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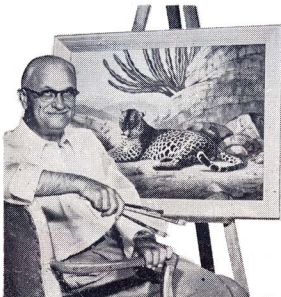
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OFFICER PAT NOLAN THOUGHT HE HAD PULLED AN EASY ASSIGNMENT AFTER RETURNING TO DUTY ON THE FORCE--BUT WHEN A STARTLING JAIL-BREAK MADE THE HEADLINES, THE PATROLMAN SOON CHANGED HIS MIND. FOR HE WELL REALIZED THAT HE WAS A HUMAN TARGET FOR CRIMINAL VENGEANCE, IN HIS ROLE OF A...

TOLL-GATE LAWMAN

THIS IS LIKE BEING A SITTING DUCK! THE CRIMINAL WHO VOWED HE'D GET ME COULD BE IN ANY ONE OF THESE CARS PASSING THROUGH MY GATE!

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TOLL

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ONE LANE

Robert MacLean

RETURNING FROM SICK LEAVE, ONE MORNING, PATROLMAN PAT NOLAN REPORTS TO HIS SUPERIOR, IN PRECINCT 17, FOR A NEW ASSIGNMENT...

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ONE AGAIN FOR BRINGING IN BURT WILKS, NOLAN--THOUGH I IMAGINE YOU'RE STILL PRETTY WEAK AFTER THAT FIGHT WITH HIM!

I'VE COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM MY INJURIES, SIR!

NEVERTHELESS, I THINK IT BEST IF YOU TAKE THINGS EASY FOR AWHILE! THAT'S WHY I'M ASSIGNING YOU TO TOLL GATE DUTY!

OH, GREAT! I CATCH THE KINGPIN OF CRIME, AND THE CAPTAIN GIVES ME A ROOKIE BEAT! WELL... MAYBE THE REST WILL DO ME SOME GOOD!



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LATER, AS THE DISHEARTENED OFFICER REPORTS FOR DUTY AT CITY BRIDGE...

GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US, NOLAN! COME ON...I'LL GIVE YOU A RUNDOWN ON JUST HOW THIS TOLL SYSTEM WORKS! LET'S STEP OVER TO GATE #4!

RIGHT, SERGEANT!



NOW THAT'S WHAT WE CALL A **TREADLE**--A DEVICE THAT'S CAPABLE OF COUNTING THE TYPE AND NUMBERS OF VEHICLES THAT PASS THROUGH!

BUT...HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE, SERGEANT?

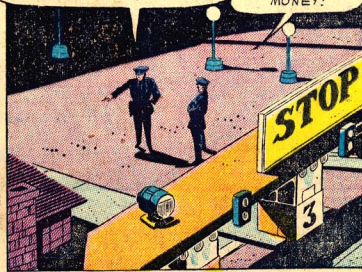


THE SENSITIVE WIRE RECORDS I GET IT--THE AXLE CONTACT! A PASSENGER TREADLE COUNTS AS IT RECORDS CAR HAS ONLY TWO AXLES -- BUT TRUCKS AND OTHER THE TYPE OF LARGE VEHICLES HAVE VEHICLE THAT PASSES **THREE!** OVER IT!



EXACTLY... THEN THE DATE IS FLASHED TO THE **REGISTER ROOM** OVER THERE, WHERE INTRICATE MACHINES COMPILE THE INFORMATION FOR THE INSPECTORS!

GOSH... A SET-UP LIKE THIS MUST COST AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY!

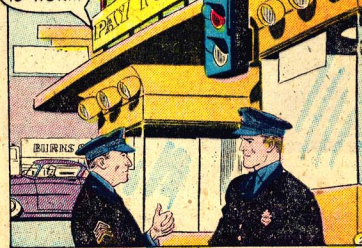


A SMALL FORTUNE, NOLAN-- BUT IT'S WORTH IT TO HAVE AN ACCURATE TRAFFIC RECORD!

WHY'S THAT, SERGEANT?



TOLLS GIVE AN INDICATION OF TRAFFIC TRENDS, ALLOWING THE AUTHORITIES TO PLAN NEW HIGHWAYS AND PREVENT CONGESTION! WELL, WE'D BETTER GET YOU TO WORK!



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INSIDE THE TOLL BOOTH...

HERE ARE LISTS OF THERE'S LICENSE PLATES BELONGING TO STOLEN CARS-- AND THE LATEST "WANTED" POSTERS! KEEP ALERT FOR THEM, NOLAN!

THERE'S CERTAINLY A LOT MORE TO THIS JOB THAN I EXPECTED, SERGEANT! TOO BAD PEOPLE DON'T GIVE TOLLSMEN MORE CREDIT.. THIS SHOULD BE EXCITING!



BUT WEEKS LATER, AS THE NOVELTY OF NOLAN'S NEW JOB WEARS OFF...

NOTHING MUCH HAS HAPPENED SO FAR. I SURE WISH SOMETHING WOULD BREAK THE...



...MONOTONY? HEY-- WHAT ARE YOU BOYS UP TO?...TARGET PRACTICE?



WE'RE FORMING A BARRICADE, NOLAN! WORD JUST CAME IN THAT A HOLDUP CAR WAS HEADING THIS WAY! C'MON!

PASSENGER VEHICLES ARE ROUTED FROM THE AREA-- AND A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE SOUND OF A SPEEDING CAR REACHES THE ARMED TOLLSMEN...

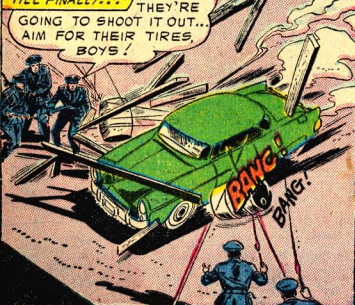


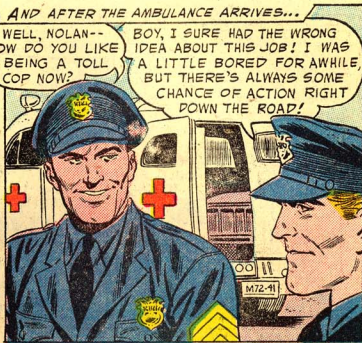
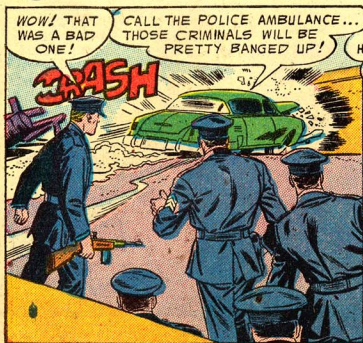
THERE THEY ARE... HOLD YOUR FIRE! IF THE GANGSTERS TRY TO RUN OUR BLOCKADE, OPEN UP!

I NEVER SAW ACTION LIKE THIS ON MY OLD BEAT!

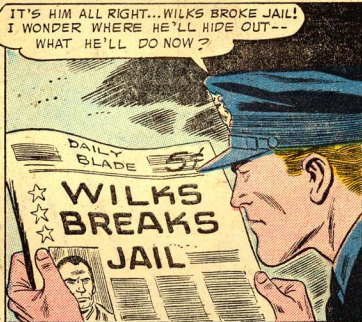
CLOSER, CLOSER ROARS THE GANGSTER VEHICLE-- TILL FINALLY...

WITH DEADLY ACCURACY, THE GALLANT OFFICERS HIT THEIR TARGETS...

