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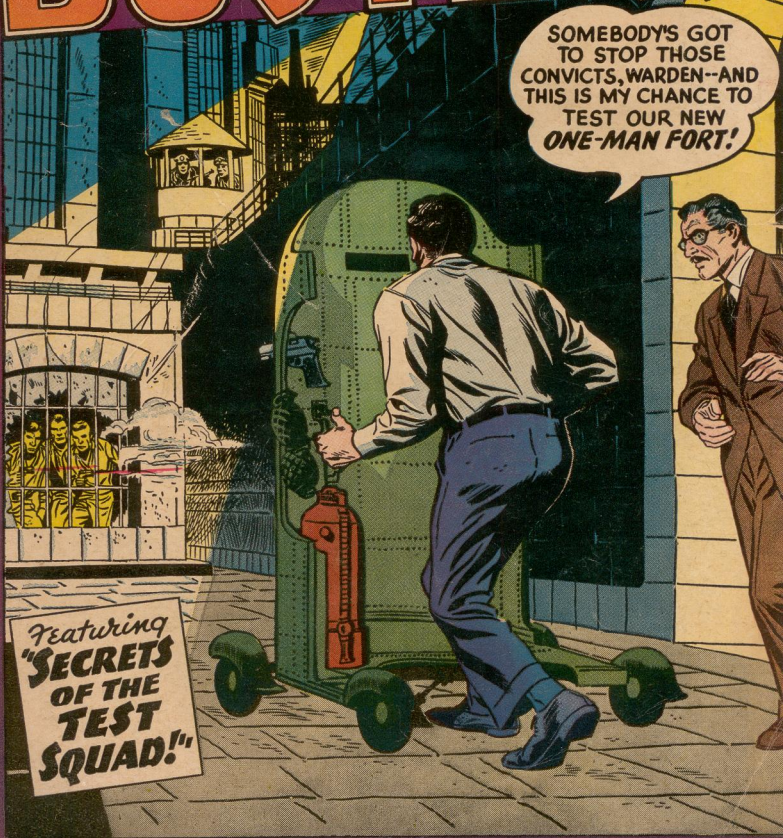
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Stamp Collector's Guide

IT WAS THE MOST FAMOUS BEAT IN TOWN, FOR THIS WAS WHERE THE TOP-HONORED PATROLMAN OF ALL TIME HAD CARVED HIMSELF A TWO-FISTED CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER! AND NOW THE RETIRED OFFICER WATCHED HELPLESSLY AS HIS YOUNG REPLACEMENT TRIED FEVERISHLY TO EMULATE HIM, IN AN EFFORT TO EARN...

A MEDAL FOR A ROOKIE

THIS WAS YOUR BEAT, POP REYNOLDS, THE GREATEST PATROLMAN ALIVE! I'VE GOT TO GUARD IT JUST AS PERFECTLY AS YOU DID-- NO MATTER WHAT THE ODDS ARE AGAINST ME!

NO! NO, FOSTER! YOU'RE TRYING **TOO HARD** TO LIVE UP TO MY REPUTATION!



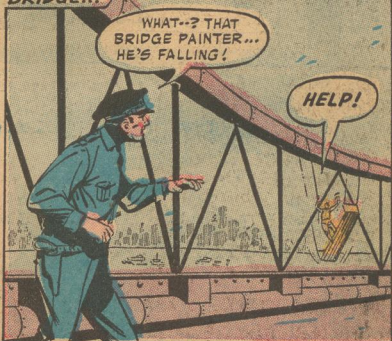
ONCE A YEAR, MY PRECINCT DISPLAYS THIS CASE! THERE'S NOT ANOTHER COLLECTION LIKE IT IN THE COUNTRY... THERE COULDN'T BE-- BECAUSE NO OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD **POP REYNOLDS** FOR 28 YEARS!



"I REMEMBER WHEN IT ALL BEGAN--ATOP **CITY BRIDGE**..."

WHAT--? THAT BRIDGE PAINTER... HE'S FALLING!

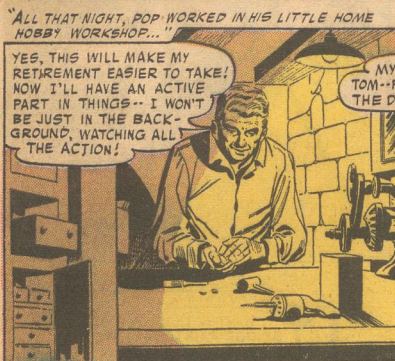
HELP!



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"HIS NAME WAS SOON LINKED WITH EVERY ACT OF BRAVERY..."

"WHEW! LOOK AT CARNEY GO ON THAT 'CYCLE! HE'S SURE TO WIN POP REYNOLDS' MEDAL OF THE MONTH!"

BANG!



"AN OFFICER HAD REALLY 'ARRIVED' WHEN AN AWARD FROM THE FAMED RETIRED POLICEMAN DECORATED HIS CHEST..."

"I MADE IT, BOYS! SNARING THAT HI-JACKING GANG LAST WEEK, WON ME POP'S MEDAL!"

"WHAT AN HONOR... A PERSONAL MEDAL FROM THE MOST FAMOUS EX-OFFICER ALIVE!"

"IT WAS AFTER POP'S TENTH MEDAL THAT CAPTAIN GUS EVANS SPOKE TO HIM..."

"THIS ISN'T RIGHT... YOU CAN'T AFFORD THOSE MEDALS! WHY DO YOU HAVE TO PUT PURE GOLD IN THEM?"

"GUS, MY RETIREMENT PAY KEEPS ME PERFECTLY CONTENT-- AND I SAVED UP LOTS OF MONEY BESIDES! WHAT BETTER PURPOSE COULD IT SERVE THAN TO GO BACK INTO THE FORCE, TO HELP THE MORALE OF THOSE ROOKIES OUT THERE?"

"AND IT WAS ONE OF THOSE VERY ROOKIES WHO WAS TO PLAY A BIG ROLE IN POP'S FUTURE--FOR ON THE FOLLOWING DAY..."

"SUFFERING CATS! LOOK AT THE BEAT FOSTER DREW-- BEAT 18!"

"POP REYNOLDS' OLD BEAT? BOY, HAVE YOU GOT YOUR WORK CUT OUT! THEY SAY POP CRACKED EVERY CRIME THAT EVER OCCURRED THERE! HOW WILL YOU DO?"

"YES, HOW WILL I DO? POP LIVES ON THAT BEAT HIMSELF NOW! I CAN'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES-- I'VE GOT TO BE PERFECT-- JUST LIKE POP WAS!"

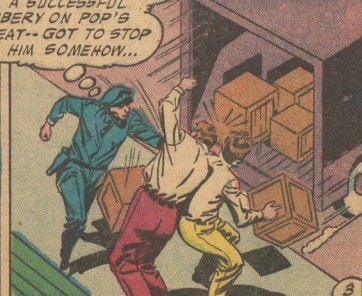
"HE'S WORRIED... MY REPUTATION IS PUTTING HIM UNDER PRESSURE!"



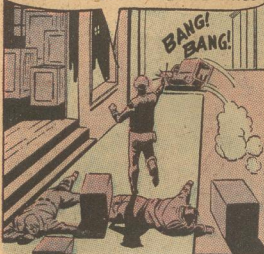
"SOON AFTER, THE ROOKIE SAW HIS FIRST ACTION AS..."

"HOODLUMS-- THREE OF THEM! THEY'VE BROKEN INTO THE MANSFIELD WAREHOUSE..."

"THE THIRD MAN... GETTING AWAY WITH THE LOOT! I CAN'T LET THEM PULL A SUCCESSFUL ROBBERY ON POP'S BEAT-- GOT TO STOP HIM SOMEHOW..."



"DESPERATELY, OFFICER BART FOSTER LEFT THE TWO DOWNED THIEVES, IN A FRANTIC ATTEMPT TO STOP THE SPEEDING TRUCK... TOO LATE... HE MADE THE CURVE BEFORE I COULD GET HIS TIRES!



"AND LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS..."
THAT WAS A THOUGHTLESS MOVE, FOSTER, LEAVING YOUR TWO CAPTIVES UNGUARDED WHILE YOU TRIED TO GET THE THIRD ONE! LUCKILY FOR YOU, HE WAS LATER CAPTURED ANYHOW!



