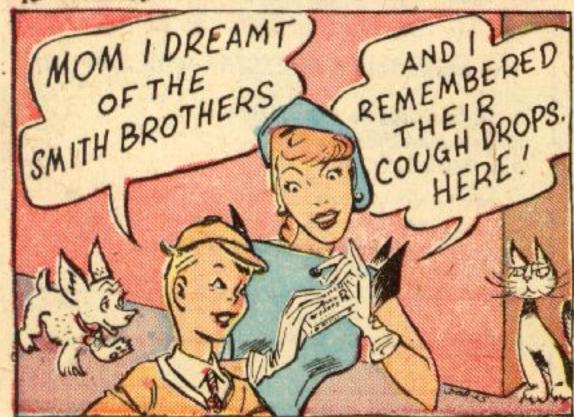




SMITH BROTHERS COUGH DROPS HELP

- **O** Ease Tickle
- Soothe Membranes
- Loosen phlegm

*for coughs due to colds











DAULY DUST

SALAN TURNS BACK

SALAN TURNS BACK

SALAN GUARD TURNS BACK

PAYROLL

PAY

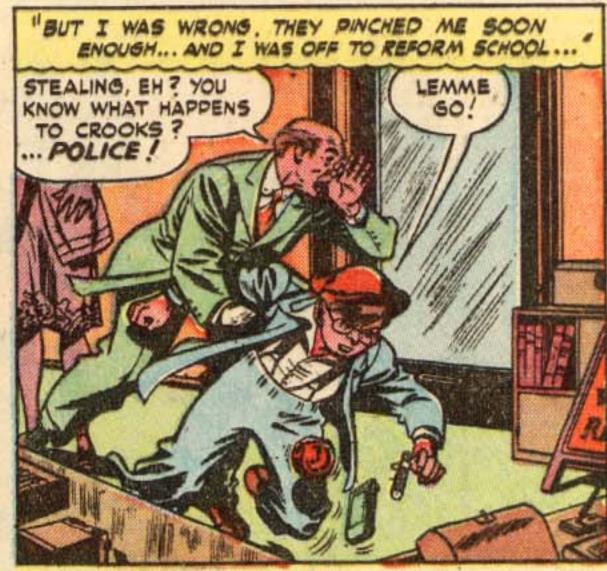
JACK OLDS IS
THE MONICKER,
PAL--BETTER
KNOWN AS
'THE OLD MASTER'.
IF MY STORY
SOUNDS LIKE
BRAGGING, I
CAN'T HELP
THAT..."















