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THEY'RE COMING AT US IN
THAT HYDROPLANE--AND IF
WE JUMP INTO THE WATER,
WE'VE GOT TO FACE THOSE
ALLIGATORS!

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BEFORE

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says JOHN SILL

I added 7 inches to MY CHEST, 3 1/2 INCHES TO EACH ARM. No, Pal! You don't have to be a chicken-chested skinny weakling like I was only a few weeks ago.

BEFORE



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AFTER

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BEFORE



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I HUNTED THE **FLYING SAUCER CREATURES**



WHEN THE RUMORS OF FLYING SAUCERS REACHED A HIGH POINT, WE OF THE CANYON COUNTY HIGHWAY PATROL HAD TO CHECK OUT A DOZEN FRANTIC CALLS A NIGHT...

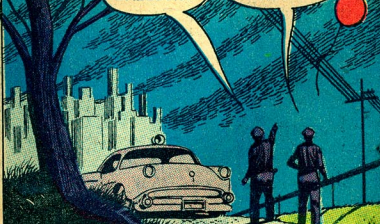
CAR 31... CAR 31! **ANOTHER** ONE SPOTTED NEAR BRAKEN'S FARM! INVESTIGATE!

HANG ON, BILL! HERE WE GO AFTER SOME MARTIANS AGAIN!

WHEN WE REACHED THE AREA...

THERE'S THE "SAUCER," CHARLIE-- A BALLOON!

LET'S POP IT AND GET SET TO CHASE DOWN THE NEXT CALL!



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WE DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT...

BOYS, THIS ONE'S FROM OLD J.G. HIMSELF! HE INSISTS A SAUCER PASSED OVER HIS PLACE! BETTER CHECK IT OUT--TO KEEP HIM CALM!

WILL DO!

"J.G." WAS J.G. STRAMMER, AN ECCENTRIC MULTI-MILLIONAIRE, WHO LIVED IN A SPRAWLING ESTATE OFF VALLEY ROAD...

STRAMMER'S GOT **ALMOST** AS MUCH IMAGINATION AS HE HAS MONEY! HE'S BEEN SEEING SAUCERS FOR YEARS!

YEAH! HE THINKS MARTIANS ARE LURKING OVER US, WAITING TO LAND!

WE PARKED OUTSIDE THE ESTATE GATES, AND...

YOU'RE TOO LATE! THEY BUZZED RIGHT OVER MY PLACE--THEN VANISHED!

DANGER!
NO TRESPASSING!
ESTATE HEAVILY GUARDED!

THEY'RE UP THERE-- **UP THERE**, I TELL YOU! THE MARTIANS ARE WATCHING-- WAITING! PEOPLE WON'T LAUGH AT ME MUCH LONGER--NOT WHEN **THEY LAND!**

WE FEIGNED A SEARCH OF THE AREA, BID GOOD NIGHT TO J.G., THEN DROVE OFF...

I'M GLAD I'M OFF TOMORROW NIGHT, CHARLIE! I COULDN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS SAUCER NONSENSE-- WITHOUT A BREAK!

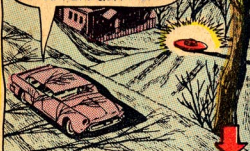
MOST OF 'EM AREN'T BAD! BUT **STRAMMER** IS A REAL BUG ON THE SUBJECT!

OFF-DUTY, THE NEXT DAY, I RAN OVER TO HAVE DINNER AT MY BROTHER'S PLACE--THEN, NEAR-MIDNIGHT, WHILE I WAS RETURNING...

GOOD GRAY! WHAT'S THAT THING--?

THERE, ON THE HILL OVERLOOKING STRAMMER'S ESTATE, I SAW IT CLEARLY-- A STRANGE, SHIMMERING OBJECT, GLOWING IN THE NIGHT...

GREAT GUNS! THAT THING IS A FLYING SAUCER! I'D BETTER CALL HEADQUARTERS!



OH, NO! THE BOYS WOULD ONLY LAUGH! I'LL GET UP CLOSER AND INVESTIGATE IT MYSELF!



I WATCHED THEM, STUNNED-- I, WHO HAD JOKED WITH CHARLIE ABOUT THE CORNY FLYING SAUCER YARNS...

THEY'RE HEADING FOR STRAMMER'S PLACE!



GRIPPING MY SERVICE PISTOL, I RAN FORWARD, THEN QUICKLY FLATTENED OUT AS I SAW THEM EMERGE...

CREATURES-- FROM ANOTHER WORLD!



WHEN THEY REACHED THE GATES, STRAMMER RAN FORTH TO GREET THEM...

WELCOME, MY FRIENDS! WELCOME TO EARTH!



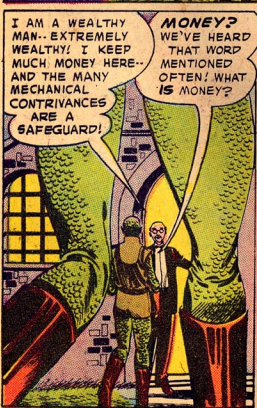
PERHAPS YOU DON'T KNOW OUR LANGUAGE AND DON'T UNDERSTAND ME!

WE DO, EARTHMAN! WE LEARNED YOUR LANGUAGE FROM YOUR RADIO SIGNALS!



THEN ENTER! IT WILL BE THE HONOR OF J.G. STRAMMER TO ANNOUNCE YOUR ARRIVAL TO THE WHOLE WORLD!







TIME IS PRECIOUS TO US! ONLY YOUR SCIENTISTS CAN GIVE US WHAT WE WANT!

NO, PLEASE! LET ME SHOW THE WORLD THAT I'VE BEEN RIGHT ALL ALONG!

STRAMMER STEPPED TO HIS DESK, PRESSED A SECRET BUTTON, AND...

I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE MONEY YOU WISH TO BUY WHATEVER YOU NEED! AND I HAVE IT! LOOK-- TAKE IT! YOU CAN BUY **ANYTHING!** JUST LET ME ANNOUNCE YOUR PRESENCE HERE!



HAVING SLIPPED INSIDE, UNNOTICED, I STEPPED FORWARD AT THIS MOMENT...



"**MARTIANS!**" REACH FOR THE PLANETS! MR. STRAMMER, YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED! OFFICER HOLLIWELL! PUT YOUR GUN AWAY! YOU'LL ANGER THEM!

AS I STARTED TO EXPLAIN, STRAMMER PRESSED ANOTHER BUTTON, AND THE FLOOR DROPPED UNDER ME...



I WARNED YOU!

HEY--!

UNHARMED, I LANDED IN THE CELLAR BELOW...



NOW THEY'LL GET AWAY!

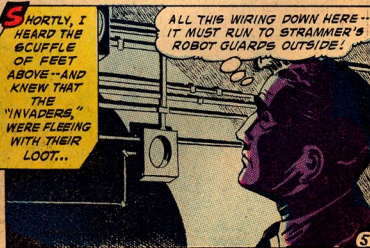
AND WAS I RIGHT! STRAMMER'S NEW-FOUND FRIENDS SUDDENLY DROPPED THEIR POSE...



OKAY-- GET A COUPLE OF SUITCASES! AND HURRY! THAT COP MIGHT'VE TIPPED OFF OTHERS!

B-BUT-- I D-DON'T UNDERSTAND!

SHORTLY, I HEARD THE SCUFFLE OF FEET ABOVE--AND KNEW THAT THE "INVADERS," WERE FLEEING WITH THEIR LOOT...



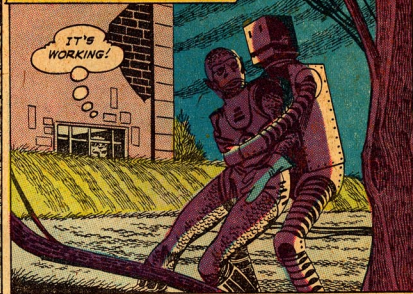
ALL THIS WIRING DOWN HERE-- IT MUST RUN TO STRAMMER'S ROBOT GUARDS OUTSIDE!

SHUTTING OFF THE POWER, I BEGAN TO SWITCH AND RE-CONNECT WIRES...