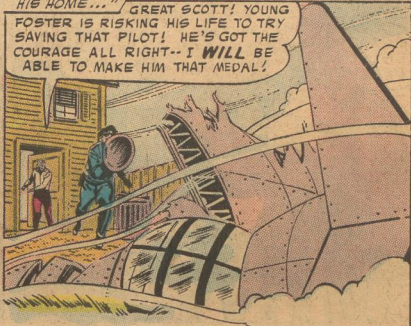
HEMM... THAT LAD ISN'T THOUGHTLESS... JUST A LITTLE TOO ANXIOUS! FOLLOWING IN MY FOOTSTEPS ALONG THAT BEAT MAKES HIM AFRAID TO FAIL! WHAT HE NEEDS IS SOME SELF-CONFIDENCE!



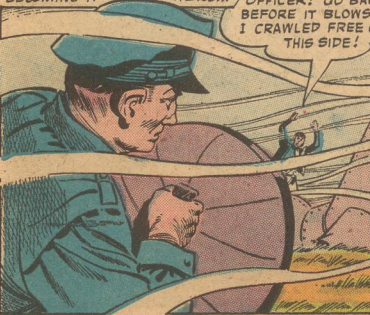
"SURE... HE'S SHAKEN UP BADLY BY HIS MISTAKE! IF ONLY HE COULD WIN ONE OF MY MEDALS... THAT COULD BREAK THE MENTAL JINX. I HAVE OVER HIM -- AND RESTORE HIS CONFIDENCE!"



"TWO WEEKS LATER, POP'S WISH SEEMED TO BE COMING TRUE WHEN A JET PLANE CRASHED NEAR HIS HOME..."



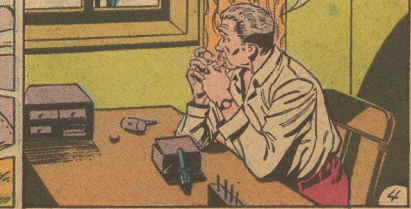
"BUT ONCE AGAIN, PATROLMAN FOSTER WAS A HAIR'S BREADTH AWAY FROM BECOMING A HERO..."



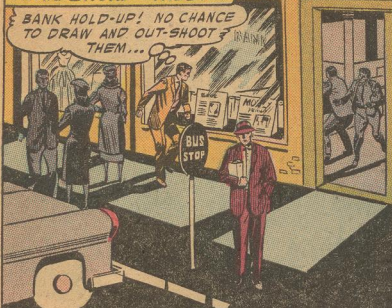
"THAT NIGHT, POP WAS A SAD MAN..."



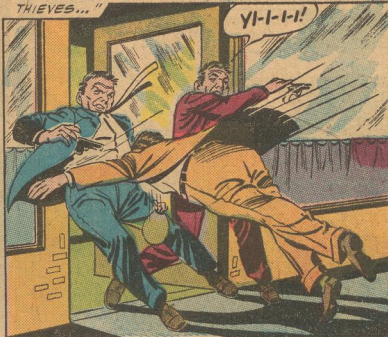
HE TRIED-- HE HAD ALL THE SPIRIT OF A HERO!... BUT I CAN'T MAKE HIM A MEDAL! THE FORCE KNOWS MY MEDALS ARE AWARDED TO ONLY ONE MAN EACH MONTH, FOR A HEROIC ACT THAT SAVED A LIFE OR CAUGHT A CRIMINAL!



"FINALLY, ON THAT LAST DAY OF MAY, IT HAPPENED--
AS OFFICER FOSTER TOOK AN OFF-DUTY STROLL
ALONG **BROAD STREET**..."



"FOSTER USED SURPRISE TACTICS TO DISARM THE
THIEVES..."



"WHEN POP REYNOLDS HEARD THE
NEWS, HE HAPPILY RUSHED TO HIS
WORK-BENCH--BUT, A MOMENT LATER..."

"THUS, TWO DAYS LATER, AS POP
AWARDED HIS MEDAL FOR THE
MOST OUTSTANDING DEED..."

"THAT SAME NIGHT, AS POP WALKED
HOME..."

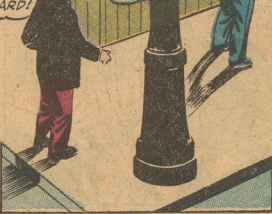
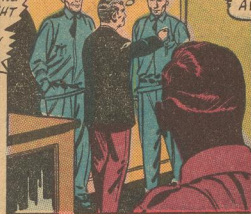
YES, SIR--
THIS TIME,
BART FOSTER
GETS HIS--
WHAT--?

A SPECIAL NEWS
BULLETIN! **PUBLIC
ENEMY #1** HAS JUST
BEEN CAPTURED!
OFFICER JOHN CARTER,
IN A FANTASTIC RUNNING
GUN BATTLE, BROUGHT
JERRY "THE FOX"
FARR TO BAY, ONLY
15 MINUTES AGO!

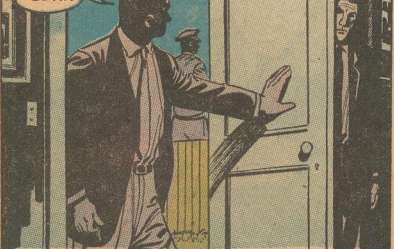
FOR YOUR HEROIC SERVICE TO THE
DEPARTMENT, JOHN CARTER!

POOR FOSTER--HOPE HE ISN'T TAKING
THIS TOO HARD! ALMOST ANY OTHER
MONTH, HE WOULD HAVE
WON MY AWARD!

"THERE'S THE LAD
NOW!... THAT BANK HOLD-UP
WASN'T ON "OUR" BEAT! I
SURE HOPE HE CAN WIN A
MEDAL SOON... HE STILL
LOOKS NERVOUS WHEN
HE'S ON DUTY
HERE!"



TRYING TO LIVE UP TO A FAMOUS
REPUTATION CAN DESTROY A
MAN! HE'S GOT TO FEEL
HE'S WORTHY--THAT HE'S
GOOD ENOUGH TO HOLD
DOWN MY OLD
BEAT!



"SUDDENLY..." OKAY, POP,
THIS IS A HOLD-UP!
SIT DOWN IN THAT
CHAIR!

WHAT..?





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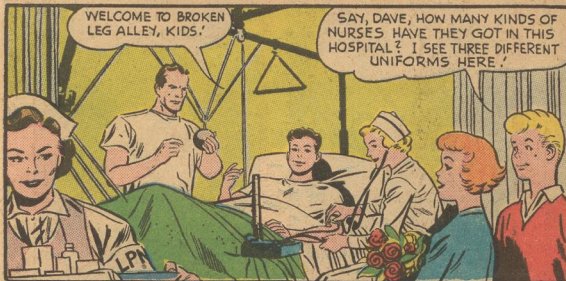
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BULLY *learns about* CAREERS *in* NURSING

WELCOME TO BROKEN LEG ALLEY, KIDS!

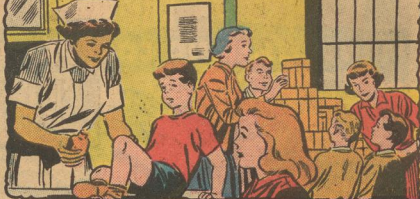
SAY, DAVE, HOW MANY KINDS OF NURSES HAVE THEY GOT IN THIS HOSPITAL? I SEE THREE DIFFERENT UNIFORMS HERE!

I WONDER HOW THEY ALL GOT INTO NURSING? I THINK I'LL ASK THEM...



"I WAS A MEDICAL CORPSMAN IN THE WAR. IT WAS PRETTY RUGGED, BUT I HELPED TO SAVE A LOT OF LIVES AND DECIDED IT WAS THE CAREER FOR ME. SO AFTER THE WAR, I TOOK A 3-YEAR COURSE AND BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE, SPECIALIZING IN CARE OF MEN."

"MY HIGH SCHOOL CLUB DID VOLUNTEER WORK AT OUR TOWN'S HOSPITAL. I LEARNED A LOT WATCHING THE STUDENT NURSES AND FOUND I LOVED TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE."



"AFTER A 4-YEAR COLLEGE NURSING COURSE, I BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE. I'M GETTING MARRIED NEXT YEAR, BUT I'LL STILL KEEP ON WITH MY CAREER."

WE HAD A BIG FAMILY, AND I WANTED TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I KNEW ABOUT THE SHORTAGE OF NURSES, AND TOOK A 1-YEAR COURSE TO BECOME A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE. I LOVE IT BECAUSE I CAN HELP SICK, DISCOURAGED PEOPLE FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE."

SO-LONG, TEAM!

I KNOW YOU'RE JOKING, DAVE, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE-A TEAM, WITH EACH ONE DOING HIS JOB AT HELPING FOLKS GET WELL!