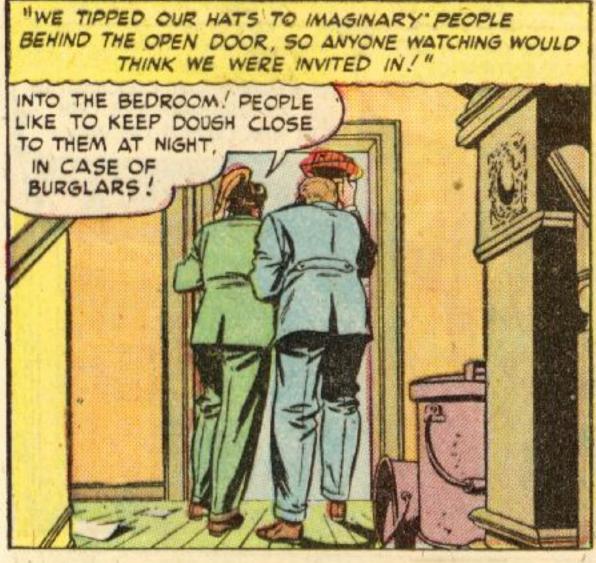




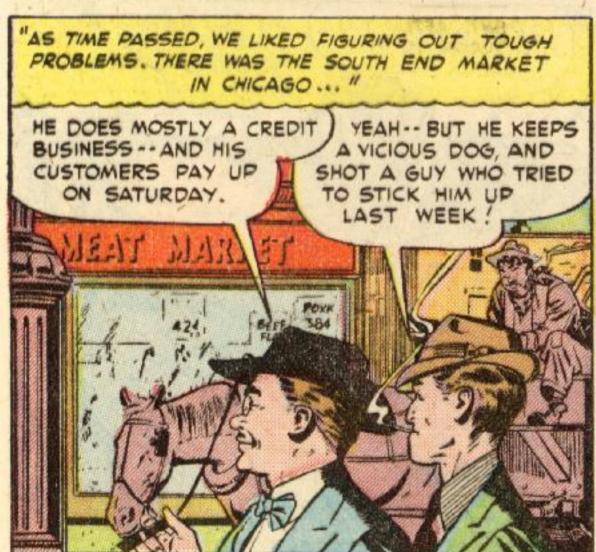






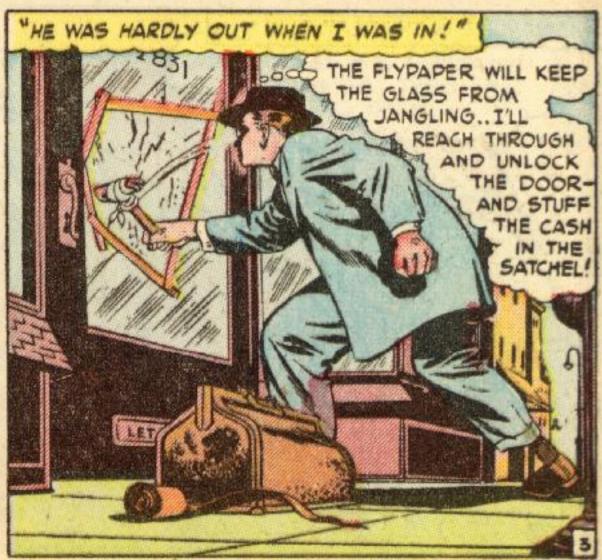








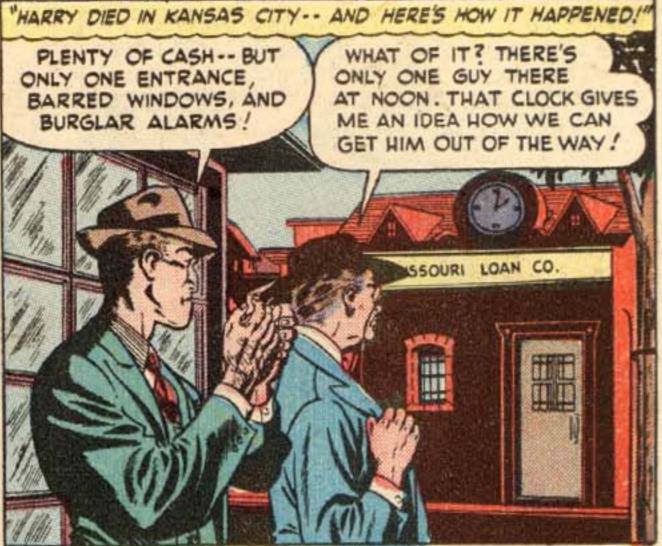


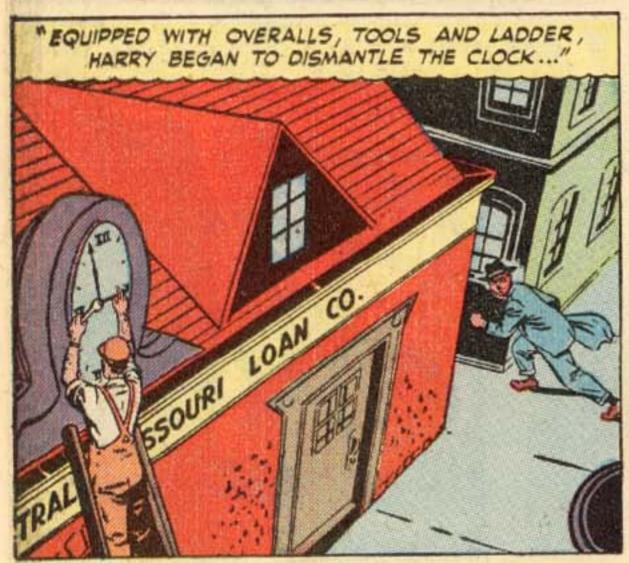














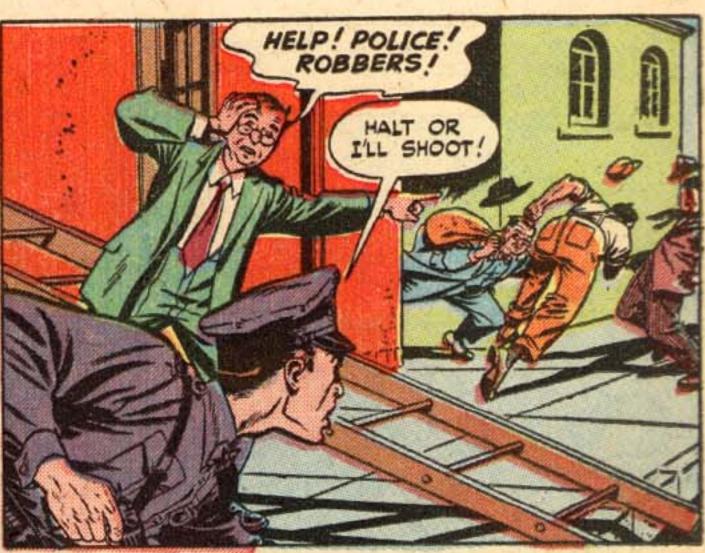
















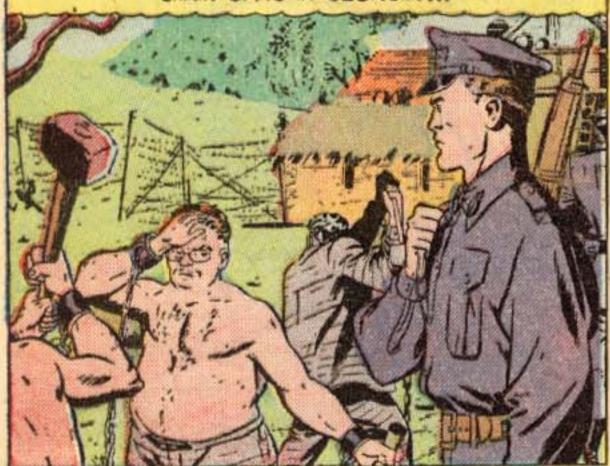








"JAILS ? PRISONS ? I SAW THE INSIDES OF A FEW.
THE TOUGHEST STRETCH I HAD WAS A YEAR IN A
CHAIN GANG IN GEORGIA ..."













The Grapevine

HOW THE CONDEMNED LIVE

THE pre-execution chamber is known as "The Dance Hall" by its inmates. What remains of their lives is a dull affair. Families are permitted a final visit, and the only contact prisoners have with the outside world is via newspapers, magazines and books obtained from the prison library, and a radio loudspeaker set up at one end of the corridor.

Men may smoke but, forbidden matches, their cigarettes, pipes and cigars are lit by keepers. In lieu of forks and knives, they use a specially made soft spoon. Shoes, lacking metal in the soles, are used during a brief exercise period, but indoors, only felt slippers are worn.

Food is handed to prisoners through openings in the barred doors, which are not opened except for bathing, exercising, visiting and shaving. Cells are searched frequently for hidden weapons or suicide devices.

Cards, forbidden to other inmates, are permitted here, as is checkers. Men in adjoining cells play together on boards reaching both cells. Often, the game is played by calling numbers, indicating moves, but this practice is frowned on by keepers, wary of shrewd prisoners who devise codes for exchanging information without the jailers' knowledge.

All in all, it's an unhappy life . . . and a short one.

TSK, TSK - TOO BAD

Shortage of materials during the war hit many a business, but none as hard as one "profession"—counterfeiting! The expert "craftsmen" who engrave and print "hot" money practically went out of business because they were unable to obtain the necessary items for their racket. War-time priorities prevented them from getting hold of chemicals for bleaching, ink, zinc and printing equipment—and they were forced to hang around idle until the war was over, or put out a poor product, which couldn't be passed on to a blind beggar!

LORD HIGH EXECUTIONER

The term, "Jack Ketch," applied to England's public executioners, is derived from the name of the man who was appointed public hangman in 1663. He served faithfully in his job for twenty years with only one interruption during his early days when he resigned after a quarrel with the sheriff.

The man appointed to fill the position, however, was shortly after arrested for theft and himself sentenced to be hanged. So, since he was the only expert hangman available, Jack Ketch was reappointed for the job!

