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# GANG BUSTERS

WHICH ONE OF THESE  
FREAKS IS GUILTY OF  
THE STRANGEST CRIME  
IN POLICE FILES?

TURN THIS PAGE, FOLKS,  
AND ENTER-- "*The  
CARNIVAL  
of CRIME!*"



**YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW!**



# BULLY says: "BE YOURSELF-- YOUR BEST SELF!"

MY, WHAT A CHANGE IN YOUNG BOB HUNTER!

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT'S THE SAME BOY, MISS BROWN! ONLY A MONTH AGO, HE WAS SO UNPLEASANT AND SLOPPY NOBODY PAID ANY ATTENTION TO HIM.

AND WAS HE MISERABLE ABOUT IT, TOO!... I REMEMBER THAT NIGHT A MONTH AGO AT OUR FIRST BIG SCHOOL AFFAIR...

"MISS BROWN WAS CHAPERONE THAT NIGHT, TOO, AND SHE TRIED TO BE NICE TO BOB..."

HMM... THAT KIDS MAKING LIFE MISERABLE FOR OTHERS-- AND HIMSELF! SOMEBODY OUGHT TO TIP HIM OFF...

I DON'T SEE YOU DANCING, BOB. WHY DON'T--

AW, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! WHO WANTS TO DANCE? THAT'S FOR SISSIES!

"I DECIDED TO TAKE A CRACK AT THE JOB MYSELF--AND I TALKED TO HIM LIKE A DUTCH UNCLE!"

LOOK, BOB, YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYBODY--A LOT OF FELLOWS GO THROUGH THE STAGE YOU'RE GOING THROUGH. YOU'RE JUST NOT SURE OF YOURSELF--SO YOU'RE DEFYING EVERYBODY!

'YOU'RE RUDE TO PEOPLE AND YOUR APPEARANCE IS ENOUGH TO KEEP ANY GIRL A MILE AWAY FROM YOU.' LOOK AT YOURSELF! HAIR UNCOMBED, FINGERNAILS DIRTY, SUIT UNPRESSED ...YOU'RE A NICE KID, BOB--BUT YOU DON'T GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE!

YOU CAN BUY A LIFETIME TICKET TO FRIENDS, GOOD TIMES AND **SELF-CONFIDENCE**, IF YOU TRY BEING YOURSELF--YOUR **BEST SELF**! AND THAT MEANS **LOOKING** YOUR BEST AND REMEMBERING THAT **GOOD MANNERS** MEANS JUST BEING COURTEOUS AND THOUGHTFUL OF OTHERS!

WUP! I SURE DID A GOOD JOB OF CONVINCING BOB. HE'S DANCING WITH MY GIRL, SUSIE, NOW!

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ARE ALL CRIMES SOLVED BY THE POLICE? WHAT ABOUT CASES THAT DRAG INTO YEARS, DEFYING SOLUTION? ARE THEY FILED AND FORGOTTEN? NO, BECAUSE THE LAW NEVER CONSIDERS A CASE **CLOSED** UNTIL IT'S **SOLVED!** FOR INSTANCE... WHEN \$1,000,000 WAS HEISTED FROM THE VAULTS OF THE JENNINGS ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE IN 1935, LIEUTENANT DETECTIVE AL SYLVESTER WAS PUT ON THE CASE. AFTER SIX MONTHS OF FALSE LEADS, HE WAS TAKEN OFF BUT CONTINUED THE CASE **ON HIS OWN!** HOW SYLVESTER SOLVED THIS INCREDIBLE MYSTERY AFTER 15 RELENTLESS YEARS IS REVEALED IN THIS FILE-FACT STORY OF...

# THE BIG HEIST





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SYLVESTER \*STAYED WITH IT\* FOR FIVE MONTHS...FIVE MONTHS OF FALSE LEADS AND PHONY TIPS. THEN...

ANYTHING TO THAT PHONE CALL YOU GOT?

NOT A THING... A TWO-BIT PICKPOCKET! BESIDES, HE WAS HAVING HIS TONSILS YANKED ON MARCH 16!



I'VE BAD NEWS FOR YOU. I'M TAKING YOU OFF THE **BIG HEIST**, AL! CASES ARE PILING UP... I CAN'T SPARE YOU!

B-BUT, CHIEF... GIVING UP? I JUST COULDN'T! WOULD YOU MIND IF I KEEP WORKING AT IT ON MY OWN TIME?



AND SO AL SYLVESTER BEGAN TO WORK A DOUBLE SHIFT...

YOU CAN'T PIN NOTHING ON ME... I WAS IN THE LOCK-UP THE WHOLE MONTH OF MARCH!

OKAY, OKAY, I'D ASK!



THE DREARY MONTHS LENGTHENED INTO YEARS. SYLVESTER STAYED ON HIS TREADMILL. IN 1939, ON A ROUTINE CAGE AT THE WORLD'S FAIR...

FOUR YEARS! FOUR FUTILE YEARS! I'M THE TALK OF THE FORCE. MY WIFE THINKS I'M CRAZY. BUT I WON'T GIVE UP. I WON'T. I'LL GET THOSE KILLERS YET!



NO, I **DON'T** MIND TELLING YOU, LIEUTENANT... I WAS AT MY ORANGE GROVES IN CALIFORNIA BACK IN '35! WHY? DO I LOOK LIKE PUBLIC ENEMY NO.1?

NO...I'M ALWAYS INTERESTED IN BIG MEN WITH BIG MONEY TO SLING AROUND!



AND TWO YEARS LATER, ON THE EVE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VISIT TO THE CITY FOLLOWING HIS THIRD INAUGURATION...

LIEUTENANT SYLVESTER, THIS IS HANK MATES OF THE SECRET SERVICE... YOU WILL AID HIM IN MAPPING THE ROUTE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROCESSION!



BUT ON THE FOLLOWING WEEK, EVER ALERT FOR A LEAD...

HEY, TEX, YOU CAN SEE BETTER OVER HERE!

DID HE SAY, **TEX**?!







DOGGEDLY, SYLVESTER STUCK TO HIS EVASIVE FUGITIVES. THE CASE HAD BECOME A PRIVATE WAR BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HIS UNSEEN ENEMY ... BUT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, HIS FAITH IN EVENTUAL SUCCESS NEVER WAVERED...





TO SYLVESTER THIS WAS, AT FIRST, ANOTHER ROUTINE JOB...

THIS IS THE BULLET FROM THAT CORPSE THOSE WORKERS DISCOVERED IN THE LIME PIT LIEUTENANT!

RUSH IT TO THE POLICE LAB FOR CHECKING!



AND THAT SAME DAY...

CHIEF, THIS BULLET WAS SHOT OUT OF A **REGULATION POLICE PISTOL**! I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOOK AT THAT WEAPON THAT WINGED THAT HOOD IN THE **BIG HEIST**!

GOOD GRAVY, AL, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE STILL HOPING TO BREAK **THAT** CASE!



LATER...

CHIEF, I HAVE NEWS! I FIRED A TEST BULLET FROM THAT POLICE PISTOL. UNDER THE COMPARISON MICROSCOPE, IT **TALLIED WITH THE BULLET WE DUG OUT OF THAT BODY!**



NO WONDER WE COULDN'T FIND A WOUNDED HOOD... HE WAS DEAD ALL THE TIME!

HAVEN'T WE ENOUGH NEW EVIDENCE TO RE-OPEN THE CASE OFFICIALLY? HOW ABOUT PUTTING ME BACK ON IT FULL TIME?



OH, GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONER. THIS IS LIEUTENANT SYLVESTER... I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT HIM... HE WANTS US TO OFFICIALLY RE-OPEN THE **BIG HEIST** CASE!

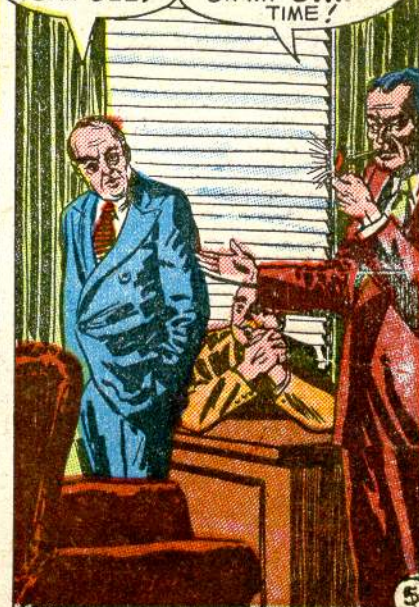
ON WHAT EVIDENCE?



BUT AFTER LISTENING...

YOU'LL NEED MORE THAN THAT TO GO ON, LIEUTENANT... IT'S BEEN 14 YEARS... TRAIL'S PRETTY COLD BY NOW... AND ALL YOU'VE GOT IS ONE DEAD HOOD, AS FAR AS I CAN SEE!

THEN IF YOU DON'T MIND, SIR, I'LL KEEP WORKING ON IT ON MY **OWN** TIME!





**SURE NOW THAT HE HAD A VITAL CLUE, SYLVESTER RESUMED HIS PATIENT SLEUTHING...**

ALL WE COULD GET OUT OF THAT BODY BESIDES THE BULLET WERE THESE FALSE TEETH... DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE USUAL SET!

NOT MUCH TO GO ON. MAYBE PROFESSOR WECHSLER AT THE DENTAL SCHOOL CAN HELP!



**SHORTLY AFTER...**

I CAN STATE DEFINITELY THAT THIS DENTURE WAS MADE BY A FOREIGN DENTIST... OUR METHODS ARE OPPOSED TO THE USE OF THESE SUCTION CUPS... AND WE NEVER USE STAINLESS STEEL CROWNS.

WHERE CAN I GET A LIST OF FOREIGN REFUGEE DENTISTS PRACTISING IN THIS CITY? FROM THE DENTAL ASSOCIATION?



**AND AFTER COUNTLESS PHONE CALLS, SYLVESTER GOT HIS SECOND BREAK...**

YES, YES, THAT IS MY WORK... I MADE IT NOT LONG AFTER I CAME HERE. LET'S SEE... I MADE THAT PLATE FOR A BERNARD MACKLIN... HOTEL WORTHY, ON EAST 54th!

MANY THANKS, DOC... YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP!



**THEN, AT THE HOTEL WORTHY...**

Y-E-S, ACCORDING TO THIS OLD RECORD, ON THE SAME DAY THAT MR. MACKLIN AND JACK WOODS WERE GIVEN ROOM 14, TWO OTHER MEN, FRED METEXAS, OF OREGON, AND JOHN BEERY CHECKED INTO THE ADJOINING ROOM!

THAT MAKES **FOUR** MEN AND... WAIT A MINUTE! DID YOU SAY FRED METEXAS? METEXAS... OF OREGON! THAT MIGHT BE THE TEX I'M LOOKING FOR!



**AND BACK AT HEADQUARTERS...**

BUT, CHIEF, CAN'T YOU SEE IT'S BEGINNING TO ADD UP? THE HOTEL CLERK REMEMBERED THAT METEXAS WAS A **TALL** MAN!

SO WHAT? THE CITY'S FULL OF TALL MEN! BUT I'LL PUT THROUGH A CALL TO THE OREGON POLICE IF IT'LL KEEP YOU QUIET!



**FAR INTO THE NIGHT, THE TWO OFFICERS WORKED. THEN...**

I WAS AFRAID OF IT, AL... THAT OREGON CALL WAS A BUST. ALL THE METEXAS THERE ARE OKAY!

PROBABLY CHANGED HIS NAME. THE WAY I SEE IT, THE GANG SPLIT UP AFTER THE HEIST. MY JOB NOW IS TO GET THEM BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!

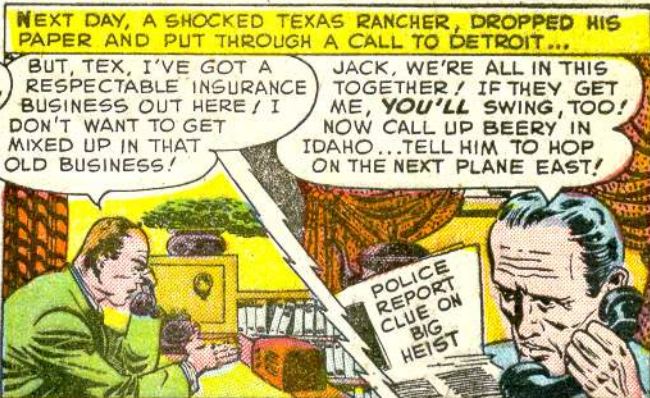


AND THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS LET THE NEWSPAPERS KNOW WE UNCOVERED A CLUE ON THE **BIG HEIST!**

WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO?









