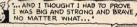






SURE, MERVIN, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. I WAS THAT WAY ONCE MYSELF -- ALWAYS WANTING TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE OR DO SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE. WHY, ONCE I EVEN TRIED TO SING LIKE A BIRD.





GOSH, I'M SCARED, I WAS SILLY TO SAY I'D SWIM ACROSS THE DEEPEST PART OF THE RIVER, WISH I'D NEVER TAKEN THAT DARE!

... AND I ALWAYS WANTED EVERYBODY TO THINK I WAS WONDERFUL, WHETHER I WAS OR NOT, UNTIL ...

YES, SIR, MR. TURTLE, YOUR SURPRISE PARTY WAS MY DEA AND I GOT EVERYTHING AND I SAID

THE NERVE OF YOU, WOLFIE! YOU KNOW VERY WELL WE ALL WORKED FOR TURTLE PARTY!







SO THAT'S THE SECRET OF BEING HAPPY! IT SURE SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!





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ANNING'S BID FOR FREEDOM WAS CRAFTY AS WELL AS DESPERATE ... DON'T WORRY ABOUT HURRY UP AND ME! YOU JUST MAKE GET INTO THOSE SURE YOU KEEP AHEAD OF THAT PATROL CAR DUDS, DANNING! ON OUR TAIL!

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IN THE DENSE BRUSH, ANOTHER CAR WAS

REVEALED, AND ... I YOU'RE TELLING ME! THE HIGHWAY PATROL I GET IT NOW! NOT A WILL THINK WE'RE RIGHT THAT WRECK!





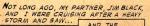














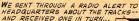




















WE DIDN'T DARE GET TOO CLOSE TO THOSE CHOPPING WAVES, SO WE DID THE NEXT BEST





NE CASE THAT ALMOST DIDN'T HAVE A HAPPY ENDING OCCURRED LAST MAY, JUST BEFORE



WE SKIRTED THE BUILDING, GOT OUR SWIFT



BEFORE LONG, WE COULD SEE THE BUG-LIKE TOPS OF SQUAD CARS SURROUNDING THE BUILDING ... BUT THEN I MADE MY MISTAKE ...











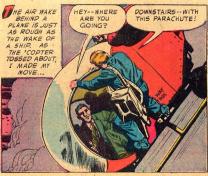




























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MINNESOTA: A WOMAN IS NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR A SANTA CLAUS COSTUME IN THE STREET."



ZION CITY, ILLINOIS: "IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO MAKE UGLY FACES AT ANYONE."



ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA: "ROOGTERS ARE FORBIDDEN TO GROW IN THE CITY LIMITS."







ON JUNE 11th LAST YEAR, A SQUAD OF PICKED POLICE OFFICERS QUIETLY SURROUNDED A FARM HOUSE OFF RIDGE ROAD, AND THEN...























THE GUNMAN MIGHT HAVE MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE TOO. IF NOT FOR THE SUDDEN ARRIVAL OF A



AFTERWARD, WITH MOORE SAFELY IN TOW ... SEE HERE, MR. HOOPER -- THE POLICE ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION OF PRIVATE CITIZENS ... BUT NEXT TIME YOU INVENT SERGEANT.

SOMETHING, PLEASE LET US INSPECT WILL DO! THREE MONTHS ELAPSED BEFORE WARREN HOOPER WAS HEARD FROM AGAIN -- THIS TIME ON THE NIGHT



PRESENTLY, IN A STORE AT 47 STATE STREET.

MR. RODNEY HAS GRACIOUSLY PERMITTED ME TO USE HIS PLACE TO DEMONSTRATE MY LATEST CRIME-BUSTER!