UNTIL DEATH DO THEM PART

John Colt was awaiting his march down that fatal last mile, but his mind was occupied with another matter. His ears strained for the sound of carriage wheels. Soon Caroline Henshaw arrived and entered his death cell.

Then, witnessed by the warden and the prison barber, the Rev. Dr. Henry Anthon of St. Mark's Church, married Colt and his fiancée to the scraping sounds of the gallows being erected in the courtyard of New York's Tombs.

Immediately after the ceremony. a fire suddenly and mysteriously broke out at the end of the corridor. Confusion reigned as the fire spread. Energies were bent on putting out the flames and the newlyweds were momentarily disregarded. Later, in Colt's cell, the officials discovered a charred body, apparently a victim of the fire—but no trace of the new Mrs. Colt could be found.

To this day, there is some doubt whether it actually was Colt or whether he was replaced by a substitute while the condemned man fled with his wife during the disorder.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Broadway actors visited one of the country's biggest prisons to repeat a performance of a hit play. In the wings, an actor was penning his autograph on a slip of paper when the warden interrupted him, "Who's that for?" he asked

"Oh. one of your boys tending the light board asked for my autograph. It's a small request, and I'm honored to grant it."

The warden snatched the paper from him and tore it to shreds. "I wouldn't give that man my signature if I were you," he said. "You see, he's in for forgery!"

UNDERWORLD to UNDERGROUND

Most large cities periodically dispose of confiscated criminals' weapons or obsolete firearms belonging to the police departments by dumping them out at sea or converting them to scrap metal. But during the war, the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department initiated a novel program that was quickly followed by other cities. They sent the weapons—obsolescent but still in good condition—to the various anti-Nazi underground groups in Europe.

To these gallant but poorly equipped fighters, the pistols, rifles, shotguns and other lethal weapons were like manna from heaven—and were used effectively against the Nazi killers.

LIVES FOR SALE

It's against the law in every civilized country to sell a person's life, but one firm in England gets away with it legitimately. Foster and Cranfield, London auctioneers, act as agents for heirs who want to "sell" their legators' lives. They offer to the highest bidder their interest in an estate, an insurance policy or a trust fund, collectable upon the death of the testator.

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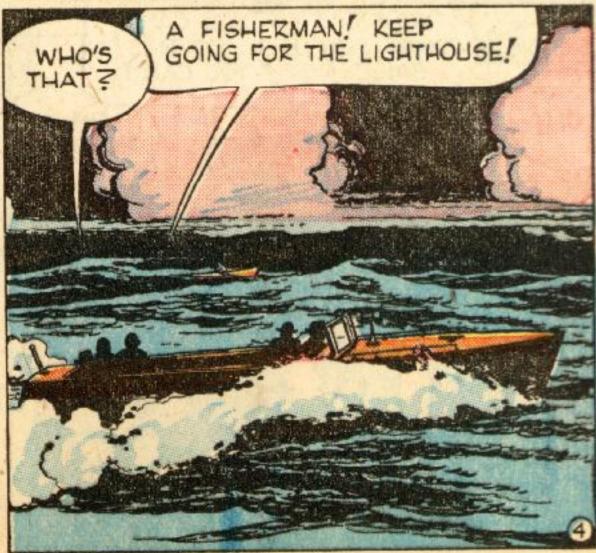








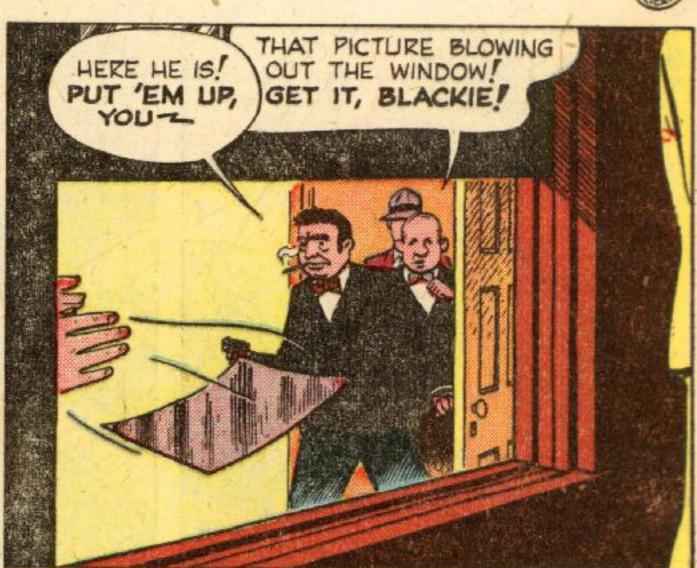














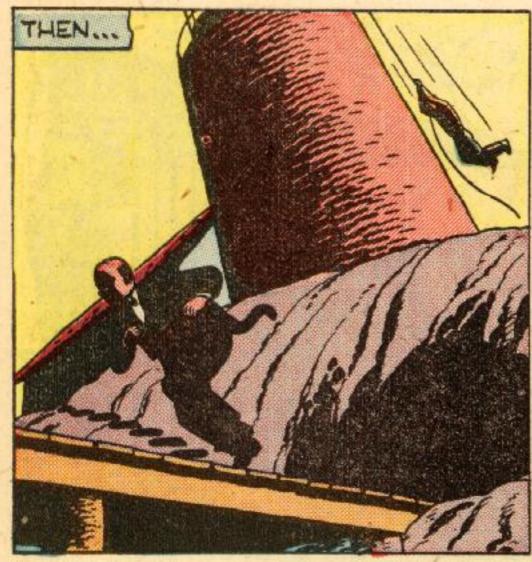




















INSTEAD,
BAILEY WRECKED
THE YACHT, TRIED
TO ESCAPE WITH
THE GEMS IN THE
MOTOR BOAT! YOU
SPOILED HIS SETUP WITH YOUR
RADIO MESSAGE
TO THE F.B. I.





WILL HEAR MORE IN FUTURE STORIES





CONTRARY TO THE

GENERAL BELIEF THE SHOE

OR FOOT DOES NOT FIT THE

FOOTPRINT!