STRAMMER'S ROBOTS ARE USUALLY KEPT STANDING-- BUT THIS MIGHT UNLEASH THEM! THEY OPERATE BY IMPULSES SET UP BY ANY PRESENCE NEAR THEM! LET'S HOPE IT WORKS...

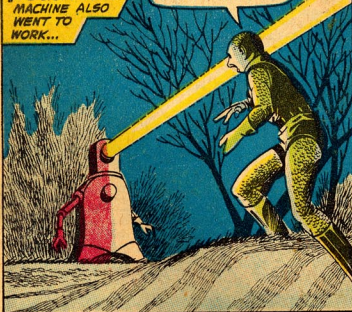


THEN, AS I STARED FROM THE CELLAR WINDOW, I SAW ONE ROBOT GUARD ADVANCE...



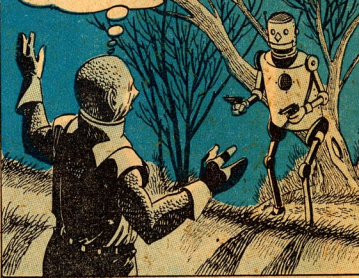
THE LIGHT-BEAM MACHINE ALSO WENT TO WORK...

I CAN'T MOVE!



AND, FINALLY, AS THE LAST CONTRAPTION EMERGED...

I'D BETTER GIVE UP OR IT MAY SHOOT!



LATER, WHEN STRAMMER FREED ME FROM THE CELLAR, AND THE "MARTIANS" WERE ROUNDED UP...

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SAUCER CRAZE, THEY BUILT A PHONY SAUCER, HAULED IT TO THE HILLTOP, COSTUMED THEMSELVES TO FOOL YOU... FOR YOUR MONEY!

BUT HOW DID YOU SEE THROUGH THEIR HOAX?



THEY SAID THEY COULD UNDERSTAND US-- FROM HEARING OUR RADIO! BUT THAT DIDN'T EXPLAIN HOW THEY COULD READ OUR LANGUAGE! THEY READ THE WARNING SIGN AT YOUR GATE--AND WAITED FOR YOU TO GUIPE THEM THROUGH!



BUT STRAMMER'S HARD TO CONVINCE. LAST I HEARD, HE WAS STILL WAITING FOR THE MARTIANS--OR MAYBE HE WAS JUST STAR-GAZING!

THE END.

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WHAT'S THE MATTER, FRANKIE?
YOU LOOK AS IF YOU JUST
LOST YOUR LAST FRIEND.

THAT'S JUST THE TROUBLE,
BOB... I HAVEN'T GOT
ANY REAL FRIENDS
TO LOSE!

OH, COME ON, FRANKIE... I ALWAYS
SEE YOU WITH A CROWD...

SURE! I TRIED TO BE LIKE YOU,
BOB-- HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS
AND BE POPULAR. BUT WHEN I
WANT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY
ABOUT SOMETHING... SORT
OF PERSONAL...

Y' KNOW... LIKE
THOSE TWO KIDS
OVER THERE...

HMM... I KNOW
WHAT YOU MEAN.
I WENT THROUGH
THE SAME THING MY-
SELF... UNTIL ONE SUMMER
WHEN I WAS ON THE SAME
FARM AS JERRY...

"WE REALLY GOT TO KNOW EACH
OTHER, DOING THINGS TOGETHER..."

"AND TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING
UNDER THE SUN--SOMETIMES
AGREEING AND SOMETIMES
DISAGREEING..."

JERRY AND I HAVE BEEN CLOSE FRIENDS
EVER SINCE. SURE, I'VE STILL GOT A
LOT OF FRIENDS--BUT IT'S GREAT
HAVING ONE OR TWO YOU CAN ALWAYS
DEPEND ON!

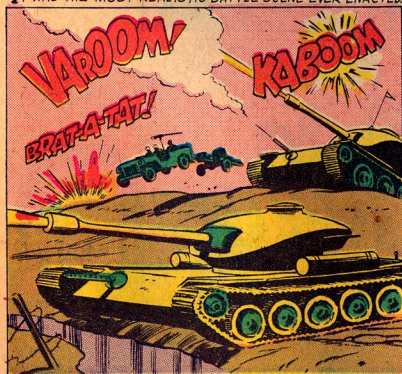
THANKS, BOB... THAT'S A
SWELL TIP, AND I SURE CAN
USE IT!

MOST PEOPLE PICTURE US PATENT ATTORNEYS AS SITTING BEHIND A DESK ALL DAY, WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT LOOK AT CRAZY INVENTIONS AND FILL OUT APPLICATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT PATENT OFFICE. THEY HAVE NO IDEA OF THE STUNTS CRIMINALS PULL, TO STEAL OTHER MEN'S IDEAS... NOR DO THEY REALIZE THE HAZARDS WE LAWYERS RISK TO PROTECT OUR CLIENTS FROM...

THE BRAIN SWINDLERS



IT WAS THE MOST REALISTIC BATTLE SCENE EVER ENACTED.



...AND IT ALL TOOK PLACE ON A **TABLE TOP**, IN MY LAVISH LAW OFFICE!

ALL THE WAR ENGINES IN MY BATTLE GAME ARE CONTROLLED FROM THIS PANEL! THINK YOU CAN GET ME A PATENT ON IT, MR. BURNS?

THAT'S MY JOB! I'LL FILE THE NECESSARY PAPERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



THE PROTECTION OF HIS CLIENTS' INVENTIONS IS A PATENT ATTORNEY'S FIRST DUTY--SO YOU CAN IMAGINE MY FEELINGS, SOME TIME LATER, WHEN...

IS THIS HOW YOU PROTECTED MY BATTLE GAME? LOOK--SOMEONE STOLE IT RIGHT FROM UNDER YOUR NOSE!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT WAS UNDER LOCK AND KEY AT ALL TIMES!



I SPENT WEEKS TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT--UNTIL, LATE ONE NIGHT...

HMPH--NO MATTER HOW HARD I RUB, THIS SPOT ON THE TABLE DOESN'T COME OFF!

EH--?



GOOD GRIEF! THIS ISN'T A SPOT ON THE TABLE... IT'S A REFLECTION FROM SOMETHING IN THE CEILING!

NEXT MORNING, I GOT MY FIRST LESSON IN HOW FAR PATENT THIEVES WILL GO...

WOW! A SECRET BUILT-IN TV CAMERA, OPERATING ON A CLOSED CIRCUIT!

SO THAT'S HOW THE BATTLE GAME IDEA WAS STOLEN!



WITH THE HELP OF THE **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**, WHICH LOCATED THE ILLEGAL T.V. USER, I SUED FOR A \$1,000,000--AND COLLECTED! AFTER THAT, I BURGLAR-PROOFED MY OFFICE WITH EVERY CONCEIVABLE DEVICE, INCLUDING ONE-WAY WINDOW-PANES TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF TELESCOPIC LENS CAMERAS FROM THE OUTSIDE!

BUT MY TROUBLES WERE FAR FROM OVER, AS I WAS SOON TO LEARN...

YOU SAY YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU GET A PATENT ON THIS LITTLE BATHING SUIT? WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT IT?

I'LL SHOW YOU... COME ON IN, GIRLS!

NEXT MOMENT...

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, MR. BURNS, EACH OF THESE MODELS IS WEARING THE SAME SIZE SUIT--MADE POSSIBLE BY A SPECIAL STRETCH-PLASTIC I INVENTED!

STRETCH BATHING SUITS! AN EXCELLENT IDEA!

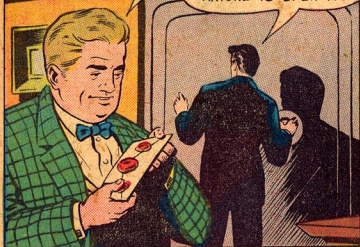


THIS SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINS MY SECRET FORMULA FOR THE STRETCH PLASTIC! IT'LL BE SAFE, I HOPE?

DON'T WORRY-- THIS VAULT IS FITTED WITH A BANK LOCK! I DEFY ANYONE TO OPEN IT!

BUT ONCE AGAIN, I WAS SET BACK ON MY HEELS, WHEN...

TH-THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE'S BEEN INSIDE MY VAULT!