INTERESTED? IF YOU ARE, WRITE NURSING CAREERS, CARE OF YOUR LOCAL POSTMASTER!



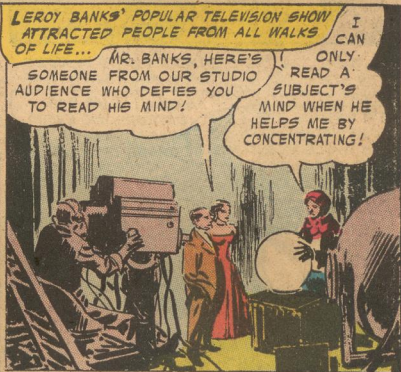
THE MAN WHO **ROBBED** A THOUSAND MINDS



YOUR NAME...
YOUR NAME IS
JOHN HOLLIS. YOU'RE
A DETECTIVE, AND
YOU'RE WONDERING
HOW MUCH LONGER
IT'LL TAKE YOU
TO ARREST
ME!

THAT'S RIGHT!
HE READ MY MIND
AS IF IT WERE
AN OPEN BOOK!

LEROY BANKS PERFORMED THE MOST
SENSATIONAL MIND-READING ACT IN THE
WORLD. BUT WHAT INTERESTED ME
IN HIM WAS HIS EVEN MORE SENSATIONAL
CRIME ANGLE! BEFORE I COULD CLOSE
THIS CASE, I KNEW THAT I'D HAVE TO
DO SOME FANCY MIND-READING OF
MY OWN!



LEROY BANKS' POPULAR TELEVISION SHOW
ATTRACTED PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS
OF LIFE... MR. BANKS, HERE'S
SOMEONE FROM OUR STUDIO
AUDIENCE WHO DEFIES YOU
TO READ HIS MIND!

I CAN
ONLY
READ A
SUBJECT'S
MIND WHEN HE
HELPS ME BY
CONCENTRATING!



THE BIG OVERHEAD LIGHTS VANISHED, AND TWO SPOT-
LIGHTS PINPOINTED THE MAIN CHARACTERS ONSTAGE.

YOU, SIR, ARE A SUCCESSFUL
JEWEL COLLECTOR. YOUR
NAME IS T. J. PEARS!

THAT WAS EASY!
LOTS OF PEOPLE IN
TOWN KNOW ME! HOW
ABOUT TELLING ME
SOMETHING NO
ONE KNOWS?

VERY WELL! PLEASE WRITE DOWN--TO HELP YOU CONCENTRATE--THE NUMBERS OF YOUR LICENSE PLATE... YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER--AND--IF YOU DARE--THE COMBINATION OF YOUR VAULT!

I'LL SKIP THE FIRST TWO! ANYBODY CAN FIND OUT THOSE, BUT I'M THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO KNOWS MY VAULT COMBINATION! I'LL WRITE *THAT* DOWN!



I COULD IMAGINE THE MILLIONS OF VIEWERS FROM COAST TO COAST LEANING FORWARD IN THEIR SEATS, AS...

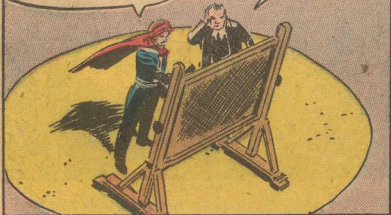
CONCENTRATE AS YOU WRITE, SIR--
CONCENTRATE!



SUDDENLY, AS THE OVERHEAD LIGHTS FLOODED THE STAGE AND A PORTABLE BLACKBOARD WAS WHEELED ON...

I'M WRITING THE COMBINATION DOWN SO THE WHOLE WORLD WON'T FIND OUT WHAT IT IS, SIR! AM I RIGHT?

AMAZING! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THAT! PLEASE ERASE IT AT ONCE!



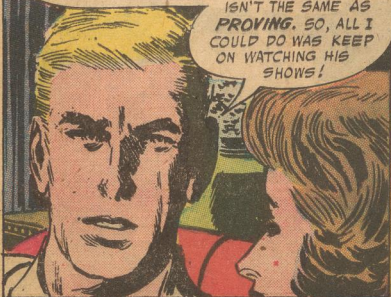
FOR ME, THE LEROY BANKS SHOW WAS NO PLEASURE. IT WAS ALL IN THE LINE OF DUTY...

WHAT YOU'RE A DETECTIVE, JOHN HOLLIS! CAN YOU FIGURE OUT HOW HE DOES IT?

WHAT PUZZLES ME IS NOT HIS TRICKS-- BUT HOW HE INTENDS TO USE THAT KNOWLEDGE? HE DOESN'T DARE USE THAT COMBINATION NOW, BECAUSE HE'D BE THE FIRST TO BE SUSPECTED!



YOU SEE, THANKS TO AN UNDERWORLD TIP, BANKS WAS LONG SUSPECTED OF MASTERMINDING A CRIME ORGANIZATION! BUT **SUSPECTING** ISN'T THE SAME AS **PROVING**. SO, ALL I COULD DO WAS KEEP ON WATCHING HIS SHOWS!



IF THE CAMERAS HAD FOLLOWED BANKS INTO HIS PRIVATE OFFICE LATER, I'D HAVE LEARNED A LOT...

SAY, BOSS, JOE, HERE, IS NEW AND CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW YOU DID THAT MIND-READING STUNT!

IT'S EASY, JOE-- I DID IT BY **PENCIL-READING!**



"YES, JOE, I TRAINED MYSELF TO READ WHAT IS BEING WRITTEN FROM THE MOTIONS MADE BY THE PENCIL..."

A SHORT LINE TO PEARS' RIGHT... FOLLOWED BY A LONGER LINE MAKING A DOWNWARD STROKE! NOW THAT WOULD BE A "7"!



BANKS WAITED THREE WEEKS BEFORE ACTING ON HIS INFORMATION...

THERE YOU ARE, MEN-- A MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF THE FINEST GEMS FOR US!

BUT, BOSS-- SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE BESIDES PEARS WHO KNOWS THE COMBO, WON'T YOU BE SUSPECTED RIGHT OFF?



SURE-- THAT'S WHY I'M SETTING THIS TIME-FUSE TO SET OFF THE T.N.T. STICKS AFTER WE LEAVE. IT'LL LOOK AS IF SOMEONE DYNAMITED IT OPEN!

GET IT, JOE? IF WE DYNAMITED FIRST, IT WOULD BRING THE COPS WHO'D CATCH US!

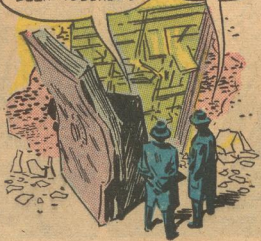
EARLY NEXT MORNING, MY PARTNER SGT. WELKY, AND I EXAMINED THE RESULTS OF BANKS' NIGHT WORK...

I CALLED YOU AS SOON AS I SAW WHAT HAPPENED, LIEUTENANT! NOTHING'S BEEN TOUCHED!

THE BLAST CERTAINLY MADE A WRECK OUT OF THIS SAFE!

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BANKS! HE HAD THE COMBINATION!

THINK SO? I WONDER...



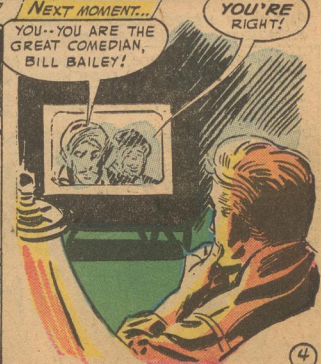
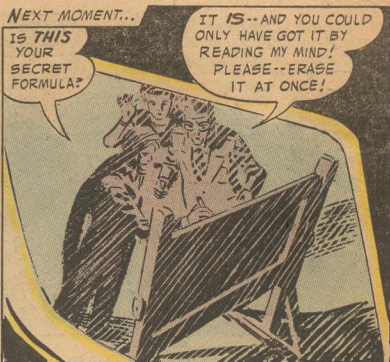
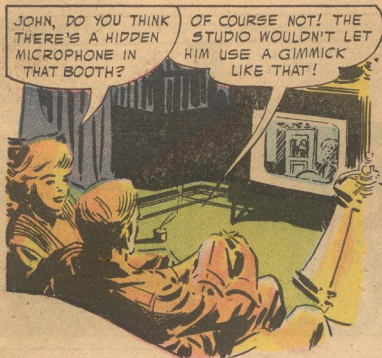
AND WHILE WE PONDERED THE MYSTERY, BANKS WAS ALREADY PREPARING ANOTHER CASE FOR US THAT SAME NIGHT...