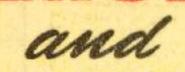
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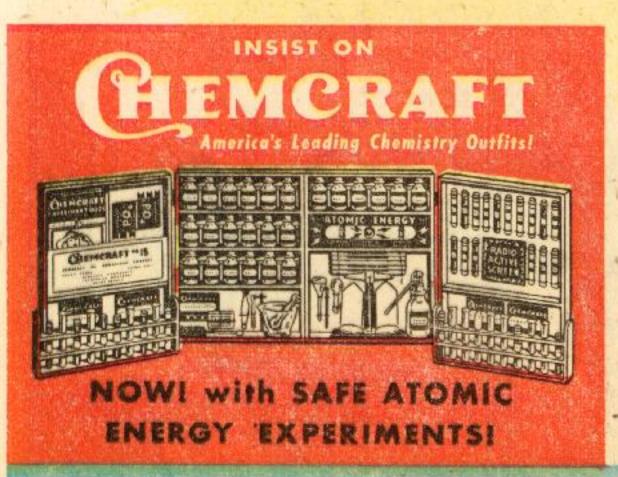
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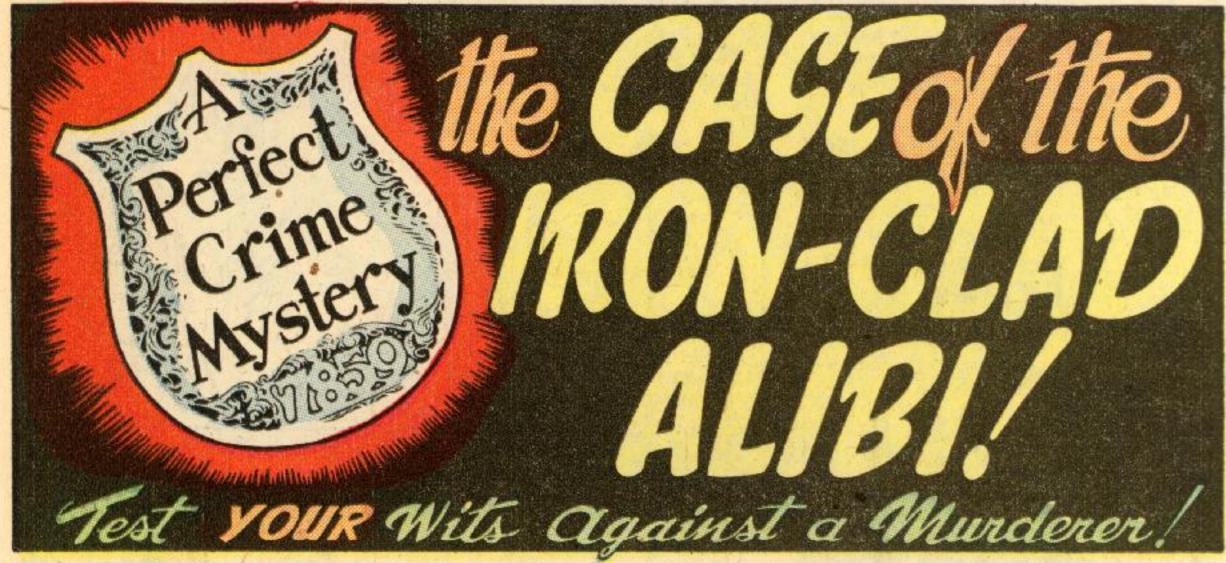
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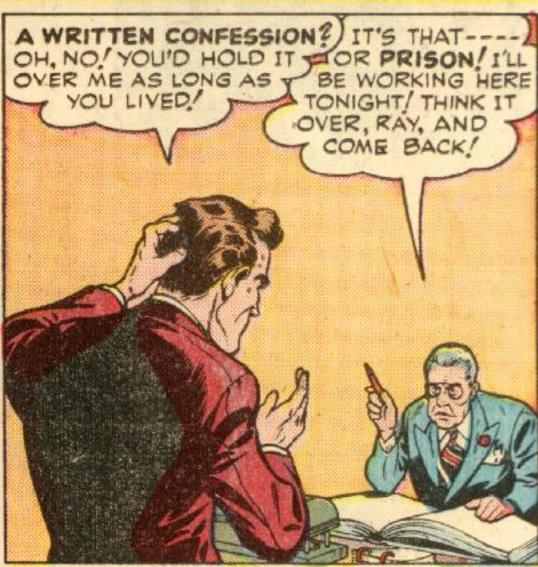
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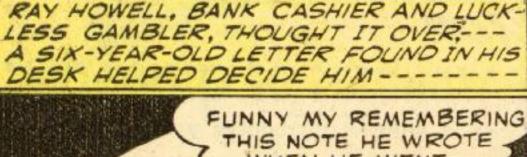