BACK IN MY OFFICE, I DISCOVERED THE FORMULA WAS GONE-- BUT WHEN I CALLED IN DETECTIVE CONKLIN OF THE SAFECRACKING SQUAD...

SORRY, MR. BURNS-- BUT THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS LOCK WAS EVER TAMPERED WITH!

THEN HOW DID THE THIEVES GET INSIDE TO STEAL THE ENVELOPE?

AT THAT INSTANT, I AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THE SLEUTHING SKILL WHICH EVERY PATENT ATTORNEY MUST HAVE...

THOSE BITS OF PLASTER INSIDE THE VAULT! I'VE GOT AN IDEA-- BUT WE'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE NEXT-DOOR OFFICE TO TEST IT!



MINUTES LATER, JUST AS I SUSPECTED... YOU WERE RIGHT! THE THIEVES BURNED OUT A HOLE IN THE REAR OF THE VAULT-- THEN, AFTER TAKING THE FORMULA, WELDED THE HOLE TOGETHER! LUCKY YOU NOTICED THE BITS OF PLASTER THAT FELL IN!

MY MOST EXCITING AND PERPLEXING CASE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED YOUNG TOMMY JONES, AN AMATEUR CHEMIST...

THANKS FOR LETTING ME USE YOUR WATCH FOR MY DEMONSTRATION, MR. BURNS!

I... ER-- HOPE THAT SPRAY DOESN'T HURT IT!

THEN, BEFORE I COULD STOP HIM, HE TOOK OUT A HAMMER, AND...

OH, NO!... MY BRAND-NEW WATCH!



BUT, TO MY AMAZE-- THAT'S SENSATIONAL, TOMMY! ONE OF MY CLIENTS, **ATLAS STEEL**, SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR CHEMICAL PROCESS!

AS YOU CAN SEE, SIR, THERE'S NOT A DENT OR SCRATCH ON IT--THANKS TO MY SUPER-HARDENING CHEMICAL SPRAY!

THIS TIME, I PLACED TOMMY'S FORMULA IN A BANK VAULT-- BUT, WEEKS LATER...

YOU--YOU CHEAT!... MY FATHER, WHO WORKS AT **ATLAS STEEL**, SAYS THEY'RE TESTING A NEW SUPER-HARDENER BROUGHT TO THEM BY SOME OTHER CHEMIST!

WHAT??

I-- I TRUSTED YOU... AND YOU CHEATED ME!

NO, TOMMY, I DIDN'T! AND I'LL PROVE IT BY TAKING YOU TO **ATLAS** RIGHT NOW!

WE REACHED THE FACTORY AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT...

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, BURNS, THAT LITTLE RING, AFTER BEING SPRAYED WITH MR. CAULDER'S NEW CHEMICAL HARDENER, IS RESISTING A PRESSURE OF 10,000 POUNDS!

IT'S NOT **HIS** HARDENER! IT'S MINE! HE STOLE IT--**STOLE** IT!

HERE--HERE, TOMMY--TAKE IT EASY--I CAN TESTIFY THAT YOU HAD DEVELOPED A HARDENER!

SURE--BUT ISN'T IT POSSIBLE FOR TWO CHEMISTS, WORKING INDEPENDENTLY, TO PRODUCE THE SAME FORMULA? CAN YOU PROVE CAULDER STOLE IT FROM YOU?

WELL... I--I MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED IT TO HIM! I BUY SOME OF MY CHEMICALS FROM HIM!

I'M AFRAID THAT'S NO PROOF!

HE'S RIGHT, TOMMY... COME ALONG NOW!

I TOOK TOMMY HOME, AND WENT DOWN TO HIS CELLAR LAB, WHERE...

CAULDER NEVER INVENTED ANYTHING NEW IN HIS LIFE, MR. BURNS! I KNOW HE STOLE MY HARDENER!

IF--IF ONLY I COULD PROVE THAT HE HAD BEEN IN THIS PLACE... BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF A BREAK-IN!

WAIT! NOTICE HOW THE AREA UNDER THE HIGH WINDOW IS CLEANER THAN THE REST OF THE WALL?

YOU MEAN-- CAULDER MIGHT HAVE WIPED THE SOOT OFF IF HE SLID IN THROUGH THE WINDOW?



YES...AND BEING A SMALL MAN, HE'D HAVE HAD TO GRAB FOR TOE-HOLDS WITH HIS FEET, ON HIS WAY OUT! LET'S GO, TOMMY-- TO TEST THIS THEORY!

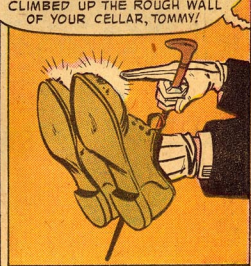
HALF AN HOUR LATER, WE WERE DRIVING THROUGH THE BIG WOODEN GATE GUARDING CAULDER'S CLOSED PLANT...

LOOKS LIKE CAULDER DIDN'T GET BACK YET!

THAT SUITS ME FINE!

INSIDE, IT TOOK ME 20 MINUTES TO FIND WHAT I WANTED...

A SPARE PAIR OF SHOES--BEARING SCRATCH MARKS ON THE TOES...THE KIND CAULDER WOULD GET IF HE CLIMBED UP THE ROUGH WALL OF YOUR CELLAR, TOMMY!



SUDDENLY, SOMETHING EXPLODED IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD AS...

FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, SNOOPER?

YES--THE EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE A CROOK, CAULDER! NOW STEP ASIDE AND LET US OUT!



HA, HA... WE'VE GOT 'EM WHERE WE WANT 'EM NOW! GET BACK THAT EVIDENCE-- THEN WE'LL SUE THEM FOR BREAKING IN HERE!



WHAT'S WHEN I MADE MY DO-OR-DIE MOVE...

OUT THE WINDOW, TOMMY!



AS WE RACED TO THE CAR...

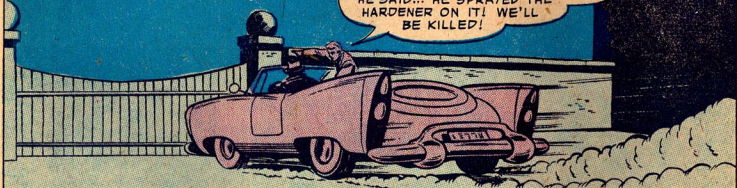
THE BIG GATE-- IT'S CLOSING! MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED!

SURE-- AND THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I SPRAYED WITH YOUR HARDENER--SO DON'T TRY TO CRASH IT!



BUT, WHEN TOMMY AND I BARRELED INTO MY CAR...

NO--NO, MR. BURNS! DON'T TRY TO CRASH THROUGH! YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID... HE SPRAYED THE HARDENER ON IT! WE'LL BE KILLED!



NEXT INSTANT, HOWEVER...

HUH--? IT CAN'T BE! I--I REALLY SPRAYED THE GATE!



LATER, WHEN THE POLICE TOOK OVER...

GOLLY... I GUESS CAULDER WAS LYING WHEN HE SAID HE SPRAYED THE GATE!

NO, TOMMY-- I'M AFRAID I'VE GOT DISAPPOINTING NEWS FOR YOU! THE HARDENING QUALITY OF YOUR SPRAY IS ONLY TEMPORARY... IT WEARS OFF AFTER AWHILE!



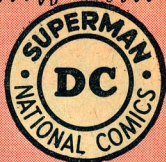
OH, WELL... I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO SOME MORE EXPERIMENTING WITH IT! BUT--HOW DID YOU FIND THAT OUT?

WHEN MY WATCH FELL OUT OF MY POCKET, AFTER I GOT CLOBBERED BY CAULDER'S HOOD! IT WAS ALL BEATEN UP-- AND YOU'D SPRAYED THAT, TOO, REMEMBER?