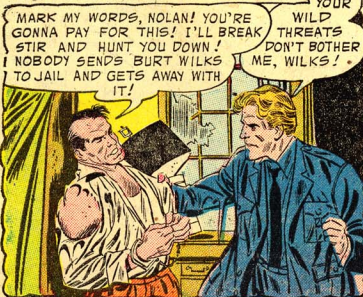




FOR THE NEXT MONTH, ALL RUNS SMOOTHLY--BUT ONE MORNING...



SUDDENLY, A THOUGHT RACES THROUGH NOLAN'S MIND--AND HIS MEMORY FLASHES BACK TO THE NIGHT HE CAPTURED THE CRIMINAL...



DECIDING TO RIDE OUT WILKS' THREAT, NOLAN KEEPS ON THE JOB. BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW--MUCH DIFFERENT...

WILKS COULD BE IN ANY ONE OF THOSE CARS, READY TO TAKE A POTSHOT AT ME! I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE--HE'D GET ME BEFORE I EVEN KNEW HE WAS THERE!



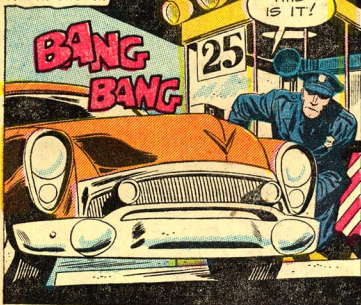
NOLAN'S JOB BECOMES A LIVING NIGHTMARE IN THE DAYS AHEAD--FOR EACH CAR THAT PASSES HIS BOOTH COULD CARRY THE DESPERATE CRIMINAL..

IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG, OFFICER?

HUH? NO...JUST SEEING WHO YOUR PASSENGERS ARE! MOVE ALONG!



ALL AT ONCE...



THIS IS IT!

LOOK, DADDY--I SHOT THE POLICEMAN!

HA, HA... FORGIVE ME FOR LAUGHING, OFFICER--BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DRAW YOUR GUN!

WHAT? OH... SURE-- SURE!



AFTER NEARLY A MONTH OF TORMENT, THE WORRIED OFFICER GETS A GRIP ON HIMSELF...

IT'S BEEN ALMOST FOUR WEEKS SINCE WILKS' ESCAPE, AND HE STILL HASN'T APPEARED!

MAYBE I'M LETTING MY IMAGINATION RUN AWAY WITH ME...

SURE... HE'S BUSY DODGING THE POLICE! WHY WOULD HE BOTHER WITH ME?

BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...

I JUST GOT WORD, WILKS--NOLAN'S WORKING THE TOLL GATE AT CITY BRIDGE! HE'LL BE ON DUTY TONIGHT!

GOOD-- WE'LL DRIVE BY AND PAY HIM A VISIT-- WITH LEAD! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS SINCE THE DAY HE PULLED ME IN!



SO THAT EVENING, AS THE UNSUSPECTING NOLAN PERFORMS HIS DUTIES...

OMINOUSLY, THE GANGSTER CAR SLIPS INTO THE TOLL CHUTE.

THE DRIVER BRAKES THE CAR VEHICLE--AND AS NOLAN REACHES OUT FOR THE COIN...

IT SURE FEELS GOOD BEING MYSELF AGAIN! FUNNY HOW WORRY CAN GET YOU DOWN...

WHEN WE SLIP UP TO THAT BOOTH, BE READY FOR A FAST GET-AWAY, WILLIE! THE PLACE WILL BE ALIVE WITH COPS AFTER I TRIGGER NOLAN!

IT'S PAYOFF TIME! NOLAN DOESN'T KNOW IT-- BUT HE'S TAKEN HIS LAST TOLL! HA, HA...

A HALF DOLLAR, OFFICER... REMEMBER ME, NOLAN? I'VE COME BACK TO SETTLE OUR ACCOUNT! N-WILKS!



BUT IN THAT VERY SAME INSTANT...

CONGRATULATIONS, FOLKS! YOU LUCKY PEOPLE ARE IN FOR A BIG PRIZE-- BECAUSE YOU'RE RIDING IN THE ONE MILLIONTH CAR TO CROSS CITY BRIDGE!

YES, FATE SOMETIMES WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS--AND OFFICER PAT NOLAN KNOWS WHEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT...

MY EYES...THOSE FLASHES BLINDED ME--CAN'T SEE!

Pop! Pop!

OW-W... MY HAND!

STAND BACK, BOYS-- THIS IS A CAR FULL OF CRIMINALS!



AND AS NOLAN'S BUDDIES SWARM ABOUT THE CAR TO TAKE ITS INFAMOUS PASSENGERS PRISONERS...

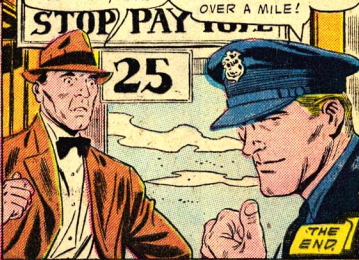
ALL RIGHT--OUT... THE GANG OF YOU!

A MILLION-TO-ONE SHOT, AND IT HAD TO BE US!

HE DID COME AFTER ME! WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

FUNNY, THOUGH... WHY WOULD A KINGPIN CRIMINAL LIKE WILKS TRY TO HOLD UP A TOLL BOOTH, NOLAN?

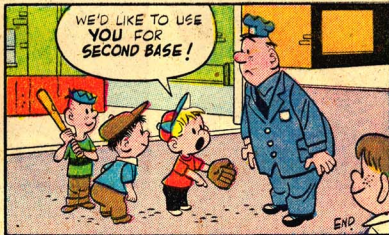
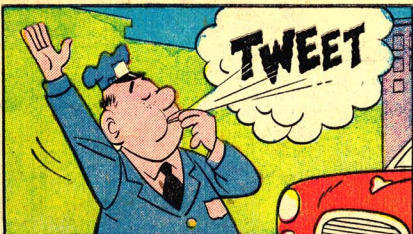
ER... BEATS ME, PAL! NOW, IF YOU BOYS WILL PLEASE CLEAR AWAY FROM THE GATE--WE'RE BACKING UP CARS FOR OVER A MILE!



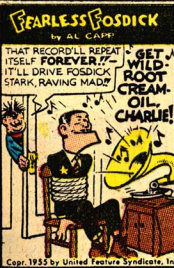
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CAPTAIN KIDD, THE PIRATE, WAS EXECUTED TWICE FOR THE SAME CRIME! THIS OCCURRED IN 1701 AT OLD BAILEY HALL, LONDON! THE ROPE BROKE THE FIRST TIME, BUT KIDD WAS HANGED AGAIN!

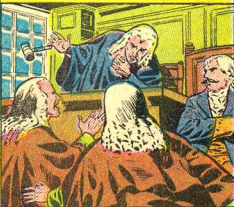
A MONKEY IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, WAS CONVICTED OF SMOKING IN 1924 AND WAS SENTENCED TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE TRIAL AND A FINE OF \$25!



IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, THERE IS AN OLD LAW WHICH PROHIBITS MOOSE FROM USING THE SIDEWALKS!



WARREN HASTINGS, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA, STOOD TRIAL FOR SEVEN YEARS--THE LONGEST TRIAL ON RECORD! IT LASTED SO LONG THAT, BY THE TIME IT WAS OVER, 60 OUT OF THE 160 JUDGES ASSIGNED TO THE CASE HAD DIED, AND HASTINGS FINALLY WAS ACQUITTED!

