

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW!



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BASED ON THE SMASH RADIO HIT!



JIMMY'S BIGGEST CHRISTMAS (THANKS TO DAD)



MOTHER, JIMMY AND I ARE GOING CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. I'LL TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF A BICYCLE HE WANTS.

BE CAREFUL NOT TO GIVE OUR SURPRISE AWAY.



OH, DAD, LET'S GO IN AND SEE THE BICYCLES!

OKAY, SON.

BICYCLE STORE



LOOK AT THAT BICYCLE! IT SURE IS A BEAUTY!

THAT'S A NEW ROADMASTER. IT'S BUILT JUST LIKE YOUR CAR!



SEE, DAD, THE STOPLIGHT WORKS OFF THE BRAKE, AND IT HAS A POWERFUL SEARCH BEAM HEADLIGHT. THOSE CHROME GOTHIC FENDERS ARE LIKE FENDERS ON 1950 CARS!

THERE WAS NEVER A BICYCLE LIKE THIS WHEN I WAS A KID! IMAGINE A SHOCKMASTER FORK!



XMAS MORNING

MERRY CHRISTMAS, JIMMY!

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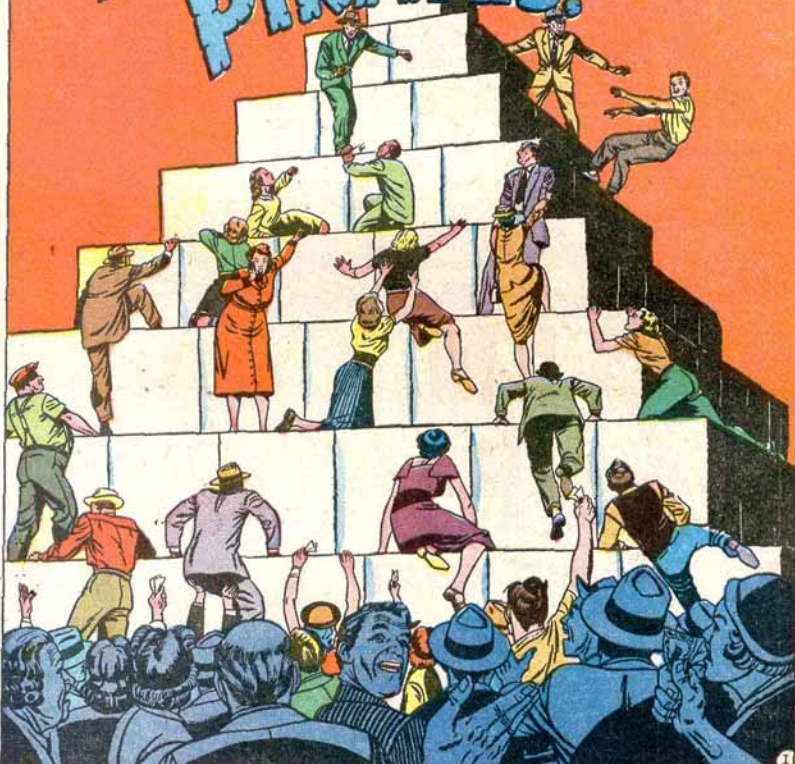
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"PYRAMID PIRATES!"

A comic book illustration showing two men in suits running away from the viewer. The man on the left is wearing a green suit and a hat, and the man on the right is wearing a yellow suit and a hat. They are running towards the right side of the frame. The background is a solid red color. Above them is a large, stylized title "PYRAMID PIRATES!" in blue, blocky letters with a white outline. Above the title is a yellow banner with the text "PAY OFF TO THE...".

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ON JANUARY 2ND, 1949, THE CITY OF ROCKPORT WAS CAUGHT IN A WHIRL OF MATHEMATICAL PROGRESSIONS WHICH HAD STARTED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BY LATE DECEMBER, IT HAD SPREAD CROSS-COUNTRY LIKE GRASS FIRE TO BURN ITSELF OUT ON THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD BY MARCH.

DURING THAT TIME, A MORE DEVASTATING MENACE WAS CREEPING OVER ROCKPORT WITH LESS FANFARE! AT 136 FREMONT PLACE...

LET'S GET OUTA HERE! WE GOT TWO MORE CRIBS TO CRACK YET!

HANDLE THIS WITH CARE, SNAPPER!...THE SILVERWARE IN THIS SACK CLANKS LIKE A JUNK WAGON!

...WHILE THE KELLY FAMILY SLEPT UNDISTURBED ON THIS BLEAK JANUARY NIGHT.

LATER, WHILE CURTIS CROSSE, A WRITER AT 145 GREGORY AVE., STEPPED OUT TO MAIL A LETTER...

WHEN I CASED THIS JOINT EARLY THIS EVENING, I FIGURED HE HAD SOME DOUGH STASHED AWAY. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE GOT STUNG!

HERE'S A BRAND NEW TYPEWRITER! NO USE GOIN' AWAY EMPTY-HANDED!

A HOUSEBOAT ON NEARBY PIER BEACH WAS NEXT ON THEIR LIST...

LOOK HERE! THE DAME'S GOT PLENTY OF ROCKS, JUST LIKE YUH SAID!

YOU DIRTY THIEVES! I HOPE THE HARBOR PATROL CATCHES UP WITH YOU!

AVAST, MATEY! DON'T GET ANY BRIGHT IDEAS, OR I'LL SEND YOU TO DAVY JONES' LOCKER!

EDGAR, BE CAREFUL!

HELP!

SO YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE, HUH? WELL, YOU'RE GONNA FIND IT... RIGHT HERE AT THE END OF MY GUN!



THE NEXT MORNING, DETECTIVE STEVE GERATY INTERVIEWED THE LATEST VICTIM OF THE PHANTOM ROBBERS.

YOU'RE NOT MUCH HELP TO ME, MR. HORNBLow...YOUR DESCRIPTION MIGHT FIT ANY PAIR OF PETTY CROOKS!

HOW COULD WE RECOGNIZE THEM WHEN THEY WERE MASKED? SAY, A FRIEND OF OURS WAS ROBBED OF A NEW TYPEWRITER LAST NIGHT...MAYBE BY THE SAME TWO HOODLUMS!



HALF AN HOUR LATER, AT ACME...

YES, A MR. CROSSE PURCHASED A NEW PORTABLE HERE LAST WEEK...SERIAL NUMBER 254729!



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Report theft of new portable
Typewriter, Serial No. 254729
to all pawn shops.

