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"IT'S SAID
WHEN A
MAN
FACES A
CRISIS,
SOMETIMES
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FLASHES
BEFORE
HIM -LIKE A
MOVIE."





"BUT THERE WERE TOO MANY KIDS ALREADY IN THE CITY-OF-MAKE-BELIEVE WHEN I ARRIVED..."











DON'T MEAN HOLLYWOODEN NICKELS."









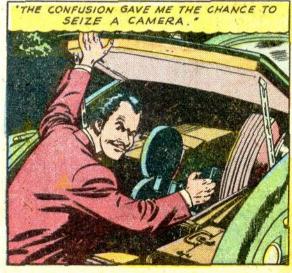








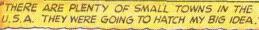












WE'LL SEPARATE HERE. GET A YOU'RE A SMOOTH JOB -- AND FORGET YOU KNOW OPERATOR, ME! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A TALENT SCOUT! TALENT SCOUT FROM



PRETTY SOON, I GOT THE SQUARES TOGETHER AND ...

THE SIX SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST WILL RECEIVE SCREEN TESTS. THE FINAL WINNER, CHOSEN BY MY STUDIO, WILL STAR IN A MOVIE. THIS



"NATURALLY, ROSE PLACED AMONG THE SIX WINNERS ... "



"AND SO THE GIRLS WERE GIVEN INDIVIDUAL SCREEN

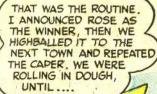




A recent arrival n our fair city, Iovely Rose Breakstone won fame today when Reggie Talmond, noted Talent Scout, confirmed reports that his studio chose her from among five other

entrants.



























\*RANDALL DEMANDED PROOF THAT HIS DAUGHTER WAS STILL ALIVE BEFORE OFFERING THE RANSOM, SO...\*



"LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF F.B.I. AGENT YOUNG ...

YOU DID RIGHT IN COMING TO
US, MR. RANDALL. MEANTIME,
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND
PAY THE RANSOM. WE'LL
DO THE REST!

WHAT A BAD PRINT!
IT MUST'VE BEEN
PROCESSED BY AN
AMATEUR.

HERE'S A BLOWUP OF A FRAME OF FILM SHOWING THE WALLPAPER IN DETAIL. TRACE THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTORS AND STORES IN OUR BLOCKED OUT AREA.

RIGHT! INCIDENTALLY, OUR LIP READER VIEWED THE FILM AND CLAIMS THE KIDNAPPER IS REGGIE TALMOND AND AN ACCOMPLICE!

"COLLECTING THE RANSOM WAS A CINCH. THE PACKAGED DOUGH WAS THROWN FROM A TRAIN AT A
DESIGNATED SPOT."





"MEANWHILE, THE F.B.I. WAS DIGGING - DIGGING TO PUT ME UNDER."