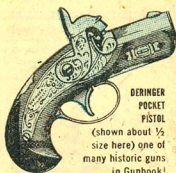


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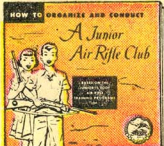
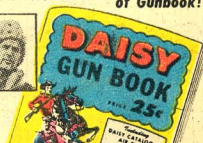
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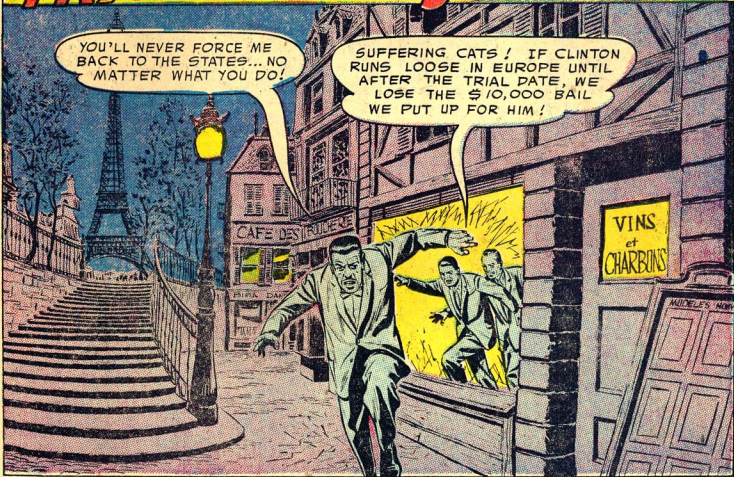
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LIKE ANY REPUTABLE BUSINESS, BAIL BOND LOANS TO PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUSPICION HAS ITS ELEMENT OF RISK! FOR DECIDING A MAN'S GUILT OR INNOCENCE CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND BANKRUPTCY! THUS IT WAS WITH TWO YOUNG MEN WHO GUESSED WRONG AND FACED RUIN AS THEY DESPERATELY SOUGHT...

THE TRAIL OF THE BAIL BOND JUMPER

YOU'LL NEVER FORCE ME BACK TO THE STATES... NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO!

SUFFERING CATS! IF CLINTON RUNS LOOSE IN EUROPE UNTIL AFTER THE TRIAL DATE, WE LOSE THE \$10,000 BAIL WE PUT UP FOR HIM!



ONE MORNING, IN THE BAIL BOND OFFICE OF DOUG MARTIN AND BOB OAKES...

HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT CASE WANTS OUR HELP, EH, BOB? OKAY... I'LL HOP RIGHT OVER TO HEADQUARTERS, AND WE'LL SEE IF WE'VE GOT A CLIENT!

CHECK, DOUG...



AT HEADQUARTERS, THE TWO BUSINESSMEN WEIGHED THE FACTS OF THE POLICE CASE...

HIS NAME'S TOM EMERY, DOUG... APPEARS TO BE A RESPECTABLE BUSINESSMAN, FROM HIS RECORD HERE-- OWNS A HARDWARE STORE! THEY'VE SET BAIL AT \$2500!

HMM--LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE TYPICAL ACCIDENT CASES, WHERE HE JUST LOST HIS HEAD AND SPED OFF...



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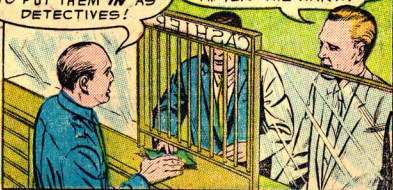
SINCE THE VICTIM WASN'T SERIOUSLY INJURED, WE'LL TAKE A CHANCE ON THIS MAN SHOWING UP FOR THE TRIAL! I'LL PUT UP THE BAIL, BOB!

RIGHT!

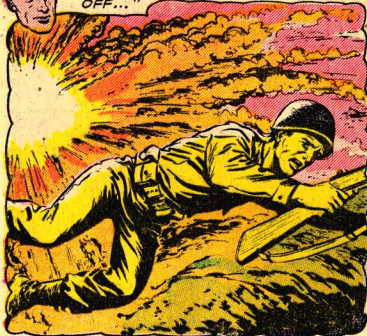
YES, THE BUSINESS OF **MARTIN & OAKES** WAS THE PLACING OF CASH BONDS FOR ARRESTED PERSONS...

MUST SEEM FUNNY FOR YOU TWO FELLOWS BAILING SUSPECTS **OUT** OF JAIL, WHEN YOU USED TO PUT THEM **IN** AS DETECTIVES!

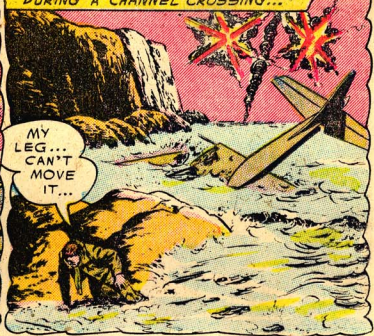
IT DID AT FIRST, CHARLIE, BUT IT WAS A MIGHTY GOOD THING WE COULD STILL WORK WITH THE LAW AFTER THE WAR...



"I KNEW MY CAREER AS A DETECTIVE WAS FINISHED THAT DAY IN FRANCE-- IN 1944 --WHEN THE GRENADE WENT OFF..."



"AND I GUESS DOUG MUST HAVE FIGURED THE SAME WAY, WHEN HIS BOMBER CRASHED DURING A CHANNEL CROSSING..."



FATE SAVED US BOTH A FUTURE WHEN IT TEAMED US UP IN THAT HOSPITAL WARD...

SURE--YOU'RE RIGHT, DOUG... WE'LL NEVER PASS THE POLICE PHYSICAL WHEN WE RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE! THE WAR'S OVER, AND MAYBE THE BAIL BOND BUSINESS IS OUR ANSWER!

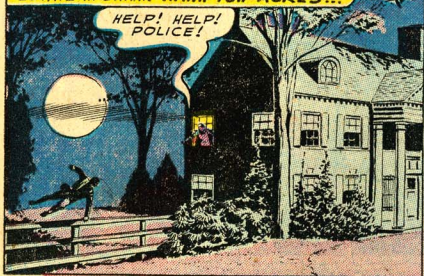
WHY NOT? AS FORMER DETECTIVES, WE KNOW ALL THE INS AND OUTS OF CRIME! AND BY BAILING PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL, WE'LL BE HELPING MANY **INNOCENT SUSPECTS!**

SO FAR WE'VE BEEN PRETTY LUCKY... ONLY LOST \$500-- ON ONE MAN WHO SKIPPED TOWN AFTER WE SECURED HIS RELEASE! SEE YOU...

SO LONG... JUST DON'T PUT UP ANY CASH FOR JOHN DILLINGER-TYPE CHARACTERS, AND YOU SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT!



IT WAS ON JUNE 1ST, TWO WEEKS LATER, THAT THE PARTNERS' BIGGEST CASE BEGAN TO DEVELOP, AS SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, A MAN FLED THE ELLIOT ESTATE IN SWANK HAMPTON ACRES...



THE THIEF SPED OFF FAST HAMPTON LAKE...



LATER, POLICE APPREHENDED A SMARTLY-DRESSED YOUNG MAN NAMED ERIC CLINTON...

CONFESS, CLINTON! YOUR FINGERPRINTS WERE FOUND ON THE ELLIOT FENCE... YOU'VE BLOWN YOUR LIFE'S SAVINGS AT THE TRACK... WHERE IS THE \$40,000 YOU STOLE?

OF COURSE MY PRINTS WERE THERE! I WAS AT THE HORSE SHOW THERE LAST WEEK!



BAIL WAS SET AT \$10,000--AND LATER, AS MARTIN AND OAKES TALKED WITH THE SUSPECT...