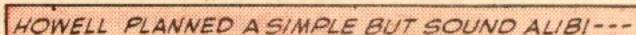


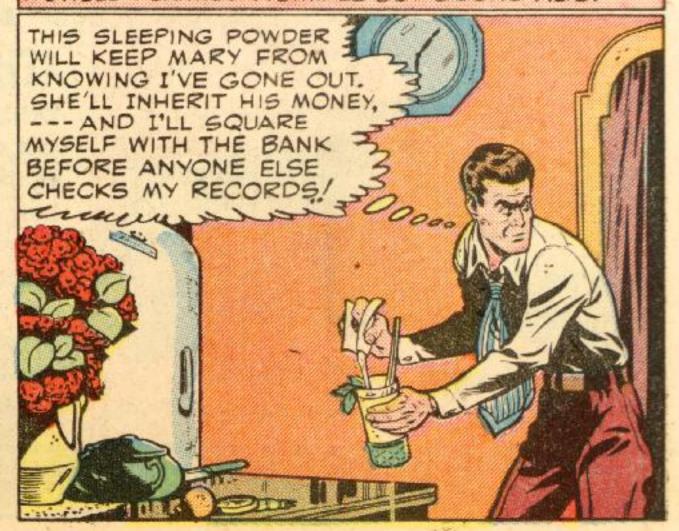






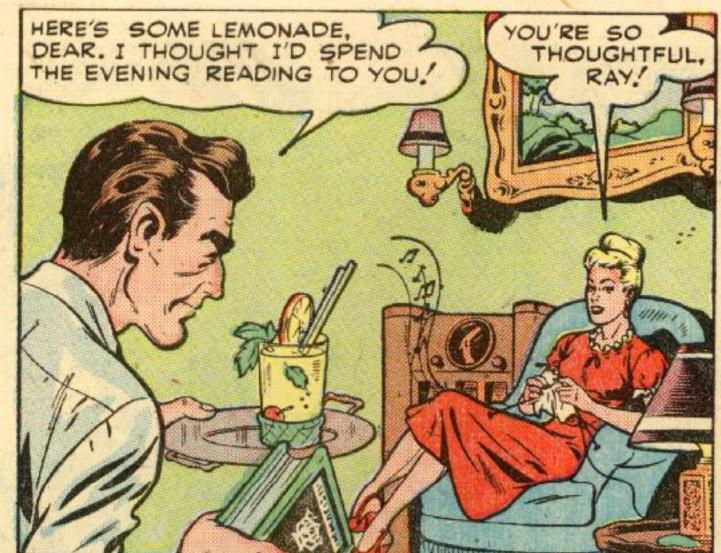




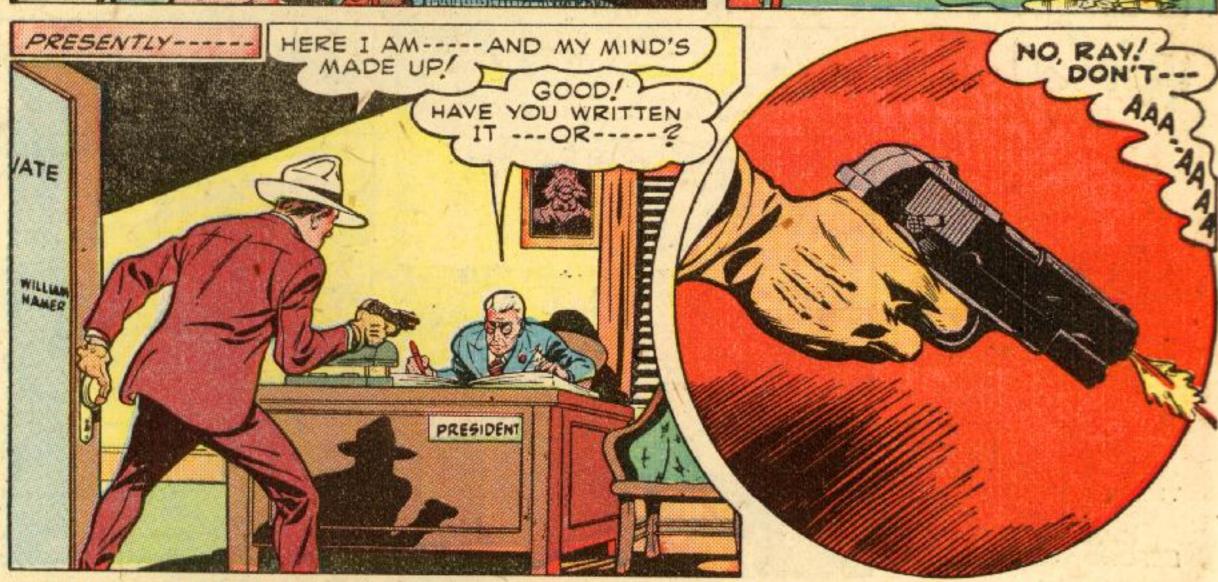


















THE FOLLOWING MORNING, BREAKFAST AT THE HOWELLS WAS INTERRUPTED BY TRAGIC NEWS ---

GREAT SCOTT! OF HE'S ---- UH --- DEAD, I'M COURSE WE'LL GO! AFRAID. THEY WANT YOU TO COME TO THE BANK! NOT A 777 CHANCE THEY SUSPECT ANYTHING aum

HOMICIDE DETECTIVE ROY MASON WAS WAITING AT THE BANK ----WITH A SHOCK-PUNCH FOR HOWELL --

WE'RE ARRESTING .YOU, HOWELL, -- ON



HIS IS "THE TURNING POINT" YOU KNOW FAR MORE THAN THE DETECT-IVE ABOUT THE DEATH OF WILLIAM HAMER! -- BUT CAN YOU SEE WHERE HOWELL HAS SLIPPED IN ANY DETAIL THAT MIGHT GIVE HIM AWAY? HAS HE BLUNDERED ? ---OR HAS HE COMMITTED THE "PERFECT CRIME" THINK

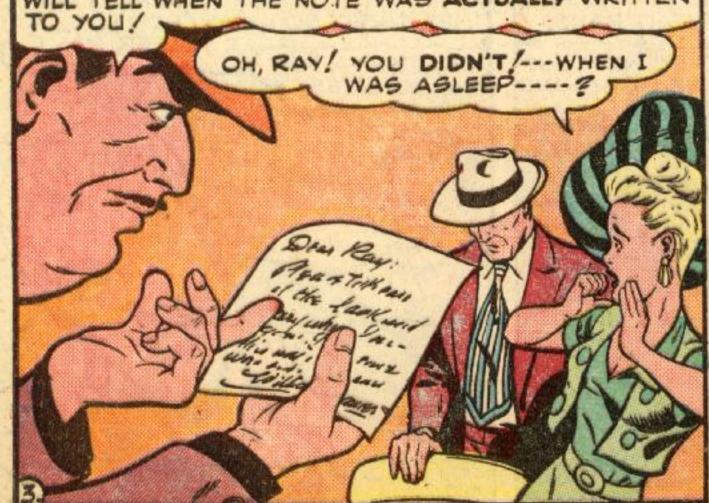
HAMER WAS ALL RIGHT WHEN I LEFT THE BANK AT CLOSING TIME. I WENT STRAIGHT HOME, AND DIDN'T LEAVE THE HOUSE TILL JUST NOW!



YOU MADE ONE MISTAKE! YOU TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS AFTER YOU SHOT HIM! NO MAN ABOUT TO COMMIT SUICIDE WOULD GROPE ACROSS THE ROOM IN DARKNESS TO SHOOT HIMSELF



CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU READ ON! AS FOR THIS SUPPOSED "SUICIDE NOTE"-- LAB TESTS WILL TELL WHEN THE NOTE WAS ACTUALLY WRITTEN OH, RAY! YOU DIDN'T !--- WHEN I