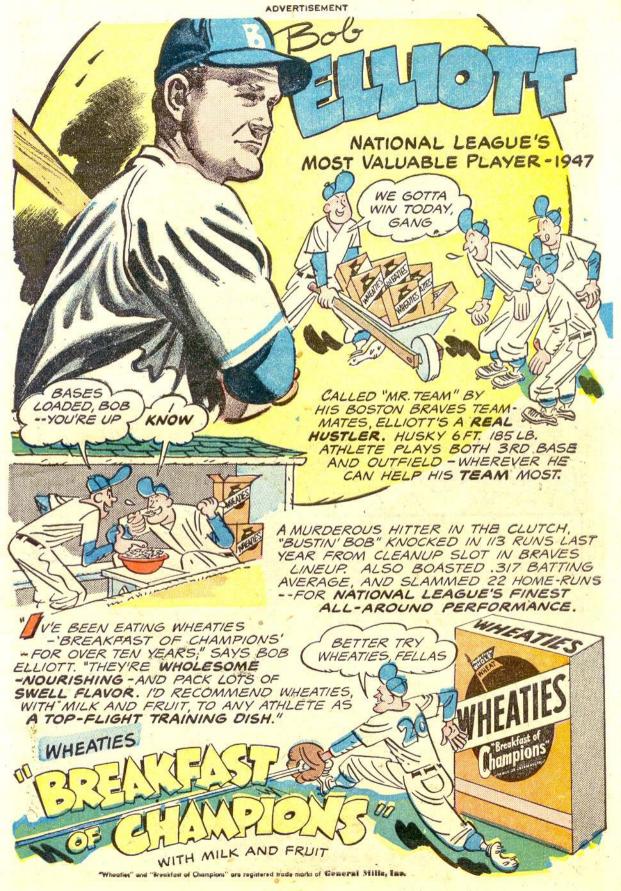








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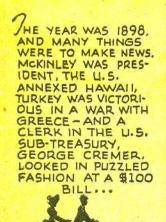








































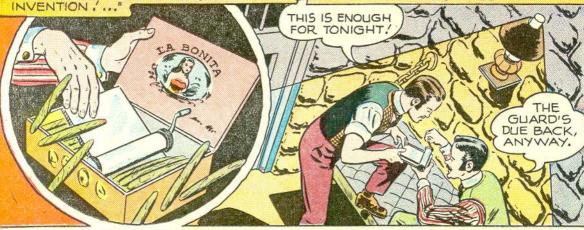












YES, RIGHT BEHIND BARS, TAYLOR AND BREDELL HAD CONTINUED THEIR PRACTICE OF BLEACHING ONE DOLLAR BILLS IN ORDER TO GET GENUINE PAPER TO PRINT \$20 BILLS! THEY EXTRACTED CHEMICALS FROM THEIR FOOD, AND THEY USED A PROCESS OF ETCHING WHICH WOULD MAKE EVEN MODERN ENGRAVERS GASP WITH AWE.



SINCE THEY HAD NO CAMERA, THEY USED SUNLIGHT (BY MEANS STILL BANNED FROM PRINT ) TO AID IN MAKING COUNTERFEIT PLATES /



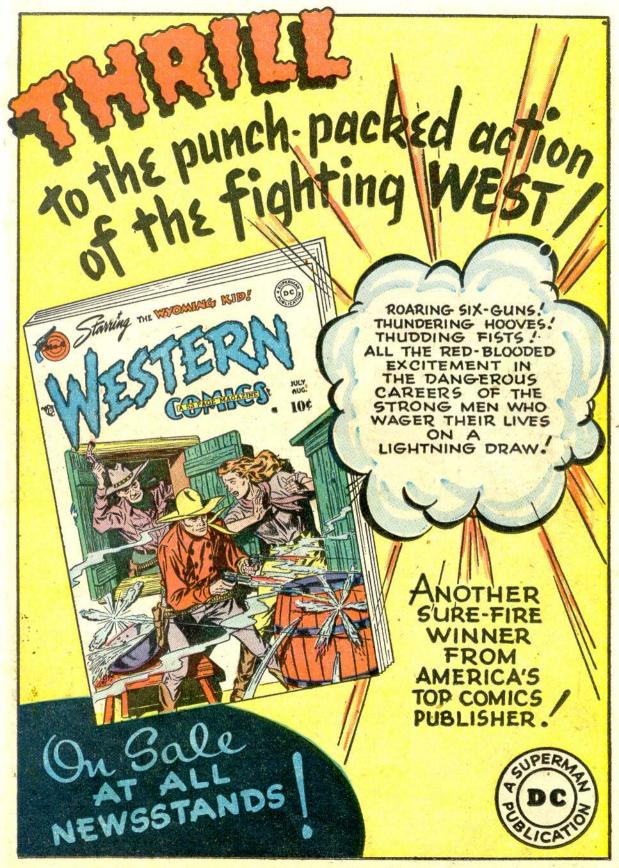
NO ONE BELIEVED THE FANTASTIC STORY, SO THEY WERE TOLD TO PRODUCE BOGUS MONEY BEFORE



YEARS LATER, WHEN BREDELL AND TAYLOR WERE RELEASED FROM JAIL, THEY SANK INTO OBSCURITY. BUT TO THIS DAY, THEY ARE STILL REMEMBERED AS THE CRIMINAL GENIUSES WHOSE MISGUIDED TALENTS ALMOST FOOLED THE GOVERN-MENT ITSELF.





