To the Boys and Girls
of America

THIS FAMOUS
SYMBOL
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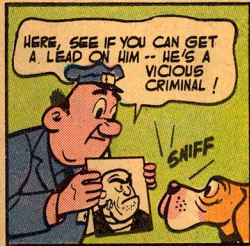
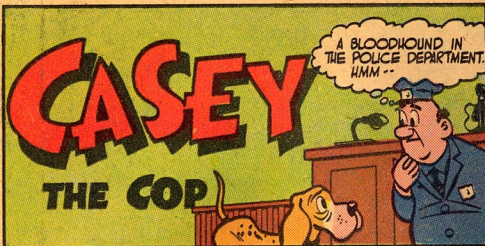
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THERE ARE MORE WAYS THAN ONE TO CATCH A CROOK, AS DETECTIVE MIKE FARRA PROVED WITH HIS AMAZING ELECTRONIC BOOBY-TRAPS. THAT'S WHY IT BECAME THE UNDERWORLD'S FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS TO WIPE OUT...

"The DETECTIVE With 1,000 TRAPS!"

HUH? A SIREN... THREE SPOTLIGHTS...

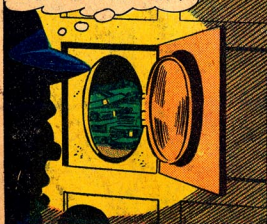
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AND AN ELECTRO-MAGNET TO YANK THE GUNS FROM YOUR HANDS, AS SOON AS YOU BROKE THE LOCK!



IT WAS SAMUEL (SNEAKY SAM) BRIGGS, A SMALL-TIME HOUSE BURGLAR, WHO FIRST FELT THE IMPACT OF DETECTIVE MIKE FARRA'S UNIQUE ANTI-CRIME TRAPS...

PAYDIRT! THIS WALL SAFE'S CRAMMED WITH CASH!



AS THE THIEF REACHED INTO THE SAFE, HIS OWN GREEDY HANDS BECAME THE INSTRUMENT OF HIS DOWNFALL...

HUH...? WHAT GIVES? I'M HANDCUFFED!



BUT STOPPING THE CRIMINAL WAS ONLY ONE PHASE OF THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE'S AMAZING ELECTRIC-EYE DEVICE...

A BURGLAR ALARM... AND THE LIGHTS FLIPPED ON! WHAT HAVE I RUN INTO...?

MIKE FARRA'S BURGLAR TRAP, MISTER--AND IT WORKED TO PERFECTION! CALL THE POLICE, DEAR.



FARRA STRUCK UPON HIS UNUSUAL METHODS SOME YEARS AGO, WHEN HE LEFT THE ARMY...

I NEVER HEARD OF BOOBY-TRAPPING LIKELY ROBBERY LOCALES, MIKE! JUST HOW WOULD THIS ANTI-CRIME SYSTEM OF YOURS WORK?

IN SOME CASES, CHIEF COLLINS, MY SECRET BOOBY-TRAPS WOULD "ARREST" THE CRIMINALS ON THE SPOT...



IN OTHER SITUATIONS, MY TRAPS WOULD SET OFF ALARMS--PHOTOGRAPH THE CROOK IN ACTION... AND EVEN CHEAT HIM OF HIS PLUNDER! WHAT DO YOU THINK, CHIEF?

IF IT WILL CUT DOWN ON CRIME, I'M FOR GIVING IT A TRIAL!



FARRA'S FIRST BIG CLIENT WAS THE SPONSOR OF A FABULOUS JEWELRY EXHIBIT...

AW RIGHT, EVERYONE--THIS IS A HOLDUP! GET TO WORK, BOYS!

LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY, BOSS...



BUT, AS THE CASEMENT GLASS SHATTERED...

BOSS! THE SPARKLERS VANISHED!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THEY WERE THERE A SECOND AGO!



EDDIE'S RIGHT--THE NECKLACE IN THIS CASEMENT DISAPPEARED, TOO!

AND LOOK... STEEL SHEETING--BLOCKING OFF THE DOORS AND WINDOWS! WE'RE TRAPPED!

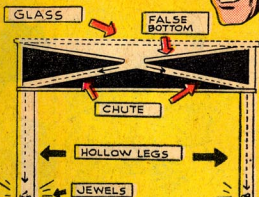


AFTER THE ARREST WAS MADE, FARRA EXPLAINED HIS INCREDIBLE BOOBY-TRAP SYSTEM TO REPORTERS...

WHEN THE CASEMENT GLASS SHATTERED, IT BROKE AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT, CAUSING THIS FALSE BOTTOM TO OVERTURN AND DROP THE GEMS INTO SMALL, HIDDEN CHUTES...



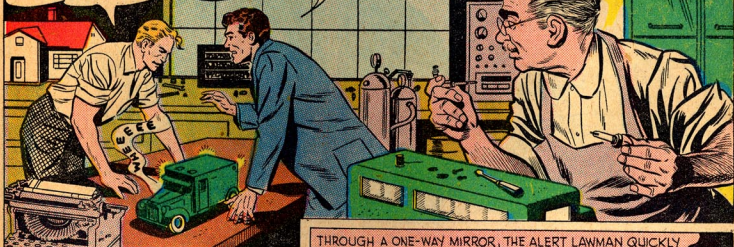
"...WHICH LED TO THE HOLLOW CASEMENT LEGS, WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE JEWELS SAFE AND SOUND!"



WITH THIS ROUSING SUCCESS, FARRA'S WORKSHOP WENT ON A 24-HOUR SCHEDULE, CREATING DEVICES FOR EVERY CONCEIVABLE TYPE OF PROTECTION...

SHOULD A ROBBER BREAK OPEN THE DOOR LOCK OF THE ARMORED CAR, MIKE, THREE HIDDEN SPOTLIGHTS AND A SIREN WILL SNAP ON AUTOMATICALLY!

GOOD, FRANK... BUT DON'T FORGET THE ELECTRO-MAGNET TO YANK THE GUNS OUT OF THEIR HANDS!



AND, OF COURSE, AS FARRA'S REPUTATION SPREAD THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD, HE HIMSELF HAD TO TAKE UNIQUE PRECAUTIONS...

THE CAR ALARM! SOMEBODY'S MEDDLING WITH MY VEHICLE IN THE GARAGE!

BUZZZZ!
BUZZZZ!



THROUGH A ONE-WAY MIRROR, THE ALERT LAWMAN QUICKLY SURMISED THE SITUATION...

A PAIR OF CRIMINALS -- TAMPERING WITH THE ENGINE! I'LL SLIP IN AND SURPRISE THEM BOTH...



BUT THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENED A MOMENT LATER, AS...

WE GOT COMPANY, BOYS! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM HERE AND NOW...

A THIRD HOODLUM... STANDING GUARD!

MIKE HAD ONE MORE "ACE" UP HIS SLEEVE, HOWEVER...

THIS CONCEALED BUTTON-- MY ONLY CHANCE...

NEXT INSTANT...

YIII! H-HE'S GOT THE PLACE GIMMICKED WITH AUTOMATIC GUNS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...

NOTHING BUT HARMLESS FIRECRACKERS... BUT THEY DID THE TRICK!



THOSE BOYS WERE REALLY PLAYING FOR KEEPS! I WONDER WHO HIRED THEM TO RUB ME OUT? THERE'S NO WAY OF KNOWING, UNLESS...



WAIT A MINUTE... ONE OF THEM MADE OFF WITH MY WEAPON! THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE I CAN FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! BETTER LET THE CHIEF IN ON IT...



IN THE MEANTIME, AT THE HIDEOUT OF THE INFAMOUS BURROWS GANG...

YOU IDIOTS! WE CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH THE JOB NOW! YOU KNOW FARRA'S SCHEDULED TO RIG THE JOINT WITH HIS BOOBY-TRAPS!

SORRY, BOSS-- BUT THE GUY SPRUNG SOME OF HIS GIMMICK TRAPS ON US! WE...



GIMMICKS? SAY... WHAT IF WE HAD "GIMMICK" GAXTON CASE THE PLACE BEFORE WE PULLED OFF THE JOB?

HEY-- I THINK YOU HIT IT, BOSS! "GIMMICK" IS AN ELECTRONIC WHIZ... HE'D BE ABLE TO SPOT FARRA'S BOOBY-TRAPS AND DIS-CONNECT THEM!



AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN THE DETECTIVE'S WORKSHOP...



I'LL SEND FOR HIM AT ONCE, BOYS! AND JOEY--GET RID OF THAT GUN YOU TOOK FROM FARRA... IT COULD BE TRACED TO US!