AFTER BEING STALLED FOR 15 YEARS, THE CASE HAD SUDDENLY CAUGHT A SPARK AND WAS NOW MOVING INTO SECOND GEAR. AT THE POLICE LAB...

WE FOUND TRACES OF POLLEN DUST FROM A TYPE OF DAHLIA KNOWN AS CACTUS DAHLIA, FOUND MOSTLY IN NORTHERN MEXICO!

NORTHERN MEXICO, OR SOUTHERN TEXAS! THERE'S OUR MAN...**TEX!** FROM TEXAS!

WONDER WHAT MADE HIM WRITE OREGON AS HIS ADDRESS ON THAT HOTEL REGISTER?

JUST COVERING HIS TRACKS, I GUESS! CHIEF, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE NEXT PLANE TO TEXAS! WILL YOU FIX IT FOR ME?

SURE! YOU CAN CONSIDER YOURSELF OFFICIALLY BACK ON THE CASE NOW, AL!



NEXT DAY, SYLVESTER HOPPED OFF. IN BRONSTON, TEXAS, HE WENT INTO A HUDDLE WITH STATE POLICE...

HERE IT IS ... JANUARY 5, JOHN OREGONIK... BOUGHT A PECAN RANCH 20 MILES DUE NORTH OF BRONSTON!

**OREGONIK**, HUH? WE WONDERED WHY HE HAPPENED TO PICK OREGON AS HIS HOME STATE... AND ON JANUARY 5, TEX WAS LOADED... WITH THAT JENNINGS ARMORED TRUCK MONEY... I'M GOING TO PAY THAT RANCH A VISIT!

THE VISIT TO THE RANCH WAS BRIEF BUT FRUITFUL...

SORRY, BUT TEX DIDN'T SAY EXACTLY WHERE HE WOULD BE STAYING! IS ANYTHING WRONG?

N-NO! NOT YET! THANKS FOR THIS PHOTO OF HIM ANYWAY!



THERE WAS ONE MORE CALL TO MAKE IN TEXAS...

WHY, HERE IT IS... A CALL FROM THE METEXAS RANCH WAS PUT THROUGH TO A ROGER WOODS, IN DETROIT, AT 3:40 P.M.!

THANKS SO MUCH. IF MY CHIEF CALLS, TELL HIM I'VE GONE TO DETROIT!

IN DETROIT, HE BAGGED ANOTHER PHOTO. THEN BACK HOME, HE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED IN...

THESE ARE TWO OF THE MEN WE'RE LOOKING FOR, CHIEF...THEY'RE SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY!

LET'S HOPE THEY HAVEN'T SKIPPED AND SCATTERED AGAIN IN THE MEANTIME! HOW ABOUT LUNCH BEFORE WE START LOOKING?

BRRR... SURE TURNED COLD!

SAY, TEX LOST ONE OF HIS GLOVES AT THAT LIME PIT! IN THIS WEATHER HE MIGHT'VE BOUGHT ANOTHER PAIR! A HABERDASHER WHO SOLD HIM WOULD REMEMBER THAT GIANT MITT OF HIS!





HALF THE HABERDASHERS IN TOWN WERE INTERVIEWED BEFORE...

THAT'S THE FELLOW I SOLD THE GLOVES TO, ONLY HE DIDN'T LOOK SO YOUNG AS ON THIS PICTURE... I REMEMBER HIM. HE WAS SO BIG AND HAD HANDS LIKE AN APE!

JUST LIKE I FIGURED! LET'S GO CHIEF!

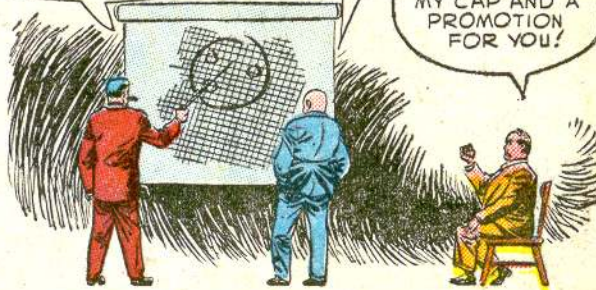


THE REST OF THE DAY WAS SPENT VISITING OTHER MERCHANTS IN THE AREA WHO COULD IDENTIFY TEX. LATE THAT NIGHT...

THEY'RE HOLED UP SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA... TEX BOUGHT FOOD IN **THIS** STORE, ASPIRING **HERE**, STATIONERY **HERE!**

OKAY, WE'LL BLOCK OFF THE AREA AND START CLIMBING STAIRS!

NICE WORK, LIEUTENANT. YOU BREAK THIS CASE AND IT'LL BE A FEATHER IN MY CAP AND A PROMOTION FOR YOU!



NOW, THE WEB STARTED TO TIGHTEN ...

TEX, THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER EVERY DAY!

STOP CRYING... WE'LL WAIT TILL IT GETS DARK AND MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!



THAT SAME NIGHT...

YOU, UP THERE! STOP!

OVER THIS ROOF AND ONTO THE NEXT! **FAST!** GET DOWN THE FIRE ESCAPE. WE'LL STEAL A CAR!



DISREGARDING THE SAFETY OF INNOCENT PEDESTRIANS, THE CRIME-CAR PLUNGED THROUGH THE CROWDED MID-TOWN STREETS.

THEY'RE STILL RIGHT BEHIND US, TEX!

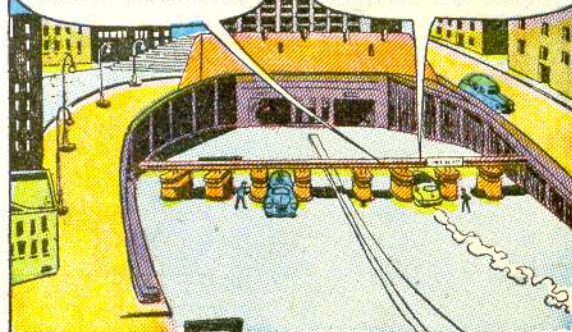
DON'T WORRY... I'VE GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR 'EM!



AT THE LINCOLN TUNNEL, DUG DEEP INTO THE BEDROCK BENEATH THE HUDSON RIVER...

YES, THEY WENT THROUGH HERE PRETTY FAST ABOUT 10 MINUTES AGO! WE WARNED THEM TO CUT DOWN THEIR SPEED AND LET THEM RIGHT THROUGH!

PHONE AHEAD AND HAVE THE STATE TROOPERS BLOCK OFF STATE HIGHWAYS 1, 3 AND 9 ABOUT 5 MILES WEST OF THE TUNNEL!



HEY, TEX, THIS ROAD IS BLOCKED, TOO... WE'LL NEVER GET ACROSS THE STATE NOW!

IT WASN'T MY INTENTION TO...WE'LL DITCH THE CAR HERE AND GET LOST IN THE TALL GRASS!





BUT  
WE  
CAN'T  
GET  
FAR  
ON  
FOOT!

YOU FOOL, WE HAVEN'T  
FAR TO GO... WE'RE  
GOING TO BACKTRACK  
...TO THE FERRIES...  
WE'LL MINGLE WITH  
THE CROWD,  
THEN PULL  
OUR OLD  
TRICK AGAIN...  
WE'LL  
**SEPARATE!**

WOW...  
THIS  
IS LIKE  
A  
JUNGLE

WOW...  
THIS  
IS LIKE  
A  
JUNGLE!

THEY GOT  
INTO THE  
MEADOWS  
RIGHT HERE,  
LIEUTENANT!

LOOKS BAD,  
LIEUTENANT...  
THERE'S 20  
MILES OF THIS  
GRASS...THEY  
COULD COME  
OUT ANYWHERE!

LET'S GO,  
LIEUTENANT...  
THEY'VE  
GOT A  
PRETTY GOOD  
HEAD START  
ON US ALREADY!

FRANKLY, BOYS,  
I'VE BEEN  
CHASING THOSE  
HOODS FOR  
15 YEARS  
AND I'M  
DOG-TIRED...  
I THINK I  
PREFER TO  
WAIT HERE!

Y-YOU MEAN...AF  
ALL THAT TIME,  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO LET THEM  
SLIP THROUGH  
YOUR FINGERS?

R) UH-UH... I GOT A  
HUNCH THEY'RE  
GOING TO BE WILLING  
TO DO BUSINESS  
WITH THE LAW...  
AND RIGHT SOON!

WHAT *IS*  
THIS STUFF...  
**QUICKSAND?!**  
WE'LL NEVER  
GET OUT  
ALIVE!


**HELP!**  
I'M  
SINKING..  
**HELP!**

I FIGURED YOU'D WANT HELP!  
THESE MEADOWS ARE THE  
WORST MARSHLANDS OUTSIDE  
OF FLORIDA... WHAT'S MORE,  
YOU'D NEED A COMPASS IN  
THESE DENSE WEEDS TO  
GET YOU WHERE YOU  
WANT TO GO!

GET US OUT OF HERE BEFORE WE SINK ALL THE WAY...!

NO DANGER OF THAT...YOU COULDN'T  
SINK DOWN MORE THAN A FOOT OR  
SO... BUT IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO  
GET YOU OUT OF HERE ALL THE  
SAME!

ON JANUARY 15, 1951, FRED METEXAS, JACK WOODS AND JOHN BEERY PAID THE SUPREME PENALTY FOR MURDER, THUS ENDING ONE OF THE LONGEST MANHUNTS ON RECORD... A FITTING CLIMAX TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER TO WHOM CRIME-DETECTION WAS NOT ONLY A JOB... BUT A WAY OF LIFE!



THE END...

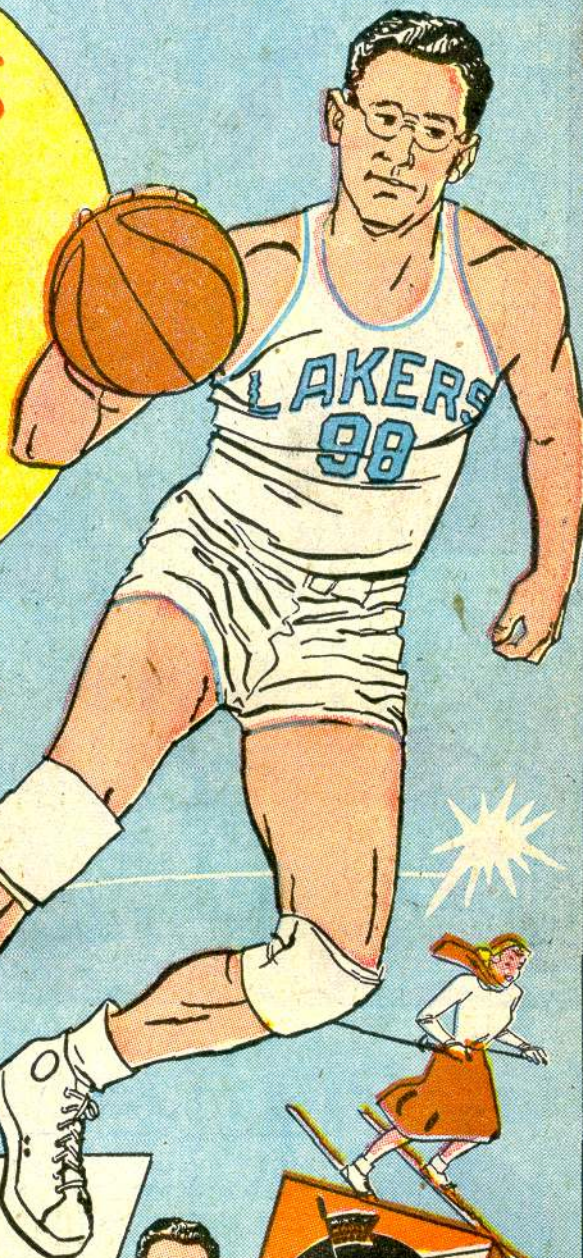


George Mikan

"Mr. Basketball" Minneapolis Lakers

# What sparks a Champion sparks you!

AND CHAMPIONS  
CHOOSE WHEATIES!



IRON

ENERGY

VITAMINS

CUTAWAY  
VIEW OF  
WHEAT  
KERNEL

THERE'S A  
WHOLE KERNEL OF WHEAT  
IN EVERY WHEATIES FLAKE!

Every Wheaties flake you eat gives you a whole wheat kernel's worth of energy ... the same whole wheat energy the champions want! You want it, too. And you can count on getting it ... everytime in Wheaties.

Wheaties  
give you ALL  
the grain!