YOU SAY YOUR PRINTS WERE ON THAT FENCE BECAUSE YOU CLUTCHED IT AT THE SHOW LAST WEEK?

EXACTLY... I'M NO CRIMINAL! I'M IN THE NAVAL RESERVE AND THE POLICE HAD MY PRINTS ON FILE. THAT'S HOW THEY KNEW MY IDENTITY!



BACK AT THEIR OFFICE, THE PAIR WEIGHED THE RISKS OF THE CASE...

HE'S A FANATIC AT HORSE RACING... AND WAS AT THE HORSE SHOW! HE LOOKS OKAY TO ME!

ACCEPTING 4% INTEREST ON LOANS IS A BIG RISK AT THIS HIGH BAIL! IF HE SKIPS, THAT \$10,000 IS FORFEITED TO THE STATE! STILL, THERE'S NO OTHER EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM, SO...OKAY--WE'LL DO IT!



THUS, WITHIN AN HOUR, ERIC CLINTON WENT FREE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR MONEY! WHEN MY CASE COMES UP, I'LL BE THERE! WOW--AM I ANXIOUS TO GET OUT TO THE RACE TRACK AGAIN... SURE MISSED IT!

GOOD LUCK, CLINTON--SEE YOU AT THE TRIAL DATE!



BUT 24 HOURS LATER, WEALTHY JASON DE WITT, ENTERED POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

I CERTAINLY CAN RECOGNIZE THE MAN DRIVING OFF FROM THE ELLIOT ESTATE! I'VE BEEN AT MY LODGE AND DIDN'T LEARN, UNTIL TODAY, THAT HE WAS AN ESCAPING THIEF!

THANK YOU, MR. DEWITT. IT'LL HELP GREATLY AT THE TRIAL!

AS THE BAIL BOND PARTNERS LUNCHED THAT DAY...

DE WITT'S GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE THIEF COULD FIT CLINTON, BUT HE WON'T MAKE A STATEMENT UNTIL HE SEES THE SUSPECT IN PERSON! I DON'T LIKE IT!

I DON'T EITHER... LET'S CHECK ON CLINTON-- SEE HOW HE'S TAKING THE NEWS! IF HE SKIPS, WE LOSE \$10,000!

THEY SOON LEARNED THAT CLINTON WAS TAKING THE NEWS BADLY...

HE CHECKED OUT AT NOON...?

WHY, YES-- HE LEFT HURRIEDLY, WITHOUT GIVING US A FORWARDING ADDRESS!

WE'VE GOT TO ASSUME HE'S **SKIPPING**, BOB! YOU CHECK THE SHIPPING LINES. I'LL GO OUT TO CITY AIRPORT!

SHORTLY, AT THE AIRPORT...

YES, I BELIEVE A MAN ANSWERING THAT DESCRIPTION DID DEPART FOR PARIS A FEW HOURS AGO! BUT HE CALLED HIMSELF MR. CARLTON POWERS!

LATER...

WE'VE GOT JUST \$1500 LEFT, PAL, AND CLINTON IS HEADED FOR PAREE! IN 15 DAYS, JUNE 29th, THE STATE KEEPS OUR \$10,000 BAIL WHEN HE DOESN'T SHOW FOR TRIAL!

YEOW! WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH CASH TO TRY TO GET HIM BACK, UNLESS...



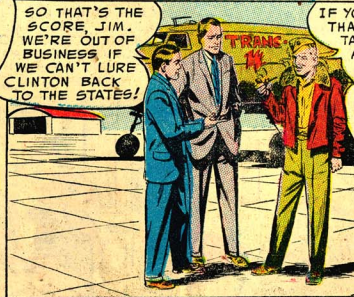
WAIT A MINUTE! I THINK I KNOW A WAY WE CAN GET PASSAGE TO FRANCE... ON THE HOUSE!

WHAT--? LET'S HAVE IT FAST! MAYBE WE CAN **TRICK** THAT CHARACTER BACK IN TIME!

DOUG LED HIS FRIEND TO A NEARBY ARMY AIRFIELD...

SO THAT'S THE SCORE, JIM. WE'RE OUT OF BUSINESS IF WE CAN'T LURE CLINTON BACK TO THE STATES!

IF YOU HADN'T KNOCKED THAT NAZI OFF MY TAIL, TEN YEARS AGO, I WOULDN'T BE AROUND TODAY! OKAY-- YOU CAN HAVE A COUPLE OF BUCKET SEATS ON A FREIGHT TRANSPORT TOMORROW!



SO THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS MARTIN AND OAKES HEADED TOWARD PARIS VIA "BUCKET" SEAT...

WHAT A BREAK! NOW, ASSUMING THAT WE FIND THE HEEL, IF WE CAN ONLY FIGURE SOME WAY TO GET HIM BACK TO THE STATES!

SURE... BUT LET'S GRAB HIM FIRST! AT LEAST WE KNOW THE **BEST PLACE** TO LOOK!



UPON REACHING THEIR DESTINATION, THEY HEADED IMMEDIATELY FOR THE PARIS RACE TRACK-- BUT AFTER A FULL WEEK OF SEARCHING...

WE KNOW HE'S A FANATIC ON HORSE RACING... SOONER OR LATER, WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM HERE! HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO HIDE... NOBODY CAN ARREST HIM IN FRANCE!

SURE... BUT TIME'S RUNNING OUT! IF HE ISN'T IN THE STATES BY JUNE 29th, WE LOSE OUR CASH!



DAY AFTER DAY PASSED WITHOUT RESULTS-- TILL FINALLY, ON THE EVENING OF THE 16th...

IT'S LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK! WE SCOUR THE RACE TRACK ALL DAY AND THE NIGHT CLUBS ALL NIGHT WITHOUT A SIGN OF HIM!

HMM... THAT LITTLE RESTAURANT DOWN THERE-- **LE FILLY CLUB**-- WE'VE NEVER TRIED IT! COULD BE A RACETRACK PLAYER'S HANGOUT!



AS THE PAIR ENTERED THE CLUB...

AW, WE'RE REALLY GUESSING! JUST BECAUSE THIS IS A HORSEY TYPE CLUB AND CLINTON LIKES HORSES...

BOB! THERE HE IS-- CLINTON!



ALL RIGHT, YOU'VE FOUND ME... BUT YOU HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER ME HERE! YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME!

MAYBE NOT, PAL... BUT WE'LL LET EVERYBODY IN PARIS KNOW WHAT A CROOK YOU ARE!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH ANY RACKETS HERE!



SUDDENLY...

I'M DODGING YOU TWO CREEPS... **NOW!**

AFTER HIM, BOB!



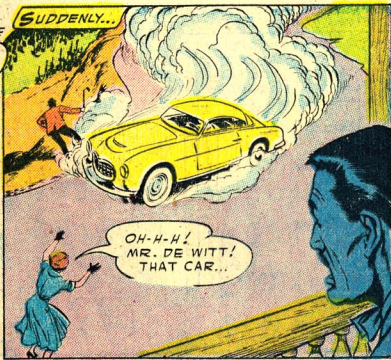


AND THAT AFTERNOON, AS THE DISTRAUGHT BAIL JUMPER WATCHED DE WITT FROM THE PORCH OF HIS HOTEL...

OF COURSE...THE OLD BIRD IS A WORLD TRAVELER, AND I'VE STUMBLED ONTO ONE OF HIS ROOSTING SPOTS! HE'S PLANNING TO RETURN AND BE AN EYE-WITNESS AGAINST ME!