IT TOOK YOU ARE ALBERT JONES, THE CHEMIST WHO DEVELOPED THE FORMULA FROM WHICH THIS GLASS FABRIC IS MADE! SHALL I TELL YOU WHAT THAT FORMULA IS?

ME! 10 YEARS TO FIND IT! I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND IT IN LESS TIME--EVEN BY TRYING TO READ MY MIND!

IF YOU'LL JUST WHISPER THE FORMULA TO YOUR WIFE IN THE SOUND-PROOFED BOOTH, I'LL DO MY BEST!





AND, WHILE
APPLAUSE
ROCKED
THE
STUDIO...

FOLKS,
I'D BE
GLAD TO
READ MR. BANKS'
MIND--BUT I
DON'T THINK HE'S
GOT A MIND!

HA, HA!...HERE,
YOU WON'T NEED
THIS PAD ANY
LONGER--I'VE
ALREADY TOLD
YOU WHAT'S
ON IT!

THE CRIME AGAINST THE COMEDIAN STARTED THAT VERY
NIGHT...

FIRST, I RIP OFF
THE OUTER SURFACE
OF THIS SPECIAL PAPER
ON WHICH THAT RICH
COMEDIAN SIGNED
HIS NAME!

HOW'S THAT? A BLANK
CHECK--SIGNED!

AND ONCE AGAIN, HEADQUARTERS WAS
THE SCENE OF GREAT GLOOM...

YES, YES-- I
ADMIT THAT'S MY
SIGNATURE-- BUT
I KNOW I DIDN'T
MAKE OUT THAT
CHECK!... HAVEN'T
YOU ANY IDEA HOW
IT WAS DONE?

SURE, SURE--
I'VE GOT A SAFE
FULL OF IDEAS!
I'LL SHOW YOU!

UPDOWN BANK -- 22
Pay to the order of \$
No. Bill Bailey

IN A FIT OF TEMPER, I WHIPPED
OPEN THE DOOR...

LOOK--EACH
ONE OF THESE
CASES POINTS TO THE
SAME MAN! BUT WE
CAN'T PROVE A THING
AGAINST HIM!

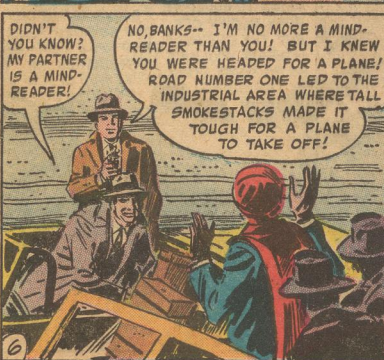
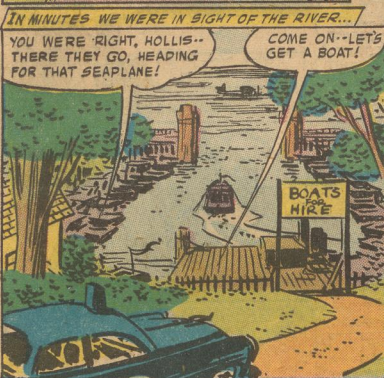
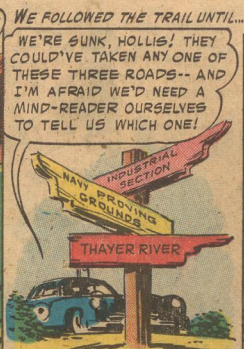
SUDDENLY, SOMETHING
CLICKED IN MY BRAIN...

WAIT A MINUTE! THAT'S IT!
WELKY--DIG OUT THAT
POLICE PHOTO OF PEARS'
SAFE--AND I'LL SHOW
YOU!

MINUTES LATER...

WELKY, IF THAT DOOR
WAS CLOSED WHEN
THE T.N.T. WENT OFF,
MAYBE IT WOULD'VE
BEEN BLOWN OFF,
BUT THE ENTIRE
INTERIOR WOULDN'T
BE SO COMPLETELY
WRECKED!

THAT MEANS
THE DOOR WAS
ALREADY OPEN
WHEN THE CHARGE
WAS SET! SO IF
BANKS IS THE ONLY
ONE BESIDES PEARS
WHO KNEW THAT
COMBINATION, HE
MUST HAVE OPENED
IT! LET'S GO!



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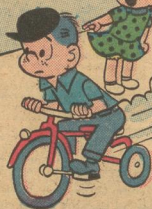


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STRANGE LAWS

LAWBREAKER!

MOSCOW, IDAHO: "RIDING A TRICYCLE ON A SIDEWALK IS FORBIDDEN."



MY LUCK, IT'LL BE A WHALE AND I'LL HAVE TO THROW HIM BACK!

OKLAHOMA: "IT IS ILLEGAL TO CATCH A WHALE IN ANY OF THE INLAND WATERS."

I'M GLAD WE'RE MOVING AWAY TOMORROW SO I CAN WIN SOME AGGIES!

ASHLAND, WISCONSIN: "BOYS CANNOT PLAY MARBLES IF THEY PLAY FOR KEEPS."

OH MY, AND THIS ISN'T EVEN MY TREE!

GRR

MILWAUKEE: "NO ONE CAN CLIMB A TREE OR LAMP POST OTHER THAN HIS OWN."

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GANG BUSTERS



FISHING? SURE, I'VE DONE PLENTY OF IT-- AND, LIKE YOU, I'VE HAD MY SHARE OF GOOD LUCK AND BAD WITH STRIPERS, BLUES, FLOUNDER AND BASS! BUT I HAVEN'T ALWAYS GONE OUT FOR FISH! I'M A SPECIAL DETECTIVE-- AND LAST TIME OUT, I WAS AFTER SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER, MORE DANGEROUS! I WAS OUT TO NET...

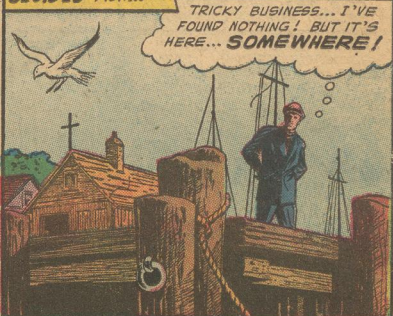
THE MILLION DOLLAR CATCH



POINT CLIPPER IS A LONG, CROOKED FINGER OF LAND JUTTING INTO THE ATLANTIC, BOASTING GOOD SAND, SURF AND SAIL-- AND EXCELLENT FISHING...



I'M ARNIE DIGGERS, SPECIAL DETECTIVE, AND MY ASSIGNMENT HAD ME THERE POSING AS A FISHERMAN--LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BESIDES FISH...





I WAS AFTER **THIS**-- EXPENSIVE PRECISION WATCHWORKS, MADE IN EUROPE, AND SMUGGLED INTO THIS COUNTRY BY THE THOUSANDS...

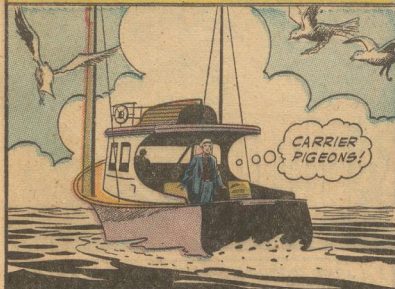
WE KNOW THAT **POINT CLIPPER** IS THE RECEIVING AREA... BUT WHAT WE **DON'T** KNOW IS **HOW** THESE BABIES ARE SNEAKED IN!



MY JOB WAS TO FIND OUT-- AND I POSED AS A FISHERMAN IN THE HOPE OF PICKING UP SMATTERINGS OF CONVERSATION THAT MIGHT LEAD TO A SOLUTION...



IN MY BUSINESS, YOU LATCH ONTO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE A CLUE-- AND, ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, UP IN THE SKY AMONG THE GULLS, I SAW AN EYE-OPENER...



I STAYED ASHORE FOR TWO DAYS, TRACKING THE PIGEONS' FLIGHT WITH BINOCULARS...

I APPROACHED THE CABIN SILENTLY, ON A SOFT BED OF PINE NEEDLES...

SUDDENLY, JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO MOVE IN WITH MY SERVICE REVOLVER...

FLYING HOME-- STRAIGHT TO THAT CABIN YONDER! IT'S GETTING DARK-- TIME FOR ME TO HEAD FOR THAT CABIN, TOO!

