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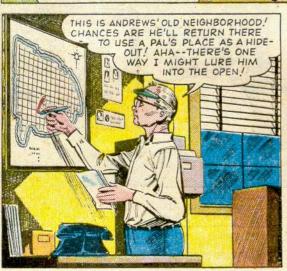
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YES, THOMAS "BULLDOG" KEENE WAS A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER. AND AS GRINNING DETECTIVES SURROUND HIM...



THUS, THE TENACIOUS EX-DETECTIVE HAD FOUND A UNIQUE HOBBY, INDEED -- A PROFESSIONAL HUNTER OF WANTED CRIMINALS...



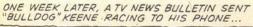












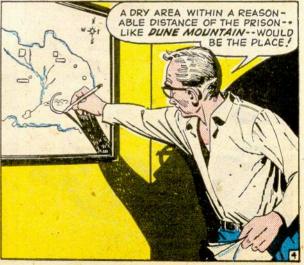






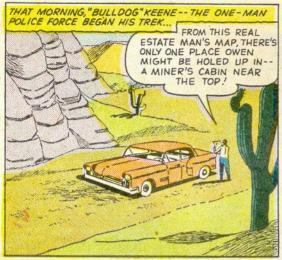


































WITH SPLIT-SECOND TIMING, KEENE HURLED HIMSELF TO THE FLOOR...





THAT AFTERNOON, AT THE PRECINCT,"
"BULLDOG" KEENE'S FORMER COLLEAGUES
LEARNED A SURPRISING FACT ABOUT HIM.

WHAT'S THIS? NO, I'M QUITTING! I YOU DON'T LEARNED UP THERE WANT THE IN THE MOUNTAINS I'M REWARD TOO OLD TO PLAY THE MONEY FOR GAME! AND HERE'S ALL BRINGING MY OTHER REWARD IN OWEN? MONEY! I WAS SAVING IT TO BUILD A NEW BOYS' CLUB! I'M DONATING IT ALL TO THEM!







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OF ALL THE CRIMINAL CATEGORIES, THERE ARE FEW MORE VICIOUS THAN THOSE HUMAN VULTURES WHO PREY ON CITIES MADE HELPESS BY DISASTERS! TO THWART SUCH SCAVENGERS, DETECTIVE ARTHUR "HURRICANE" CUMMINGS TOOK SPECIAL ONE-MAN TRAINING, AFTER WHICH HE COULD TRUTHFULLY SAY...





TO WAS IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR THAT MY NAME
WAS MENTIONED AT THE SCENE OF A MAJOR
DISASTER IN A MID-WEST CITY NAMED
BRADFORD...

THE DAM'S STILL
OVERFLOWING FROM
THE SWOLLEN RIVER!
WE'VE GOT A FLASH
FLOOD ON OUR HANDS
MR. MAYOR!

AND THE MAN TO HANDLE SUCH A PROBLEM IS DETECTIVE CUMMINGS! I'LL PHONE 24-HOURS A DAY! SHORTLY, I WAS ON CALL
24-HOURS A DAY! SHORTLY, I REQUISITIONED
A NATIONAL GUARD AMPHIB TO DRIVE ME TO
THE STRICKEN COMMUNITY... WELL, THAT

STARTED

QUITE A

WHILE BACK

GOSH, MR. CUMMINGS, YOU'RE
ALWAYS BROUGHT IN WHEN THERE'S
AN EMERGENCY! HOW DID YOU
EVER BECOME A... DISASTER
EXPERT? I MEAN, WHAT
MADE YOU GO INTO SUCH















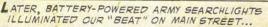














HEN THE LOOTERS EMERGED...

PROP THOSE GUNS, AND WE'LL THROW YOU A LINE!

ATER, AT AN OFFICE BUILDING, WE' TRAPPED A LOOTER CAUGHT BETWEEN FLOORS...

THE ELEVATOR POWER
WAS SHUT OFF JUST AS OUT, MISTER! YOU'LL BE RELEASED LATER!
AFTER ROBBING THE JASON GEM COMPANY!

AND BY DAWN, AS THE FLOOD WATERS SUBSIDED ANOTHER CASE HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY

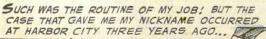
"HURRICANE," ROCK RIVER DRAINED OFF THE WATER BEFORE IT COULD REACH THE OTHER SECTIONS OF TOWN! THE DAM'S REPAIRED AND WE'RE SAFE NOW! THANKS!