Geraty



GERATY RUSHED THE TYPEWRITER TO THE POLICE LAB...

EVEN THE TYPEWRITER RIBBON IS NEW, GERATY. IMPRESSIONS AT ONE POINT INDICATE SOMEBODY WROTE A LIST OF 15 NAMES!

15 NAMES? SOUNDS LIKE A PYRAMID BLOCK IN ONE OF THOSE NEW FRIENDSHIP CLUBS! I THINK I'LL SEE CROSSE AGAIN!



BUT HEADQUARTERS HAD RECEIVED NO ROBBERY COMPLAINT FROM AUTHOR CURTIS CROSSE.

SOMETHING'S FISHY! YOUR FRIENDS TOLD ME YOUR TYPEWRITER WAS STOLEN JUST BEFORE THEY WERE ROBBED!

ER, THERE MUST BE A MISTAKE, LIEUTENANT! I LOANED MY MACHINE TO A FRIEND. HE HAD TO LEAVE TOWN IN A HURRY AND COULDN'T RENT ONE FROM ACME!



HELLO, THIS POLICE HEADQUARTERS! LISTEN, A TALL GUY HOCKED THAT TYPEWRITER WITH ME THIS MORNING! IF IT'S HOT, COME AND GET IT! I DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE WITH COPS!



I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING! THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE CLUB'S LEGALITY MADE ME HESITATE TO ADMIT I RAN A MEETING HERE. I DIDN'T WANT THE POLICE SNOOPING AROUND...EVEN IF I LOST THE TYPEWRITER!

THE LEGALITY OF THE CLUBS IS UP TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE. I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN NABBING TWO CROOKS SUSPECTED OF USING THE MEETINGS TO COVER THEIR ROBBERY RACKET! LET'S SEE YOUR PYRAMID CHART...



MEANWHILE, HAVING TAKEN THE PYRAMID CHART, GERATY CALLED MEMBERS IN THE HOPE OF INFILTRATING INTO THE CLUB.

HELLO, MRS. YOUNG? IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF EXTRA GUESTS, MY WIFE AND I WOULD BE PLEASED TO JOIN!

IF IT TAKES 2,048 MEMBERS FOR THE TOP PAY OFF FOR ONE MEMBER...AND 4,194,304 NEW SUCKERS TO PAY OFF THE ORIGINAL 2,048...YOU'VE GOT TO BE AN EINSTEIN TO FIGURE IT OUT!

SOMEBODY WILL BITE AT HIS BAIT YET! THEY'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW PROSPECTS SO THE CHAIN WON'T BREAK DOWN, MARY!

THAT NIGHT, POLICEWOMAN MARY PRENTISS POSED AS GERATY'S WIFE.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CROOKS LOOK LIKE, BUT WE'LL TRY TO DIG 'EM UP! WE'RE ASSUMING THEY BELONG TO EVERY CLUB IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

AND YOU REMEMBER TO PAY MY ENTRANCE FEE!



THESE ARE OUR NEW GUESTS, MR. AND MRS. GERATY!

WELCOME, FRIENDS, TO THE GOLDEN THRESHOLD OF OPPORTUNITY! GIVE ME \$2 EACH, AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING TWO NEW MEMBERS EACH TOMORROW NIGHT!

MORE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS, MR. STORM?



AFTER EVERYONE DEPARTED...

JUST A MINUTE! DON'T WASH THOSE COFFEE CUPS!

WE'LL BORROW THEM JUST AS THEY ARE, IF YOU DON'T MIND. WE'RE THE POLICE!



LATER, AT THE LAB...

WE GOT A BREAK! TWO PRINTS YOU TOOK OFF A PAIR OF CUPS MATCH TWO MUGS WITH RECORDS!

AND WOMAN'S INTUITION TELLS ME THEY'RE THE STORM BROTHERS WE MET LAST NIGHT! AM I RIGHT?



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GERALD "Lefty" HILL
Alias - GENE STORM
Alias - LEFTY DONEGAN

CONVICTIONS:
6 mos. ARMED ROBBERY
2 yrs. GROCERY HOUSING

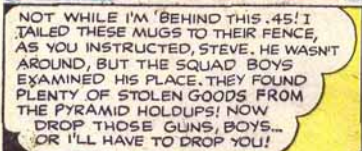
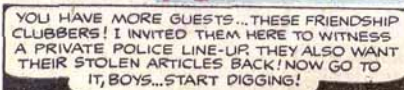
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BARNEY "Snapper" FARADAY
Alias - WINDY MCABE
Alias - "MUTT" CORRIGAN

CONVICTIONS:
3 yrs. BANK ROBBERY, Ga.
1 yr. AUTO THEFT, Chi.







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PYRAMID PIRATES WALK PLANK INTO JAIL

JUDGE GIVES THEM JACKPOT-7 YEARS EACH FOR THIEVERY

A SHORT WHILE LATER, IN THE PRISON LIBRARY...

NOW HERE'S AN INTERESTING BOOK WITH PICTURES, TOO. ALL ABOUT THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE PYRAMIDS...

PYRAMIDS! TAKE IT AWAY. WE NEVER WANT TO HEAR THAT WORD AGAIN!



THE END.

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THEY LOST HIM SOMEWHERE ON THIS STREET, EFFIE. LET'S LOOK AROUND!

NICE NEAT BARBER SHOP, SAM!

THIS PLACE IS A FAKE, BABY! I SEE THAT WILDROOT CREAM-OIL BOTTLE? IT'S NEVER BEEN OPENED. COME ON---SIDE DOOR!

CALL THE COPS, EFFIE. OH, SEEMS REP!

YOU MEAN RED'S, SAM? I'M ON MY WAY!

I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW YOU KNEW THAT SHOP WAS PHONY, SAM.

SIMPLE, SWEETHEART! WILDROOT CREAM-OIL IS THE MOST POPULAR HAIR TONIC IN THE COUNTRY FOR GROOMING HAIR... IN REAL BARBERSHOPS A BOTTLE IS ALWAYS OPEN READY-TO USE

SAM SPADE ASKS:

CAN YOUR SCALP PASS THE FINGERNAIL TEST?