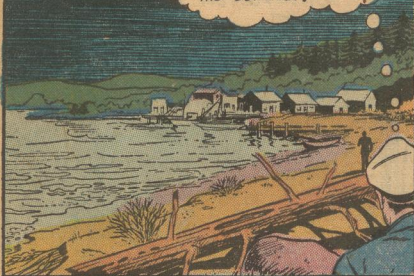
I'D ALMOST GIVE MY NEXT PROMOTION TO KNOW WHAT'S ON THAT PIGEON'S LEG BAND...

OH, OH... MR. PIGEONS HIMSELF! HE JUST GOT A MESSAGE OFF A BIRD-- AND IS HEADED FOR THE DOCKS...



SOMETHING INSIDE ME BUZZED AND TINGLED--
LIKE IT ALWAYS DOES WHEN I'M ABOUT TO
WRAP UP A CASE...

LOOKS LIKE PIGEON
BOY IS HEADED FOR
HIS CONTACT!



THEN I SAW FOUR FIGURES EMERGE
FROM THE SHADOWS...

THERE'S THE
CONTACT! NOW I CAN
MOVE IN...



SOME "CONTACT" THAT WAS! THE FOUR
OTHERS **JUMPED** PIGEON BOY... HE
COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ONE OF THEM!



WHATEVER THE SCORE, I DON'T LIKE TO
STAND BY AND WATCH FOUR GORILLAS JUMP
ONE MAN-- SO I SLAMMED INTO THE FRACAS...



ANOTHER ONE!
GET HIM!

I'LL BLAST HIM--
I'LL...UMMPH!



I TURNED AROUND IN TIME TO SEE PIGEON
BOY GET SLUGGED--AND DUMPED INTO THE
DRINK...





AS THE BOAT ROARED OFF, MY MAN CAME TO...

UH-- THANKS! I'M FRED MARTIN, SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FOR THE COAST GUARD!

YOU **ARE?** ENHEW! WAS I OFF-BASE! I THOUGHT YOU AND YOUR PIGEONS WERE TIED IN WITH THE SMUGGLERS!



GUESS WE BOTH GOOFED... THOSE CHARACTERS ARE GONE! BY THE WAY, WHAT ABOUT THOSE PIGEONS OF YOURS?

I'VE BEEN USING THEM TO TRANSMIT MESSAGES TO HEADQUARTERS!



YOU SEE, THESE FISHING BOATS HAVE RADIOS, AND WE DIDN'T WANT ANYBODY CRACKING OUR RADIO CODE-- SO WE SET UP THE PIGEON DEAL! I POSED AS A WACKY PIGEON FANCIER!

AND WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE YOU GOT THAT SENT YOU FLYING DOWN HERE?



MY OFFICE SENT ME WORD TO KEEP AN EYE ON CERTAIN WEIR FISHERMEN! THOSE ARE THE CHARACTERS WHO SLUGGED ME WHEN YOU CAME ALONG! I WAS ABOUT AS USEFUL AS THE STUFFED PIGEONS I KEEP ON MY FIREPLACE...



STUFFED PIGEONS!

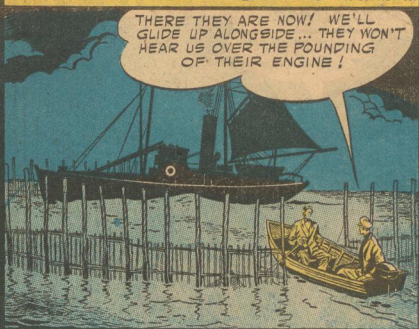
YES-- I GOT A COUPLE FROM THE TAXIDERMIST, TO MAKE MY FANCIER ACT LOOK MORE REALISTIC, IN CASE OF CALLERS! WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED?



YOU GAVE ME A FLASH! STUFFED
PIGEONS--WHY NOT STUFFED **FISH**?
AT LEAST IT'S A HUNCH! COME ON--
THERE'S AN OUTBOARD DINGHY! WE
HAVE TO GET OUT TO THE WEIRS BEFORE
THEY CLEAN UP THE EVIDENCE!



WE STRUCK OUT FOR THE PARTICULAR WEIR WHICH
FRED MARTIN KNEW WAS USED BY THESE "FISHERMEN"...



THERE THEY ARE NOW! WE'LL
GLIDE UP ALONGSIDE... THEY WON'T
HEAR US OVER THE POUNDING
OF THEIR ENGINE!

WITH AN OAR, WE WORKED OUR WAY IN BETWEEN
THE WEIR SAPPLINGS, TILL FINALLY...



EASY DOES
IT, PAL...

AND THAT'S WHEN THEY SPOTTED US...



THEM TWO SNOOPERS
AGAIN! GET 'EM!

I GRABBED ONE OF THE POLE NETS AND SWUNG
AT A GUN-- JUST AS IT ROARED...



WHILE MY PAL MADE A BIG TEN TACKLE ON
ONE OF THEM, I SPILLED ANOTHER OVERBOARD
WITH A NEAT LEFT HOOK...



NOTHING LIKE
CUTTING ANOTHER THE
ODDS...

BUT A MOMENT LATER, WITH A CHOPPER STARING US IN THE FACE, WE FROZE STIFF AS A STEEL RAMROD...

HOLD IT, WISE GUY!



SUDDENLY, A BLINDING LIGHT FLOODED THE DECK LIKE A NOONDAY SUN-- AND WE KNEW THE COAST GUARD HAD ARRIVED! IT WAS ALL OVER...

YOU CAN TAKE 'EM IN TOW! I'M GOING DOWN INTO THAT WEIR TRAP-- FOR WHAT I **THINK** I'M GOING TO FIND THERE!



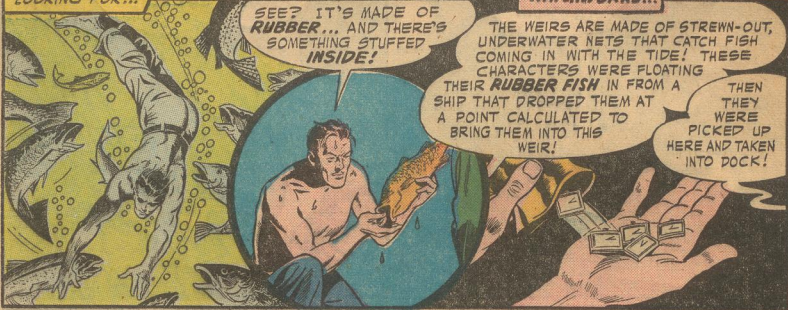
I PLUNGED INTO THE COOL WATERS, FELT HUNDREDS OF FISH AROUND ME IN THE TRAP--AND FOUND ONE I WAS LOOKING FOR...

SEE? IT'S MADE OF RUBBER... AND THERE'S SOMETHING STUFFED INSIDE!

YEP-- INSIDE WAS A WATER-PROOF PLASTIC BAG, CONTAINING WATCHWORKS...

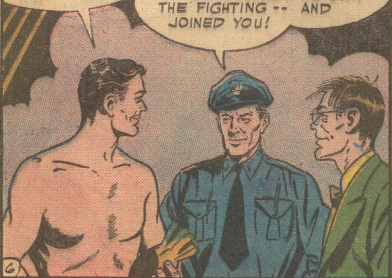
THE WEIRS ARE MADE OF STREWN-OUT, UNDERWATER NETS THAT CATCH FISH COMING IN WITH THE TIDE! THESE CHARACTERS WERE FLOATING THEIR RUBBER FISH IN FROM A SHIP THAT DROPPED THEM AT A POINT CALCULATED TO BRING THEM INTO THIS WEIR!

THEN THEY WERE PICKED UP HERE AND TAKEN INTO DOCK!



BY THE WAY, WHAT MADE YOU BOYS SHOW UP AT **JUST** THE RIGHT TIME?

WE HAD COME IN TO INFORM OUR CONTACT, HERE, THAT OUR PIGEONS WERE BEING INTERCEPTED BY THE SMUGGLERS! WE SAW THE FIGHTING -- AND JOINED YOU!



IT WAS SOMETIME LATER, WITH THE DAWN COMING UP, THAT WE SAILED BACK TOWARD SHORE, WITH THE MORNING WIND IN OUR FACES...

SHE'S SEWED UP TIGHTER'N A DRUM, LIEUTENANT... GUESS WE'RE ALL THROUGH HERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT?

ME? I'VE GOT A WEEK OFF, AND I'M GOING FISHING... BUT FOR **FISH** THIS TIME!



THE END.