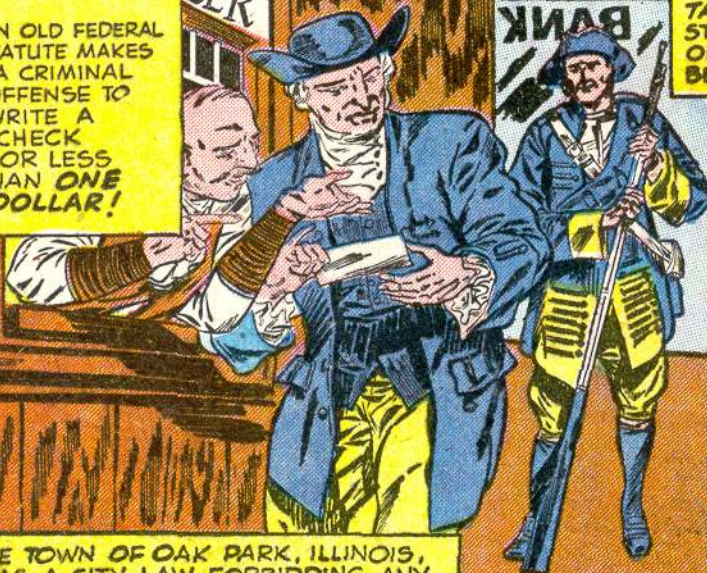


"Breakfast of Champions!"



# STRANGE LAWS!

AN OLD FEDERAL STATUTE MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO WRITE A CHECK FOR LESS THAN **ONE DOLLAR!**



DOGS OVER TEN INCHES TALL ARE UNLAWFUL, AS STATED IN AN OLD ORDINANCE OF BOSTON, MASS. CATS CAN BE AS HIGH AS 48 INCHES!



THE TOWN OF OAK PARK, ILLINOIS, HAS A CITY LAW FORBIDDING ANY RESIDENT FROM FRYING MORE THAN **100 DOUGHNUTS**



IT'S A MISDEMEANOR FOR A WOMAN TO WEAR AN ANKLE WATCH IN ELIZABETHTON, TENN! THIS GOES FOR BRIGHT COLORED HOSE, TOO!



ADVERTISEMENT

**'GOO IS THROO!'** SAYS **BERT PARKS** TV STAR OF "BREAK THE BANK"

MEET THE NEW CREAM HAIR TONIC THAT'S **NOT GREASY** OR STICKY...YET GROOMS HAIR POSI-TV-LY PERFECT ALL DAY!

CLEANER TO USE ... NO STICKY HANDS, HAIR OR COMB!

DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT'S **LIGHT-BODIED!**

HOMOGENIZED FOR EASY FLOW. IN HANDY SHAKER-TOP BOTTLE.

**MONEY BACK!**

write us if you don't agree that it's the best cream tonic ever!

**NEW!**

**VITALIS Hair CREAM**

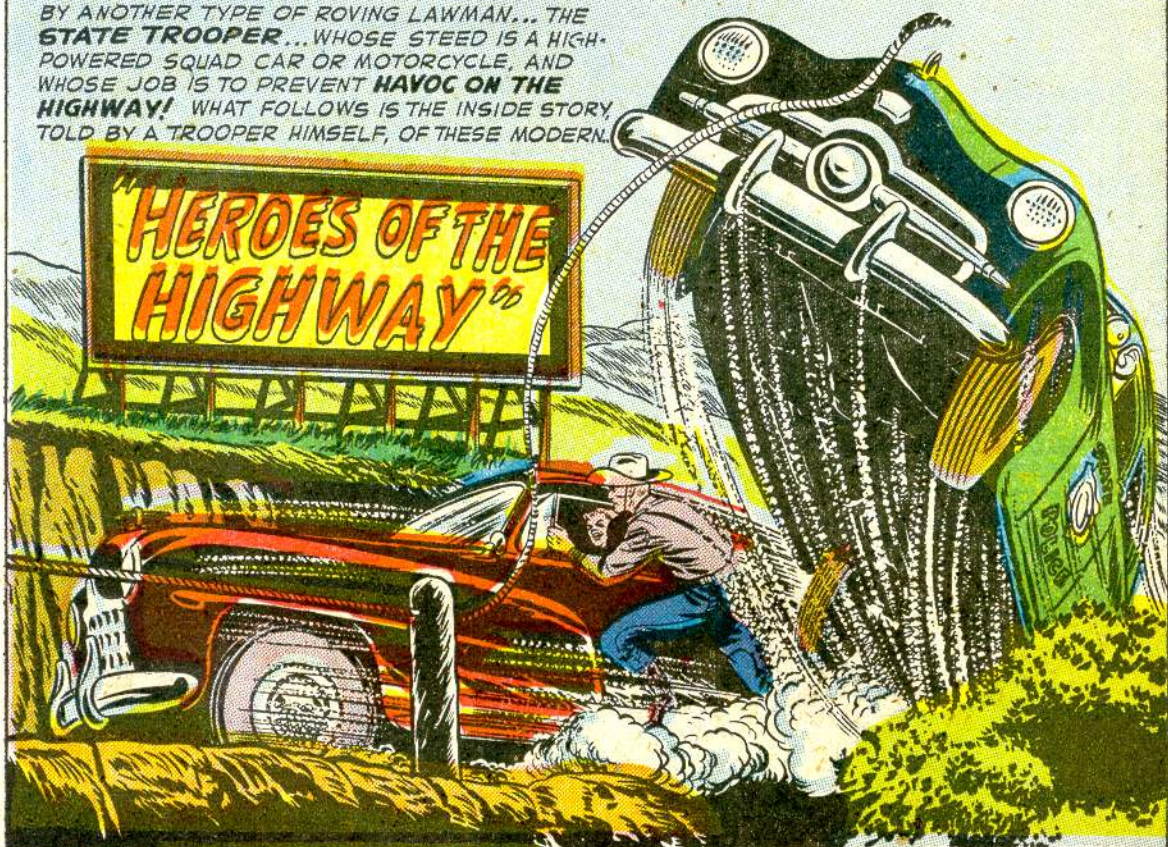
— by Bristol-Myers, makers of famous Vitalis

**SAVE MONEY!**  
4 1/2" SIZE  
EQUALS LEADING  
5 1/2" SIZE CREAM  
OIL! (ALSO IN  
2 1/2" SIZE)





WHEN THE WEST WAS YOUNG, IT WAS THE RANGER WHO PATROLLED THE HIGHWAYS THAT KNIFED THROUGH THE DUSTY RANGES. IN MODERN TIMES, THIS AWESOME FIGURE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY ANOTHER TYPE OF ROVING LAWMAN... THE **STATE TROOPER**... WHOSE STEED IS A HIGH-POWERED SQUAD CAR OR MOTORCYCLE, AND WHOSE JOB IS TO PREVENT **HAVOC ON THE HIGHWAY!** WHAT FOLLOWS IS THE INSIDE STORY TOLD BY A TROOPER HIMSELF, OF THESE MODERN.

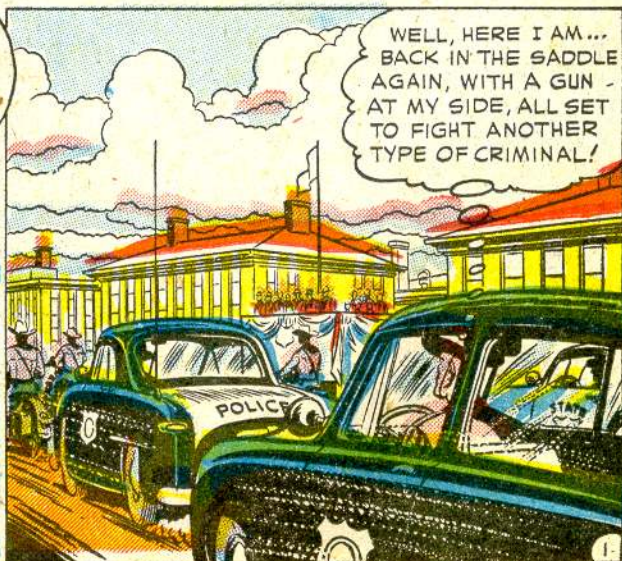


WHEN THE WAR WAS RAGING IN EUROPE, I SAT IT OUT... IN A JEEP AS AN ARMY COURIER...

SURE GLAD YOU GOT HERE WITH THIS MESSAGE! OUR COMMUNICATIONS ARE ALL DOWN! GET YOUR MEN TOGETHER, SERGEANT... NOW WE'LL KNOW WHAT TIME TO ATTACK!



AFTER V-J DAY, I PROMISED MYSELF I'D GET A JOB BEHIND A DESK, BUT SOMEHOW I GOT WOUND UP WITH A STATE TROOPER'S EXAM, AND AT GRADUATION...

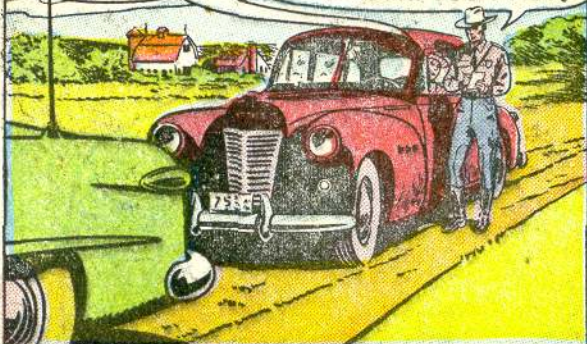




WELL, NOT ALL WERE CRIMINALS. SOME WERE GUILTY OF MINOR INFRACTIONS OF THE LAW. FOR EXAMPLE...

BUT, OFFICER, I SWEAR I WASN'T EVEN DOING 25 MILES AN HOUR!

I KNOW! BUT THIS IS ONE OF THE STATES WHERE TRAVELING **TOO SLOW** ON A HIGHWAY IS AS MUCH AN OFFENSE AS GOING **TOO FAST**!



... WHEN THE LISTER MOB MADE A QUICK GETAWAY IN A SPEEDY MOTORBOAT AFTER CLEANING OUT THE JOHNSON WAREHOUSE PIER AT 64th STREET...

IT'S ONLY TWO MILES TO THE OPEN SEA, SERGEANT! WE CAN'T FOLLOW THEM OUT THERE!

I KNOW! STEP ON IT AND TRY TO BEAT THEM TO THE QUINCY ROAD BRIDGE!



BUT...

OH, HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE...



YES, OFFHAND, IT LOOKS LIKE A CUSHY JOB... CRUISING AROUND ALL DAY. BUT IT ISN'T QUITE AS SOFT AS THAT AND WE AREN'T ALWAYS **RIDING**! GO BACK TO LAST MARCH, FOR INSTANCE...



THEY'LL **NEVER** CATCH UP WITH US NOW!

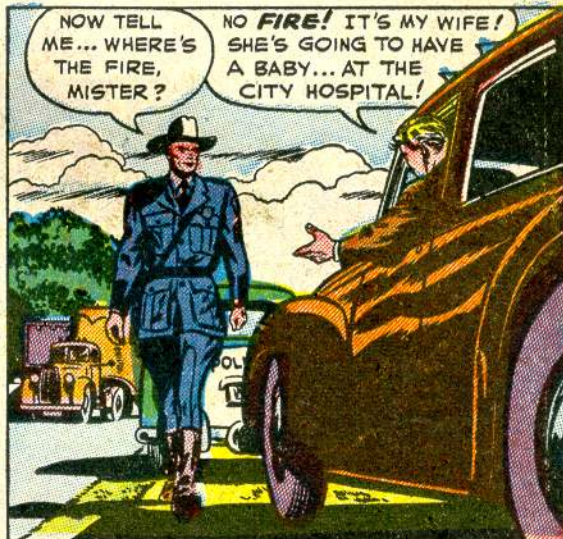
NICE CATCH YOU GOT THERE, SARGE!

JUST ANOTHER COUPLE OF **POOR FISH** WHO THOUGHT THEY COULD BEAT THE LAW!