GOOD GRIEF, MIKE... HOW DID YOU EVER MANAGE TO PLANT A RECEIVING SET ON THEM?

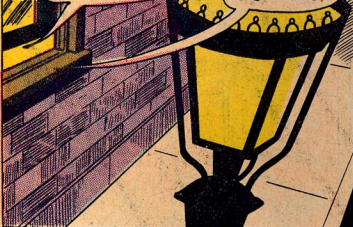
I HAD A MINIATURE SENDING SET CONCEALED IN THE HANDLE OF THE GUN THEY STOLE FROM ME, CHIEF! BUT WE CAN'T TRACK IT DOWN... THEY'RE DITCHING IT!

WHERE DO YOU INTEND TO INSTALL YOUR NEXT BOOBY-TRAP DEVICE? IT'S THE LOCALE THEY INTEND TO ROB!



THAT'S THE PROBLEM, CHIEF-- I'VE BEEN SNOWED UNDER WITH REQUESTS! THERE ARE AT LEAST 30 SPOTS SCHEDULED FOR MY BOOBY-TRAP SYSTEM IN THE NEXT WEEK!

EWHEWE IN OTHER WORDS, THEY COULD BE PLANNING THEIR JOB IN ANY ONE OF 30 PLACES!

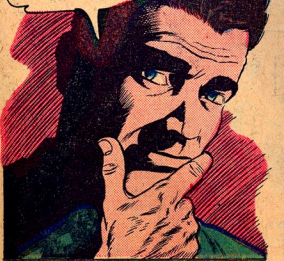


THIS IS SERIOUS, MIKE! TELL ME, IS THERE ANY WAY YOU COULD RIG YOUR TRAPPING SYSTEM TO BOOMERANG ON THIS UNDERWORLD EXPERT?

IF HE'S REALLY AS EXPERT AS THEY SAY, I'M AFRAID HE'D SPOT ANY ELECTRONIC TRICK WE MIGHT PULL!



HMM... COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT MAY BE OUR ANSWER, CHIEF! THIS "GIMMICK" GAXTON WILL BE LOOKING FOR ELECTRONIC TRAPS... SO MAYBE WE CAN FOOL HIM!



IT WAS EXACTLY EIGHT DAYS LATER WHEN THE GANG MADE ITS MOVE...

LOOK IT OVER CAREFULLY, "GIMMICK"... WE KNOW FOR A FACT THAT FARRA RIGGED THIS SAFE!

I'LL SAY! THAT DIAL'S SET TO TRIP AN ALARM THE MOMENT IT'S TOUCHED! DON'T YOU GUYS TOUCH ANYTHING TILL I GIVE THIS PLACE A GOOD ONCE-OVER!



THE CUNNING CRIMINAL METHODICALLY TRACKED DOWN EVERY POSSIBLE DEVICE--TILL FINALLY...

AH--HERE'S WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR...THE **CENTRAL POWER UNIT**, CONTROLLING ALL THE OTHER BOOBY-TRAPS STASHED AWAY IN THIS CHEMICAL REFRIGERATOR.



WE JUST OPEN THIS AIR-TIGHT CONTAINER...HA, HA... DISCONNECT THE WIRES... HO, HO, HO... AND BYE-BYE BOOBY-TRAPS... HA, HA, HA!

YEAH... HA, HA... BUT STOP MAKING SO MUCH NOISE... HAW, HAW! YOU WANT SOMEONE... HA, HA, HA... TO HEAR US?



BUT I CAN'T HELP IT... HA, HA, HA! THIS IS THE FUNNIEST THING I EVER SAW... HO, HO, HO!

SAME HERE... HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!

HAW, HAW, HAW... ME TOO... HA, HA, HA!



AND THIS WAS THE MOMENT THEY WERE WAITING FOR AT FARRA'S HEADQUARTERS...

LET'S SEE...SPEAKER #28--THE **DENTON CHEMICAL COMPANY**! THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND "GIMMICK" GAXTON AND THE GANG!

LET'S GET OVER THERE--FAST!



THE ARREST WAS MADE EXACTLY NINE MINUTES LATER...

IT'S FARRA... HA, HA... WITH THE POLICE! HE TRAPPED US... HO, HO... BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW... HA, HA, HA!

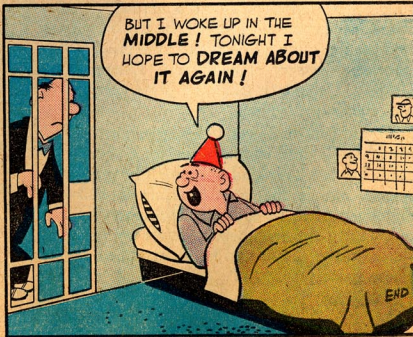
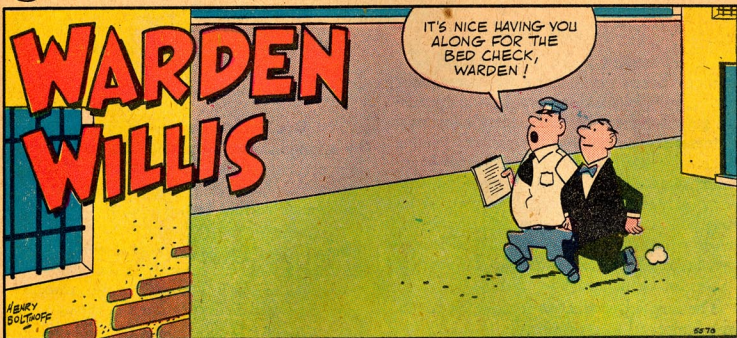
YOU TRAPPED YOURSELF, "GIMMICK"! KNOWING I COULDN'T PREVENT YOU FROM DISCONNECTING THE POWER UNIT BOX, I FASHIONED A **SPECIAL TRAP** FOR YOU!

I UTILIZED THE CONVENTIONAL SPEAKER SYSTEMS AT ALL MY TRAP LOCALES TO PIPE IN SOUND...THE SOUND OF YOUR LAUGHTER WHEN YOU OPENED THE BOX AND GOT A WHIFF OF THE **NITROUS OXIDE** I PLANTED!

NITROUS OXIDE? NO WONDER... HA, HA, HA... THAT'S THE STUFF DENTISTS USE! THEY CALL IT...HA, HA... **LAUGHING GAS!**



THE END



The GRAPEVINE

HOLSTER ACE

All his working years, a man named Chic Gaylord has made a living by being quick on the draw. Not so long ago, he was furnishing gags for some of the country's foremost cartoonists. Today, he is the nation's leading maker of holsters. From his shop in mid-Manhattan, where he specializes in making quick-draw holsters for T-men, detectives, diplomats bound for foreign countries, and jewelers, Gaylord plies a thriving trade, which began, innocently enough, when he fashioned a holster for his nephew's toy pistol.

The finished product so intrigued a friend, who happened to be a G-man, that Gaylord duplicated the job in a larger and more realistic fashion. Within weeks, scores of orders were pouring in from all over the country, and Gaylord was in business.

Today, Gaylord prides himself in his ability to make a holster that defies detection. Not long ago, when a detective was being fitted for a tight-fitting suit, the tailor's eyes popped when a shoulder holster was revealed as the jacket was removed. Gaylord has taken great care to remove the bulge that might betray a plainclothesman. And, thanks to his criticism, the nation's policemen are being encouraged to discontinue the use of cross-draw holsters in order to overcome the disadvantage of the sudden draw.

Law enforcement agencies and authorized folk eagerly await Gaylord's annual catalogue, which lists such models as the 8-Ball, because it fits into a side pocket; the Banker's Special, Treasury Thunderbolt, Dragoons, Comets, Defenders, Skintites, Blue Streaks, and the Bay Hi-Rise.

Occasionally, a gun-toting gangster approaches Gaylord with an order for a custom-made holster. This kind of business he gruffly rejects, and if the mobster wants to make something of it, he suddenly remembers that he's facing the man who's expert on being quick on the draw, and he fades out of the doorway.

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Did you know that today's game of bowl-

ing with tenpins was devised to get around a state law against the game of ninepins?