TRY IT! SCRATCH YOUR HEAD IF YOU FIND SIGNS OF DRYNESS AND LOOSE, LICKY DANDRUFF YOU NEED WILDROOT CREAM-OIL HAIR TONIC, NON-ALCOHOLIC... CONTAINS SOOTHING LANOLIN



EFFIE SAYS:



SMART GIRLS USE WILDROOT CREAM-OIL FOR QUICK GROOMING AND FOR RELIEVING DRYNESS BETWEEN PERMANENTS. MOTHERS FIND IT WONDERFUL FOR TRAINING CHILDREN'S HAIR

ALL THE TIME BOB HINCKLEY WAS WITH THE OCCUPATION ARMY IN GERMANY HE KEPT THINKING ABOUT PLEASANTDALE IN THE GOOD OLD U.S.A. PLEASANTDALE WAS JUST WHAT IT SOUNDED LIKE: A PLEASANT, RESTFUL TOWN WHERE PEOPLE LAUGHED AND TRUSTED EACH OTHER, AND NO ONE WAS AFRAID OF ANYTHING.

BOB CAME HOME TO FIND PLEASANTDALE WASN'T PLEASANT ANY MORE -- THAT AN INCREDIBLE SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO TURN HIS TOWN INTO A DARK PLACE OF FEAR AND VIOLENCE, WITH ALL THE JOY AND FREEDOM POUNDED OUT OF IT LIKE ANY CITY UNDER THE NAZIS. THIS, HE LEARNED, WAS CAUSED BY.....

"The Mob that Kidnaped a Town!"

NOW, BREAK IT UP, BOYS, AND STICK THE PIECES IN MY POCKET!

Dan Brey



ON JUNE 9, 1949, A MOBSTER NAMED NICHOLAS J. SOLINGER, ALIAS NICK SLADE, LEFT A BIG EASTERN CITY BY BUS. HE HAD HIS REASONS...

COPPERS MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR NICK SLADE DRIVING A BIG CAR...THEY'LL NEVER THINK OF LOOKING FOR ME ON A BUS.



TEN MINUTES, FOLKS, FOR REFRESHMENTS IN PLEASANTDALE.

IN THIS HICK TOWN, TEN MINUTES IS TOO LONG.

NICK COOLED HIS HEELS IN THE GRASS OF THE VILLAGE SQUARE...

HI, STRANGER, ENJOYING OUR PARK?

THAT YAK-YAK! NOT ONLY DON'T HE LOCK HIS CAR... HE DON'T EVEN SHUT THE DOOR.



NICK NEEDED SOME CIGARETTES. HE STEPPED ACROSS THE STREET AND...

COME OUT OF THE COBWEBS, SOMEBODY...YOU GOT A CASH CUSTOMER.

SODA FOUNTAIN AND DRUGS

Tom Taylor PROP.



HELP YOURSELF, STRANGER, EVERYBODY DOES... I DROPPED INTO THE BAKERY NEXT DOOR TO TALK WITH BLANCHE ABELL.

YOU RUN THIS DRUG STORE?









AND AL CONNERS AND LEAD-FINGER GANN WERE "EDUCATING" THE MERCHANTS...

GET OUT OF MY BAKERY!

YEAH? HERE'S WHERE SOMEBODY KICKS IN SOME DOUGH! HA-HA!

SEE WHAT I MEAN? FOR 100 CLAMS A MONTH, WE GIVE YOU PROTECTION FROM APES LIKE HIM!

TOM TAYLOR WOULDN'T LISTEN TO REASON "-- NOT AT FIRST...

PAY YOU \$100 A MONTH FOR NOTHING? I'VE HEARD OF CROOKS LIKE YOU. I DON'T NEED YOUR "PROTECTION." GET OUT!

OKAY TAYLOR, BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL COME TO SEE IT OUR WAY!

LATER IN THE DAY, A MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION ROCKED HIS WINDOW...

GAS MAIN MUST HAVE EXPLODED!

THAT GAS MAIN WILL EXPLODE EVERY DAY TILL THE DRUGGIST KICKS IN WITH THE REST OF THEM!

THAT EVENING NICK SLADE, HIMSELF, MADE A QUIET LITTLE VISIT TO THE DRUGGIST'S HOME...

I WAS SURE YOU'D SEE THE NEED FOR "PROTECTION" MR. TAYLOR.

WHAT CAN I DO? I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'D DO NEXT IF I DIDN'T PAY OFF!

IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM THAT NIGHT, THERE WAS A CELEBRATION...

THIS TOWN'S IN THE BAG!

SURE, THESE HICKS, THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE BIG-TOWN OPERATORS.

WE'LL KEEP UPPING THE "TAKE." WE'LL BLEED 'EM DRY!

STARTING FROM THAT DAY, PLEASANTVILLE WASN'T PLEASANT ANY MORE...UNTIL ON AUG. 3...

THE OLD HOME TOWN SURE LOOKS GOOD!



AT SECOND GLANCE, IT DIDN'T LOOK SO GOOD TO SERGEANT BOB HINCKLEY, ON FURLOUGH FROM HIS PARATROOPER UNIT IN OCCUPIED GERMANY...

HEY, WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, BUD?

GET OUT OF MY WAY, YOU!

HONNNK



BOB MOVED ON TO THE DRUG STORE...

YOU'LL PAY OUR INCREASE AND LIKE IT! AND DON'T SAY "GRAFT" NEXT TIME. SAY "PROTECTION MONEY."

HEY, WHAT GOES ON HERE?



HOW ABOUT PICKING ON SOMEBODY YOUR SIZE AND AGE, MISTER?

BOB!...OH, BOB, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HOME!

ULP!



MR. SLADE... BOB DIDN'T MEAN IT! HE THOUGHT YOU WERE... SOMEBODY ELSE...

SURE I MEANT IT! HEY, WHAT GIVES HERE?

MY BOYS WILL SEE YOU... LATER.



BOB...THEY'LL KILL YOU! OH, BOB, THIS ISN'T A NICE TOWN ANY MORE.. GET OUT... WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME.

I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. I DIDN'T RUN FROM ANYTHING IN GERMANY. I WON'T START NOW!







WELL, IT'S CERTAINLY WITHIN **OUR** FIELD OF INVESTIGATION. LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO DO OUR OWN HOUSE CLEANING...

I WON'T STAND FOR ANY MOB ACTION, BOB! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP IT LEGAL!

FOR THE NEXT HALF HOUR, BOB KEPT THE PHONE WIRES HOT...

STRAP ON YOUR OLD ARMY ARTILLERY, GEORGE, AND COME ON DOWN TO THE DRUG STORE. PASS THE WORD TO JOE KWIATKOWSKI AND LEN COHEN.

WHAT WE FOUGHT IN GERMANY... LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT TO KEEP FIGHTING IT HERE.