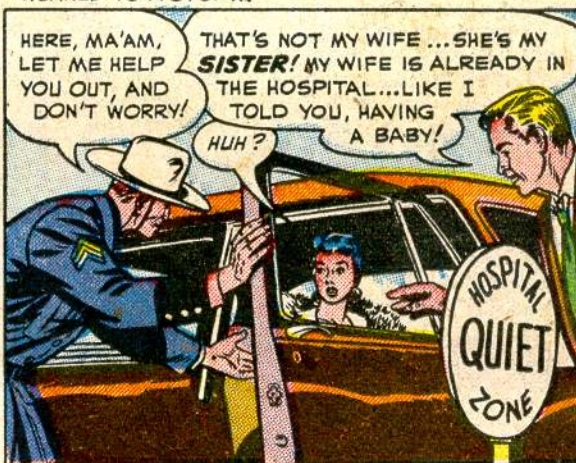
**BUT NOT ALL OF OUR CASES ARE QUITE SO GRIM!  
THIS HAPPENED 'BACK IN APRIL...**



**PROSPECTIVE FATHERS, TO SAY NOTHING OF  
PROSPECTIVE MOTHERS, CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON  
A BREAK, SO...**



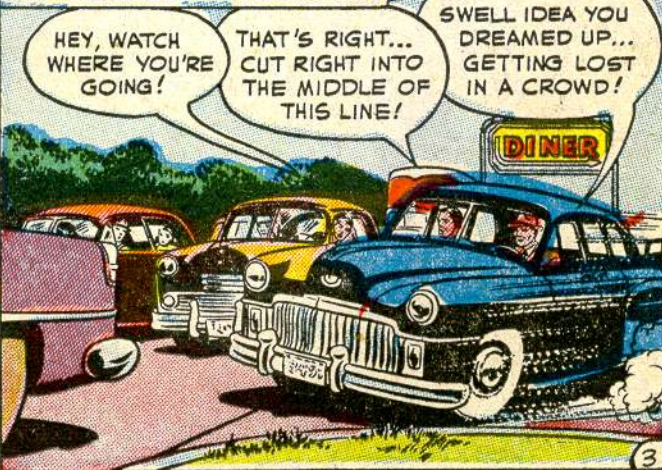
**TEN MILES AND TEN MINUTES LATER AFTER WE'D  
ROARED TO A STOP...**



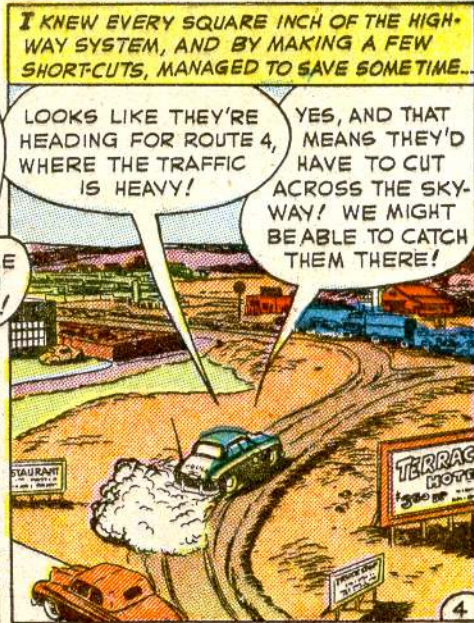
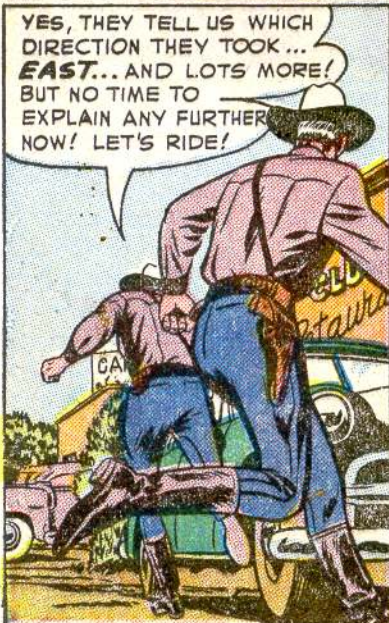
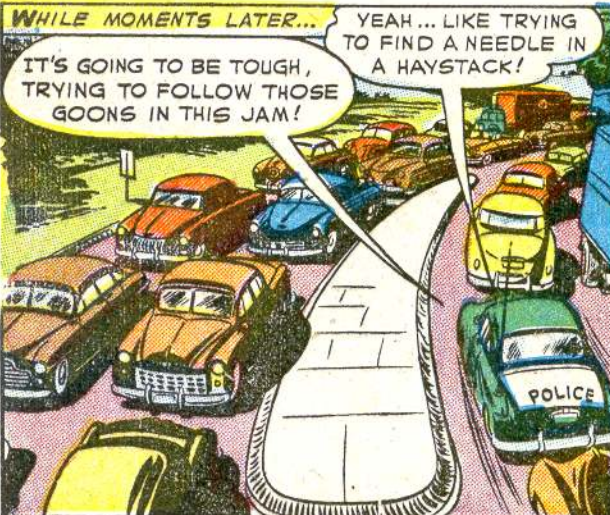
**WELL... BY THE TIME I STOPPED LAUGHING,  
HE WAS ALREADY INSIDE THE HOSPITAL,  
SO I LET IT GO! BUT MOST OF MY HIGHWAY  
CASES AREN'T SO AMUSING! TAKE THAT  
OUTBREAK OF ROADSIDE RESTAURANT  
HOLDUPS LAST JULY, WHEN THE HIGHWAYS  
WERE JAMMED WITH VACATIONISTS AND  
WEEKENDERS...**



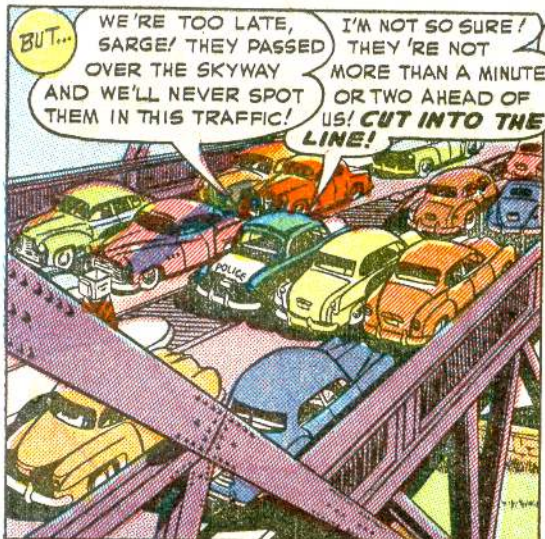
**THOSE CROOKS WERE CLEVER! THEY PICKED A TIME  
WHEN THE HIGHWAYS WERE JAMMED, PREVENTING A  
FAST GETAWAY... AND PURSUIT...**



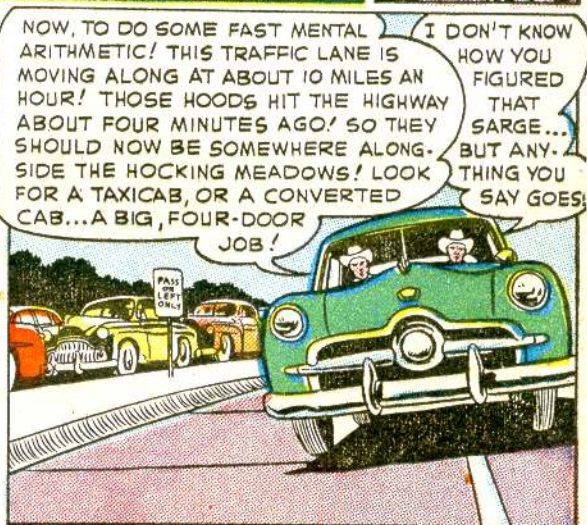
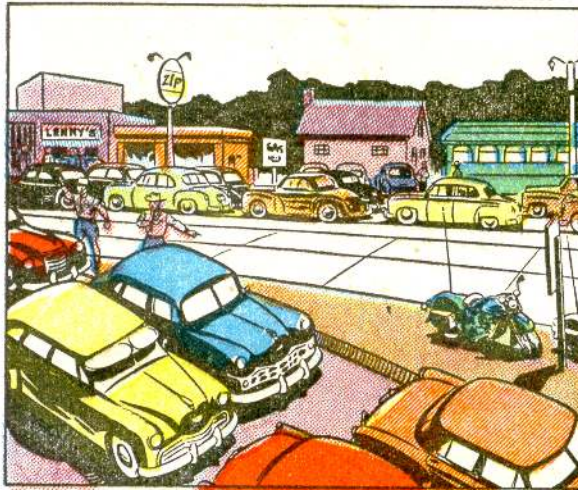




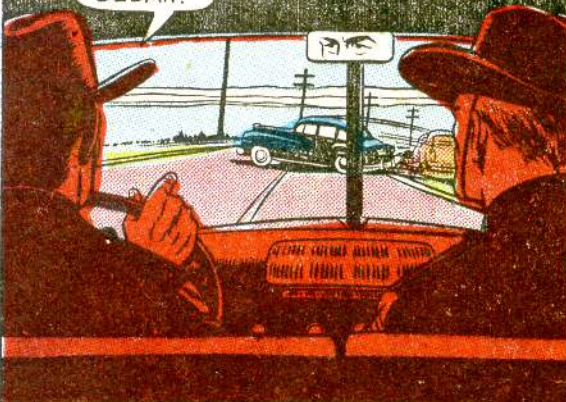




MINUTES LATER, IN ANSWER TO MY SUMMONS...

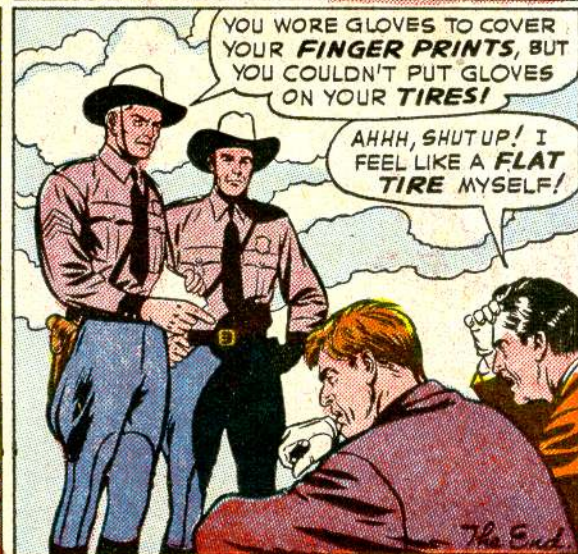
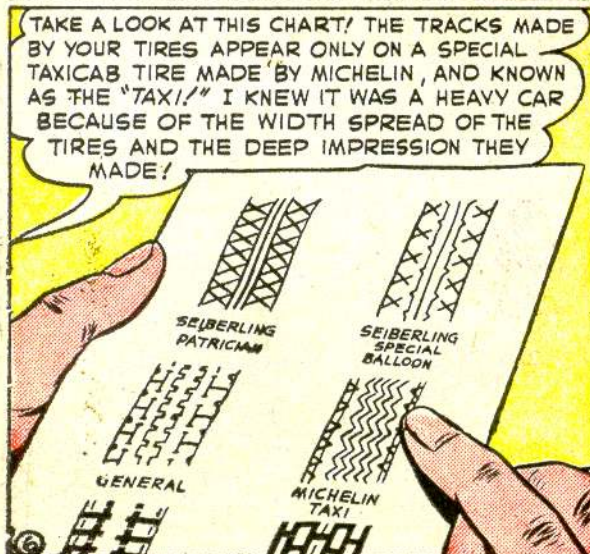
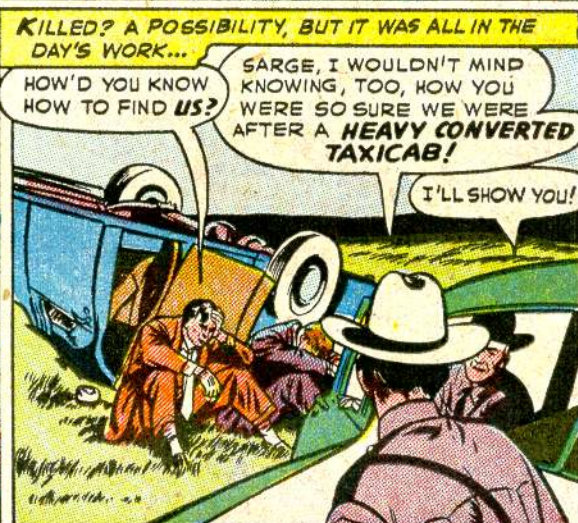
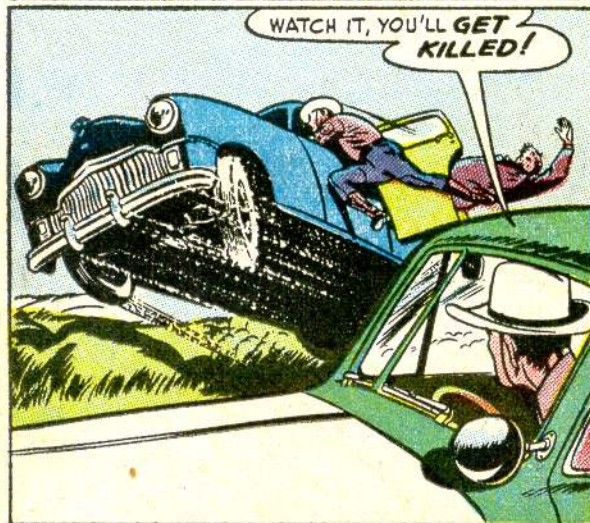
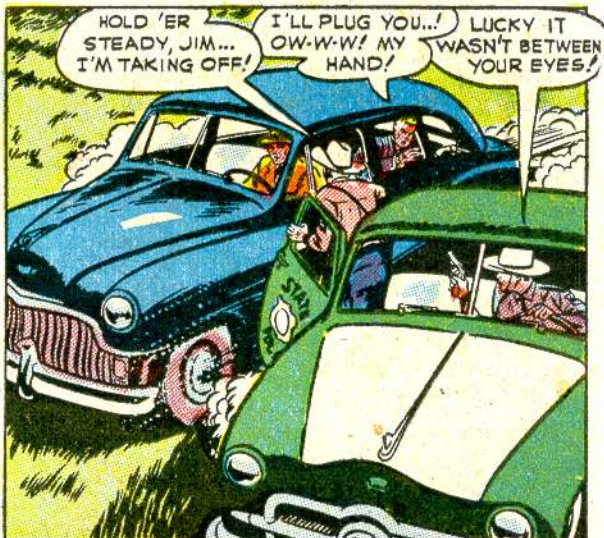


JIM BRAKED HARD IN ORDER TO MAKE A SHARP RIGHT TURN INTO THE MEADOWS, BUT...