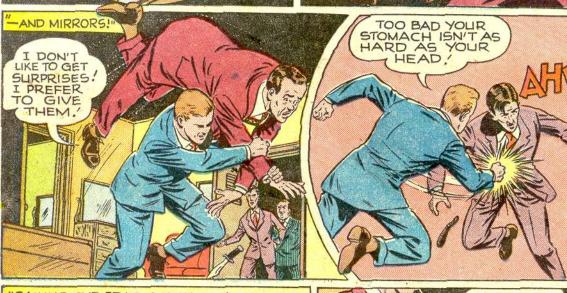
























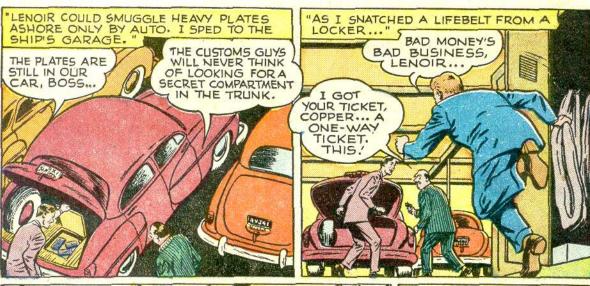


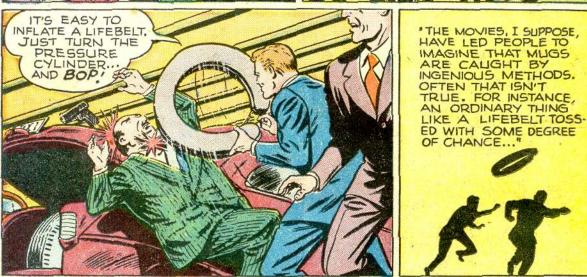


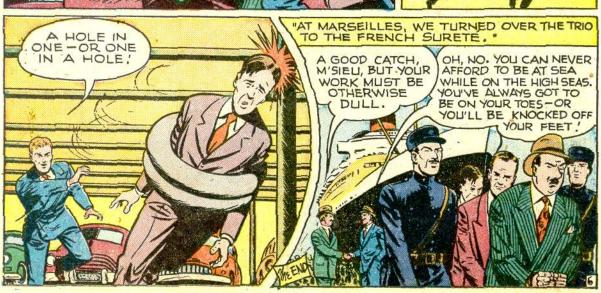










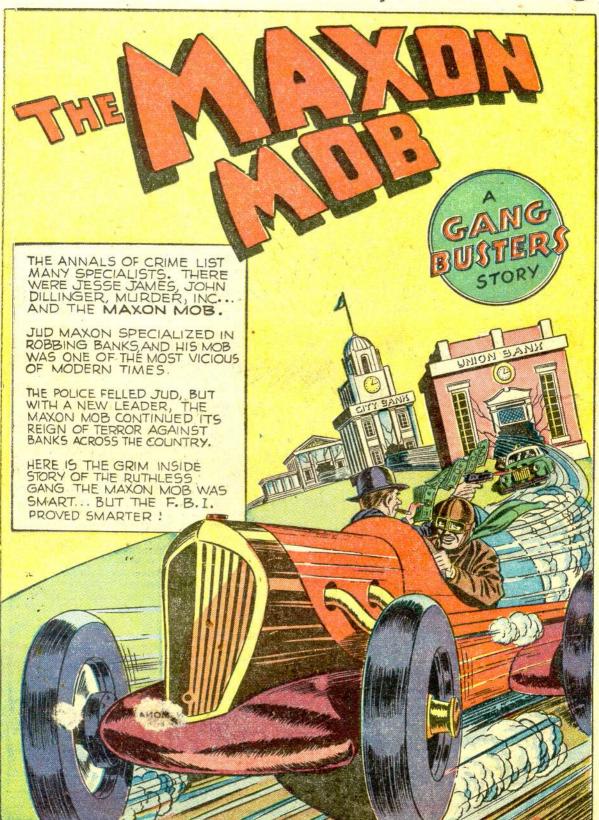




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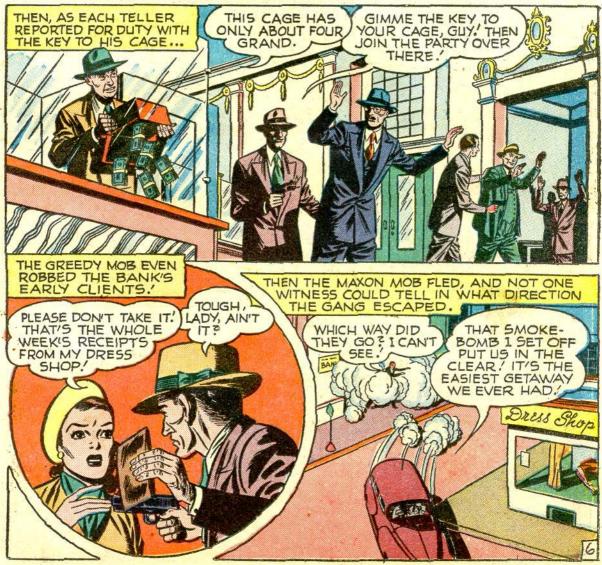






































THE F.B.I. WATCHED EVERY MOVE RUBY AND HAHN MADE. A WEEK LATER, THE MOB WALKED INTO A TRAP WHEN IT ATTEMPTED TO ROB THE TRADE BANK ... HEY! WHO YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, ARE YOU? HAHN! THE F.B.I. TRADE BANK











# The Grapevine

#### YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!

Do you think you could disappear so completely that no one would ever be able to find you? Sounds easy, doesn't it, but it's virtually impossible. Proof of that lies in the fact that of the 200,000 persons who disappear each year in this country, more than 175,000 are found.

At first glance, the odds might seem to be in your favor, but there are more difficulties to overcome that you could possibly realize. Ever since you were born, someone has been keeping tabs of you, and if you vanish, all this information is collected in a dossier and utilized.

Your shirts, neckties, and suits bear laundry or cleaning marks. If you have ever worked, your Social Security number is on file. Your dentist has on record a report of the state of your teeth, their fillings and extractions. If you were in military service, your fingerprints are available in Washington. Insurance companies list your physical imperfections. Friends and family can furnish photographs, are familiar with your habits and any eccentricities, your choice of food, and can estimate where you might flee.

Suppose a person completely changes his mode of living to avoid detection, discards his old clothes, dyes his hair, grows a mustache. How would he earn a living and spend his leisure hours? If he has sufficient funds, he will, betray himself with a deposit at a bank. If he doesn't work, people will begin to wonder about his source of income. He will always be wary of policemen, who might recognize him as the fugitive pictured on the precinct's bulletin board. If he clings to his room, suspicious people will investigate.

Organizations devoted to finding missing

persons can ascertain the name you might assume. An alias is one of the thinnest disguises.

All in all, disappearing from the face of the earth is not as simple as it may seem at first. If you ever have a sudden urge to get away from it all, think twice. For, if anyone really wants to have you found, you will be found!

#### KISS ME AGAIN

According to the current quiz book, "Isn't It a Crime," a convict who was noted for his famous escapes was sentenced to a long term in prison, and officials were very worried that he'd make an escape before they got him safely lodged in his cell some thirty miles up the river.

Special precautions were taken, and it wasn't until the prisoner had kissed his sweetheart goodbye at the station and allowed himself to be put aboard the prison-bound train that those concerned sighed in relief. But on the train, the prisoner succeeded in knocking out the transportation deputy to whom he was handcuffed, and then he unlocked the handcuffs and escaped.