...AND AS LAWFULLY APPOINTED DEPUTIES, DO YOU SWEAR TO PRESERVE THE LIBERTIES OF THE PEOPLE, UPHOLDING THE LAW WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR?

I DO!



BOB, I SAW NICK SLADE AT THE WINDOW. LET'S GET HIM...

THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF ACTION THE CONSTABLE DOESN'T WANT. MOB ACTION NEVER SETTLES ANYTHING.

BUT NOW THAT THEY KNOW WE'RE ORGANIZED AGAINST THEM, THOSE RATS WILL LAY LOW...

WE'LL WATCH OUR CHANCE SOONER OR LATER, THEY'LL MAKE A SLIP.



NICK SLADE MOVED FAST. THAT SAME NIGHT...

WE'RE WASHED UP HERE, BOYS. SO WE'LL HIT THE BANK AND THE LUMBER-YARD SAFE AND MOVE ON TO ANOTHER TOWN BEFORE THESE HICKS KNOW WE'RE GONE!



TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

PICKY, YOU AND LEAD-FINGER, ROLL ON DOWN THE STREET AND GET WORKING ON THE LUMBER-YARD BOX. YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN NOW. WE'LL MEET OUT OF TOWN LIKE WE PLANNED.

GOT IT, NICK!



NICK SLADE AND AL MOVED IN ON THE BANK...

HERE'S WHERE A MONTH'S CASING PAYS OFF FAST, NICK!

IT'S GOT TO BE FAST. THOSE FARMERS ARE WISE!



HEY, WAIT A MINUTE. YOU HEAR SOMETHING?

NAW--LET HER BLOW.



AT 'EM, BOYS!

SOMETHIN' FUNNY HERE... HOW'D THEY LAND ON US SO FAST?





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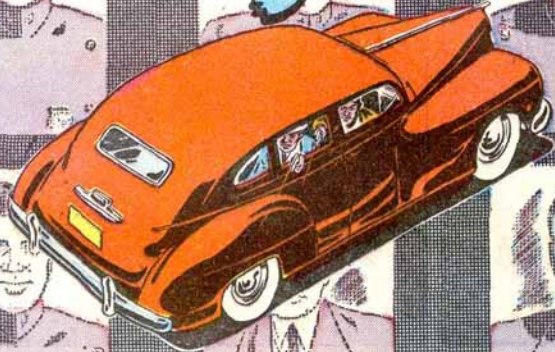


*"I WANT 52 TWO-FISTED, HARD-HITTING
COPS WHO'D LICK DOUBLE THEIR WEIGHT
IN HOODLUMS AT THE DROP OF A GUN!"*

...ROY FARADAY, Chief of Police

WHAT MADE MELFORD'S
UNDERWORLD GO
UNDERGROUND?
HERE IS HOW ONE CITY
ORGANIZED IN A
STARTLING MANNER TO
SMASH THE NOTORIOUS
"CHAIN REACTION GANG"
WHEN IT STRUCK AT
TERRORIZED CITIZENS.
FOR IN THE NATION'S
VIGOROUS DRIVE
AGAINST CRIME,
POLICE DEPARTMENTS
ARE ADAPTING
THEMSELVES TO
MEET THE LATEST
CHALLENGE OF
LAWBREAKERS.

"BANDIT SQUAD"



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**NEW CRIME WAVE
GRIPS CITY**

**MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF
UNDER ATTACK AS BANDITS
CONTINUE REIGN OF TERROR**
**IRATE MERCHANTS ORGANIZE
COMMITTEE TO COMBAT SCOURGE**

CHIEF FARADAY MAPS STRATEGY WITH DETECTIVE CAPTAIN DENNIS

NOW THE PRESS IS DEMANDING ACTION, DENNIS! WE'VE GOT TO CRACK THIS THING, OR IT'S GOING TO BE MY NECK... AND A FEW OTHERS! KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

DID YOU HEAR WHAT BOSTON DID? LAST YEAR, THEY ORGANIZED A 52-MAN BANDIT SQUAD WORKING IN THREE SHIFTS. THE THUGS DISAPPEARED!



BORN OF THIS MEETING WAS THE NOW-FAMOUS MELFORD BANDIT SQUAD HEADED BY CAPTAIN DENNIS... ITS MEMBERS RECRUITED FROM PATROLMEN AND DETECTIVES WITH OUTSTANDING RECORDS. THESE MEN WERE ENROLLED IN A RUGGED 2-WEEK REFRESHER COURSE AT THE POLICE ACADEMY TO SPECIALIZE IN...

...HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT...



...ARMED COMBAT...



...MOBILE COMBAT!



ON JAN. 25TH, OFFICER FRANK DUNNING UNKNOWNLY QUALIFIED FOR THE ONE REMAINING POST ON THE SQUAD BY SPECTACULAR, ACTUAL COMBAT!

LEGGO... MY NECK! I'M CHOKIN'...

YEAH, THEY TRIED TO STICK ME UP! THIS COP CAME JUST IN TIME!

WOW! TWO MUGS... SINGLE-HANDED!



THAT'S HOW CAPTAIN DENNIS HAPPENED TO PICK ME, PATROLMAN FRANK DUNNING, SHIELD NUMBER 3264690, AS HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT! AS HIS RIGHT-HAND MAN, I CAN GIVE YOU FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON HOW WE SMASHED WHAT CAME TO BE CALLED THE "CHAIN REACTION BANDITS" YOU READ ABOUT IN YOUR PAPER NOT SO LONG AGO!



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HUH, CODE THREE MEANS EMERGENCY, USE RED LIGHT AND SIREN!

STEP ON IT, JOE! THAT'S NOT FAR FROM HERE!



"PRESENTLY..."

TWO THUGS BOUND ME AND ROBBED ME! THEY BEAT IT WHEN THEY HEARD YOUR SIREN! THIS MAN RAN IN AND RELEASED ME!

YEAH, I PHONED THE COPS! I COPIED THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE GETAWAY CAR! HERE...

THANKS, THIS'LL HELP!



"MEANWHILE, WE LEARNED LATER, AS OTHER SQUAD CARS CONVERGED ON THE SAME ADDRESS, A CHAIN REACTION OF HOLDUPS FLARED UP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!"

STOP THIEF! HELP! I'VE BEEN ROBBED!



QUIT SQUIRMING! DON'T YOU KNOW THE MORE YUH STRUGGLE, THE TIGHTER THIS ROPE'LL PULL?