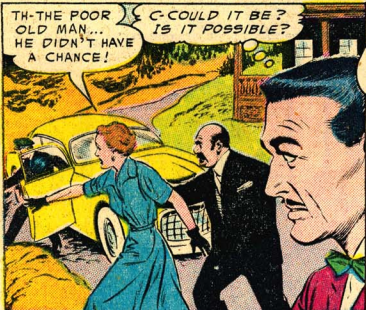
SUDDENLY...



OH-H-H!
MR. DE WITT!
THAT CAR...

TH- THE POOR OLD MAN... HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE!

C-COULD IT BE?
IS IT POSSIBLE?



ERIC CLINTON'S HOPES WERE REALIZED-- FOR WHEN HE REACHED THE ACCIDENT SCENE...

HE'S DEAD! I--I COULDN'T HELP IT... HONESTLY I COULDN'T!

I'M FREE... FREE...



AND AFTERWARD, AS CLINTON BOLDLY FLAUNTED HIMSELF IN THE HOTEL LOBBY...

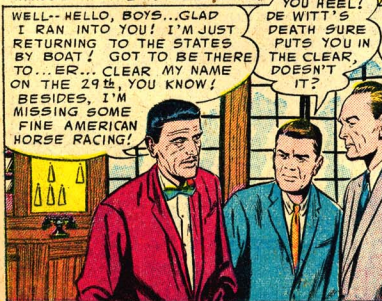
WELL--HELLO, BOYS...GLAD I RAN INTO YOU! I'M JUST RETURNING TO THE STATES BY BOAT! GOT TO BE THERE TO...ER... CLEAR MY NAME ON THE 29th, YOU KNOW! BESIDES, I'M MISSING SOME FINE AMERICAN HORSE RACING!

YOU HEEL! DE WITT'S DEATH SURE PUTS YOU IN THE CLEAR, DOESN'T IT?

ERIC CLINTON'S BOAT DOCKED ON JUNE 28th...

FREE AS A BIRD...

TWEE TWEE...

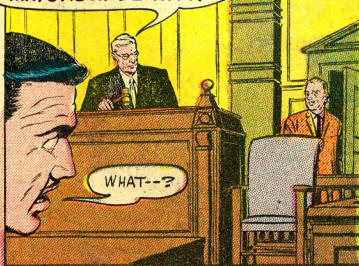


ON THE 29th, CLINTON ENTERED THE COURT-ROOM TO FACE TRIAL...

STICK AROUND, BOYS! WHEN THIS LITTLE SHOW IS OVER, I'LL TAKE YOU OUT TO THE RACETRACK! REMEMBER, YOU'LL BE GETTING BACK THE TEN GRAND YOU BET ON ME! HA, HA!

BUT WHEN THE PROCEEDINGS BEGAN, THE WHOLE COURT HOUSE SEEMED TO TOPPLE DOWN ON THE STARTLED CRIMINAL AS...

I'D LIKE TO CALL THE STATE'S FIRST AND ONLY WITNESS... MR. JASON DE WITT!



IT CAN'T BE! I SAW HIM KILLED IN THE SWISS ALPS! HE'S DEAD... DEAD!



THE TRIAL WAS SHORT AS JASON DE WITT QUICKLY IDENTIFIED CLINTON AS THE GUILTY MAN...

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT... IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! HOW COULD HE BE HERE?

SEE YOU AT THE RACETRACK, CLINTON!



THE EXPLANATION WAS SIMPLE ENOUGH, AS POLICE AUTHORITIES SOON LEARNED FROM THE BAIL BOND TEAM...

YOU MEAN YOU PLAYED THE PART OF DE WITT IN THE SWISS ALPS?

SURE THING-- AND WE HIRED ASSISTANTS TO FAKE THE ACCIDENT SCENE! ACTUALLY, I JUST LEAPED INTO THE GULLY BEFORE THE CAR STRUCK ME!

YOU SEE, WE KNEW THAT ONCE CLINTON THOUGHT THE EYE-WITNESS WAS DEAD, HE'D WANT TO KEEP HIS DATE IN COURT, TO CLEAR HIS NAME AND PREVENT HIMSELF FROM BECOMING A FUGITIVE! BESIDES, HE MISSED AMERICAN RACING!

SURE, HE WASN'T AT THE PARIS TRACK BECAUSE FRENCH RACING LINGO CONFUSED HIM!

WHEW! ALL I CAN SAY IS-- ONCE A DETECTIVE, ALWAYS A DETECTIVE!



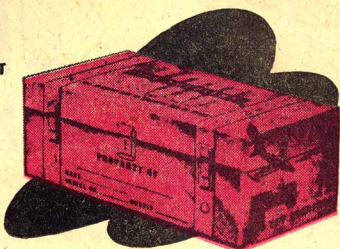
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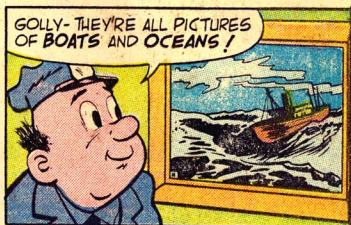
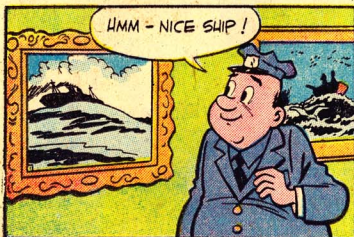
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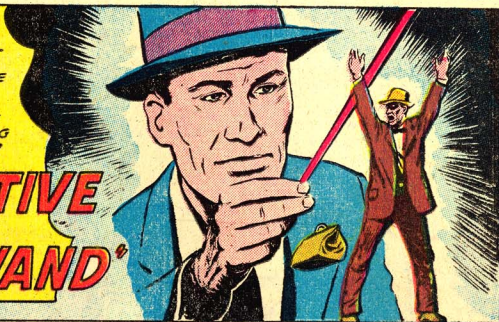
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CRIMINALS CAUGHT BY THE AMAZING NEW SCIENTIFIC GADGETS USED IN PRESENT-DAY POLICE PROCEDURE OFTEN FEEL THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TRAPPED BY MAGICAL MEANS! AS A LAWMAN WHO SPECIALIZES IN THESE REMARKABLE CROOK-CATCHING DEVICES, I'VE EVEN HEARD MYSELF REFERRED TO AS...

THE DETECTIVE WITH THE MAGIC WAND



THE FIRST "MAGIC" CASE CONCERNS VINCE PORTER, A FORGER, WHO TOOK A JOB AS SECRETARY TO A MANUFACTURER...

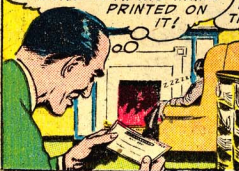
THEN, AFTER SNEAKING OUT A LETTER CONTAINING A SIGNATURE OF THE RICH MAN...

AND JUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE BANK...

THIS IS THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR-- TO STEAL ONE OF TRENT'S CHECKS WITH HIS NAME PRINTED ON IT!

THERE! I'VE GOT IT SO PERFECT THAT NOT EVEN TRENT HIMSELF WILL BE ABLE TO TELL ONE SIGNATURE FROM THE OTHER! I'M READY TO SIGN THE CHECK NOW!

ONCE I'VE WIPED OFF MY FINGERPRINTS, THE POLICE WON'T HAVE A SINGLE SPECK OF EVIDENCE TO GO ON! I'LL WEAR THESE GLOVES UNTIL THIS CHECK IS CASHED.



THE FORGERY FOOLED THE BANK TELLER -- AND IT WASN'T UNTIL THE VICTIM HIMSELF SAW THE CASHED CHECK THAT HE CALLED ME IN ON THE CASE...