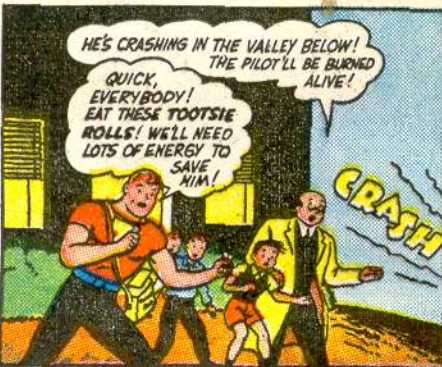
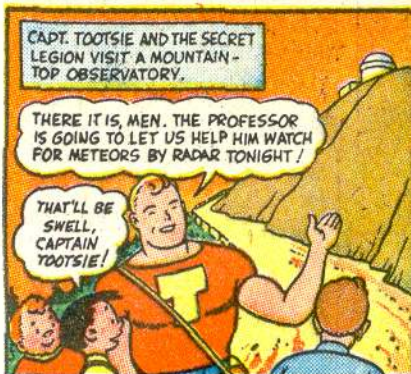


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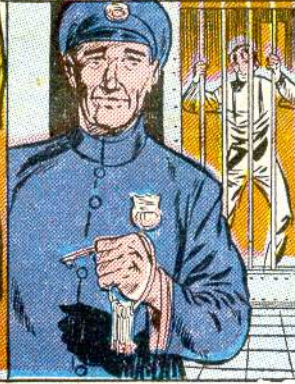
# DID YOU KNOW...

THAT THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION OR **WORKHOUSE** HAD ITS ORIGIN IN **ENGLAND**! THE IDEA WAS TO KEEP PRISONERS FROM BEING IDLE, BY FORCING THEM TO WORK AT HARD AND DISAGREEABLE TASKS!

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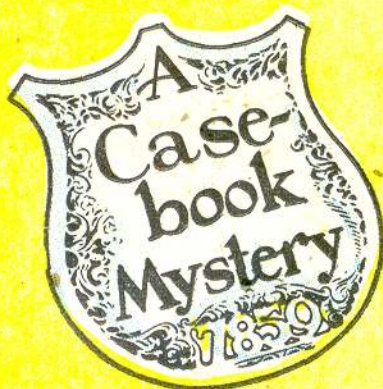
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JOE, I'VE GOT THE WHOLE JOB CASED --WE'LL BREAK INTO THE WAREHOUSE ON THE RIVER SIDE.

WAIT A MINUTE--I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU I'M NOT GOING THROUGH WITH IT, I'M A THIRD-TERMER AND IF WE GOT CAUGHT I'D BE SENT UP FOR LIFE.



BUT I **NEED** YOU FOR THIS JOB--AND YOU PROMISED.

I KNOW I PROMISED--BUT THAT WAS BEFORE EDNA PROMISED TO MARRY ME, I'M GOING TO GET MARRIED AND GET A GOOD, STEADY JOB!



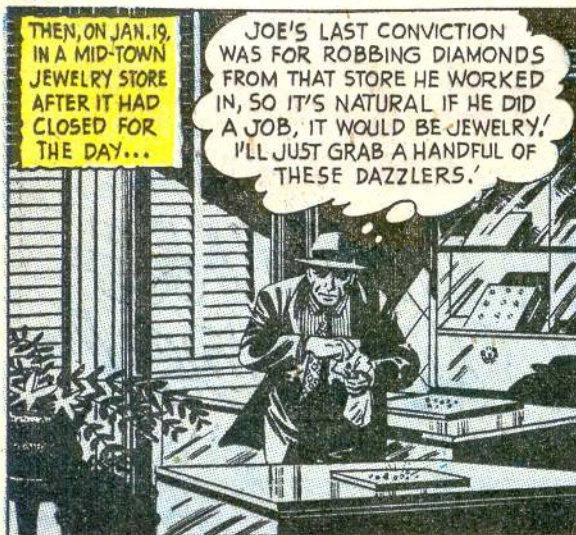
SO YOU'RE WALKING OUT ON ME AFTER I SPENT THREE MONTHS CASING THE JOB?

SORRY YOU WASTED **YOUR** TIME, FRANK--BUT I DON'T WANT TO WASTE THE REST OF **MY** LIFE IN JAIL.



MAYBE JOE'S FEAR OF GETTING SENT UP FOR LIFE IS JUST WHAT I CAN USE TO MAKE HIM GO THROUGH WITH THIS JOB!





THEN, ON JAN. 19, IN A MID-TOWN JEWELRY STORE AFTER IT HAD CLOSED FOR THE DAY...

JOE'S LAST CONVICTION WAS FOR ROBBING DIAMONDS FROM THAT STORE HE WORKED IN, SO IT'S NATURAL IF HE DID A JOB, IT WOULD BE JEWELRY! I'LL JUST GRAB A HANDFUL OF THESE DAZZLERS.



LATER THAT NIGHT...

HE'S ON HIS WAY OVER TO SEE HIS GIRL NOW! I'LL WAIT A FEW MINUTES, THEN SLIP INTO HIS ROOM.



THERE--THIS'LL TAKE CARE OF JOE, BUT GOOD! IF HE STILL REFUSES TO PLAY BALL, I CAN FIX HIM GOOD FOR WELCHING ON THE DEAL.



WHEN JOE RETURNED THAT NIGHT...

--SO I NOT ONLY PULLED THAT JEWELRY STORE JOB, BUT I PLANTED THE STUFF ON *YOU* WHERE YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT! NOW ARE YOU GOING TO WORK WITH ME, OR DO I HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE?

YOU CAN'T BLUFF ME WITH YOUR CRAZY STORY! GET OUT AND STAY OUT, OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

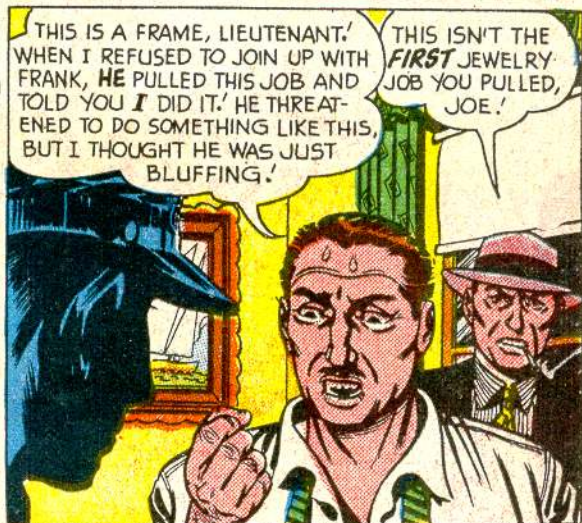


HE THINKS I'M BLUFFING, DOES HE? WELL, I'LL SHOW HIM, AND RIGHT NOW!



WHAT THE SAP FORGOT IS, I WAS *NEVER* CONVICTED FOR A CRIME, WHILE *HE'S* A THIRD-TERMER--SO WHICH ONE OF US WILL THE COPS BELIEVE?









SOON AFTER,  
AT HEAD-  
QUARTERS...

JOE, YOU CLAIM  
THAT YOU'RE INNO-  
CENT--BUT YOU CAN'T  
**PROVE** IT! IS THAT  
RIGHT?

THAT'S RIGHT,  
LIEUTENANT--I  
I GUESS MY  
BACKGROUND  
STANDS AGAINST  
ME!



YES, WE **HAVE** TO CON-  
SIDER A MAN'S BACK-  
GROUND! **YOU** WORKED  
IN A JEWELRY STORE,  
AND WHAT'S MORE,  
YOU KNOW DIAMONDS--!

YES,  
BUT--

THAT'S MORE  
THAN I KNOW!



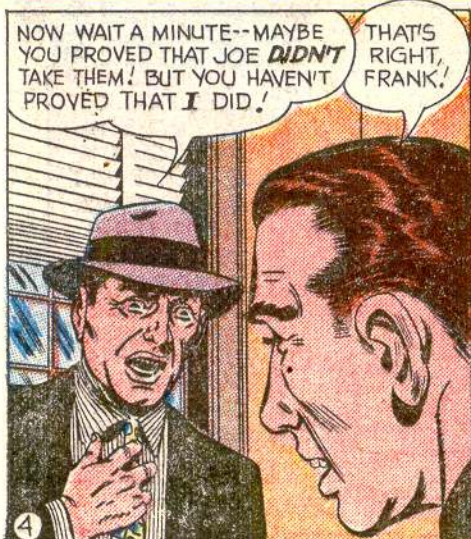
TAKE A GOOD LOOK  
AT THESE STONES,  
JOE, AND TELL ME  
WHAT KIND OF  
DIAMONDS THEY  
ARE!

THERE ARE **TWO** KINDS.  
THESE FOUR ARE  
**EXPENSIVE** BLUE-  
WHITE DIAMONDS--  
BUT THESE EIGHT ARE  
VERY CHEAP ONES  
WITH OBVIOUS  
FLAWS!

HE SURE  
KNOWS  
HIS  
DIAMONDS  
ALL RIGHT!

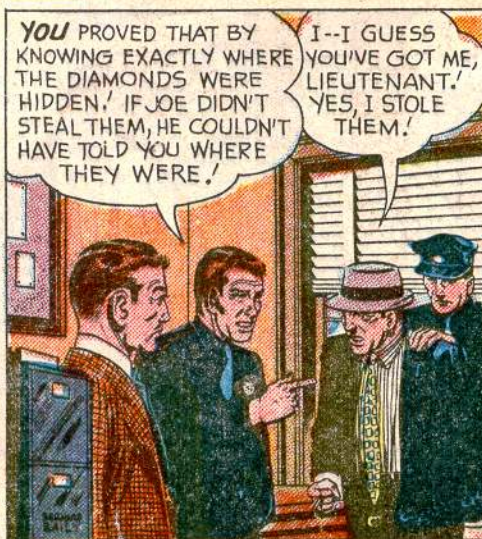


**HE SURE DOES!** AND AS FAR AS  
I'M CONCERNED, THAT'S JOE'S PROOF OF  
INNOCENCE! BECAUSE IF HE PULLED OFF  
THAT JOB, HE'D NEVER STEAL THE CHEAP  
YELLOW ONES! BUT **YOU** WOULD,  
FRANK!



NOW WAIT A MINUTE--MAYBE  
YOU PROVED THAT JOE **DIDN'T**  
TAKE THEM! BUT YOU HAVEN'T  
PROVED THAT **I** DID!

THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
FRANK!



**YOU** PROVED THAT BY  
KNOWING EXACTLY WHERE  
THE DIAMONDS WERE  
HIDDEN! IF JOE DIDN'T  
STEAL THEM, HE COULDN'T  
HAVE TOLD YOU WHERE  
THEY WERE!

I--I GUESS  
YOU'VE GOT ME,  
LIEUTENANT!  
YES, I STOLE  
THEM!