NO USE PHONIN' FOR THE BANDIT SQUAD AFTER I SCRAM! THEY'RE BUSY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!



"LATER THAT AFTERNOON AT HEADQUARTERS..."

LISTEN, CAPTAIN! I TRIED TO CHECK THE PLATES OF THE GETAWAY CAR USED BY THOSE HOODS. THERE'S NO SUCH LICENSE NUMBER!

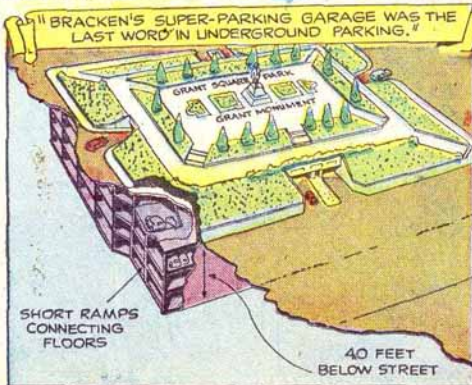
I'M NOT SURPRISED. A STOOGE GAVE IT TO YOU! THE SPLIT-SECOND TIMING OF THOSE JOBS PROVES THEY ARE THE WORK OF WELL-ORGANIZED THUGS WHOSE LEADER KNOWS HOW WE OPERATE. THERE'S A LEAK SOMEPLACE!

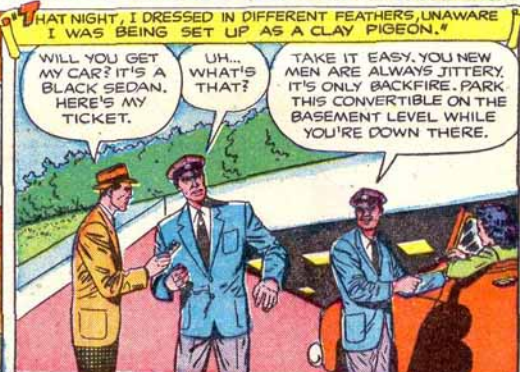


"NEXT DAY, I ACCOMPANIED THE CAPTAIN TO AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MERCHANTS COMMITTEE OF MUTUAL SAFETY AT STEPHEN BRACKEN'S HOME. HE WAS THE CONTACT BETWEEN THE BUSINESS MEN AND POLICE DEPARTMENT COOPERATING TO COMBAT THE CRIME WAVE."





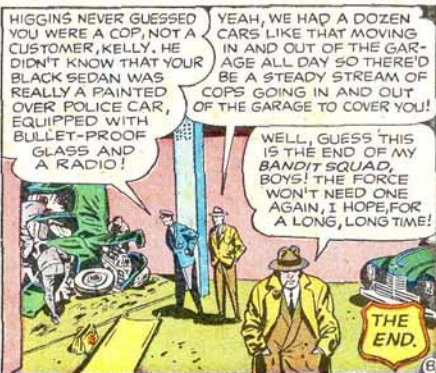
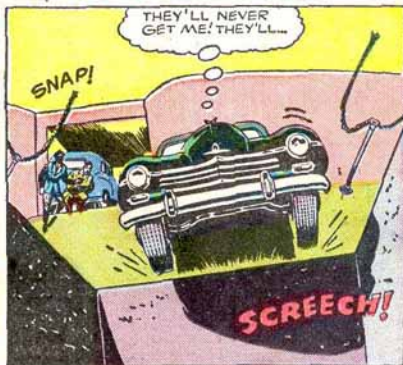




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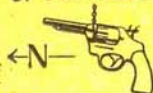
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"... SERVICES FOR YOUNGSTERS IN DAY
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"... HEALTH SERVICES IN HOSPITALS,
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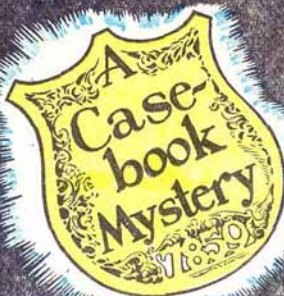


THESE ARE ONLY SOME
OF THE SERVICES YOU
CONTRIBUTE TO WHEN
YOU GIVE TO
COMMUNITY
CHEST
CAMPAIGNS.
SO GIVE
GENEROUSLY!

YES, SCORE A BULL'S-
EYE YOURSELF BY
CONTRIBUTING TO THE
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SERVICES.
REMEMBER,
IT'S "A FEATHER
IN YOUR CAP"
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CRIME in the CORRAL

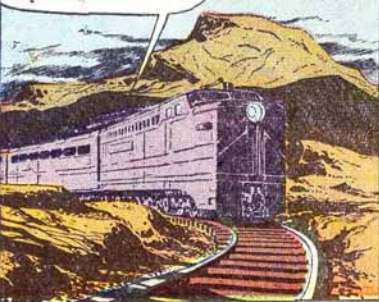
Test YOUR Wits Against a Criminal!

DUKE BAXTER DIDN'T REALIZE, WHEN HE ASKED HIS BROTHER TO VISIT TEXAS, THAT HE WAS SENDING HIM AN INVITATION TO MURDER!

KEN WILL PROBABLY ENJOY A TRIP BACK HOME AFTER EIGHT YEARS! TOO BAD IT HAD TO BE BECAUSE OF DAD'S DEATH, THOUGH!



DAD MUST HAVE BEEN WORTH A QUARTER OF A MILLION AT LEAST! NOT MUCH BETWEEN TWO MEN-- BUT FOR *ONE*, IT'D BE A NEAT LITTLE FORTUNE!



SOON, IN FARAWAY NEW YORK...

"...ACCORDING TO DAD'S WILL, WE'RE TO SPLIT THE RANCH AND MONEY, 50-50. BUT WE CAN TALK MORE ABOUT ALL THIS WHEN YOU REACH HERE..." HMM-M... I COULD USE SOME CASH RIGHT NOW!



A FEW DAYS LATER AT BALDWIN, TEXAS...

HI THERE, KEN! WELCOME BACK TO THE GOLDEN WEST!

HELLO, DUKE!

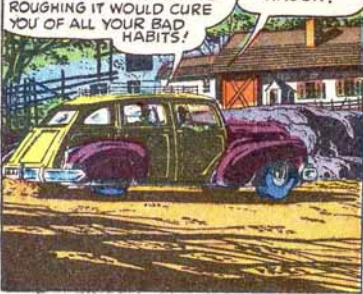
GOLDEN WEST IS RIGHT! GOLDEN FOR *ME*! A RANCH SHOULD OFFER PLENTY OF POSSIBILITIES OF GETTING RID OF HIM!





HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT, HAVE YOU, KEN? STILL CHAIN-SMOKING AND NERVOUS AS A CAT! DAD ALWAYS SAID A MONTH'S ROUGHING IT WOULD CURE YOU OF ALL YOUR BAD HABITS!

YOU CALL THIS ROUGHING IT-- RIDING AROUND IN A STATION WAGON?



LATER, OUTSIDE THE STABLE...

I HOPE THUNDERBOY DOESN'T SCARE YOU, KEN! HE'S RIGHT OFF THE PLAINS. THAT'S WHY HE ACTS A LITTLE WILD!

WHEW! DON'T TELL ME YOU RIDE THAT ATOMIC BOMB!



SURE THING! HE'S NOT QUITE BROKEN YET, BUT HE'LL BE THE FINEST MOUNT IN THE COUNTY WHEN I FINISH WITH HIM! BACK TO THE STABLES BOY! YOU'VE HAD THIS SADDLE ON LONG ENOUGH!

I THINK I'M GETTING AN IDEA ALREADY!

HOW ABOUT A RIDE INTO TOWN THIS AFTERNOON, DUKE? I WOULDN'T MIND SOME EXERCISE AFTER THAT TRAIN TRIP!



THAT AFTERNOON, KEN BEGAN TO PLAN HIS BROTHER'S DOOM!...

LIKE YOU TO MEET MY FRIEND SHERIFF JIM ROGERS, KEN!-- THIS IS MY BROTHER, KEN, JIM-- STRAIGHT FROM THE BIG CITY!

I COULD TELL THAT FROM THE CUT OF HIS CUSTOM TAILORED SUIT!-- GLAD TO MEET YOU, KEN!

THE SHERIFF! JUST THE PERSON I WANTED TO MEET!

HOW DO YOU DO, SHERIFF?



I WISH YOU COULD PERSUADE DUKE TO GET RID OF THUNDERBOY!-- HE'S VICIOUS!-- HE REARED UP BACK AT THE RANCH AND TRIED TO KILL DUKE WITH HIS FRONT HOOF!

THAT SO? I'M SURPRISED. DUKE KNOWS HIS HORSE FLESH! IF HE THINKS HE CAN BREAK THAT HOSS, HE CAN!

I SPREAD THE SCARE STORY WHERE IT'LL DO MOST GOOD-- GOOD FOR ME, THAT IS, AND HARM FOR DUKE! NOW THE SOONER I DO THE JOB, THE BETTER!

WE'LL HAVE SOME CHOW AND THEN A LONG TALK, KEN! I THINK YOU'LL FIND DAD LEFT EVERYTHING IN GOOD ORDER! A 50-50 SPLIT WAS WHAT HE WANTED!



EARLY NEXT MORNING, AS DUKE PREPARED TO EXERCISE THUNDER BOY--

IF YOUR MUSCLES AREN'T TOO STIFF FROM YESTERDAY, KEN, LET'S TAKE A RIDE UP IN THE HILL COUNTRY THIS MORNING?

YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR LAST RIDE, DUKE! THE RANCH AND THE MONEY ARE MINE NOW!



BRUTALLY, KEN CRASHED DOWN THE IRON TETHER ON HIS BROTHER'S SKULL, BRUISED HIS BODY, THEN...

NOBODY COULD TELL DUKE WASN'T KILLED WHEN THUNDERBOY STRUCK HIM! IT'S PERFECT!



BLAZES! I'LL HAVE TO SADDLE HIM!-- THE SAFEST STORY IS THAT I SAW THUNDERBOY THROW HIM AND TRAMPLE HIM-- THAT DUKE WAS KNOCKED OUT WHEN HE FELL OFF!



KEN FETCHED THE SADDLE FROM THE RACK, AWKWARDLY BUCKLED IT ON...

HOLD STILL, YOU STUPID NAG!...OW YOU BIT MY SHOULDER!



HE TORE MY COAT, CURSE HIM! BUT NOBODY WILL NOTICE THAT!-- NOW TO WIPE MY FINGERPRINTS OFF THE SADDLE AND CALL THE SHERIFF!



HALF AN HOUR LATER, WHEN SHERIFF ROGERS RODE UP....

WELL--GUESS WHAT YOU FEARED CAME TRUE, KEN! NOT THE FIRST ACCIDENT LIKE THIS I'VE SEEN-- BUT NEVER THOUGHT IT'D HAPPEN TO DUKE!

IT'S THE FIRST I'VE EVER SEEN--AND I MUST ADMIT I'M SHAKEN! THAT HORSE TRAMPLED HIM AS IF HE DELIBERATELY WANTED TO KILL HIM!



KICKED YOUR COAT SHOULDER, I SEE, KEN! HOW'D IT HAPPEN? THUNDERBOY SNAP AT YOU WHILE YOU TRIED TO SAVE YOUR BROTHER?

OH, NO, I SNAGGED IT ON A NAIL IN THE BARN! I'LL HAVE TO GET IT REWOVEN!

UH-HUH--JUST A MINUTE, KEN, I'VE JUST NOTICED SOMETHING! THIS HOSS DIDN'T KILL YOUR BROTHER--
YOU DID!

HUH? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES! HE WAS RIDING THUNDERBOY, THE BEAST THREW HIM AND TRAMPLED HIM!



WHAT DID SHERIFF ROGERS SEE THAT KEN DIDN'T? WHAT IS THE CLUE KEN OVERLOOKED WHICH PROVED TO THE WESTERN LAW OFFICER THAT MURDER HAD BEEN COMMITTED? EXAMINE THE PRECEDING SCENES AND SEE IF YOU'RE AS GOOD A DETECTIVE AS HE!



I'D LIKE TO SEE A WESTERNER--OR ANYONE RIDE WITH STIRRUPS THAT SHORT, KEN! DUKE NEVER SAT IN THAT SADDLE AFTER IT CAME OUT OF THE BARN!

THE STIRRUPS!--AND I SAID I SAW DUKE RIDING!



THAT WAS YOUR MISTAKE--TRYING TO MAKE YOUR STORY **TOO** GOOD! THE TORN SHOULDER OF YOUR COAT GAVE ME THE IDEA AND THE STIRRUPS CONVINCED ME, AS THEY WILL A JURY!

YES--I DID IT--KILLED DUKE!



AND I THOUGHT I HAD A FOOL-PROOF SCHEME FOR A PERFECT CRIME!