His sweetheart, in kissing him goodbye, had passed the key to the manacles from her mouth to his as they kissed!

#### BUT CRIME DOES PAY!

It's axiomatic that crime does not pay, but in some cases, it does—though not to the criminal. It is estimated that New York City courts will collect \$3,500,000 in fines this year. Last year, the sum was almost \$4,000,000. The year before that, it was \$3,500,000, of which almost \$3,000,000 was for traffic violations.

#### MICROSCOPE MAGIC

One of the strangest cases involving scientific criminal detection was the mysterious "Spider Web Murder Case" in California.

Two farmers were passing a long-deserted farmhouse a couple of miles beyond Los Angeles city limits one evening when they were arrested by a stifled scream from the abandoned building. Pausing, they listened again for the cry, and had just convinced themselves that they had been deceived by a howling wind when they heard the slam of a door and the sound of running feet.

Guided by a flashlight, they approached the house cautiously, peered through a window into the dark room, festooned with spider webs. The flashlight probed the room, finally came to rest on the body of a woman huddled on the floor.

No sooner had the police identified the slain woman than they began to trace the movements of all her friends, concentrating on one whose clothes closet disclosed a suit with spider threads lodged in a trouser cuff. The man's explanation was simple: the week before, while driving through the countryside, his radiator began to steam. He crossed a field to fetch water from a brook. When he removed his clothes that night, he noted spider web strands clinging to his trousers, obviously brushed from the bushes as he crossed the field.

The story seemed plausible enough until the detective in charge took the spider threads from the trousers to the police laboratory, where the threads were studied under microscope. Finally, the lab technician reported that they were the fragments of a web spun by a species of spider which infests houses and does not exist out of doors!

This sensational revelation broke the nerve of the suspect. Later, he made a full confession.

#### A TIMELY TOPIC

Despite heroic efforts of the nation's law enforcement agencies, a check of the records indicates that every ten minutes someone in America is being held up by thieves; every six minutes, someone is being slain or assaulted; every two minutes, someone's car is being stolen; and every single minute of this very night, burglars will be entering someone's home or place of business!

Altogether, criminals in this country perpetrated more than 1,500,000 major crimes during 1947—meaning that, on an average, they reached into every block and into every hamlet in America!

#### CRIME MARCHES ON

Police officials of New Castle, Ind., placed on sale \$10 books of court summonses, which allowed the buyer \$20-worth of traffic violations for the year.

San Quentin's warden, in an effort to entertain the inmates with a radio program over the prison's public address system, announced among available records "Till the End of Time," "They Didn't Believe Me," "Time on My Hands," "I'd Do It All Over Again."

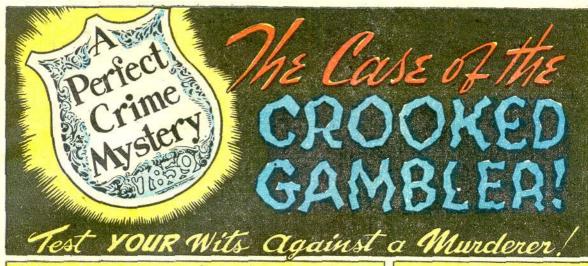
Noting the complete absence of crime in the face of mounting maintenance costs, the efficient council of a Swedish city auctioned not only the jail's furnishing but the jail itself.

A New Jersey convict found himself so secure from life's petty turbulence that he refused to vacate his cell even after he was served an eviction notice.

Baltimore's National Safety Council said that a dog, playing with a pistol on a bath stool, pawed the trigger and shot his owner, bathing in the tub.











BUT JARVIS' SMOOTH TONGUE
WON HIM LITTLE MERCY FROM
THE STRAIGHT-SHOOTING
EDITOR...

MY PAPER
IS OUT TO
SMASH
RACKETS, JARVIS.
EITHER YOU
EXPOSE
ME AS A ,
GAMBLER!
GAMBLER!
FRONT PAGE!

























THEN... A PIERCING SCREAM TORE THROUGH THE QUIET OF THE PEACEFUL GARDEN!