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SENTENCE REDUCED

A unique defense was employed recently by a lawyer when he appealed a six months' sentence imposed on his client by a Monaco magistrate for having stolen an automobile. He contended that his client should not have been charged with permanent theft because Monaco was too small a country. "After all," he argued, "my client would have been seen riding in the car." The magistrate reconsidered the decision, finally cut the sentence to three months.

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Hailed into court for having failed to make his social security payments, an Englishman claimed he didn't have to rely on future benefits. "I make my living by thieving," he explained. The judge ordered him to pay his arrears of \$6.00, and warned him to get honest employment or his future would be spent in one of Her Majesty's prisons.

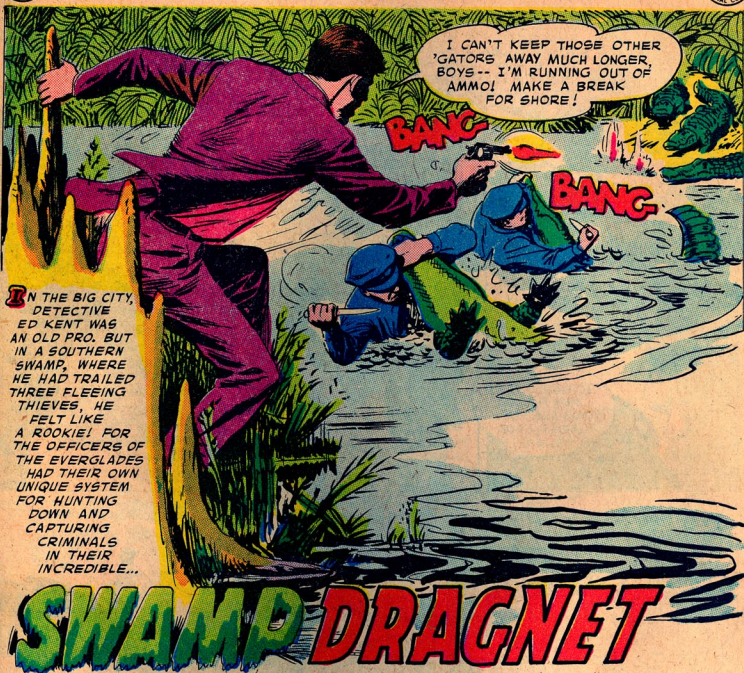
BLOTTER JOTTINGS

CHICAGO: Made impatient by the drawn-out arguments between a subscriber and Illinois Bell Telephone Co. lawyers, who demanded \$5 for having installed a colored telephone, a judge withdrew the sum from his pocket, handed it to the attorneys, considered the case closed.

YPSILANTI, Mich.: In his mail, the police chief found \$800 in cash from a regretful thief and a newspaper clipping, which described the burglary of a home while the owner was rushing his wife to the hospital for an operation.

DETROIT: An 11-year-old youth was awarded \$250 in damages after a spectator in a sand-lot baseball game sicked his dog on him as he rounded the bases on a home run.

SAN FRANCISCO: Nabbed for counterfeiting, an apologetic man told police that he wanted to make enough money to go straight.



IN THE BIG CITY, DETECTIVE ED KENT WAS AN OLD PRO. BUT IN A SOUTHERN SWAMP, WHERE HE HAD TRAILED THREE FLEEING THIEVES, HE FELT LIKE A ROOKIE! FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE EVERGLADES HAD THEIR OWN UNIQUE SYSTEM FOR HUNTING DOWN AND CAPTURING CRIMINALS IN THEIR INCREDIBLE...

IT WAS THE STRANGEST ASSIGNMENT I'D EVER HAD AS A CITY DETECTIVE. THERE I WAS, 'CHUTING INTO THE OKAPI SWAMPLAND WITH TWO POLICE RANGERS...

TUG YOUR LINES ON THE LEFT, KENT, TO LAND ON THAT DRY PATCH OVER THERE!

OKAY, STARK! NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE DOING THIS WHEN I MET YOU BOYS THIS MORNING!

YES, ONLY A FEW HOURS AGO WHEN I PRESENTED MY PROBLEM TO RANGERS COLLINS' AND STARK AT THEIR BASE...

AND THE ARMORED CAR ROBBER YOU CAPTURED CONFESSED HIS THREE PALS PLANNED TO HIDE OUT HERE IN THE OKAPI SWAMPLAND, DETECTIVE KENT?

RIGHT, RANGER COLLINS-- AND THEIR TRAIL FROM MY CITY DOES LEAD HERE! TELL ME, HOW BIG IS THIS SWAMP OF YOURS, ANYWAY?





FLYING OVER SEVERAL MORE ISLANDS, COLLINS AND STARK CONTINUED TO MAKE THEIR UNIQUE INVESTIGATION...

SCRATCH ISLAND NUMBER 6, COLLINS! SWAMP DEER WOULDN'T BE GRAZING ABOUT IF THEY SCENTED MEN!



RIGHT! HEAD SOUTH-- WE'LL CHECK OUT NUMBER 7!

AS WE APPROACHED THE ISLAND, THE TWO POLICE RANGERS RECOGNIZED WHAT THEY CONSIDERED A SOLID CLUE...

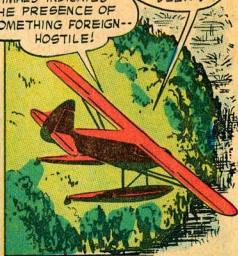
STARK-- WE'VE GOT A LEAD! LOOK BELOW!!



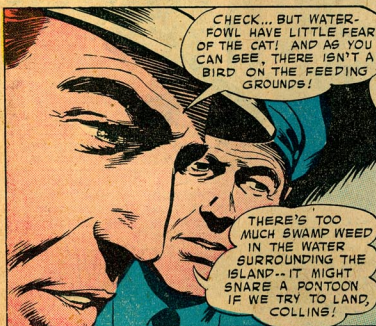
HUH? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING BUT DENSE FOLIAGE!

THAT'S JUST IT, KENT--THE ABSENCE OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS INDICATES THE PRESENCE OF SOMETHING FOREIGN-- HOSTILE!

BUT WHY NECESSARILY MAN? WOULDN'T A BOBCAT CHASE OFF DEER?



CHECK... BUT WATER-FOWL HAVE LITTLE FEAR OF THE CAT! AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE ISN'T A BIRD ON THE FEEDING GROUNDS!



THERE'S TOO MUCH SWAMP WEED IN THE WATER SURROUNDING THE ISLAND--IT MIGHT SNARE A PONTOON IF WE TRY TO LAND, COLLINS!

THEN WE'LL 'CHUTE DOWN AT OUR STORAGE STATION AND USE THE HYDROPLANE! BUT, FIRST, I'LL RADIO THE BASE AND HAVE A PATROL BOAT SENT HERE!



PARACHUTE... INTO THE SWAMP? MY PALS BACK AT THE 10th PRECINCT WILL NEVER BELIEVE THIS ONE!

AND SO THERE I WAS--IN THE DESOLATE SWAMP KNOWN AS ISLAND #7, AND THAT'S WHEN WE RAN INTO OUR FIRST PROBLEM...

COLLINS! OUR HYDROPLANE AND FOOD SUPPLIES ARE GONE!

A LOST HUNTER MIGHT HAVE TAKEN THEM--OR IT COULD HAVE BEEN OUR THREE CRIMINALS! LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THEIR TRACKS!



TRACKS--IN THIS SWAMPY AREA? WHERE?

BENEATH THE SURFACE, KENT! HERE--PUT ON THIS FACE-PLATE AND HAVE A LOOK!



MOMENTS LATER, AS I PEERED THROUGH THE MURKY WATERS...



BY GEORGE, THEY WERE RIGHT! THERE ARE FOOT-PRINTS ON THE CLAY BOTTOM! BUT THAT BRINGS UP ANOTHER QUESTION! HOW DO THEY KNOW WHOSE PRINTS THEY ARE?

THEY HAD THE ANSWER FOR THAT ONE, TOO...

THOSE PRINTS WE SAW WERE MADE BY CONVENTIONAL SHOES, KENT! A HUNTER WOULD BE WEARING SWAMP BOOTS, WHICH LEAVE DEEP TREAD IMPRESSIONS IN THE CLAY!