ALL MURDERERS THINK THEY HAVE, KEN! NEXT TIME DON'T TRY TO OUT-SMART A WESTERNER IN HIS OWN TERRITORY--ONLY THERE WON'T BE ANY NEXT TIME FOR YOU!



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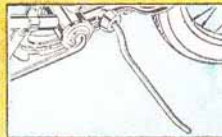
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Jeff Milton

"I NEVER KILLED A MAN WHO DIDN'T NEED KILLING AND I NEVER SHOT AN ANIMAL EXCEPT FOR MEAT." JEFF DIED AT TUSCON IN 1947, BUT THE PATROL STILL QUOTES HIS FAMOUS WORDS.

BEFORE GOING TO ARIZONA, JEFF WAS A TEXAS RANGER. HIS NAME IS A LEGEND IN THE LONE STAR STATE!



LAWBREAKERS WEREN'T TRAILED VIA FINGERPRINTS IN THOSE DAYS. NO INDIAN OR BLOOD-HOUND COULD EQUAL JEFF AT FOLLOWING A TRAIL. HE NEVER CAME BACK EMPTY-HANDED!



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THEY GOT THEIR MAN

Police of a California town were alerted for a forger who had fleeced merchants of several thousand dollars, posing as a tax collector. Two keen-eyed cops overtook a sedan which resembled the thief's, and demanded the driver's identification. After examining his credentials, they stared at him in disbelief.

"So you're Robert Ellis, the District Attorney from Allenville, are you?" said one of them. It was fairly obvious they had nabbed the suspect. "Now he posed as a District Attorney? Okay, D.A., we're coming right along with you—to the county jail!" And he slipped in alongside the surprised man at the wheel.

The second policeman followed in the squad car. At the jail, ignoring the man's explanations, they marched him into the sheriff's office. And before either could say a word, the sheriff leaped from behind his desk and strode towards the visitor.

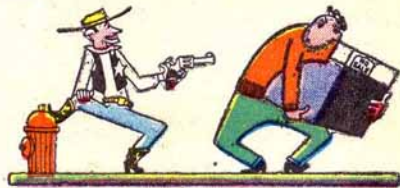
"Well, if it isn't old Bob Ellis from Allenville," he said. "What brings you to this part of the country?"

"Two of your boys," said the D.A., smiling. "Apparently, it's a case of mistaken identity. They've taken me for someone else."

And before the sheriff could rebuke the shamefaced cops, the D.A. added, "Oh, it could have happened to anyone. As a matter of fact, you ought to commend them, sheriff. They were right on the beam. They weren't even taken in by my identification."

A WEIGHTY MATTER

Police of a fair-sized city in the southwest gave the horse-laugh to a burglar, who had carted a 200-pound cash register out of a local laundry. They picked up the muscle-bound crook as he was about to unload his weighty prize from his truck. Imagine the thief's embarrassment when, on opening the register, it revealed nothing. The store's manager had removed the cash before locking up the premises.



EARLY SCIENCE SLEUTHING

Scientific deduction, by the way, is older than you think. Almost 100 years ago, measurements for criminal identification were first used. And almost 50 years ago, chemical evidence was introduced in the detection of crime.

Dominick Cappa was a painstaking, plodding Italian detective. Near the city of Turin, one day in 1860, he was summoned to the site of a murder. Immediately, he fell to studying the numerous footprints in the muddy earth.

Any other sleuth might have been disheartened by the task, but not Cappa. With characteristic thoroughness, he measured every footprint, recorded every detail. When the subsequent search narrowed down the hunt to one

man, he demanded that the suspect remove his shoes for examination.



Sure enough, foot and footprint matched perfectly. The evidence—the first of its kind ever introduced, and 20 years before Bertillon made public his method—was accepted by the court. The killer was tried and executed.

In England, in 1909, one Colonel Pilcher was dismayed to learn that as executor of an unsigned will by a Miss Kerferd, he was to get a pittance while her relatives were to inherit a sizeable sum.

In rummaging through the deceased's belongings, some time later, he found an old signed will, which gave him prior claim to the estate. When the court ruled that this was valid, the fortune went to the Colonel. In a few years, he spent it all.

Meanwhile, a relative of Miss Kerferd, who all along suspected the will had been faked, turned for aid to a chemist-friend. He analyzed the ink allegedly used by the deceased, and came up with the startling information that the signature had been affixed *after* her death! The will was a forgery!

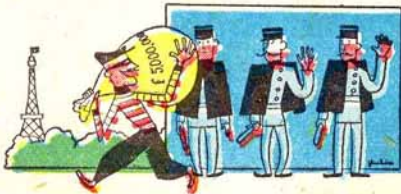
Faced with this evidence, Colonel Pilcher confessed. Since this was his first offense, the fortune had been squandered, and the Colonel was almost 70, the court was sympathetic towards his plea for leniency. He was sentenced to a couple of years.

FOWL PLAY

Now it's the chicken thief who's turned to science. In Melbourne, Australia, it was reported that thieves sprayed ether into the coops to silence the hens, who usually created an uproar when their henhouses were invaded. Police were certain of capturing the fowl-nappers.

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

One of the boldest robberies on record was recently perpetrated in Paris, France, when a thief made his way into the heavily-guarded vaults of the Surete Nationale, cracked the safe and escaped with 5,000,000 francs. The Surete is the equivalent to the FBI.



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"A Dictionary for Underworld Terms," compiled at Great Meadow Prison under the editorial supervision of Hyman E. Goldin, former prison chaplain, will be published late this year.

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Des Moines police were surprised by a shoplifter who admitted on arrest that not only had she stolen a wardrobe trunk but a radio-phonograph-television set, too.

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Disappointed Philadelphia bandits, after pounding and chiseling a florist's safe, abandoned the job with a note to the owner, which read: "Your gain is our loss. This is a very good safe."

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In Detroit, a man was arrested and tried for petty larceny. The charge: stealing a watchdog!

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EVERYTHING HAPPENS HERE!"



"FOR INSTANCE, YESTERDAY..."

I CAN'T SLEEP
NIGHTS... I'M GOING
CRAZY! I... I WANT
SOMETHING TO
MAKE ME SLEEP!

HAVE YOU
GOT A
PRESCRIPTION,
MISS?



NO...NO PRESCRIPTION...BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!... CAN'T YOU GIVE ME SOMETHING TO MAKE ME SLEEP...? OH, PLEASE!

WAIT HERE. I'LL GET YOU SOMETHING!