POLICE WERE ON THE SCENE WITHIN FIVE MINUTES FROM THE TIME OF THE ALARM.



FIVE MINUTES LATER, THE GUESTS WERE UNDER STERN POLICE GRILLING, JARVIS AMONG THE FIRST.

YOU ALL SWEAR NO ONE LEFT OR ENTERED THE GROUNDS! THAT MEANS ONE OF YOU IS GUILTY!... YOU, SIR! HAVE YOU BEEN INSIDE DURING THE LAST IS MINUTES?

NO. I HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE HOUSE ALL EVEN-ING!



WHERE LEGGET GAVE DID YOU GET THAT IT TO ME WHEN HE SERVED THE LAST ROUND! DRINKS

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

ARE THE POLICE HELPLESS TO BREAK JARVIS' STORY? OR HAS THE WILY GAMBLER SLIPPED UP ON TELL-TALE EVIDENCE THAT WILL

#### BRAND HIM A MURDERER ?

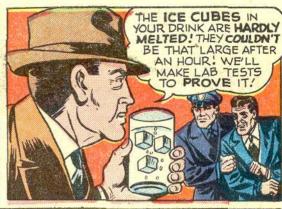
THINK BACK THROUGH THE SCENE AND SEE DETECTIVE !















AT ALL NEWSSTANDS





## DAYDREAM MIKE and WONDERFUL BIKE!



NIX, PAUL, IT'S AND YOUR COLUMBIA BIKE IS FASTER ANYHOW.

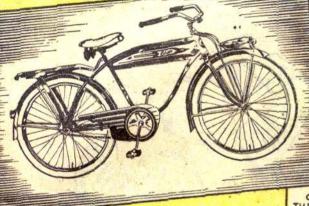




HOORAY . . . WE'VE OF CONCORD BECAUSE MIKE AND HIS COLUMBIA BIKE GOT HERE FIRST

FIRST

GEN. WASHINGTON



MIKE REVERE TAKE THANK YOU.

#### YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT

## imbia "FLYING ACTIO

Bikes by Columbia have a combination of modern features you'll find on no other bikes. Swell new features on the 1948 models include a new crank hanger for easier pedaling - an exclusive Westfield patented built-in kick stand — a Columbia built-in lock — and silver alloy brazed frames for greatest precision and handsomest looks. All front ... wheel hubs are made from solid bars, Pedal shafts and front forks are extra-strength steel. Handle bar stems are one-piece drop forged. DuPont DuLux enamel finish. These and many other superior features make 1948 bicycles by Columbia as handsome as they are sturdy, as fine as you could own.



THIS LOVING

Remember

A BIKE BY COLUMBIA IS FELLOWS AND GIRLS! NOT ONLY A HANDSOMER BUILT BIKE ... AND WHEN A BIKE IS BUILT BETTER IT

LASTS LONGER ... PEDALS FASIER ... GOES FASTER ... CLIMBS EASIER ... AND GETS YOU THERE FRESHER THAN "POKEY" HARDER-TO-PUSH BIKES MORAL: GET A BICYCLE BY COLUMBIA AND BE A LEADER!

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#### SEND FOR BIKE CHIEF SIREN AND BOOKLET NOW!