YOU'VE GOT JUST A CLEAN-UP JOB NOW, MR. MAYOR!









HERE ARE THE PLANS OF THE CITY'S UNDERGROUND! BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CROSS THE BRIDGE INTO THE CITY I'M NOT GOING TO CROSS THE BRIDGE! LOOTERS WHO REMAINED
BEHIND WILL HAVE TO WORK
THROUGH UNDERGROUND
DRAINS DURING THE RAGING
WINDS! I'VE GOT TO CHECK
THE AREA-- BY FLYING
OVER THE CITY WHEN THE
EYE OF THE HURRICANE
COMES!











I MANAGED TO PANCAKE MY CRAFT ASHORE, THEN...

THE CALM OF THE HURRICANE
EYE WILL PASS ANY MOMENT
AND THE FULL FORCE OF THE
STORM WILL STRIKE AGAIN!
IF THOSE MEN ARE LOOTERS,
THEY'LL BE WORKING FROM
THE CITY PRAINS PURIL



AS THE STORM RESUMED, I UTILIZED MY MAP TO FIND A PROTECTIVE DRAIN...

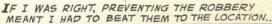


... THEN CONSULTED MY PLANS ...

I'VE GOT TO ASSUME THEY ARE LOOTERS! AND CARRYING A TORCH MEANS THEY'RE PLANNING A SAFE JOB! HMM, THIS MAIN DRAIN LEADS DIRECTLY PAST THE UNDERGROUND VAULT IN THE HARBOR CITY BANK!





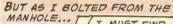












THE STORM'S STRUCK AGAIN! GET MOVING! NEVER MIND I MUST FIND SHELTER! THAT CAR--I'LL CRAWL UNDERNEATH



THE GROUND AS THE STORM
RAGED FOR AN HOUR! THEN, (
WHEN IT SUBSIDED...

THEY WERE SAFE THROUGH IT ALL! IF THEY KEEP OPERATING FROM THE MAIN DRAIN, THEY'D LEAVE BY THE EXIT ON WEST HARBOR! I'VE GOT TO GET THERE!



BUT WHEN I REACHED WEST

I'M TOO LATETHEY'RE PLANNING
TO GO ACROSS THE
CHANNEL TO THE
MAINLAND! HOW
IN THUNDER CAN
I HALT THEM?







IT TOOK ONLY MINUTES TO DON IT, THEN ...

ONCE THEY GET THAT ASHORE. IT WILL TAKE TIME TO ALERT THE POLICE! I'VE GOT TO KEEP WITH THEM -- AND HOPE FOR A CHANCE



AS I SWAM UP TO THE REAR OF THE RAFT ...





AS ONE OF THE HOODLUMS FIRED, SWUNG A FLIPPERED FOOT INTO



I SWUNG ABOUT AND CAUGHT THE LAST OF THE TRIO FLUSH



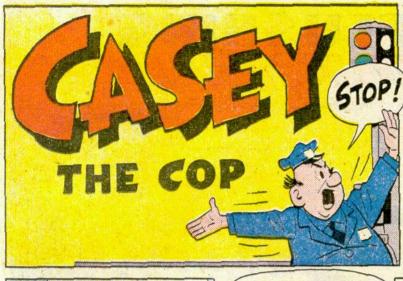
I POLED THE RAFT TO SHORE.
AFTER THE POLICE TOOK OVER

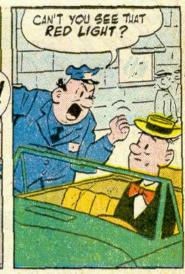
MY CARGO ... THANKS! BUT RIGHT NOW I THAT WAS QUITE A MUST GET THIS JOB, MR. CUMMINGS! SKIN-DIVING WHY, YOU'RE A GEAR BACK TO REGULAR HURRICANE THAT STORE BEFORE I'M YOURSELF! SUSPECTED OF BEING A LOOTER!





