THE GRAPEVINE

RAY OF HOPE

In a West Coast city, an astronomer who had never met the accused man saved him from a long jail sentence for robbery. The most damaging evidence presented to the court was a photograph taken outside the burgled house by two witnesses, who claimed they had seen the defendant emerge from it at 2 o'clock, just as they were snapping pictures. Despite his vehement denial, the jury was impressed by the photo.

The defendant's resourceful lawyer insisted that his client was innocent. Requesting a short recess, he obtained the services of an astronomer from the nearby observatory.

"Would you please note the sun's rays that cast the afternoon shadows in this picture?" he asked the astronomer, as he offered the photograph in question. "After you have compared them to photos taken a year ago on that date, can you tell the court approximately at what time this picture was taken?"

The astronomer, seated in the witness chair, had come prepared. He thumbed through his files, compared the damaging photo with several of his own. At last, he looked up and said, authoritatively, "This photograph was taken between 4 and 4:15 P. M. I'll stake my reputation on that."

The defendant was freed. Subsequent investigation revealed that the two witnesses had tried to frame him for the crime which had been committed by them. Both were arrested and tried—and without a photo finish, sentenced to prison.

JUST PUNISHMENT

Arrested for having used an illegal muffler on his jalopy, a St. Louis youth was ordered by the magistrate to write, "I will never use a loud muffler again," 1,000 times. When he returned three days later with 20 sheets of notepaper, the magistrate discovered that the sen-

tence was not all in the same handwriting. "I asked some of my friends to help me," explained the youth. "I didn't think you'd notice."

Vexed by the attempted ruse, the judge tripled the terms, demanding that the lad write off the sentence 3,000 times in the courtroom.

PIGEON PILFERER

In the Ruhr Valley in Germany, miners breed, raise and race their birds with affection. Aware of their value, a rustler stole six prizewinners and sent back one of his own homing pigeons with a ransom note.

Angered by this brazen effrontery, the miners attached ribbons to the go-between pigeon, followed it by helicopter to its loft, where they nabbed the birdnaper, whom they turned over to police.

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

SACRAMENTO, Calif.: Two workers were fined for smoking while painting "No Smoking" signs.

EDINBURGH, Scotland: Denying possession of illegal explosives, a suspect strode into the constabulary, angrily pulled off his hat, out of which fell three sticks of dynamite.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.: Inmates of the city jail were caught trying to counterfeit \$5 bills in the prison printing shop.

LANSING, Mich.: When flags disappeared from statues of national heroes, police found the guilty party—squirrels that had taken them to line their nests.

DAVENPORT, Iowa: Arrested by police investigating a broken department store window, a suspect carrying several pairs of shoes explained, "I happened to fall through the window, and the shoes somehow got attached to me."

DUCKING THE LAW

When hunters persisted in shooting duck out of season, at night, with flashlights and headlights of their cars, an angry game warden of upper New York State decided to catch them in the act, in order to make an arrest. He put out some decoys to float on the lake, then secreted himself among the rushes.

Pretty soon, a beam of light cut a swath through the blackness. It focused on some of the wooden ducks. He could discern one man holding the flash, another shouldering a gun. Suddenly, the night air crackled with gunfire.

"Hold your fire!" roared the warden. "Those are dummy ducks. And you're both under arrest!"

"What kind on nonsense is this?" said one of the would-be hunters. You can't pinch us for shooting ducks when they weren't ducks."

"You were after ducks. Whether they were genuine or not doesn't matter," said the warden, emphatically. "I'm taking you both in. We'll let the judge decide."

What would your decision be, if you were the judge? The court maintained that while both of the accused had intended to commit a criminal act, neither had actually done so in firing at wooden ducks. Reprimanding them sternly for their unsportsmanly behavior, the judge turned them free.

THIEF'S ALL WET

For some time, a visitor to the Capetown Municipal Gardens used to speculate on the amount of money that rested at the bottom of the wishing well, coins dropped by anxious tourists. One day, he decided to investigate. He eased himself down the well. Unable to climb back later, he cried for help until he was rescued by a policeman.

"I tossed in a few coins, lost my balance and fell in," he explained.

"Empty your pockets," said the policeman.

He did so, revealing several dollars in change. "That's more than the ordinary person carries," said the policeman. "I'm arresting you for attempted robbery of the wishing well."

BROTHERS IN LAW

A driver racing up New York's Henry Hudson Parkway learned that you can't quibble with the police. Overtaken and stopped by a pursuing prowler car, he pointed out smugly that he had been apprehended outside the city line and thus beyond the officer's jurisdiction.

Unruffled by this technicality, the policeman flagged down a passing Westchester County police car and explained the situation. Whereupon, the county officer arrested the speedster for interfering with a policeman in the discharge of his duties.

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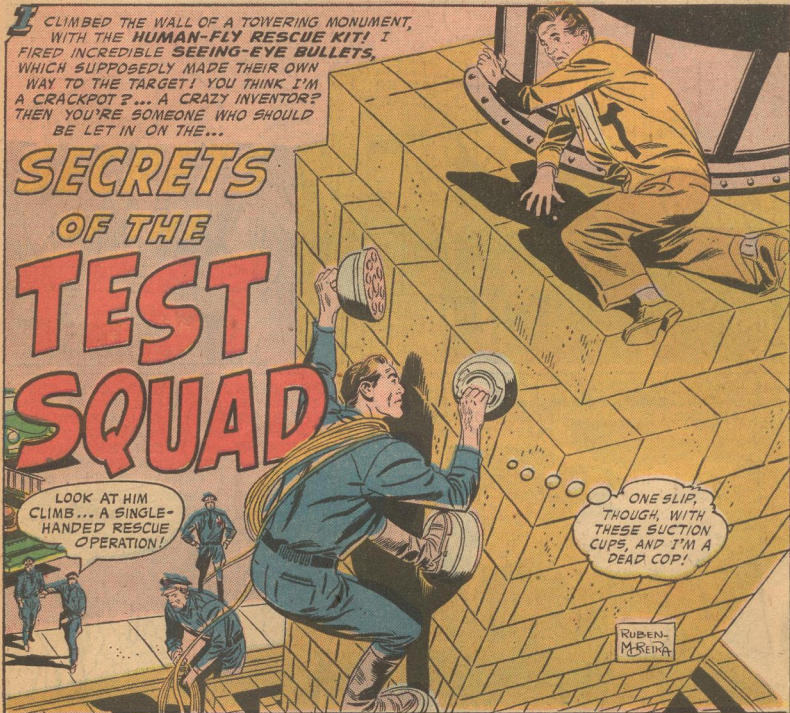
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I CLIMBED THE WALL OF A TOWERING MONUMENT, WITH THE **HUMAN-FLY RESCUE KIT!** I FIRED INCREDIBLE **SEEING-EYE BULLETS**, WHICH SUPPOSEDLY MADE THEIR OWN WAY TO THE TARGET! YOU THINK I'M A CRACKPOT?... A CRAZY INVENTOR? THEN YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE LET IN ON THE...

SECRETS OF THE TEST SQUAD



LOOK AT HIM CLIMB... A SINGLE-HANDED RESCUE OPERATION!

ONE SLIP, THOUGH, WITH THESE SUCTION CUPS, AND I'M A DEAD COP!

RUBEN-
 M. REIRA

IT HAD TAKEN MONTHS TO "SELL" MY IDEA TO THE CHIEF-- AND ALSO TO THE COMMISSIONER HIMSELF... IT'LL

WHY BRING ME HERE, LIEUTENANT FULLER? COULDN'T YOU HAVE DESCRIBED YOUR **TEST SQUAD** PROJECT OVER THE PHONE?