JOE'S RESOLVE  
TO GO STRAIGHT  
PAID OFF. WITH  
THE HELP OF  
THE LIEUTENANT,  
HE LANDED A  
STEADY JOB--  
AND WHEN,  
THREE WEEKS  
LATER, HE  
MARRIED EDNA,  
HIS BEST MAN  
WAS-- YOU  
GUESSED IT--  
LT. TOM  
HADLEY!

THE  
END





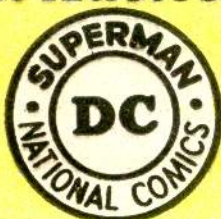
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# CRIME ODDITIES!

**I**N ANCIENT TIMES, CERTAIN MONASTRIES WERE RECOGNIZED AS PLACES OF SANCTUARY, WHERE AN ACCUSED PERSON COULD FLEE AND BE IMMUNE FROM THE LAW FOR A SET PERIOD OF TIME!

**I**N 300 B.C., IN THE NEAR EAST, IF A LADY OPENED A WINE SHOP OR ENTERED ONE, SHE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH!

AMONG PRIMITIVE INDIAN TRIBES, WHEN AN OFFENDER COULDN'T BE CAUGHT, THE VILLAGERS WOULD PUNISH HIS RELATIVES--THIS OFTEN RESULTED IN COMMUNAL WARFARE, SINCE THE FAMILY'S VILLAGE FRIENDS OFTEN INTERVENED!

ALTHOUGH IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT IS NOW ILLEGAL IN THE U.S., A PERSON WHO CANNOT PAY A FINE TODAY CAN GO TO PRISON... FOR DEBT TO THE STATE!

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# The GRAPEVINE



## CRIME IN A CAPSULE

The makers of the country's pills, capsules, and tablets are asking Federal authorities for an assist in putting a halt to a new wrinkle in counterfeiting, which is not only endangering their one billion dollars a year business but also the health of the nation. Frowning on such practices, the government issues severe jail sentences and levies enormous fines when persons are found guilty of making substitutions.

Whenever a new capsule or tablet becomes a popular drug store item, crime takes a hand in the pillrolling. Capsules are oblong, and are comprised of two pieces of well-fitted gelatin which hold a powder. Pills are usually round, and rolled by hand from a mass, while tablets are flat and produced from powder via a compression machine.

One chemical house, the Arner Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., is taking steps to thwart these pharmaceutical phonies. While no manufacturer can actually stop these imitators in duplicating such exterior appearances as color, shape, and size, Arner ingenuity has perfected a method of identification which is as foolproof as fingerprints.

From secret dyes, coatings are made and applied to the tops of the pills. The ingredients of these dyes are kept highly secret in order to prevent any attempt at duplication. Then, the usual coating is put directly over the dye.

How are fakes detected? Whenever medications are suspected, they are checked via a spectrophotometer, whose ultra-violet rays penetrate the outer coating and analyze the materials.

The popularity of tablets, pills, and capsules has increased the number of medical mounte-

banks, but what with one device or another, legitimate manufacturers have been able to balk them at every turn.

## HE GETS HIS CAR!

From Flushing N. Y., Ray Barnes masterminds a network of car cops who reclaim almost 3,000 automobiles a year. Founder and chief sleuth of the Automobile Recovery Bureau—a unique organization, which was begun some years after World War I—he directs its activities which entail hunting down man and machine.

Barnes' clients are finance and insurance firms and banks, which are eager to repossess the automobiles when "buyers" have defaulted payment. His quarry is not the average motorist who finds that he is unable to meet an installment and genuinely promises to do so when he can. All his attention is directed at the thief who obtains a vehicle by offering false information to finance it.

State laws support Barnes' actions. Until a car is completely paid for, they read, it remains the legal property of the firm which finances it. Thus, Barnes has the right to interfere with a car-snatch so long as he does not violate anyone's Constitutional right, like breaking into his home.

When Barnes is brought into a case, first thing he does is call the motor vehicle bureau for the license number. Next, he visits the fugitive's home, then begins to piece together his clues much like any other detective during an investigation.

Usually, the case is quite simple. Barnes, after some careful deduction, is able to repossess the missing car at a parking lot or on the street.



But sometimes more heady work is required. For instance, not long ago, a car that was driven across country from California was picked up in New Jersey.

Ninety per cent of the missing machines are reclaimed within a couple of months. One case took exactly 20 minutes, but, on the other hand, four years were needed to crack another.

His operatives are constantly combing the country. Occasionally, his wife also steps in to lend a hand. An Oklahoman by birth, shortly after the first World War, in which he served in the Navy, Barnes went to work for an automobile insurance company. It wasn't long before he realized the necessity for a private auto eye, and he set up his own business, which has been flourishing since.

## FORGER FREED

A man caught in the act of trying to pass a forged check in an Alabama bank prepared himself for the maximum jail sentence when brought to trial. Even his attorney didn't hold out much hope. But then, justice took an ironic turn. The judge asked the court clerk to hand him the evidence for examination. Glancing at the check in question, His Honor dismissed the proceedings and discharged the accused.

What had prompted this strange action? According to the judge, Alabama law does not recognize any contract written on Sunday. Since the check was dated on that day, it was not valid. Hence, no forgery was involved.

## DOUBLE BULLET CASE

Roger Jarrett and Horace Blandings graduated from a mid-western college and came to the big city to make their mark in the world. They were inseparable companions, as their neighbors in the east side apartment house where they shared a flat, testified later. Then, abruptly, one night, they overheard a violent quarrel between the two men, which was punctuated by a pistol shot.

Police found Blandings' body slumped in a chair, his right arm flung over its back. Further probing yielded two bullets in the corpse and the murder weapon, behind a chest of drawers. To Jarrett's persistent explanation that Blandings had pulled the gun from his pocket—during a quarrel involving a girl they had both been dating—and had committed suicide, cynical po-

lice posed two questions? How could a man pump two bullets into himself if he wanted to kill himself, and then how could he hide the gun before he dropped into the chair to die?

Even Jarrett was dazed by this circumstantial evidence. He was arrested and indicted. While Jarrett awaited trial, the coroner, who had discovered the two bullets, remained mystified by the presence of only one bullet hole in the corpse. For some time, he studied the odd shapes of the bullets in his gloomy headquarters office, and one day, shortly before the trial was to begin, he presented to the District Attorney his theory and unquestionable evidence which was subsequently to free Roger Jarrett.

The first bullet, fired some time previously had been stuck in the barrel. When Blandings squeezed the trigger the night of the alleged murder, it was ejected with the first. Both traveled in the same direction—into Blandings.

And how had the pistol been deposited behind the chest of drawers? The coroner could explain that, too. The gas, which had become obstructed when the first shot jammed, produced a recoil powerful enough to wrench the weapon from Blandings' hand and hurl it behind the chest of drawers!

## BLOTTER JOTTINGS

CHICAGO: When an 18-year-old youth was brought before a city magistrate for turning in a false fire alarm, His Honor sentenced him to write a thousand-word essay on fire prevention.

NEW YORK CITY: Two writers who know whereof they speak will be represented in the book stalls this winter. Metropolitan Opera Company star Helen Traubel is the author of "Murder at the Metropolitan." Assistant District Attorney Jack Karney's byline appears on a still untitled book about police work.

HOLLYWOOD: The owner of a cafe opened his place one day to find his jukebox robbed, a note pinned to its top. It read: "Not one nickel was phoney. People are getting more honest."

WASHINGTON, D. C.: To police who arrested him for having burglarized the same store three times, the accused man explained: "It was near my home, and I didn't want to walk too far."

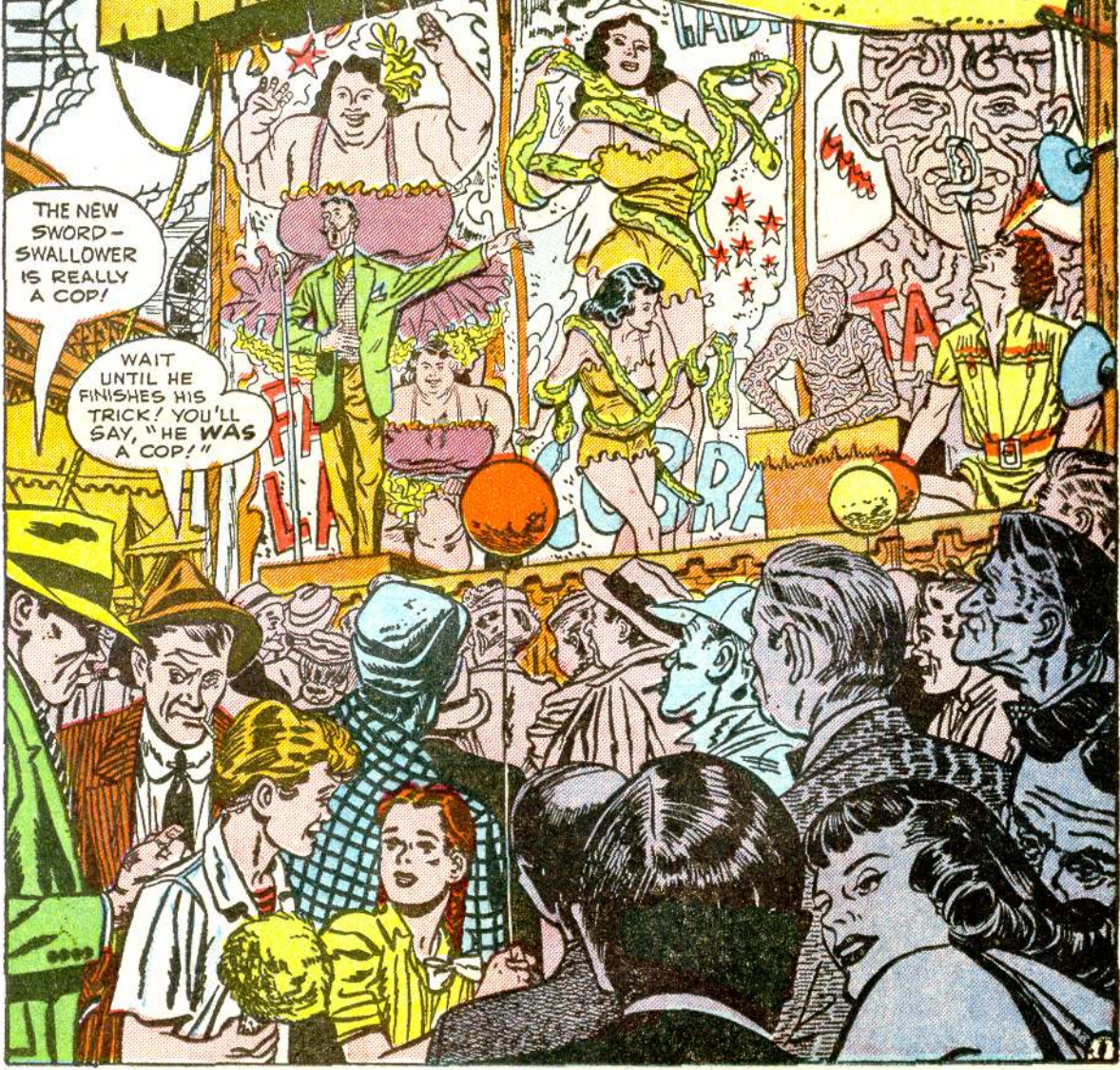


STEP RIGHT UP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... THRILL TO THE SPECTACLE OF THE SIDESHOW, THE ROAR OF THE RIDES, THE FASCINATION OF THE FREAKS! SEE HOW A MURDEROUS MOB USED THE MAGIC OF THE MID-WAY TO MASK THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY! AND, AS AN ADDED ATTRACTION, STEP RIGHT UP AND SEE HOW THE DETERMINATION AND DARING OF LIEUTENANT JAMES GRAHAM, OF THE HOMICIDE BUREAU, BROUGHT TO AN END THE CRIMINAL CAREER OF A GANG THAT HAD TURNED A FREAK SHOW INTO A...