"The flushing REMONSTRANCE"

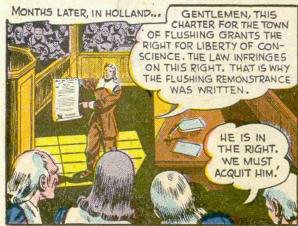
FREEDOM OF RELIGION, GUARANTEED BY OUR BILL OF RIGHTS, WAS BRAVELY DEFENDED 300 YEARS AGO, BY AMERICAN COLONISTS. IN 1656, WHEN NEW YORK WAS A DUTCH COLONY UNDER GOVERNOR PETER STUYVESANT, A LAW WAS PASSED AGAINST THE QUAKERS ...



SOME PROMINENT SIGNERS
WERE IMPRISONED, AND
SOLDIERS WERE SENT TO
ENFORCE THE LAW...

THE QUAKERS HELD SECRET MEETINGS IN THE WOODS UNTIL JOHN BOWNE DEFIANTLY OPENED HIS HOME TO THEM. BUT BOWNE'S BOLD PROTEST WAS SEVERELY PUNISHED ...





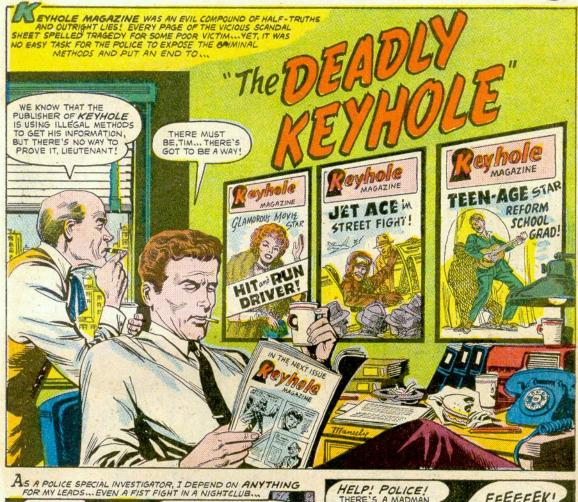


LIKE THESE
MEN AND
WOMEN OF
COURAGE, WE
IN AMERICA
TODAY MUST
STAND READY
TO PROTECT
FREEDOM OF
RELIGION
FOR ALL--AS
PART OF OUR
GREAT
HERITAGE

































FIVE MONTHS AGO, ONE OF OUR AGENTS REPORTED THAT KEYHOLE HAD A STORY ABOUT JOHN HARDY, THE BANKER, CLAIMING HE WAS DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY...BUT THE STORY NEVER APPEARED



WOW! IF THEY HAD THIS PROOF ABOUT HARDY, AND DIDN'T PUBLISH IT, THAT SPELLS ONLY ONE THING... BLACKMAIL! NOW WE'VE REALLY GOT SOMETHING TO WORK ON! LET'S GO, TIM... WE'RE GOING TO PAY HARDY A LITTLE VISIT!



WE TRACED THE MILLIONAIRE TO HIS YACHT DOCKED IN THE BAY, AND SPED THERE BY POLICE LAUNCH ...

ANY ILLEGAL PHONE - TAPPING CHARGE WOULDN'T HOLD WOOLEY MORE THAN TWO YEARS... BUT IF WE CAN PROVE BLACKMAIL, TOO, WE'LL BE ABLE TO LOCK HIM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!



A BOARD THE FABULOUS VESSEL, I QUICKLY FILLED HARDY IN ON OUR SUSPICIONS ...



HARDY'S FRIGHTENED EYES TOLD ME THAT HE WAS LYING... BUT NOW I SAW THAT WE HAD ONE CARD LEFT TO PLAY... SHORTLY...



HOUR AFTER HOUR, WE SEARCHED THROUGH THE PILE OF REPORTS WITHOUT SUCCESS... TILL FINALLY...



 ${\cal B}_{
m UT}$ when we arrived at the TV studio, we found that our LEAD HAD BEEN JINXED AGAIN ...













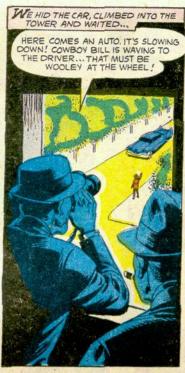




























BUT OUR THREATS WERE IDLE ... ANY ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME WOOLEY WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED HIS HOSTAGE ... WE HAD TO COOPERATE ...