I TELL YOU, SERGEANT STANTON, THIS MAY LOOK LIKE MY SIGNATURE, BUT I DIDN'T WRITE THE CHECK! WHO DID?

WE'LL SOON KNOW, MR. TRENT... LET'S TAKE IT TO MY OFFICE!

LATER, IN MY LABORATORY...

I'M GLAD THE POLICE ADVISED YOU TO USE THAT TREATED PAPER FOR YOUR CHECKS! THANKS TO A SPECIAL CHEMICAL, NO FINGERPRINT CAN POSSIBLY BE WIPED OFF! I'LL CHECK THESE PRINTS AT ONCE!



I DID... AND VINCE PORTER WAS IN JAIL THAT DAY!

ANOTHER TIME, I WAS CALLED IN BY MAL BROCK, WORRIED MANAGER OF THE **AJAX ENGINEERING COMPANY**...

ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WORKING IN THIS ROOM WROTE ME THIS POISON-PEN LETTER! HE PRINTED IT IN BLOCK LETTERS, TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE!



HMM... WHAT KIND OF PAPER DID HE WRITE IT ON?

THAT'S JUST IT, SERGEANT-- EVERY DESK HAS A PILE OF IDENTICAL PAPER ON TOP! THERE'S NO WAY OF TELLING WHERE IT CAME FROM!

THERE'S **ONE** WAY... I'LL BE BACK HERE WHEN EVERYONE'S LEFT!



LATER, I SPENT ABOUT FIVE HOURS IN THAT ROOM--AND TWO DAYS LATER, BROCK CALLED ME...

I GOT ANOTHER ONE! HERE IT IS... BUT THERE'S NO IDENTIFICATION OF ANY KIND ON IT!



YES, THERE IS...

AND AS I PLACED THE LETTER UNDER A STRONG LIGHT OF AN **ULTRA-VIOLET FLASH-LIGHT** I CARRIED...

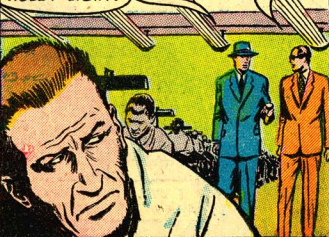
WHY... SOMEONE SCRAWLED WRITING ON THAT PAPER!

YES, BROCK-- I DID... AND THIS TELLS ME EXACTLY WHERE THE PAPER CAME FROM!



SOON, BACK IN THE LARGE ROOM...

I NUMBERED THE PAPER ON EACH DESK WITH THE LOCATION OF THE DESK... USING A CRAYON THAT CAN ONLY BE SEEN UNDER ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT!



THEN... YOU MEAN...?

YES... **YOU** ARE THE WRITER OF THOSE POISON-PEN LETTERS! WHY DID YOU DO IT?

I--I WAS ANGRY AT MR. BROCK... FOR REFUSING ME A RAISE!



THE THIRD CASE STARTED AT THE HADLEY DEPARTMENT STORE, LAST YEAR...

WHAT CAN I DO, SERGEANT STANTON? ANY ONE OF THE HUNDREDS WORKING IN THIS STORE COULD BE THE ONE WHO'S GETTING INTO THAT STOREROOM TO STEAL! I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO PUT A 24-HOUR GUARD OVER IT!

YES--THAT MIGHT STOP FUTURE THEFTS... BUT IT WON'T CATCH THE THIEF ALREADY GUILTY!

STOREROOM
3
NO ADMITTANCE

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE IN THAT STOREROOM FOR A LITTLE WHILE-- AND DON'T USE THE ROOM OFFICIALLY FOR A FEW DAYS! JUST CHECK BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY TO SEE IF ANYBODY HAS ENTERED, THEN NOTIFY ME!

ANYTHING YOU SAY!

STOREROOM

3

NO AD

THE CALL CAME THROUGH TWO DAYS LATER...

IT'S BEEN LOOTED AGAIN! AS YOU TOLD ME, I LET NO ONE IN THERE AFTER WE DISCOVERED THE ROOM HAD BEEN ENTERED!

FINE! AT CLOSING TIME, I WANT YOU TO BRING EVERY EMPLOYEE INTO THE BASEMENT!

MY INSTRUCTIONS CARRIED OUT, I SOON FACED THE STORE'S WORKERS...

YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU CAN PICK THE ONE GUILTY PERSON OUT OF THIS GROUP?

I'M SURE I CAN... KINDLY ORDER THE LIGHTS TO BE TURNED OFF!

AS THE LIGHTS SNAPPED OFF...

LOOK! ONE OF THE WORKERS IS LIT UP LIKE A NEON SIGN!

YES... AND HE'S YOUR MAN!

LATER, I EXPLAINED HOW THAT HAPPENED...

WHAT I DID WAS DUST THIS STOREROOM WITH A PHOSPHORESCENT POWDER THAT CLINGS TO THE BODY OF ANYONE ENTERING! IT IS MADE TO BE SEEN ONLY IN THE DARK!

AMAZING!

BUT MY MOST REMARKABLE CASE OCCURRED IN THE MANSION OF JOHN KIRK...

SERGEANT, ONE OF MY SERVANTS HAS BEEN SLIPPING INTO THIS ROOM AND STEALING MY PRICELESS ART OBJECTS!

HMM... DO ALL OF YOUR SERVANTS GO IN AND OUT OF THIS ROOM?

INDEED, NO! ONLY MY TRUSTED MAN, WEEMS, IS ALLOWED IN HERE!

AND YOU EMPLOY 12 SERVANTS ALTOGETHER, EH?



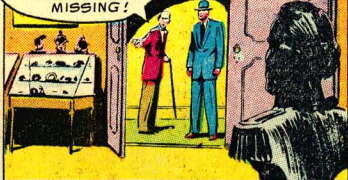
SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY DOOR TO THE ROOM, I THINK I CAN SET A TRAP... BUT YOU MUST NOT ENTER IT YOURSELF FOR THE TIME BEING-- AND YOU MUST KEEP THE DOOR CLOSED!

VERY WELL! I'LL NOTIFY YOU WHEN ANYTHING HAPPENS!

I RECEIVED A CALL NEXT DAY...

SOMEONE'S BEEN IN THERE, ALL RIGHT-- AND I CAN SEE FROM HERE THAT A SMALL, PRICELESS JADE STATUETTE IS MISSING!

THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE... TAKE ME TO EVERY ROOM WHERE THERE'S A WASH BASIN!



OUR SEARCH ENDED IN THE KITCHEN...

STOP TRYING TO WASH IT OFF-- IT WON'T COME OFF!

WHAT IS IT? THE MORE I WASH THE DIRT ON MY HAND, THE BLACKER IT GETS!

I EXPLAINED THE GIMMICK LATER...

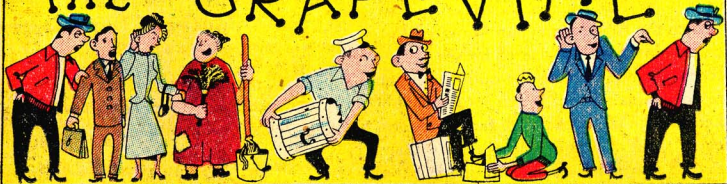
ALL I DID WAS SMEAR THIS INVISIBLE PASTE ON THE DOORKNOB! ANY PERSON TOUCHING IT NOTICES A STAIN ON HIS HAND-- BUT WHEN HE TRIES TO WASH IT OFF, IT JUST GETS BLACKER! ONLY A SPECIAL CHEMICAL CAN REMOVE IT!