THAT PROVES THAT WHOEVER WAS HERE WASN'T PREPARED FOR SWAMP TRAVELING... AND IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK MORE LIKE YOUR BOYS, KENT!



AFTER BUILDING A CRUDE RAFT, WE LAUNCHED OUR DRAGNET...



SO YOU STRING THESE WIRE "SWAMPBLOCKS," AS YOU CALL THEM, ACROSS ALL THE WATER CHANNELS LEADING INTO THE ISLAND BEFORE SEARCHING THE AREA, EH?

RIGHT! IT'S QUITE LIKELY THEY MADE OFF WITH OUR HYDRO-PLANE!

ONCE WE START COMBING THE ISLAND, THEY MAY MAKE A BREAK FOR IT! IF THEY DO, YOU'LL SEE HOW OUR "SWAMPBLOCK" WORKS!



TEN YEARS ON THE FORCE... AND I FEEL MORE LIKE A ROOKIE EVERY TIME YOU DO SOMETHING!

AFTER SEALING ALL ROUTES FROM THE ISLAND, WE POLED UP ONE OF THE CHANNELS TO START OUR SEARCH. IT WAS ALIVE WITH...

CROCODILES! ARE WE... SAFE ON THIS THING?

THEY'RE 'GATORS, KENT-- AND THEY ONLY ATTACK IN THE WATER! STARK-- LISTEN...



SPUTTER
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THE TWO RANGERS EXCHANGED WORRIED LOOKS, AND THEN...

HEY--WHAT'S HAPPENING? YOU'D THINK WE WERE IN A RACE--

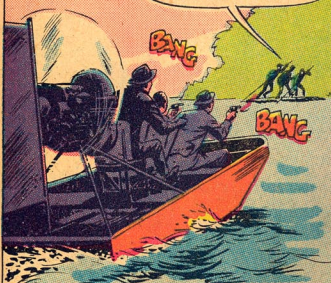
WE MAY BE, KENT! THAT'S A HYDROPLANE MOTOR!



RRRRRR

IN AN INSTANT, I CAUGHT ON...

THERE THEY ARE--IN THE HYDROPLANE--!



BEFORE I COULD SQUEEZE OFF A CLIP OF AMMO, THEY WERE UPON US--AND THEIR INTENTIONS WERE QUITE CLEAR...

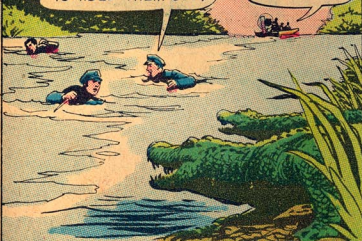
JUMP! THEY'RE GOING TO RAM US!



THE SECOND AFTER WE HIT THE WATER, TROUBLE CAME FROM ALL SIDES...

THEY'RE AS GOOD AS FINISHED! LET'S GET BACK TO THE HIDEOUT!

'GATORS! MAKE FOR THE BANK, KENT! WE'LL TRY TO HOLD THEM OFF!



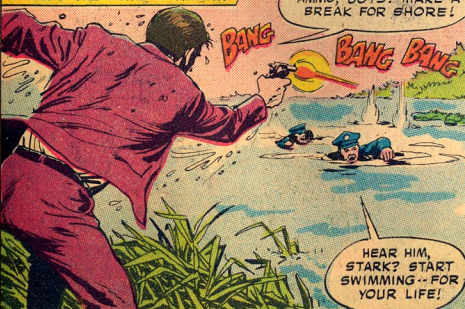
AS I REACHED THE SHORE, I LOOKED BACK TO WITNESS AN UNFORGETTABLE SIGHT...



COLLINS AND STARK--TAKING ON THOSE 'GATORS IN HAND COMBAT! I'LL COVER 'EM!

AS THEY BATTLED THE TWO REPTILES, I KEPT THE OTHERS AWAY...

I'M RUNNING OUT OF AMMO, BOYS! MAKE A BREAK FOR SHORE!



HEAR HIM, STARK? START SWIMMING--FOR YOUR LIFE!

AS THEY REACHED THE BANK...

WHEW--THAT WAS THE CLOSEST YET!

I'M JUST GLAD YOU CITY FELLERS KNOW HOW TO SHOOT STRAIGHT!



WE HAD SAVED OUR LIVES--
BUT WE WERE IN A
TOUGH SITUATION...

YOU TWO LOST YOUR
PISTOLS AND AMMO, AND
I SHOT MY LAST BULLET!
WE'LL BE SITTING DUCKS
FOR THOSE HOODS IF
THEY FIND WE'RE
STILL BREATHING!

IT WON'T
BE HARD TO
FIND THEIR HIDE-
OUT-- BUT WE
CAN'T RUSH
THEM UNARMED!

THE POLICE PICK-UP BOAT
WILL BE HERE IN A FEW
HOURS-- BUT WE CAN'T
SIGNAL IT WITHOUT
REVEALING OURSELVES
TO THE GANG!

WAIT A MINUTE!
I JUST REMEMBERED
AN OLD TRICK WE
USE WHERE I
COME FROM THAT
MIGHT FLUSH THOSE
CRIMINALS!

LATER THAT NIGHT...

HEY-- WHAT
WAS THAT? IT...
CAME FROM
OVER THERE!

YOU GUYS GOT
THE JUMPS!
PROBABLY ONLY
A BIRD! C'MON--
I'LL PROVE IT
TO YOU!

SPLASH

FOOTPRINTS...
ALL OVER THE
PLACE! MAYBE
WE'RE SURROUNDED!

MOMENTS LATER...

CRUNCH

THAT DAWN, WHEN THE POLICE
PICK-UP BOAT ARRIVED...

WELL, I'VE BEEN
ON SOME FANTASTIC
MANHUNTS IN MY DAY--
BUT THIS IS THE
WILDEST I EVER
EXPERIENCED!

AND IT WOULD
NOT HAVE
SUCCEEDED
WITHOUT YOUR
TRICK, KENT, THAT
FLUSHED THEM INTO
OUR SWAMPBLOCK!

LOOK AT THIS--
A RANGER'S CAP!
LET'S GET OUTA
HERE-- FAST!

YOUR PLAN
WORKED, KENT--
THEY PANICKED
AND FLED WHEN
THEY SAW ALL
THOSE FOOTPRINTS
WE PLANTED!

AND LEAVING
MY CAP BEHIND,
BEFORE YOU
THREW THAT
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THEM IT WAS THE
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Please send me FREE (while supply lasts) the valuable Philatelic World Map and Guide and the packet of 30 much-wanted foreign stamps. Include other interesting stamp offers for my inspection. I understand I am not obligated to buy any stamps from you—now or later. I enclose 10¢ to help cover actual postage and handling of FREE map and stamps.

Name.....
(Please PRINT Plainly)

Address.....

City..... Zone No. (if any) State.....

☐ Check here for Discoverer Album, enclosing only \$1 more. Money back if not delighted.

① MY BIRTHDAY SONG

(HOPE YOU SING IT TO ME ON _____)

(Birthday Date)

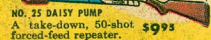
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR (A) _____
HERE'S A DAISY FOR YOU!

P.S. YOU CAN BUY IT AT:

(B)



NO. 98 DAISY EAGLE
WITH 2X SCOPE
1000-shot, leather sling. \$13⁹⁵



NO. 25 DAISY PUMP
A take-down, 50-shot
forced-feed repeater. \$9⁹⁵

PRICES HIGHER IN CANADA.

FOR YOU, DAD!



NO. 177 BB
TARGET PISTOL

Shoots Daisy
BBs accurately
at short range.
For low-cost
target practice. \$5

②



The BEST BIRTHDAY GIFT YOU CAN GIVE

(A)

Give "safety thru skill." Train me to handle, shoot a gun properly. Daisy is the best for this. Since 1888 Daisy has used the same safer spring-type action—the safer short range—

the safer low "factory limited" power. It is NOT a lethal pneumatic, gas, pellet or compressed air gun. I have checked the Daisy Training Rifle. I want for my birthday.