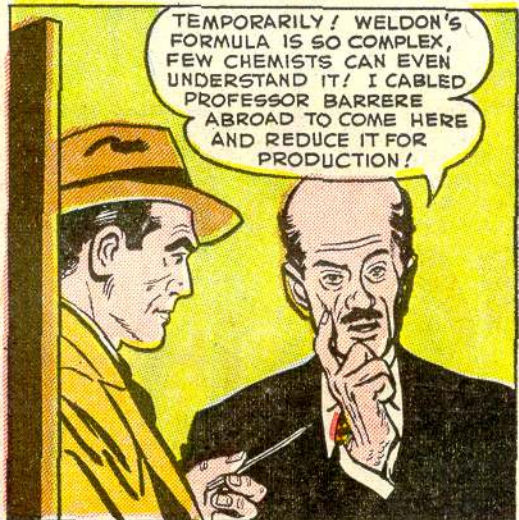
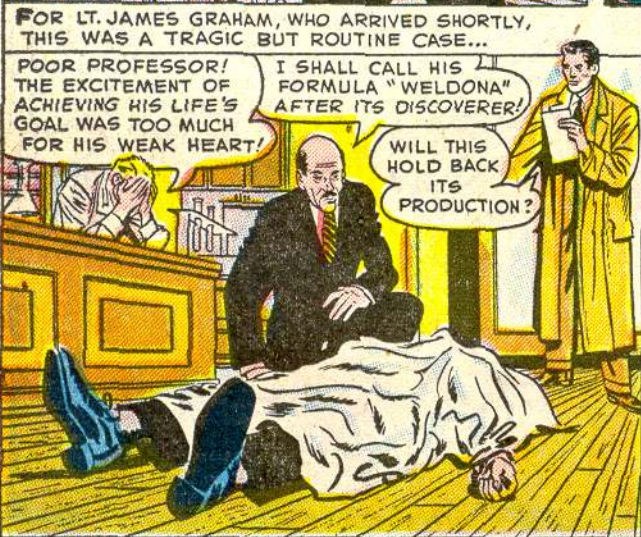
# "Carnival of Crime!"

THE NEW  
SWORD-  
SWALLOWER  
IS REALLY  
A COP!

WAIT  
UNTIL HE  
FINISHES HIS  
TRICK! YOU'LL  
SAY, "HE WAS  
A COP!"









**T**HE DISCOVERY OF THE NEW MIRACLE DRUG, THE SUDDEN, DRAMATIC DEATH OF ITS DISCOVERER, AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH SCIENTIST, PROFESSOR AMIEL BARRERE, MADE GOOD NEWSPAPER COPY! ON JAN. 30, THE FRENCH PROFESSOR QUIETLY ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT, SLIPPED AWAY FROM WAITING NEWSMEN TO A MID-TOWN HOTEL, AND LATER THAT SAME DAY...

...PRESENTED HIMSELF TO THE PRESIDENT OF BERGEN LABORATORIES...

I'M SORRY YOU DIDN'T TELL ME WHEN YOU WERE ARRIVING, PROFESSOR! I WOULD HAVE MET YOU AT THE AIRPORT!

IT DOES NOT MATTER! THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH BALLYHOO, I WISHED TO AVOID THE PRESS. NOW, I SHALL BEGIN WORKING AT ONCE!

BUT TWO HOURS LATER, IN ANSWER TO AN URGENT CALL FROM THE LAB...

WHAT'S THIS CRAZY NONSENSE ABOUT BARRERE DISAPPEARING?

WORSE THAN THAT... HE TOOK THE FORMULA WITH HIM! HE SAID HE WAS GOING OUT FOR LUNCH! I COULD SWEAR I SAW HIM PUT THE FORMULA IN THE SAFE... BUT IT WAS ONLY A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER!

**L**T. GRAHAM DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED...

ACCORDING TO THIS DESCRIPTION OF BARRERE SUPPLIED BY THE FRENCH EMBASSY, THIS MAN WAS AT LEAST 3 INCHES TALLER! WE TRACED BARRERE TO THE LIDO HOTEL. HE WAS PICKED UP BY SOMEONE POSING AS YOU AND TAKEN AWAY! THE MAN WHO CLAIMED HE WAS BARRERE WAS A PHONEY!

HE TOOK THE ONLY COPY OF A FORMULA THAT'S WORTH A FORTUNE AND COULD SAVE MILLIONS OF LIVES!

WHAT CAN ANYONE DO WITH IT? NO DRUG FIRM WOULD TOUCH IT WITH A 10-FOOT POLE!

**L**T. GRAHAM'S QUESTION WAS ANSWERED NEXT MORNING...

IT CAME IN THE MAIL!

WELL, I GUESS THIS SPEAKS FOR ITSELF!

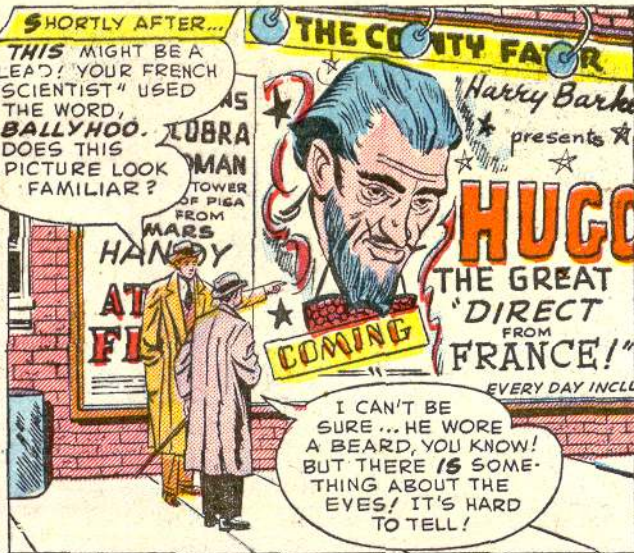
IF YOU WANT THE FORMULA BACK, HAVE \$1,000,000. IN CASH WE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN.

**F**OR HOURS, LT. GRAHAM GRILLED THE MEN IN HIS DESPERATE QUEST OF A CLUE...

AND YOU SAY THERE WAS NOTHING FAKE ABOUT HIS FRENCH ACCENT?

NO, IT WAS GENUINE! AND HE SAID HE WANTED TO AVOID ANY FURTHER BALLYHOO!





**Important Notice!**

LT. GRAHAM SPENT MANY YEARS OF PATIENT PRACTISE TO PERFORM THE FIRE-EATING, SWORD-SWALLOWING AND OTHER STUNTS YOU WILL SOON SEE! THE EDITORS WISH TO WARN READERS THAT EVEN **PROFESSIONALS** HAVE DIED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THESE FEATS, AND ANY ATTEMPT TO IMITATE THEM MIGHT BE FATAL!



**THEREAFTER, LT. GRAHAM LED A LIFE OF DOUBLE DANGER! BY DAY...**

GOSH, IT'S A WONDER THOSE SWORDS DON'T CUT RIGHT THROUGH HIS FEET!

ONE MISSTEP, AND THEY WILL!

**WHILE BY NIGHT...**

FIND ANYTHING, JIM?

THAT FORMULA ISN'T HERE! THAT PROBABLY MEANS, HUGO ISN'T WORKING ALONE! SEEMS I'LL HAVE TO SEARCH THIS ENTIRE CARNIVAL!

**BUT AFTER A WEEK OF EXPERT AND CAREFUL PROBING...**

ANY LUCK?

SURE...ALL BAD! I'M BEGINNING TO THINK MY HUNCH WAS A BRAIN-STORM!

**THEN, LATE THE NEXT NIGHT...**

WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE DYING INSIDE THAT TENT!

**WONDER WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS OLD WOMAN?**

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY TENT?

**SHE SOUNDED AS THOUGH SHE WERE IN PAIN! WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?**

MY MOTHER IS SUFFERING FROM SLEEPING SICKNESS!

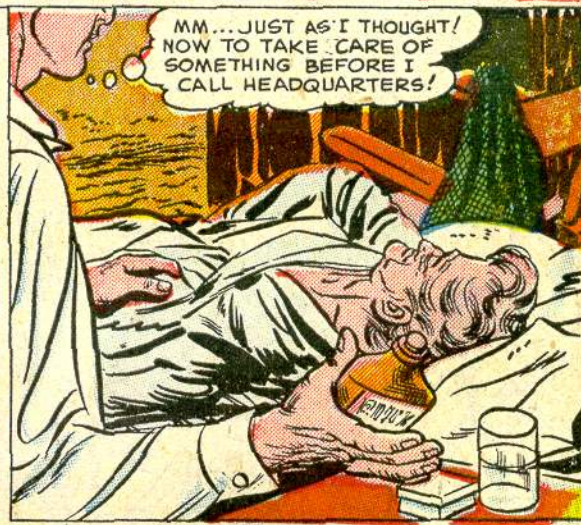
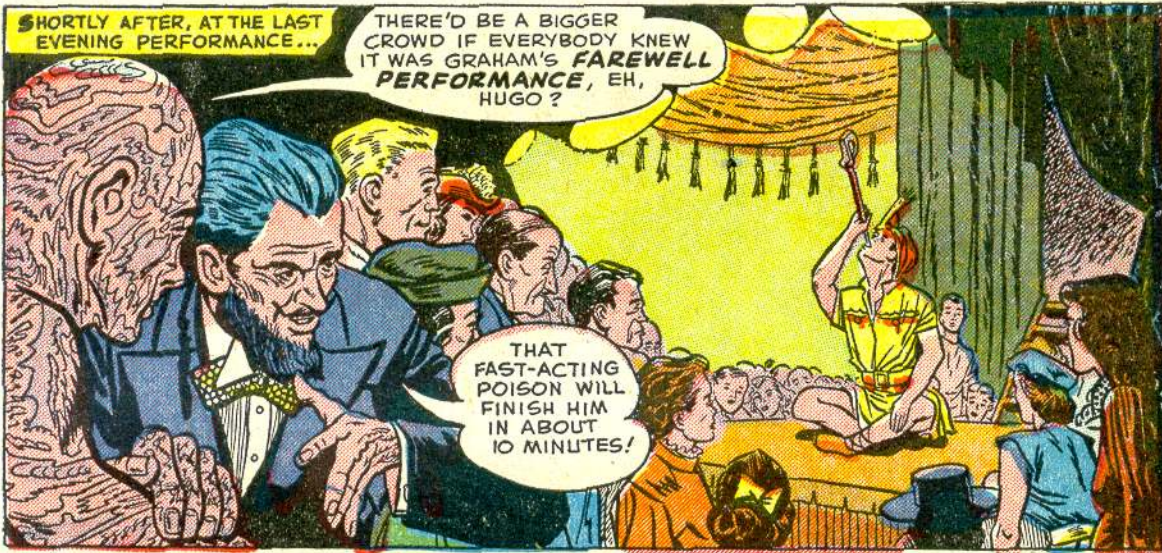
**THAT'S WHAT THE DOC SAID! HE SAID IT'S A FATAL DISEASE OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, CHARACTERIZED BY MENTAL LETHARGY, AND BELIEVED TO BE CAUSED BY THE TSETSE FLY!**

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THERE HE IS, COMING OUT OF MY TENT! SHALL WE GET HIM?

NO! LET'S FIRST FIND OUT IF HE GOT HOLD OF THAT FORMULA!



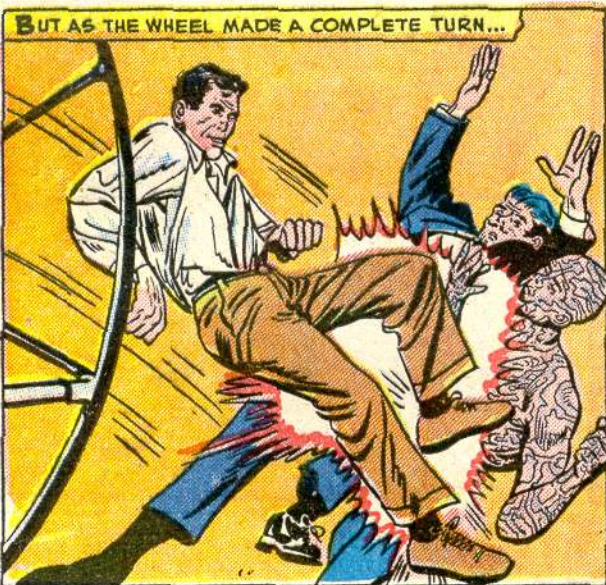
THE FORMULA'S GONE!

I'LL GIVE THIS OLD PROFESSOR A FATAL DOSE OF THE DRUG SO HE CAN'T TESTIFY AGAINST US! THEN WE'LL GO AFTER THE COP!

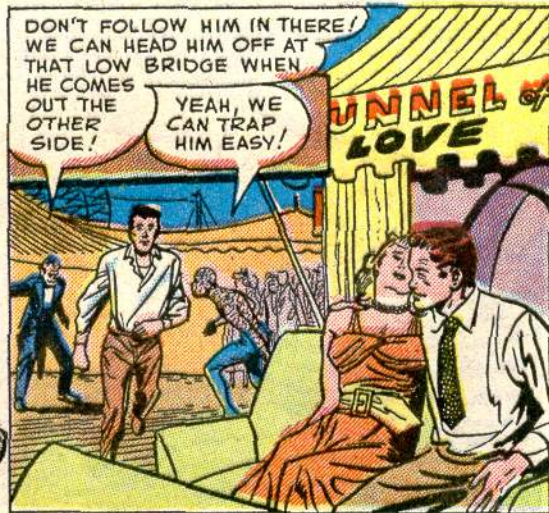


MISSED HIM!