AMAZING THINGS YOU DETECTIVES USE NOW-- ALWAYS-- ALMOST LIKE MAGIC!

YES-- EXCEPT THAT OUR MAGICAL TRICKS COME OUT OF TEST TUBES!



The GRAPEVINE



STORE SLEUTHS

Although newfangled burglar alarm systems are being installed throughout the country wherever protection is needed, the world's largest department store has ignored the latest electronic gadgets in favor of an old true-and-tried method. Four dogs—handsome Doberman pinschers—patrol Macy's when doors close for the day.

After a series of thefts by cagy crooks who concealed themselves until the store shut down, then escaped next morning when it was reopened, Macy's canine squad was organized three years ago, under the direction of Francis X. Fay, Director of Security and an ex-Air Force officer. The members were—and still are—Cash (named after the commodity commonly used in the store), Red Star (named after the store's trade mark), Mom (named after Macy's Own Merchandise), and Suzy (a popular perfume).

Since the dogs went on active duty, not a single incident of attempted theft has been reported. This impressive record pleases Mr. Fay, who says, "Having the dogs is like carrying a gun. It's there, but you hope you never have to use it."

In addition to patrolling the enormous areas of counters, offices, and stockrooms,

the dogs are frequently used on other missions. They accompany messengers who are delivering payrolls, bank deposits, jewels, and furs. The dogs are so highly trained that the slightest deviation from the normal atmosphere arouses their curiosity and prompts them to investigate. Once, a broken steam line brought one of the hounds, who, after a glance, sought the help of a human. Left unattended, the steam would have caused thousands of dollars damage on huge quantities of merchandise. Fire, smoke, overflowing water, in fact, anything out of the ordinary, is recognized by the canine squad at once.

The dogs are kenneled on the roof, where each has its own run and quarters. Evidently, the squad will be around for some time to come. One of Suzy's pups is training to join the squad, and not long ago, she whelped a litter of future recruits.

PRISONER'S CHOICE

Not many prisoners have their choice of jails, but one was given the opportunity recently by a New York magistrate who sentenced him to 3 years either at Riker's Island or Sing Sing.

After some contemplation, the prisoner chose Sing Sing. "That's a good choice," said His Honor. "Up there, you'll have

baseball, television, and the cool Hudson River breezes."

WINDOW DRESSING

Since the Royal Canadian Mounted Police cut down on the use of horses in the process of modernizing the outfit, mounts are now seldom seen. When tourists, who liked to take pictures of the famed Mounties in their traditional pose astride their beasts, expressed disappointment, the R. C. M. P. decided to take action.

A horse was trucked in from one of the remote Canadian regions. A Mountie was relieved from his prowl-car duty and assigned to ride the horse on patrol in National Battlefield Park, where most tourists flock. Now, everybody's happy once more.

THE MISSING JURYMAN

The jury filed back into the New England courtroom, and prepared to render its verdict. "Just a minute," called out the judge. "I notice there are only 11 men in the jury box. Where's the 12th?"

"Don't you fret none," replied the foreman, cordially. "His wife called him back to his store 'cause he's got a customer waitin'. But he left his verdict with me."

DANGEROUS WEAPON?

Two men, Harry and Ed, got into a heated discussion which was climaxed by a fist fight. During the fracas, Harry's shoe became undone, and in a flash, he removed it and struck Ed hard enough to knock him unconscious. Later, Ed had Harry arrested on a charge of "assault with a dangerous weapon," a charge which carried a prison sentence.

"This is ridiculous," Harry claimed in court, later. "I didn't strike him with a dangerous weapon like he accuses me."

"You don't regard your shoe as a dangerous weapon?" asked the prosecutor.

"Of course not!" remonstrated Harry. "It's not a knife or a gun. They're dangerous weapons, if you ask me."

The judge apparently didn't ask Harry. He sentenced him to prison, based on a 1953 decision as precedent.

"We regard it clear," he ruled, "that a shoe is a dangerous weapon when it inflicts a serious injury."

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

VALPARAISO, Ind.: Sentenced to 10 years for robbing a bank, an accused man explained that he needed the money to make restitution for a sum he had stolen in a previous holdup.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ohio: After being taught to read and write in jail, a local citizen was arrested for passing bad checks.

PHILADELPHIA: After trying to open an office safe unsuccessfully, a thief found the combination on a slip of paper, opened the safe, found it empty, out of frustration called police to come and get him.

PASADENA, Calif.: A resident turned over a roll of \$200 to bewildered police, claimed that for several weeks an anonymous second-story man had broken into his room, left the money in his trousers.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.: After running a barber college for 18 years and graduating 600 barbers, a veteran barber was arrested and fined \$10 for barbering without a license.

ANTWERP, Belgium: A private was court-martialed and sentenced to a year in the stockade for stealing his company's cannon.

CLAYMORE PRISON WAS REGARDED BY PENAL EXPERTS AS A BREAKOUT-PROOF PENITENTIARY... BUT CONVICTS SMILEY DEXTER AND BIG-BOY BENSON THOUGHT OTHERWISE! NO WONDER-- SINCE THEY HAD THE COOPERATION OF WARDEN JOHN McCLURE! AND THIS WAS ONLY ONE OF THE PUZZLING EVENTS THAT LED TO THE...

UNDERGROUND PRISON BREAK



WITH THESE TOOLS, YOU CAN START TUNNELING YOUR WAY OUT OF HERE, DEXTER... AND IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ON MY GUARDS!

THANKS, WARDEN!

RUBEN MURRAY

ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 18TH, THERE OCCURRED A SCENE IN THE YARD OF CLAYMORE PRISON THAT WAS UNIQUE IN THE ANNALS OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS...

THIS IS THE CABLE THAT SUPPLIES THE POWER TO THE FLOODLIGHTS ON THE TOWER! YOU CAN SNIP IT RIGHT HERE, ON THE NIGHT YOU BREAK OUT!

I GOT IT, WARDEN!

AS THE STRANGE DRAMA CONTINUED TO UNFOLD...

YOU'LL DIG YOUR TUNNEL IN A STRAIGHT NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION FOR ABOUT 20 YARDS! THAT'LL TAKE YOU RIGHT BEHIND THAT CLUMP OF BUSHES OUTSIDE THE WALL!

SWELL... I'LL NEVER BE SPOTTED THERE FROM THE PRISON WALL!



WHAT LAY BEHIND THIS STRANGE SCENE WHEREIN THE WARDEN OF A LARGE PENITENTIARY PLOTTED A BREAKOUT WITH ONE OF THE INMATES?

THE ANSWER CAME 15 MINUTES LATER, IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...

YOUR F.B.I. CHIEF IS SURE THAT BIG-BOY BENSON STILL HAS MOST OF THAT MILLION-DOLLAR LOOT HIDDEN AWAY SOMEWHERE! OUR ONE CHANCE OF RECOVERING IT IS IF HE FALLS FOR YOUR OFFER TO BREAK HIM OUT OF HERE!

DON'T WORRY, WARDEN, I'VE SEEN ENOUGH CONS TO IMITATE ONE! HAND ME THOSE PRISON DUDS, GUARD!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS CELL NO. 9 ON TIER A CLANKED OPEN...

IN YOU GO, SMILEY--AND THIS IS ONE CELL YOU WON'T FIND SO EASY TO BREAK OUT OF!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! I'LL BRUSH THE DUST OFF THIS PLACE JUST LIKE I DID EVERY OTHER CASE!

YEAH?... HOW?

THAT'S MY BUSINESS!