THEN, AS HE BACKED UP TO HIS CAR ...



T WASN'T TILL WOOLEY STARTED DRIVING THAT I SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT I DID HAVE A WEAPON...

HUH ...? THAT

THESE BINOCS... IF I CAN JUST REFLECT THE SUNLIGHT AT THE BLINDING LIGHT ... I CAN'T SEE WHERE RIGHT ANGLE ... I'M GOING!

CLAWING AT THE STEERING WHEEL, HE SWUNG THE CAR AROUND WILDLY,

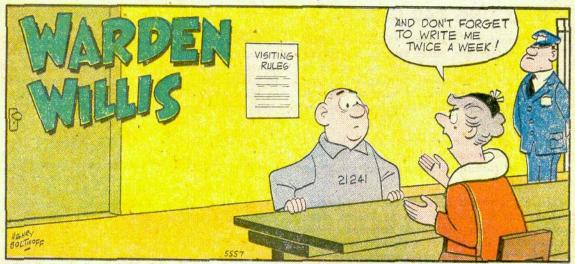


 $oldsymbol{D}$ ashing into the smoldering wreck, I was ABLE TO RESCUE WOOLEY BEFORE THE TANK EXPLODED ...















EVEN UP HERE! I'M IN FOR FIVE YEARS - 60 SHE GIVES ME A FIVE YEAR DIARY!



The GRAPEVINE

CHECKING BAD CHECKS

The customer chose two expensive rifles. "I'll buy those, but since they're a gift to President Eisenhower, I'd like to enclose a card. He's going pheasant shooting at George Humphrey's place. Please be sure they reach him within the week, before he leaves the White House."

Swiftly, the customer wrote a check. "It's for twice the amount of those rifles. But you won't mind cashing it for me, will you?" he added.

The clerk would never dream of rejecting such a request. Neither did he dream, some days later, when the check bounced—right back at him. For it was a phoney, used in a cunning ruse by a "paperhanger," as bad check-writers are called by police.

This is one of many practices pursued by lawbreakers, whose sly methods fool businessmen and challenge police. For there are various methods of check frauds: forging signatures, which is the most common; changing dates and names, counterfeiting and/or raising the sum of a check, making out checks to accounts or banks which don't exist, like The First National Bank of Shangri-la, dreamed up by one bold "paperhanger."

One of the reasons why check frauds have increased, police explain, is because of the public's laxity and negligence. Rubber check writers always are alert for a signature, and they find their prey in open mailboxes, on blotters in writing tables at banks, on registration papers and other personal belongings in automobile glove compartments.

Another reason is that victims, out of shame, often do not report the crime. By doing this, they not only encourage the "paperhangers" to pursue their racket, but also thwart police in their apprehension.

The full measure of their menace is illustrated by the words of Courtney Townsend Taylor, ranked among the top ten Most Wanted Criminals by the FBI. Caught after a relentless manhunt, he was being searched for concealed weapons, when he withdrew a fountain pen from his pocket. "Never mind looking for a gun," he said. "I never carry one. With this pen, I got all the money I wanted."

But, despite their trickery, rubber check writers inevitably bounce into jail. There was one sly fellow who had been chortling over his easy success for some time when he picked up the signature on a blotter in the Bureau of Fishing and Hunting Licenses in a midwestern city. Duplicating it with great craftsmanship, he forged it on a check, presented it to a bank for payment, and was stopped dead in his tracks when he was informed that the name was that of the chief of police!

THE LONG, LONG NIGHT

The scene was an Arctic courtroom. The prosecutor waved an accusing finger at the defendant. "Where were you," he asked, "on the night of October, November, December, January, February and March?"

CORRECTION NOTED: When he was here on a visit not so long ago, ex-Superintendent Robert Fabian, of the Yard, made it a point of reminding everyone that the proper name is not Scotland Yard but New Scotland Yard.

A Los Angeles mail-truck driver was arrested, charged with embezzlement. Postal inspectors said he had removed cash from several hundred letters. The culprit's name: Jesse James.

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

PITRUFQUEN, Chile: Unidentified bandits broke into the state penitentiary, made off with convicts' tools, personal belongings, and prison equipment.