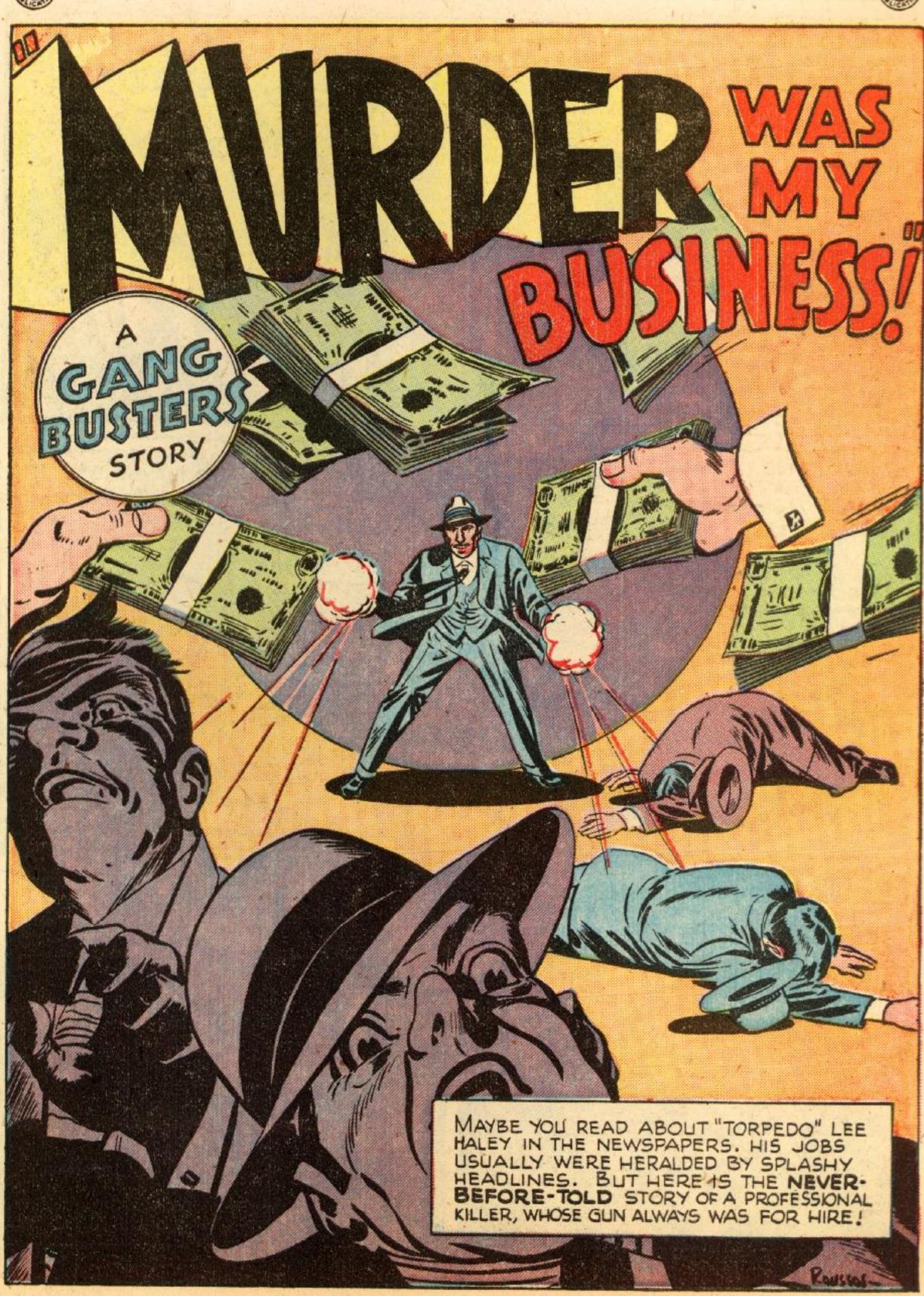
YOU HAD A MOTIVE FOR MURDER, BECAUSE YOUR WIFE WOULD INHERIT HIS MONEY! WE'LL CHECK YOUR ACCOUNTS TO MAKE SURE YOU WEREN'T CHEATING THE BANK!



YES, RAY HOWELL PAID THE SUPREME PENALTY --- TOO LATE TO LEARN ----THERE IS NO PERFECT CR

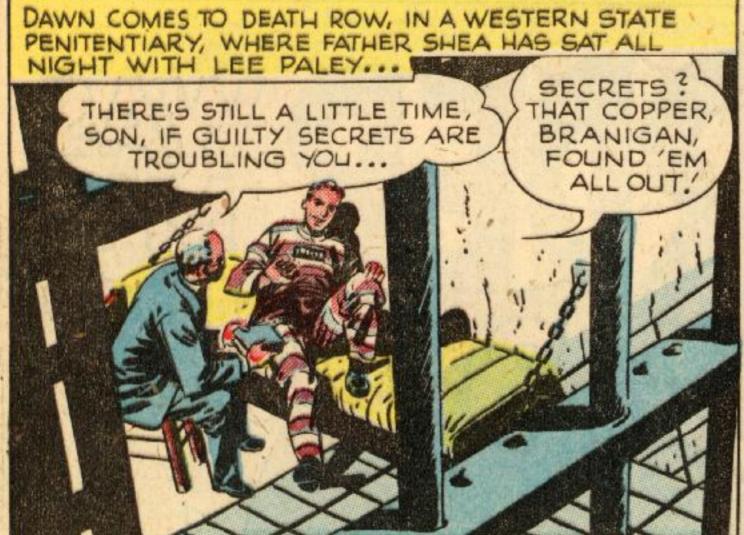


















"A ROD MADE ME AS GOOD AS THE

NEXT GUY-AND MAYBE BETTER!"























"IT WAS INTERESTING WORK, FROM ONE END OF THE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER, I SAW THE SIGHTS, AND ADDED A FEW OF MY OWN. ONCE I WENT TO A RESORT IN THE CATSKILLS, AFTER ANOTHER GUY." "1945 WAS MY LUCKY YEAR-OR WAS IT? FIGHTING FRANK WON THE DERBY, THE TIGERS TOOK
THE SERIES, AND I RAN INTO BENNY CROCKER.
HE ALWAYS HAD AN ANGLE-AND HE TOOK
AN INTEREST IN ME..."

THIS GLIY'S SO ROTTEN, HE'LL POISON THE FISH...

HALEY! JUST THE MAN I'VE DON'T EVER SNEAK UP ON ME LIKE THAT!

I GOT CONTACTS WITH
MOBS. I'M A FENCE FOR HOT
SWAG, HIRE SPECIALISTS
FOR TICKLISH JOBS...

SO WHY BE A PIKER,
WHAT? RUBBING OUT GEES FOR
PEANUTS? I CAN GET YOU
TWO OR THREE GRANDPLUS EXPENSES!

YEAH? SOUNDS GOOD!