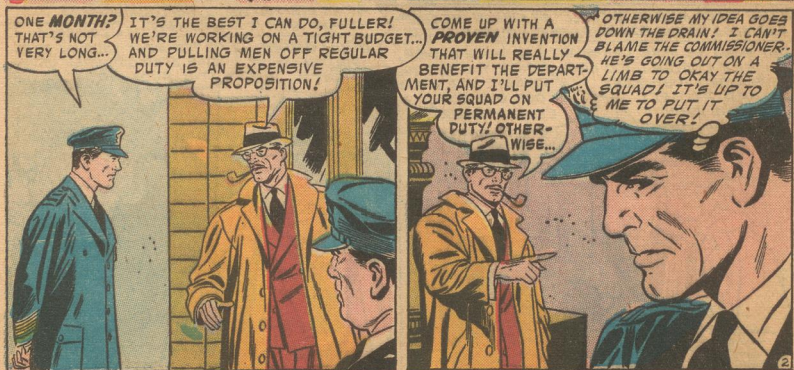
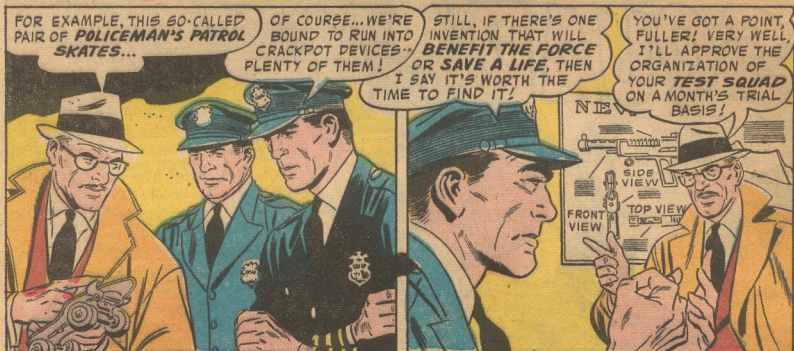
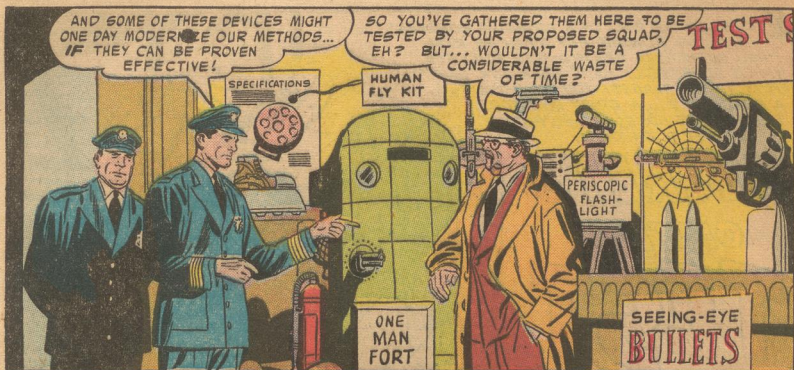
BE MUCH EASIER, ONCE YOU SEE THE EXHIBIT I'VE ARRANGED IN OUR OLD GYM, COMMISSIONER...

AS HE STEPPED INSIDE, THE COMMISSIONER REARED BACK IN AMAZEMENT...

GOOD GRIEF, FULLER-- WHAT IS IT?

A COLLECTION OF THE MOST UNUSUAL INVENTIONS EVER GATHERED UNDER ONE ROOF, SIR!





AFTER SELECTING 12 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE "DUTY LINE," WE SET TO WORK SIFTING AND SORTING THE UNIQUE DEVICES...

THIS **LAW ARM** CONTRAPTION--
DESIGNED TO SNARE FLEEING
CRIMINALS-- ISN'T PRACTICAL!
BETTER PUT IT IN THE
"**REJECTED**" PILE,
MARTIN!

HOW ARE WE
GOING TO TEST
THE
"**POSSIBLE**"
INVENTIONS,
LIEUTENANT
FULLER?



UNDER **ACTUAL CONDITIONS**,
MARTIN! WE'LL WORK AS A
SEPARATE UNIT, ALONGSIDE
THE REGULAR POLICE
FORCE!

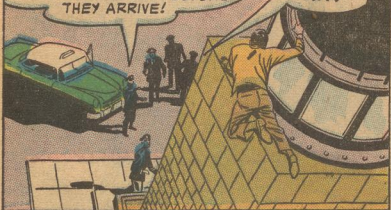
GOSH, THAT
MEANS WE'RE
REALLY ON OUR
OWN, SIR!



THAT AFTERNOON, AN EMERGENCY BULLETIN LAUNCHED THE **TEST SQUAD** ON ITS FIRST ASSIGNMENT...

THAT FOOLHARDY YOUNGSTER SOME-
HOW CLIMBED THE MONUMENT ON A
DARE-- AND NOW HE'S TRAPPED UP
THERE! WE'RE WAITING FOR THE
HOOK-AND-LADDER CREW, BUT
HE MIGHT FALL OFF BEFORE
THEY ARRIVE!

HMM...THIS IS
A NATURAL
SETUP FOR THE **HUMAN-
FLY RESCUE
KIT!**



WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, THE MEN STRAPPED THE
BIZARRE EQUIPMENT ON MY HANDS AND FEET--
THEN, A MOMENT LATER...

IT'S WORKING--LOOK
AT THE LIEUTENANT GO!
THE SUCTION CUPS ARE
GRIPPING FIRMLY-- HE'LL AT LEAST REACH
TAKING MY WEIGHT... THE KID AND HOLD HIM
THERE!



BUT, JUST AS SUCCESS WAS JUST WITHIN MY
GRASP...

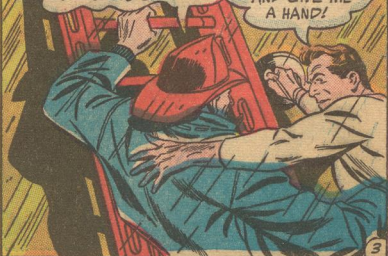
RAIN! THE MONUMENT'S
WET SURFACE IS CREATING TOO
STRONG A VACUUM! I--I CAN'T
PULL THE SUCTION CUPS
FREE!



LITERALLY PINNED TO THE MONUMENT--UNABLE TO
MOVE EITHER UP OR DOWN--IT WAS I WHO
FINALLY HAD TO BE RESCUED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

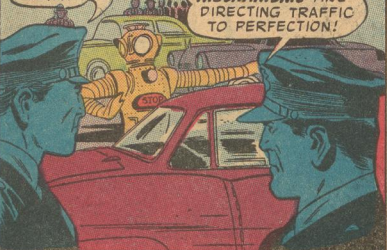
IF I HAD THE WINGS OF AN
ANGEL...

ALL RIGHT, "SPARKY"--
CUT THE COMEDY
AND GIVE ME
A HAND!



THE WEATHER FACTOR HAD PROVEN THE RESCUE KIT IMPRACTICAL--BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP US FROM TRYING OUT OTHER INVENTIONS...

YES, MARTIN-- I THINK WE'VE GOT SOMETHING. SIR! THAT ROBOT TRAFFIC DIRECTOR IS ALMOST HUMAN!



AND, THE FOLLOWING WEEK, AS WE TESTED THE SEEING-EYE BULLETS AGAINST TRAPPED GUN-MAN EDDIE DOYLE...

UPON DISCHARGING, THE BULLET SHEDS A SPECIAL PLASTIC COVERING WHICH EXPOSES A HIGHLY MAGNETIZED SLUG! AND THE SLUG, ATTRACTED TO THE CRIMINAL'S WEAPON, HURTTLES INTO IT AND DISARMS HIM! WELL, WE'LL SOON KNOW...



DOYLE WAS LATER CAPTURED--BUT THE SQUAD'S SITUATION WAS GRIM! TIME WAS RUNNING OUT, AND THE PRESS WAS GETTING ON OUR NECKS, TOO!...

THEY'RE REALLY RUBBING IT IN... ONE TV COMMENTATOR CALLED US 'FULLER'S FOLLY!' AND WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE WEEK LEFT TO PROVE THEM WRONG!



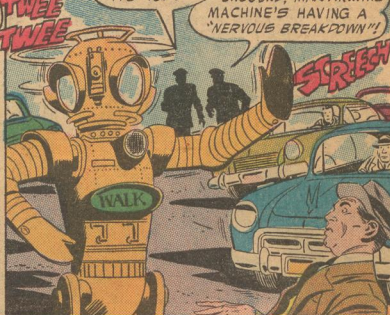
IT'S A POLICEMAN'S NIGHT-STICK WITH BUILT-IN TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER, FOR ON-THE-SPOT COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS ON THE BEAT!



I'M GOING TO ASK PERMISSION FOR US TO PATROL SEVERAL BEATS, MARTIN! IF WE CAN PROVE THIS NIGHTSTICK ON DUTY, IT SHOULD CONVINCE EVERYONE THAT THE SQUAD'S IMPORTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT!



WHAT HAPPENED? THE ROBOT'S BLOWING ITS TOP! THE MECHANICAL APPARATUS MUST BE UNSOUND, MARTIN...THE MACHINE'S HAVING A 'NERVOUS BREAKDOWN'!



I SQUEEZED OFF THREE QUICK ROUNDS, AND WE GRIMLY OBSERVED AS...

THE SLUGS-- THEY'RE GOING HAYWIRE! OF COURSE--THE CONCENTRATION OF STEEL AND IRON IN THAT LOCKSMITH'S SHOP AND SIDEWALK GRATING OUTDREW DOYLE'S METAL PISTOL! SCRATCH ANOTHER TEST, BOYS!