DON'T WORRY... HE CAN'T GET FAR ON A FERRIS WHEEL!

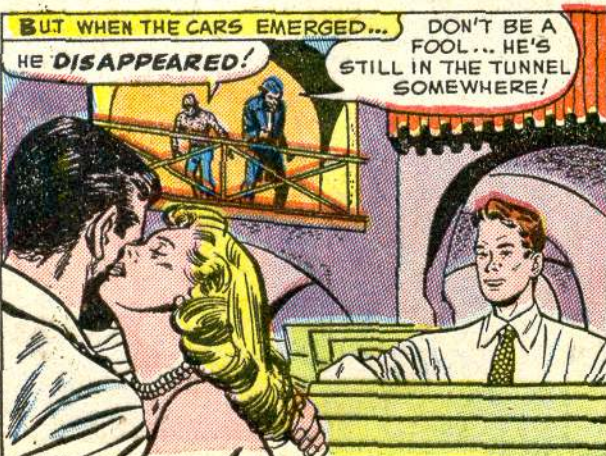


BUT AS THE WHEEL MADE A COMPLETE TURN...



DON'T FOLLOW HIM IN THERE! WE CAN HEAD HIM OFF AT THAT LOW BRIDGE WHEN HE COMES OUT THE OTHER SIDE!

YEAH, WE CAN TRAP HIM EASY!



BUT WHEN THE CARS EMERGED...

HE **DISAPPEARED!**

DON'T BE A FOOL... HE'S STILL IN THE TUNNEL SOMEWHERE!



LOOK, HUGO!

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION, MISS!

IT WAS A PLEASURE!

HOW DID YOU MEAN THAT, MURIEL?





AS THE CHASE CONTINUED, GRAHAM RAN INTO AN UNEXPECTED BARRIER....

NICE WORK, LULU!

NOW LET'S HAVE THAT FORMULA!

THESE 700 POUNDS OF MINE SURE CAME IN HANDY!



YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D HIDE IT IN MY POCKETS, DID YOU?

HE'S RIGHT, HUGO... IT'S NOT ON HIM!



WAIT A MINUTE! CAN'T YOU IMAGINE HOW A SWORD-SWALLOWER WOULD GET RID OF A SLIP OF PAPER?

IF YOU'RE THINKING I SWALLOWED IT, YOU'RE CRAZY!

LET'S GET OVER TO THE CARNIVAL DOCTOR. HE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL!



AND AT DR. BENSON'S...

AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS MAN HAS SWALLOWED NO PAPER!

GET HIM BACK TO THE CARNY! I'VE GOT A SURE WAY TO MAKE HIM TALK!



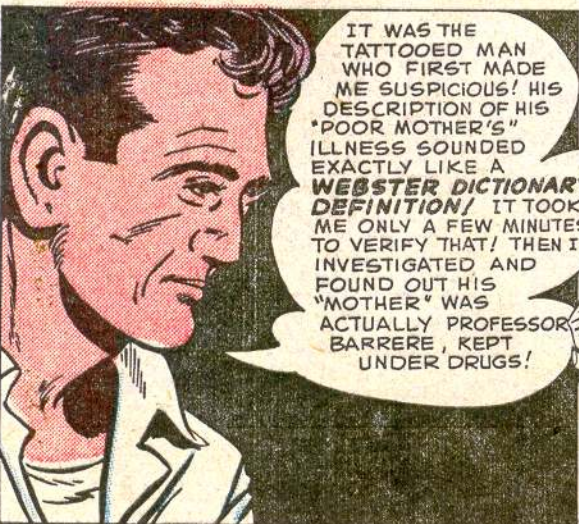
BACK ON THE MIDWAY...

IF YOU THINK WE'RE KIDDING, I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU WE'VE ALREADY KILLED PROFESSOR BARRERE! AND IF YOU DON'T TALK, WE'LL KILL YOU, TOO!

I KNOW YOU'LL KILL ME EITHER WAY! BUT I'LL HAVE TO TALK... JUST TO STALL FOR TIME!

SHOOTING GALLERY

HOW'D YOU GET WISE TO US?



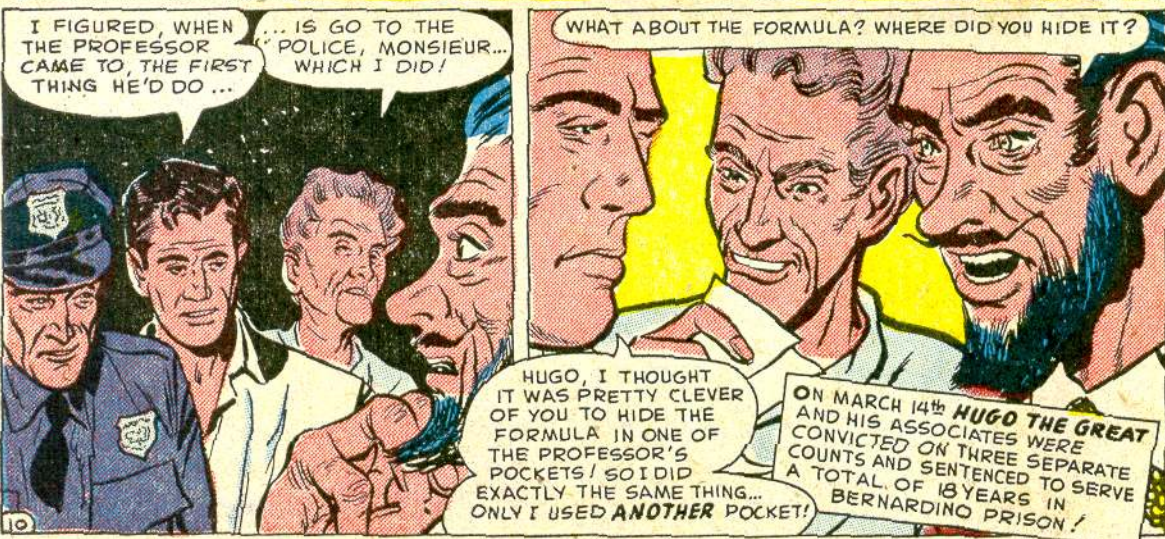
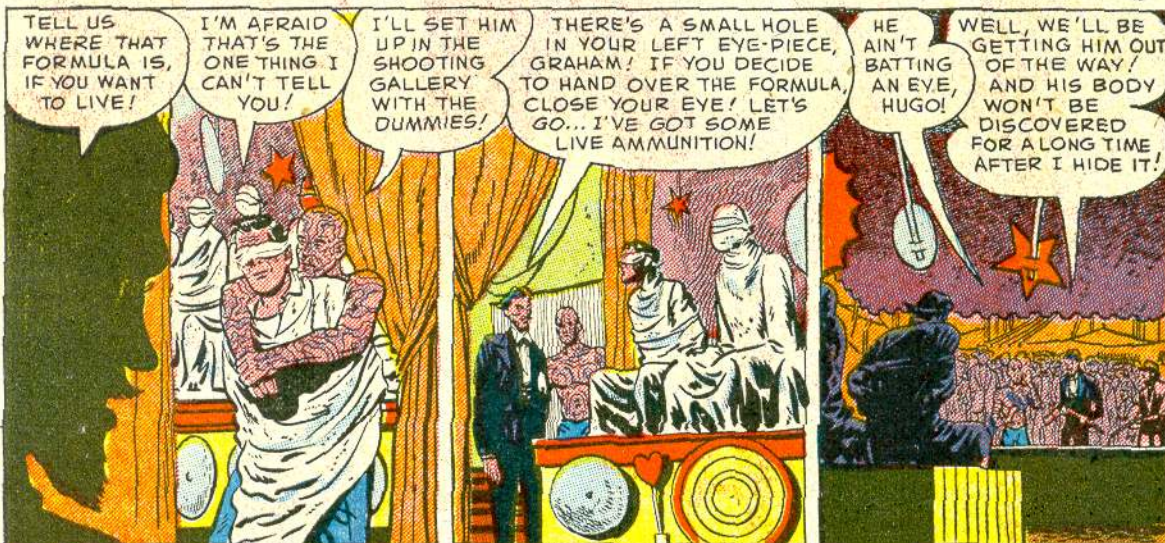
IT WAS THE TATTOOED MAN WHO FIRST MADE ME SUSPICIOUS! HIS DESCRIPTION OF HIS "POOR MOTHER'S" ILLNESS SOUNDED EXACTLY LIKE A WEBSTER DICTIONARY DEFINITION! IT TOOK ME ONLY A FEW MINUTES TO VERIFY THAT! THEN I INVESTIGATED AND FOUND OUT HIS "MOTHER" WAS ACTUALLY PROFESSOR BARRERE, KEPT UNDER DRUGS!



HOW COME THAT POISON I SPREAD ON YOUR SWORD DIDN'T KILL YOU? WE SAW YOU SWALLOW IT!

YES... I DID! AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHEN I SAW YOU SNEAK OUT OF MY TENT, I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF SWALLOWING THE WHOLE SCABBARD. THAT SWORD DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH ME!







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MISS HAYES IN UNIFORM



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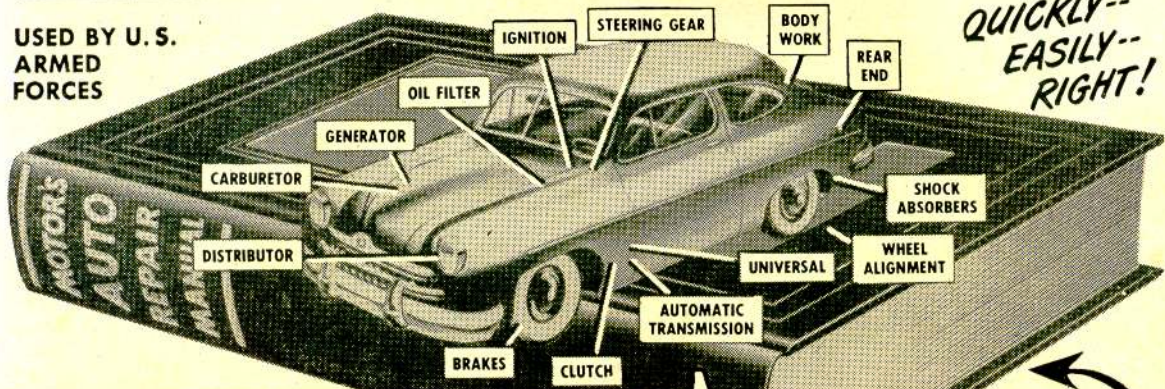
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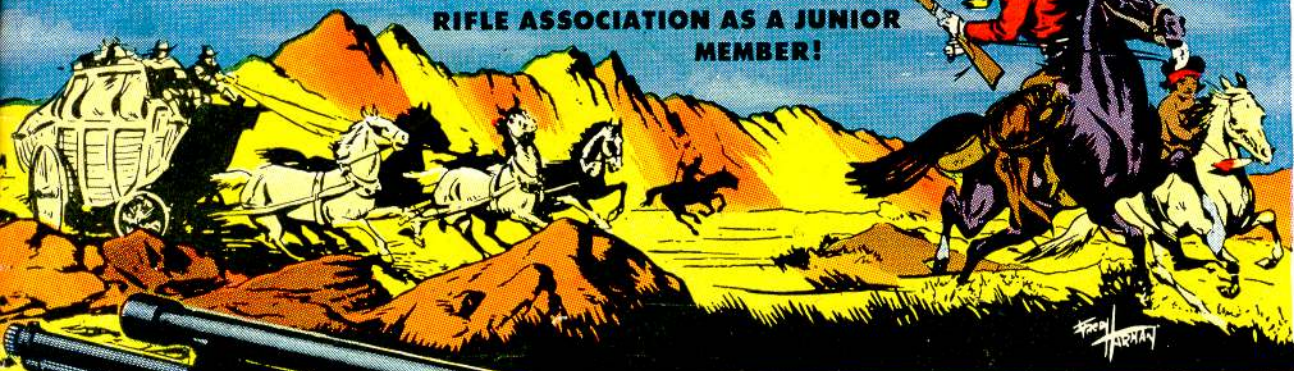
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