"GOOD ? IT WAS PERFECT! NEXT DAY, NOXY NICHOLS, A PENNSYLVANIA GANG BOSS, CALLED ME IN ... "



"I ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY A BLAST JOB - SO I BOUGHT A PINEAPPLE."







SMART

BOY, YOU

THINK OF

EVERY-

THING





AS MY AGENT, BENNY CROCKER TOOK

A CUT OF EVERYTHING - BUT HE



THIS YEAR, LESS YOUR INCOME TAX. YOU WANT TO KEEP CLEAR OF THE G-MEN!

WAS WORTH IT!"

YOU MADE 34 GRAND

GOT TO THINK OF YOURSELF-LIKE NOT GETTING TOO CHUMMY WITH THE GUY WHO HIRES YOU OR THE MUG YOU'RE RUBBING OUT, AND...

AND KEEPING YOUR
LIP BUTTONED! MOST
TORPEDOES TALK THEMSELVES RIGHT INTO
THE CHAIR!

THAT'S THE
TOUGHEST
PART OF ITNEVER GETTING
CREDIT FOR
WHAT I DO!

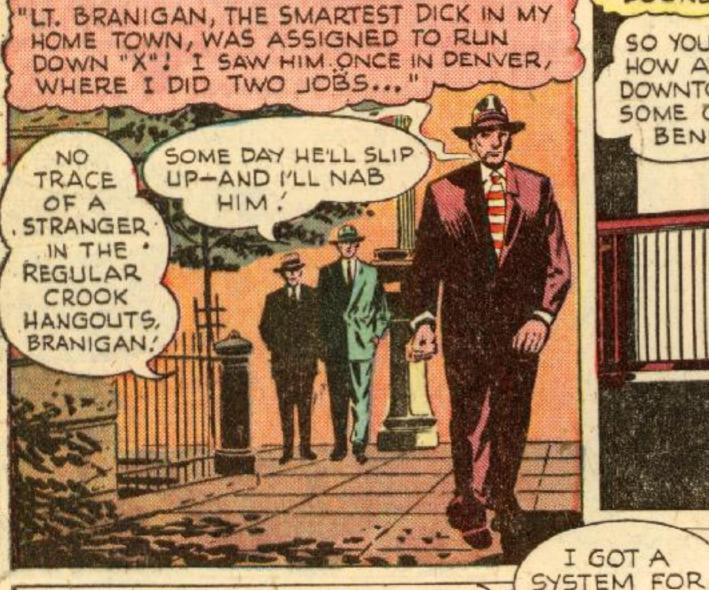


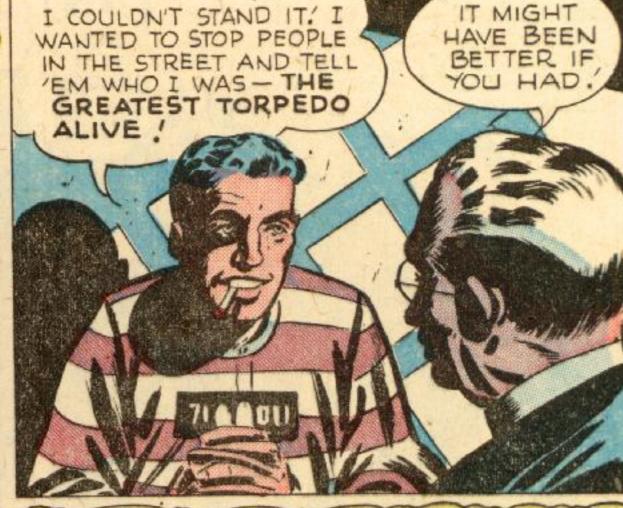












BRANIGAN DIDN'T KNOW ME, BUT HE WAS GETTIN'
WARM. WAS I SURPRISED WHEN HE RANG MY
DOORBELL AND.."

SO YOU'RE LEE HALEY!
HOW ABOUT COMING
DOWNTOWN TO ANSWER
SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT
BENNY CROCKER?
A HAND!



RECORD. I GOT A

DRAFT CARD AND MY
INCOME TAX IS PAID.

EVERYTHING'S ON THE

HE'S RIGHT. TURN HIM LOOSE, BRANIGAN.