EDMONTON, Alta.: Writing an indignant letter to a newspaper for having described him as between 45 and 50, in a story which reported a recent theft, a robber insisted that he was 35, a clue which enabled police to identify and nab him.

BOSTON, Mass.: The sheriff announced plans to install a beauty parlor in the county jail for female prisoners due in court.

NOTTINGHAM, England: Before they are released, inmates are given lectures on employment, the world situation, and happy marriage.

NEW YORK CITY: Wounded by a holdup man, a hospital patient glanced at the man being helped into an adjoining bed, cried out: "That's the man who shot me!"

SAVANNAH, Ga.: A man who accidentally had shot himself in the foot was fined \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon.























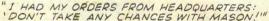














"IN COURT, MASON'S ASSISTANT, 'MOUSE'
PARKER, NEVER HAVING DISPENSED OR
OPERATED THE GADGETS, GOT OFF WITH A
YEAR, WHILE MASON GOT 20 TO 40..."



"I HAD FORGOTTEN HIS FAMILIAR HOODLUM THREAT -- UNTIL, THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN I RECEIVED A TYPICAL SQUEALER'S CALL..."



"MOST SIMILAR CALLS TURN OUT TO BE HOAXES -- BUT WHEN I ANSWERED THIS ONE ..."











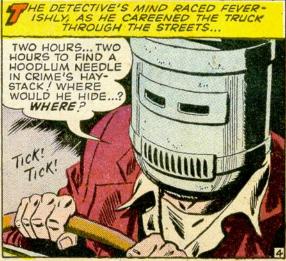
















EVERY KNOWN CRIMINAL
LAIR FLASHED THROUGH
FRANK BARTLOW'S MIND -- TOO
NUMEROUS, TOO SEPARATED
TO COMB -- TILL FINALLY, ONE
NAME ALONE STOOD OUT...

"MOUSE" PARKER ... HIS
ASSISTANT! OF COURSE ... IF
MASON IS BACK IN BUSINESS
MAKING HOODLUM GADGETS,
HE'LL NEED THE MOUSE'S
HELP! HE'S THE ONE
PERSON MASON CAN























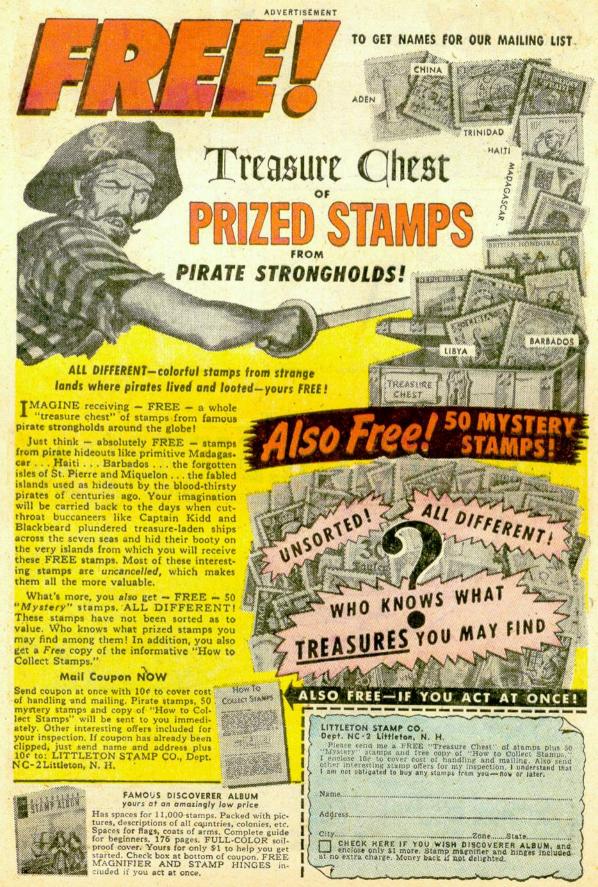
















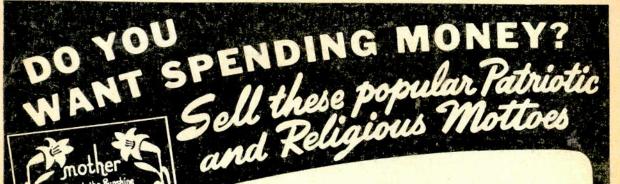






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