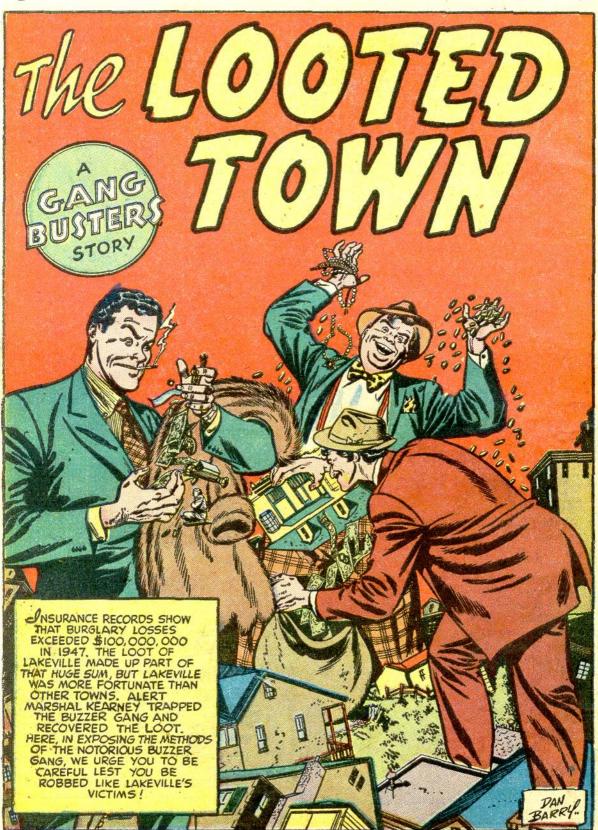
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THE MIDWEST TOWN OF LAKEVILLE PROSPERED IN THE BOOM TIMES AFTER V-J DAY... UNTIL JUNE 1947, WHEN MOBSTER AL SHAFER AND HIS GANG ARRIVED!



THUS THE BUZZER GANG, AS THEY WERE CALLED IN POLICE RECORDS, DESCENDED ON LAKEVILLE ...



IN THAT VERY HOUSE, AUTO DEALER C.R. WARTON AND HIS WIFE WERE PACKING THEIR BAGS FOR A VACATION TRIP ...



BUT THE BUZZER GANG HAD BEGUN OPERATION LAKEVILLE THAT AFTERNOON ....



AT DUSK, SALVA JAMMED A PIN INTO THE DOORBELL BUTTON ...



THEN, POSITIVE THE HOUSE WAS UNOCCUPIED, SALVA JIMMIED A LOCK.























SALVA WENT DAILY TO NICK'S BARBER FOR A SHAVE ... AND THE DAILY GOSSIP!









I'VE CHECKED TODD'S











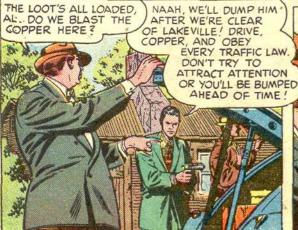


YOUNG DEPUTY JONAS HAD STOOD WATCH FOR HOURS ... AND HERE WAS THE PAY-OFF!





THE GANG RETURNED TO THEIR LAKESIDE HIDEOUT, AND NEXT MORNING...



BILL JONAS KEPT WITHIN SPEED LIMITS, STOPPED AT RED TRAFFIC LIGHTS, SIGNALLED TURNS. THEN, AT THE RAILROAD CROSSING...







JONAS OBEYED ORDERS AND STOPPED ..