THESE LITTLE PELLETS! BEFORE THE STORE OWNER CLOSES UP FOR THE NIGHT, HE SCATTERS





































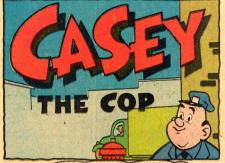


























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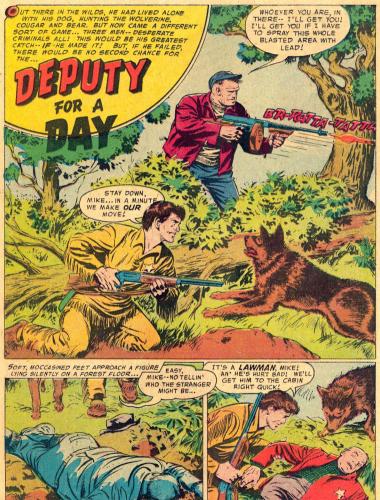
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YOU WOULDN'T CONSIDER KEEPIN' AND WHAT WOULD THE WOLVERINES, COUGARS AND BEARS DO WITHOUT ME? MODE, SHERIFF, BEIN' ME? MODE, SHERIFF, BEIN' COLT?

ENOUGH: PLUMBEMOUGH!



THE GRAPEVINE

THEY SELL CELLS

When the president of a Cleveland company is informed that all his salesmen are in jail, he beams happily. For Lawrence C. Jones is head of the Van Dorn Iron Works, which builds prisons, and the news that his staff is in jail means that they are hard, at work, selling jails, to wardens and prison boards, from miniature working models. The company has been in business since 1880, when its founder, James H. Van Dorn, constructed the first pokey in Milwaukee.

Although a jail's simple function is to imprison its inmates, it is, actually, a carefully planned and superbly constructed edifice. To jail engineers, as builders prefer to call themselves, security is of paramount importance. Not only do steel bars and reinforced concrete compose the main bulwark against a break for freedom, but engineers are forever devising new and ingenious methods to thwart escape.

Cell door locks get special attention. Years ago, all that was needed to pick a lock were a penknife or a nail file. But today's lock is pick-proof. Not only does it slam shut in three places, but its housing cannot be penetrated for probing with a sliver of metal. In addition, all locks are handled by an unseen guard, some distance off, who operates them mechanically from an electronic remote-control board.

Ceilings and walls also are sturdy and formidable barriers. They are reinforced with layers of hard steel, more than one ton of which is used for each cell.

Cells are prefabricated at the company's plant. Before they are shipped, piecemeal, to a prison, skilled workers assemble them for checking, then dismantle them for crating. Remote control panels, which operate the locks, also undergo close scrutiny before they are packed off to prison.

POLICEMAN'S PUZZLE

Add to the various annoyances of foreign cars, the case of the New England trooper, who gaped at the sight of a Jaguar tooling along the highway at 40 miles an hour, apparently driver-less, its lone passenger in the right-hand seat completely unconcerned.

Overcoming the British vehicle, the trooper motioned it quickly to one side, expecting imminent disaster. The car slid to an easy stop. The trooper scrambled from his automobile to condemn this sort of highway hocus-pocus, but the outburst died on his lips. For in the left-hand seat dozed a small boy, while the driver rested an elbow on his right-hand wheel.

SCRATCHING SLEUTH

A new method for tracking down a thief was developed by a Philadelphia detective, not long ago. Coming down with a poison ivy rash after investigating a stamp theft from a post office, he questioned several suspects, finally got a confession out of one, whose medicine chest yielded a bottle of poison ivy lotion.

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

SAN DIEGO, Calif.: A lawyer, defending a man accused of writing phoney checks, asked the judge to be relieved of his duties in the case, because his client had paid him with a bad check.

VIENNA, W. Va.: Police received complaints of a thief who stole bottles of chocolate milk left on doorsteps, but never took bottles of white milk.

PALO ALTO, Calif.: An egotistical criminal was easily nabbed by local police when he was caught in a post office admiring his own "Wanted" poster.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.: A suspect insisted on writing his own confession to an embezzlement charge on the ground that police versions were much too commonplace and "lacked an intellectual approach."