YEAH ? I MADE A

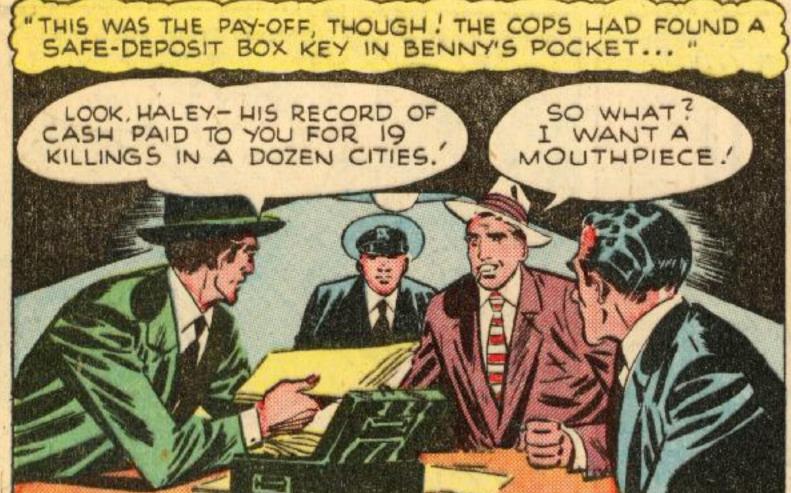




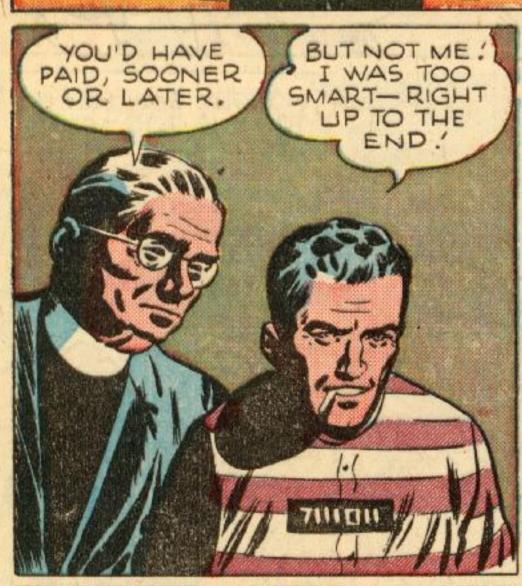
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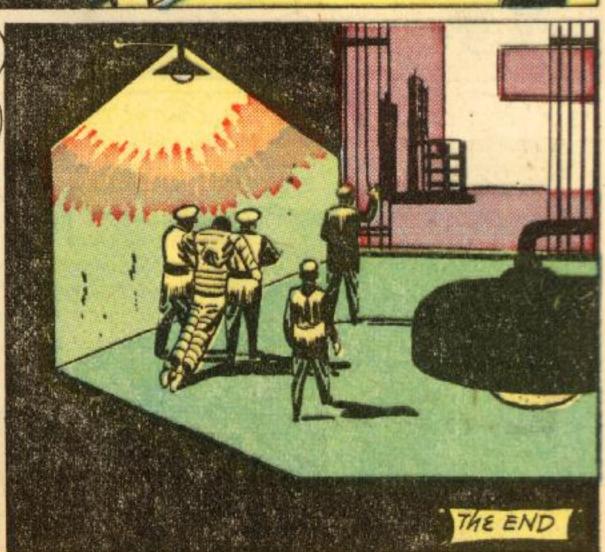




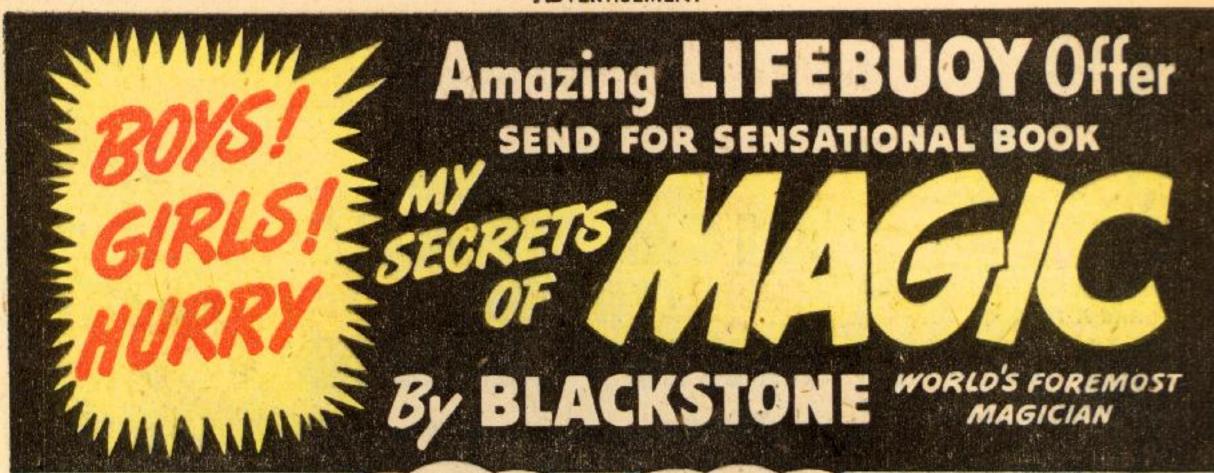




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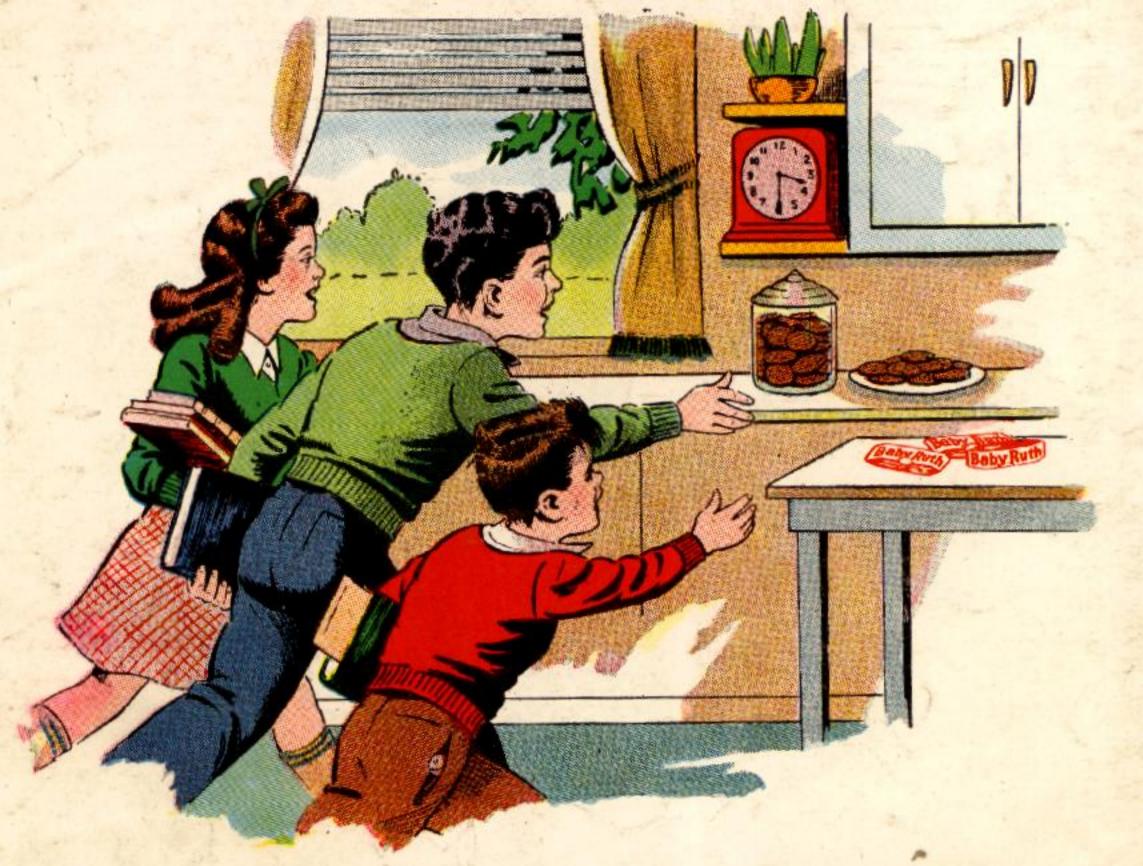
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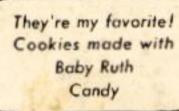
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