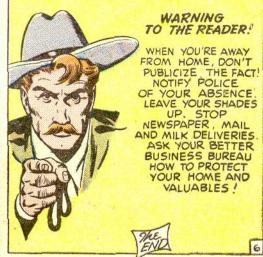


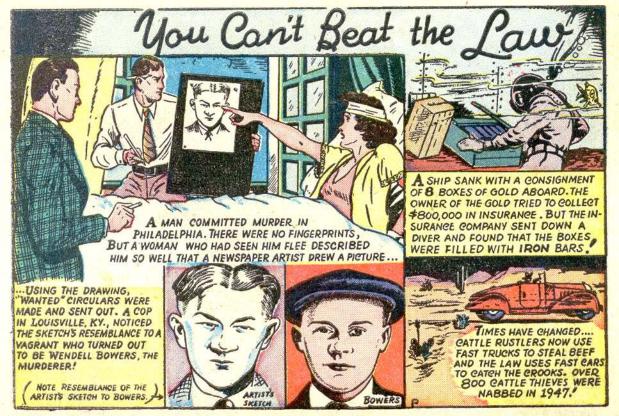












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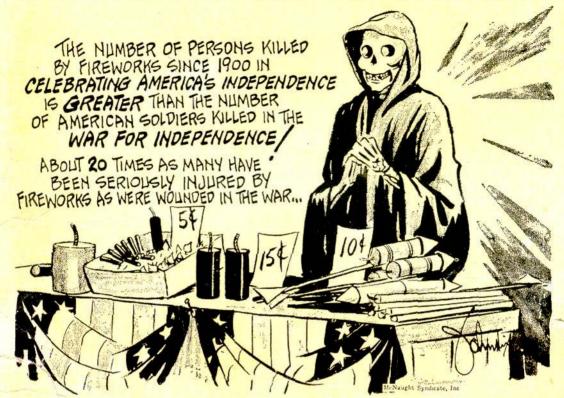
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### STRANGE AS IT SEEMS



## VE A HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

DON'T BUY "BOOTLEG" FIREWORKS

DON'T PUT FIRECRACKERS IN TIN CANS OR BOTTLES.

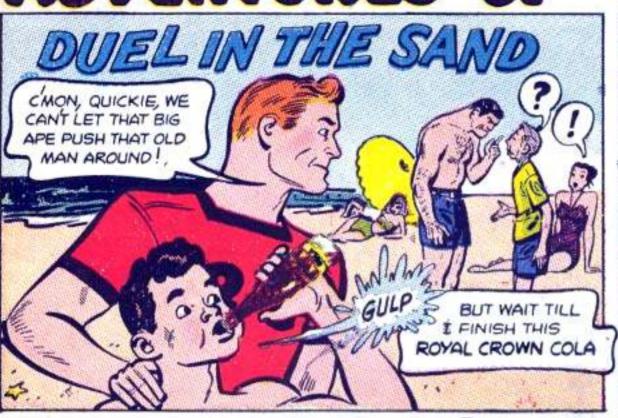
DON'T GO NEAR FIRECRACKERS THAT DON'T GO OFF.

DON'T HOLD FIRECRACKERS IN YOUR HAND WHEN LIGHTING.

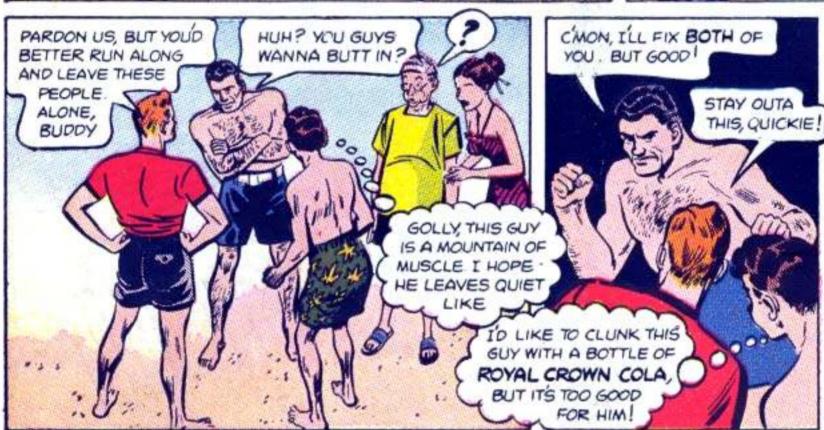
DON'T HOLD SPARKLERS NEAR CLOTHING.

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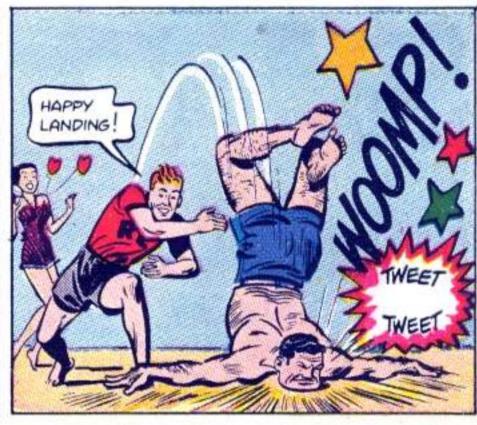
















ee Johnny Mack Brown tarring in Monogram's "FRONTIER AGENT"