THAT'LL BE ONE DOLLAR! FOLLOW DIRECTIONS, NOW... DON'T TAKE MORE THAN ONE TABLET AT A TIME!

OH, THANK YOU...THANK YOU...



"SHE RAN OUT OF MY STORE. HER PHONE CALL CAME EVEN SOONER THAN I HAD EXPECTED!"

WHAT CAN I DO? I TOOK ALL OF THOSE TABLETS AT ONCE... AND THEY'LL KILL ME! MY SWEETHEART LEFT ME... I THOUGHT I DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE! BUT NOW I KNOW I DO... OH, I DO! BUT IT'S TOO LATE...

RELAX, MISS! HAVE A GOOD CRY AND GO TO SLEEP. THOSE WERE ONLY SUGAR PILLS I GAVE YOU!



THE DEAN OF THE STATE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY WHERE I GRADUATED WAS SURE RIGHT IN WHAT HE TOLD US...

WHEN YOU GO OUT IN THE WORLD TO PURSUE YOUR PROFESSION, YOU WILL FIND THAT THE DRUGGIST MUST BE A FRIEND TO MAN...A FATHER CONFESSOR, DOCTOR, PREACHER, TEACHER, DETECTIVE, AND SOMETIMES EVEN CUPID...



"CUPID... YES, EVEN CUPID..."

HOW ABOUT USING YOUR CAR TONIGHT, MR. MAHLMAN --- MARGE AND I?

I GOT A MOVIE DATE, MR. MAHLMAN, BUT NO DOUGH...COULD YOU LEND ME...





"THERE WERE THE TWO WHO PATRONIZED MY LENDING LIBRARY JUST FOR THE CHANCE, I WAS SURE, TO SEE EACH OTHER!"

THAT'S FIVE BOOKS FOR YOU THIS WEEK, YOUNG FELLA!

I...WELL...I... YES, I READ A LOT!



"HE TOOK OUT DETECTIVE STORIES...SHE TOOK OUT LOVE STORIES. BUT THEY WERE TOO SHY TO SPEAK TO EACH OTHER! THEN ONE NIGHT..."

HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS GOING TO TAKE OUT THIS BOOK NEXT? I GOT THE NOTE YOU PUT IN IT FOR ME ...

BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT ME? I GOT YOUR NOTE, TOO!



BUT YOU EVEN KNEW MY NAME... I DON'T SEE...

BUT YOU KNEW MINE, TOO! HOW DID YOU...?

"THEY DIDN'T FIND OUT TILL LATER... I WAS THE ONE WHO WROTE THE NOTES! IT BUILT UP AND I WENT TO THEIR WEDDING..."



"ONE DAY, CRIME PUT IN AN APPEARANCE! AT FIRST I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT... JUST AN OVERDRESSED GIRL AND A DOG..."

HERE'S A ROLL OF FILM I WANT DEVELOPED! NAME'S WINNIE WARREN.

CERTAINLY, MISS!



"AFTER SHE WAS GONE, I PICKED UP THE NEWSPAPER, WHICH I HADN'T READ YET."



"THE KIERSTEAD CASE INTERESTED ME BECAUSE THE BIG BANK ROBBERY LAST WINTER OCCURRED RIGHT DOWN THE STREET FROM MY DRUGSTORE. I EVEN HEARD THE SHOTS!"



THE KIERSTEAD MOB... I'D BET A SHAMROCK!

THERE WASN'T MUCH ELSE IN THE PAPER. I WENT TO MY DARK ROOM TO DEVELOP THE FILM THE GIRL HAD BROUGHT IN...



"I TOOK A LOOK AT THE RESULT... I LIKE TO LOOK AT SNAPSHOTS... AND I REALIZED I HAD SOMETHING AS HOT AS BURNING CELLULOID..."

THE GIRL WITH THE SAUSAGE DOG... WITH STEVE KIERSTEAD, THE GANGSTER WHOSE ALIBI PUT HIM IN FLORIDA WHEN THE BANK WAS ROBBED!



"GET IT? THERE ARE NO SNOWMEN IN FLORIDA! AND THE PICTURE SHOWED STEVE KIERSTEAD STANDING IN BACK OF ONE. AND THE DAY OF THE ROBBERY WAS FEBRUARY 28th!"



WHO'S RUNNIN' THIS JOINT? YOU GOT A CUSTOMER!

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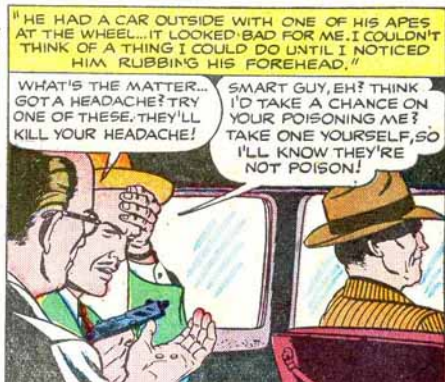
WHY, LET'S SEE NOW, LET'S SEE...



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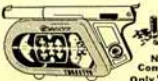
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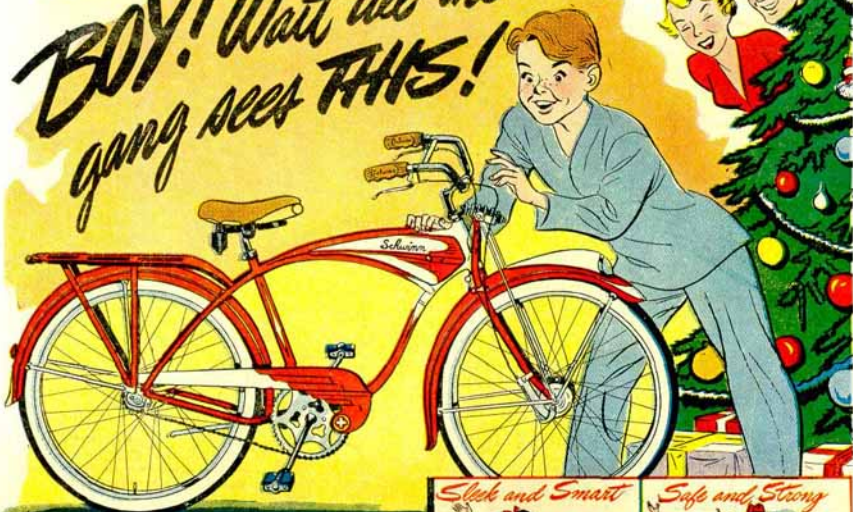
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