WE PATROLLED A BEAT FOR FIVE DAYS WITHOUT RESULTS-- AND THEN, JUST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE SQUAD'S DO-OR-DIE DEADLINE...

CALLING LIEUTENANT FULLER!
 CAR IDLING IN ALLEY BEFORE
 REAR ENTRANCE TO JEWELRY
 STORE--MAN BEHIND WHEEL...

PROBABLY THE GET-
 AWAY DRIVER! STAND
 BY, MARTIN--WE'LL
 MOVE IN AND SEAL
 OFF THE OTHER EXIT
 TO THE ALLEY!

TENSE MINUTES LATER, A SECOND REPORT
 CAME FROM MARTIN, VIA THE UNIQUE **RADIO
 NIGHTSTICK**...

DRIVER LEAVING THE
 CAR--GOING INSIDE
 STORE...

PROBABLY WONDERING
 WHAT'S KEEPING HIS
 PALS! WE'RE APPROACH-
 ING THE ALLEY NOW--WE'LL
 HAVE THEIR ESCAPE BLOCKED
 OFF IN SECONDS!



WITH THE ALLEY SEALED FROM BOTH SIDES, WE SWEATED
 OUT THE APPEARANCE OF THE CRIMINALS...

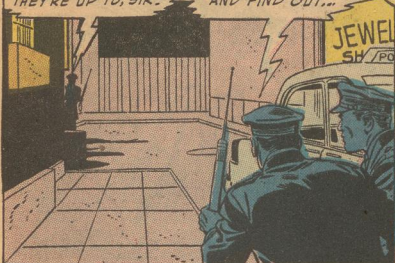
IT'S BEEN OVER FIVE
 MINUTES... WONDER WHAT?
 THEY'RE UP TO, SIR?

IF THEY DON'T SHOW
 SOON, WE'LL MOVE IN
 AND FIND OUT...

JUST THEN, A PROWL CAR PULLED TO THE CURB
 AND...

LIEUTENANT
 FULLER--I EXPECT
 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
 THESE BURGLARS?

THAT MAN... HE WAS THE
 GETAWAY DRIVER I SAW
 LEAVING THE CAR AND
 ENTERING THE JEWELRY
 STORE! BUT--HOW--?



WHEN WE NABBED
 THIS TRIO WITH THE
 STOLEN JEWELS,
 WE FOUND THIS
 NIGHTSTICK ON
 THEM, AND
 RECOGNIZED
 IT AS THE ONE
 YOU WERE
 TESTING
 HERE!

SO THAT'S
 WHY THEY
 NEVER
 APPEARED
 IN THE ALLEY!
 THEY PICKED
 UP OUR
 CONVERSATIONS
 OVER THE **NIGHT-
 STICK RADIO**, AND
 KNEW WE WERE
 WAITING FOR
 THEM!

HUH..? BUT HOW
 DID THEY GET
 THEIR HANDS
 ON A
**RADIO
 NIGHT-
 STICK**,
 SIR?

THESE
 HOODLUMS
SUBMITTED THE
 INVENTION TO US, MARTIN!
 KNOWING WE'D TEST IT,
 THEY WERE ABLE TO KEEP
 POSTED ON ALL OUR MOVES,
 WHILE CARRYING OUT
 THE THEFT!

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE NEWS
 COLUMNISTS HAD A FIELD DAY...



DISCOURAGED, BUT STILL DETERMINED, WE SPENT THE LAST FEW HOURS BEFORE THE DEADLINE SEEKING SOME WAY TO PROVE THE SQUAD... TILL FINALLY...

FLASH! ARMED CONVICTS HAVE STARTED A RIOT AT STATE PRISON! GUARDS ARE CLOSING IN...



BUT IT MAY TAKE HOURS... SOME OF THOSE GUARDS MIGHT GET SHOT, TOO! SAY... MAYBE THIS IS THE SPOT TO MAKE OUR LAST-DITCH STAND, MEN!

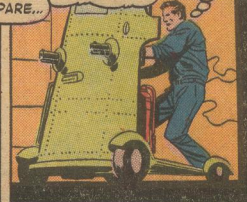
WE RUSHED TO THE TESTING TRUCK AND SPED TO STATE PRISON, WHERE...

GOOD HEAVENS, FULLER--THOSE CONVICTS INSIDE ARE WELL-ARMED! YOU'LL BE CUT DOWN IF YOU ENTER IN THAT--THAT CONTRAPTION!



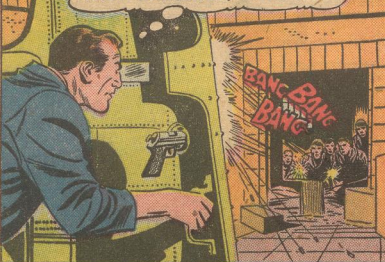
MY HEART BEAT LIKE A TRIP-HAMMER AS I WADDLED BEFORE THE ENTRANCE, DRESSED IN THE ONE-MAN FORT... THE ONLY THING BETWEEN ME AND SUDDEN DEATH!

IF THIS PROTECTION DEVICE DOESN'T PASS THE TEST, I WON'T BE AROUND TO SEE THE END OF MY TEST SQUAD!



THEN, AS A BARRAGE OF CONVICT FIRE SLAMMED INTO THE ARMOR...

IT'S WORKING! THE SHIELD'S RICOCHETING THEIR SLUGS! NOW TO MOVE INSIDE AND BRING THE LIQUID RIOT SMASHER INTO PLAY...



I POINTED THE NOZZLE THROUGH ONE OF THE SHIELD'S GUN SLITS-- AND SPRAYED...



H-HEY! WHAT GIVES? I CAN'T TRIGGER MY GUN!

ME, TOO-- IT'S FROZEN SOLID!

THEIR WEAPONS RENDERED USELESS, THE CONVICTS WERE QUICKLY OVERCOME, AS THE SQUAD AND PRISON GUARDS MOVED IN...

THAT QUICK-FREEZING PLASTIC SOLUTION DID THE TRICK, MARTIN, BY GUMMING UP THEIR WEAPONS!



AND SO, IN THE LAST HOUR OF OUR DEADLINE WE'D PROVEN THE VALUE OF A TEST SQUAD...

AFTER PUTTING DOWN THAT RIOT WITH THOSE UNIQUE INVENTIONS, EVERYONE IN TOWN'S ON YOUR SIDE, FULLER! CONGRATULATIONS!

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The END.

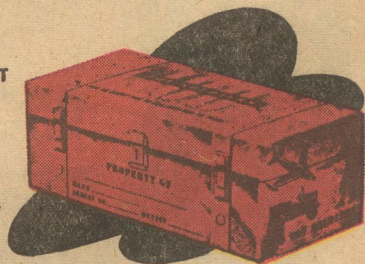


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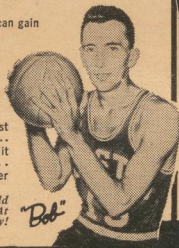
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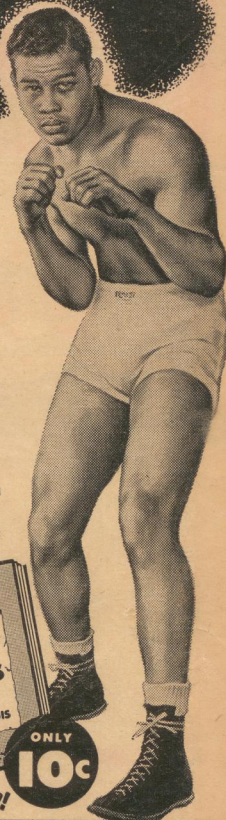
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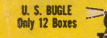
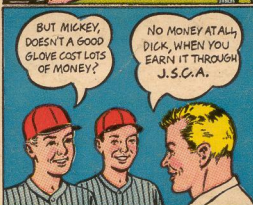
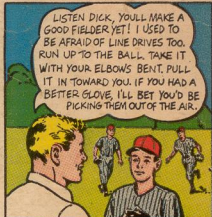
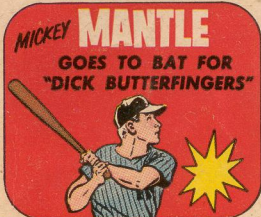
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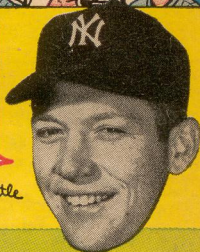
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