TAKE IT EASY, PAL... NO USE GETTING SORE! MAYBE SOMEDAY WE CAN MAKE A LITTLE DEAL!

BIG-BOY BENSON SEEMED TO FORGET THE INCIDENT--BUT ON THE NEXT VISITORS' DAY...

THERE'S A NEW CON INSIDE BY THE NAME OF SMILEY DEXTER... CLAIMS TO BE A HOTSHOT BREAKOUT MAN! CHECK ON HIM, MARTIN!

CAN DO!

BIG-BOY'S LAWYER RETURNED WITH HIS REPORT A WEEK LATER...

HE SEEMS TO BE LEGIT, BIG-BOY! THERE'S A RECORD OF A SMILEY DEXTER WHO'S GOT A STRING OF PRISON BREAKOUTS AS LONG AS THE MISSISSIPPI! PHOTO OF HIM MATCHES THE DESCRIPTION YOU GAVE ME OF THE CON, TOO!

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW.

RETURNING TO HIS CELL, BENSON WASTED NO TIME...

LISTEN, SMILEY... I GOT A MILLION BUCKS STASHED AWAY ON THE OUTSIDE! GET ME OUT OF HERE--AND HALF OF IT'S YOURS!

THAT'S BIG TALK! HOW DO I KNOW YOU'LL SPLIT IT AFTER I GET YOU OUT?

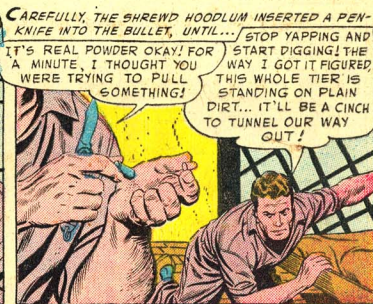




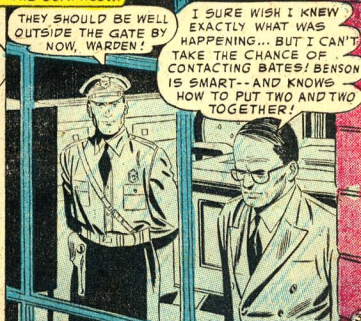
BIG-BOY BENSON HAD SNIFFED THE BAIT AND WALKED INTO THE TRAP! ALL THAT REMAINED WAS FOR THE TRAP TO BE SPRUNG!



LABORIOUSLY, NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, THE TWO MEN INCHED THEIR WAY NORTHWARD UNDERGROUND...



TWO WEEKS MORE ROLLED PAST... WHILE ABOVE THE SURFACE...



GANG BUSTERS

HOW SMART BIG-BOY REALLY WAS, HE PROVED AS THE TUNNELING CHORE NEARED ITS COMPLETION...



WAIT A MINUTE--SMILEY SAID HE WORKED IN THE METAL-WORKING SHOP, WHERE THE FLOOR IS LITTERED WITH LITTLE STEEL CHIPS THAT BECOME EMBEDDED IN THE SOLES OF YOUR SHOES IF YOU JUST WALK THROUGH THERE! YET, SMILEY'S SOLES ARE AS CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!



SO HE LIED! HE'S PROBABLY A COP-- PLANTED WITH ME TO FIND OUT WHERE I STASHED THE LOOT! WELL, I WON'T LET ON I KNOW YET... I'VE GOT BIGGER PLANS FOR MR. "SMILEY DEXTER"!



ER... HOW LONG BEFORE WE SEE DAY-LIGHT, SMILEY?

BEST AS I CAN FIGURE, BIG-BOY, WE SHOULD BE OUT ON OUR NEXT TRIP! LET'S GET BACK NOW BEFORE THE GUARD MAKES HIS FINAL ROUND!

THE LAST ACT IN THIS OPERATION STARTED MINUTES AFTER THE LIGHTS WERE DIMMED ON CELL BLOCK TIER A...

GOT OUR DUDS FOR THE OUTSIDE, BIG BOY?

YEAH--FLATHEAD SLIPPED 'EM TO ME BEFORE WHILE YOU WERE SNOOZING... GOT 'EM WRAPPED UP IN A BUNDLE! LET'S GET MOVING, SMILEY!

THEN, AS A STILLNESS SETTLED DOWN OVER THE BIG HOUSE...

BETTER LET ME HANDLE THE .45, SMILEY--I GOT MORE EXPERIENCE WITH GATS THAN YOU HAVE!

OKAY... BUT MAKE SURE YOU MOVE THAT BED OVER THE HOLE BEFORE YOU DROP DOWN!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS BATES RESUMED HIS LABORIOUS BURROWING...



IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, BIG-BOY!

IT SURE WON'T BE LONG-- FOR YOU, PAL!

SUDDENLY, AS A LUMP OF EARTH CAME CRASHING DOWN...



WE'RE THROUGH!



CRAWLING FORWARD THROUGH THE DENSE FOLIAGE, THE TWO MEN CAME TO A STOP ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROUTE 17...



GANG BUSTERS

THE BULLETS YOU EXAMINED **WERE** OKAY... BUT IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO YOU TO EXAMINE THE **FIRING PIN** ON MY HAND-MADE GUN-- IT'S MADE OF **RUBBER**-- AND COULDN'T EVEN SET OFF A CAP PISTOL!



JUST THEN, THE CRIMINAL MADE HIS LAST DESPERATE MOVE...

I'LL FIX YOU-- FOR GOOD!



MINUTES LATER, A WHISTLE PIERCED THE SILENCE OF THE NIGHT-- AND SOON...

BIG-BOY WAS KIND ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHERE HE HID THE LOOT, WARDEN-- IN THE **APEX LAUNDRY**! WHAT'S MORE, HE EVEN PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION TO GET THERE!

NICE WORK, LIEUTENANT! HOPE YOU DIDN'T HAVE IT TOO ROUGH DOWN IN THE HOLE WITH THAT MUG!

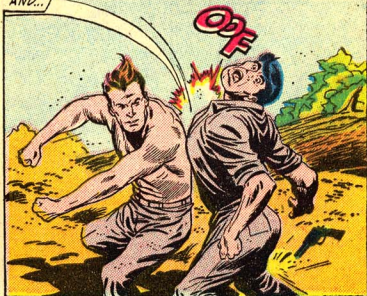


YOU MEAN... YOU KNEW I WAS WISE TO YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT, BIG-BOY... I KNEW WHEN YOU HAD THAT STOOGE OF YOURS, FLATHEAD, DELIVER ONLY **ONE** SUIT OF CLOTHES! THAT'S WHEN I FIGURED YOU WEREN'T PLANNING TO TAKE ME ALONG, PAL!



BUT THE LAW OFFICER DEFTLY EVADED THE BLOW, AND...



NOT TOO ROUGH, WARDEN-- EXCEPT THAT I'VE GOT A LOT OF **SORE MUSCLES** FROM ALL THAT DIGGING!



OF THE MILLION-DOLLAR LOOT, ALL BUT \$3,476 WAS RECOVERED FROM EMPTY SOAP CONTAINERS IN THE REAR OF THE **APEX LAUNDRY**. WHILE BIG-BOY BENSON WAS RETURNED TO FINISH OUT HIS 15-YEAR SENTENCE. **THE END!**

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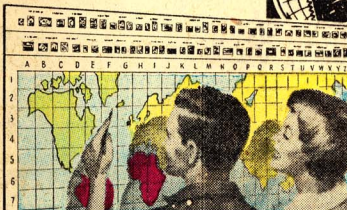
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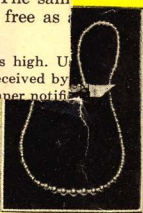
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