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NEW FUN-WAY to get a

DAISY AIR RIFLE

for your BIRTHDAY

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DIRECTIONS for Using These Secret "Happy Birthday" Reminders These "Daisy for Birthday" Reminders help "sell" your folks. There are 3 on this page, 1 on the back cover. (1) Get some shears, a lead pencil. (2) Do this on each Reminder: After letter "A" print your first and last name; after "B" print name of store that sells Daisys. (3) Put check mark (✓) in square near Daisy, wanted. (Write your birth date in Reminder 1 near top!) (4) Cut out all 4 Reminders with shears—keep Directions, Reminders hidden

until you've used all 4! **HOW TO USE EACH REMINDER:** About 2 weeks before your Birthday, surprise the folks with a Reminder each day! *1st Day:* Put Reminder 1 near Mom's tooth-brush. *2nd Day:* Put No. 2 on Dad's pillow. *3rd Day:* Leave No. 3 on Dad's easy chair secretly before supper. *4th Day:* Address an envelope to Dad where he works; print "PERSONAL" near his name; put Reminder 4 in envelope; mail it. Fix your secret Reminders now!

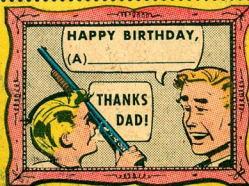
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ONE PICTURE IS WORTH 1,000 WORDS!

Drawing by
THE FAMOUS ARTIST

(A)



PLEASE BUY MY DAISY AT:

(B)

And Dad! Here's A Super Birthday Gift Outfit:

NO. 1025 DAISY AIR RIFLEMAN SET
Set includes Daisy Pump Gun, metal gun-bronze; "take down" screw-driver. Plus Gun Cleaning Kit in metal case plus a metal Rifle Rack with wooden shelf, BBs. \$12⁹⁵



NO. 98 DAISY EAGLE
WITH 2X SCOPE
1000-shot, leather sling. \$13⁹⁵



NO. 25 DAISY PUMP
A take-down, 50-shot
forced-feed repeater. \$9⁹⁵



NO. 94 DAISY CARBINE
Cowboy gun, 1000-shot
type. Leather boot. \$8⁹⁵

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FOR YOU, DAD!



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TARGET PISTOL
Shoots Daisy
BBs accurately
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For low-cost
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NO. 1025 DAISY AIR RIFLEMAN SET

ALSO CUT OUT REMINDER NO. 4 ON THE BACK COVER (If you need MORE Reminders NOW—buy another copy of this magazine.)

CUT OUT INSIDE DOTTED LINES

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VOIT BASKETBALL
Only 12 Boxes



DAISI RED RYDER
Only 12 Boxes

F-51 MUSTANG
Only 20 Boxes



OVERNIGHT CAMPING SET
Only 12 Boxes



WATER WIZARD
Only 12 Boxes



SLEEPING BAG
Only 20 Boxes



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Only 12 Boxes



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LIGHT SET
Only 12 Boxes



PROP ROD
RACE CAR
Only 12 Boxes



8mm. MOVIE
PROJECTOR
Only 40 Boxes



SENIOR CHEMISTRY SET
Only 20 Boxes



DEBONAIR
FLASH CAMERA
Only 12 Boxes



MUSCLE BUILDING OUTFIT
Only 12 Boxes



THUNDERBOLT KIT
& TORPEDO ENGINE
Only 20 Boxes



CAMP COOK KIT
Only 20 Boxes



SPALDING GLOVE AND BALL
Only 20 Boxes



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Only 20 Boxes



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Only 12 Boxes



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Only 40 Boxes



ANSKO READYFLASH OUTFIT
Only 20 Boxes



ELECTRIC FRY PAN
Only 20 Boxes



VOIT UTILITY BOAT
Only 60 Boxes



COLEMAN
CAMP STOVE
Only 20 Boxes



H-I SPIN FISHING OUTFIT
Only 20 Boxes



U. S. BUGLE
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Just fill in and mail the coupon to become a member. Mark on the coupon whether you want 12 or 20 boxes of either Christmas or All Occasion Cards. (If prize is for more than 20 boxes, start with your first order for 20 boxes.) We will send your prize-winning boxes of cards on credit because WE TRUST YOU. It's quick and it's easy. MAIL YOUR COUPON NOW. ACT QUICKLY TO GET FREE MEMBERSHIP CARD.

JUNIOR SALES CLUB OF AMERICA SPRINGFIELD 1, MASS.

Junior Sales Club of America

GET THESE Terrific Prizes ...or Cash Profits!

AT NO COST TO YOU!

MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!

JUNIOR SALES CLUB OF AMERICA DEPT. NC-6
SPRINGFIELD 1, MASS.

Enroll me as a member of the J.S.C.A. and send me AT ONCE, FREE Membership Card, FREE Illustrated Catalog, complete details on how to get prizes AND a supply of boxes to sell as checked below:

- ☐ 12 BOXES ☐ ALL OCCASION CARDS
☐ 20 BOXES ☐ CHRISTMAS CARDS

You must indicate whether you want Christmas or All Occasion Cards. We CANNOT send part Christmas and part All Occasion.

NAME _____

Print Clearly

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

LIFT THIS PAGE HERE To See Daisy Reminders 1, 2, 3!

HAPPY DAISY BIRTHDAY!

TO YOU!

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NO. 4 BIRTHDAY REMINDER CUT INSIDE DOTTED LINES

Dear Dad: The Daisy I've checked ☒ is what I want most for my birthday. I'm depending on you to come through... please! You can buy my Daisy at: (B) _____ (A) _____

Daisy's Finest!

NO. 98 DAISY EAGLE

with REAL 2X SCOPE MOUNTED

This 1000-shot type, .37" repeater is a hunting style rifle with real 2-power factory-mounted scope. Extra-long forearm. Reelover and barrel golden decorated. Heavy, thick top grain leather sling, adjustable.

80 Book, Lens Caps, Targets

\$13.95

NO. 25 DAISY PUMP GUN—KING OF ALL BB GUNS

This famous forced-feed pump-action, 50-shot type repeater is 37" long. Cold "engraved" jacket. Take-down model.

Take-down
Screw-driver

\$9.95

NO. 94 DAISY WESTERN CARBINE

Real saddle carbine styling! A lever-action, 1000-shot type repeater, 35". Genuine leather boot, carbine ring.

\$8.95

For You, Dad!

NO. 177 DAISY

BULLS-EYE BB TARGET PISTOL

New 150-shot repeating pistol shoots Daisy air rifle BBs accurately at 9' range. Fast loader. Adjustable cheek-and-open sight; ramp-type front. Checkered hand-fit plastic grip; all-steel pistol. 10 1/2". Smokeless, noiseless. With 25 Targets, 2 tubes BBs.

\$5.00

DAISY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, TRAINING DEPT. 4-BB, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, U. S. A.

We'll Help you

GET A DAISY FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY



If your birthday comes in June, July, August, use the 4 Birthday Daisy Reminders printed in this comic book; Reminders 1, 2 and 3 on the page below this; Reminder 4 on this page. Read, follow DIRECTIONS printed on page opposite now... and send for Free Daisy Air Rifle Catalog.



If your birthday comes between September and December, save these 2 pages and use them then. Or send Coupon with your birth-date on it, now; Daisy will send another Set of 4 Reminders to reach you about 2 weeks before your birth-date!

HAD YOUR BIRTHDAY?

Tell Dad you want a Daisy now—for Vacation Fun and Training in Marksmanship!

MAIL NOW!

FREE TRAINING PACKET!

Send 10¢ for Training Packet explaining how air-gun-type Daisies are APPROVED for training programs of National Rifle Association. Na- at Rifle DAISSER SOLD OUT, or none near you, write number, price of rifle direct to Daisy, we'll ship it postpaid!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY COUPON

DAISY MANUFACTURING COMPANY
DEPT. B-158, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, U.S.A.

☐ I enclose unused 3¢ stamp. Send Daisy Catalog of BB Guns, Smoke Rifles postpaid. I'll mail it to Dad with No. 4 Reminder.
☐ Send your Birthday Daisy Reminder Kit postpaid—to arrive about 2 weeks before my Birthday (date written below.)

MY BIRTHDAY: _____
Month _____ Date _____
NAME _____
ST. & NO. _____
CITY _____ ZONE _____ STATE _____

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