OFROGMEN SLEUTHS

IT WAS A UNIQUE ADDITION TO THE FORCE- A SQUAD OF FROGMEN WHO SOUGHT CLUES BENEATH THE WATER, THEY MADE A VALIANT CONTRIBUTION TO POLICE WORK, MATCHING THER BRAVERY AGAINST CHMINALS CUNNING.























ON OCCASION. THE SLEUTHS ARE CALLED ON TO CLEAR SHIPPING LANES OF FLOATING HAZARDS ..



NOW THAT WE'VE SENT THAT HULK DOWN TO DAVY JONES' LOCKER, LET'S GO BACK AND CHOW UP--'M STARVED!

> YOU AND YOUR STOMACH, BURNS.

BUT OF ALL THEIR UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENTS, ONE REMAINS UPPERMOST IN FROGMAN REGAN'S MIND! IT BEGINS WHEN THE UNIT IS AT SEA FOR ADVANCE TRAINING ...

INUTES LATER, REGAN RETURNS WITH STRANGE ORDERS.

WEIGH ANCHOR AND SET A COURSE TWO DEGREES NORTH OF LOOKOUT SEA RAMBLER" WE TO PICK UP HAS GONE SURVIVORS,

NOW TO AVOID THE BENDS IN DEPTH DIVES SURFACE SLOWLY... NO FASTER THAN THE SLOWEST AIR BUBBLE FROM YOUR DOWNI REGAN? REGAN -- CAPTAIN









NO! PASSENGERS AND CREW HAVE BEEN RESCUED -- WITH ONE EXCEPTION! IT SEEMS, A DETECTIVE SUSPECTED



...AND SLIPPED ABOARD IN THE GUISE OF A PASSENGER! HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN OR HEARD FROM SINCE THE



HE HAS AIR ENOUGH TO LAST

ANOTHER 12 TO 14 HOURS! IF

OR HE MET WITH FOUL PLAY !!
HE DID DISCOVER GAMBLING!
WE'VE GOT TO DIVE AND
DETERMINE WHAT



BUT AS THE LAUNCH DROPS ANCHOR AT THE DISASTER AREA.

THAT DETECTIVE SNOOPER CAN'T DON'T BE AN IDIOT, WILLIE! THAT SHIP'S SAFE WE LOCKED HIM LOGAN? IN IS WATERPROOF.



IF HE'S STILL ALIVE, I'M GONNA MAKE SURE HE ISN'T SNATCHED FROM HIS WATERY GRAVE! GOOD THING GRAVE! YOU LEARNED HOW















THEM, THE FRANTIC MESSAGE REACHES THE EARS OF MAND SHORTLY, AS THE MURKY DEEP GLOWS FROM THE POLICEMEN VIA MORSE CODE... / WE'VE THE LIGHT OF ACETYLENE TORCHES... THEM YOU OUTSIPE! & GOT TO WORK FAST!) THEY'LL HAVE HIM OUT ! BY CUTTING INTO THE

I HEAR YOU OUTSIDE! TO LOCKED IN VAULT BY Z GANG... AIR SUPPLY LOW... BEST TO CUT THROUGH THIN WALL AM TAPPING

I'LL HAND-SIGNAL BURNS TO SURFACE FOR BLOW TORCHES.

THEY'LL HAVE HIM OUT SOON! GOT TO STOP THEM! BUT HOW? THERE'RE THREE! AGAINST ME... BY CUTTING INTO THE VAULT HERE AT THE SASE, THE AIR PRESSURE INSIDE WILL HOLD THE WATER LEVEL DOWN AND ALLOW US TO GET A BREATHING

APPARATUS ON HIM.

WAIT A MINUTE... I'VE GOT THAT'S IT! STHE COMMINATION OF THE VAULT! BUSY A LITT.

THAT'S IT! JUST KEEP 4
BUSY A LITTLE LONGER!
AND WHEN YOU CUT THROUGH
THAT WALL, YOU'LL FIND
HIM DROWNED!























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HE DIDN'T HAVE

THAT STOMACH

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