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YUH'LL FIND YORE ROOM RIGHT OFF THE TOP OF THE STAIRCASE!



STOP, OR I'LL
PUT A BULLET
THROUGH YORE
BRAIN!

































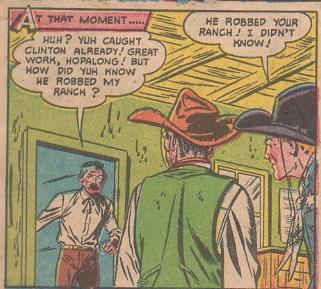
















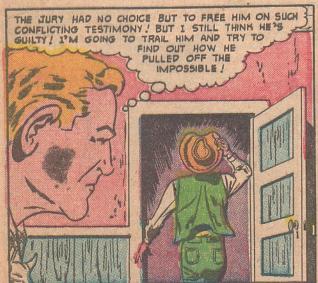




























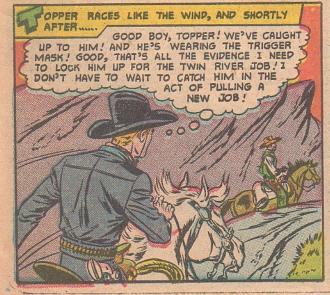












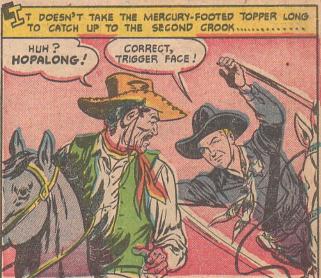






























INDY DALEY was the most worried camp cook in all of North Mesquite. Soon he knew that his seven year old hero worshipper Larry would find him out for the fraud he was. Oh, not that he had done anything really bad. His only wrong had been exaggerating just a mite in order to live up to the exalted opinion the boss' young son had of him. Larry was at that age when the capture of outlaws was the most fascinating subject in the world. So it was only natural that he should expect the one man he preferred to all the wranglers on his Dad's ranch to regale him with tales of facing down desperadoes. All well and good-except that Windy Daley had never fired a gun in anger in his life.

Windy was a consistent enough shot. His aim was unerring inasmuch that he never hit the target. Long before his friendship with Larry had begun, he had abandoned the wearing of six-guns. There just wasn't any point in it for one who used them so poorly. The only thing remotely resembling shooting irons to be found in his possession these days were the wooden models of famous sheriff's guns he whittled for Larry.

The old cook did have a talent for this last as the model currently in work attested. A copy of the hogleg made famous by Wild Bill Hickok, it looked almost as real as the one that had tamed many an owlhoot. But actually it was no more dangerous than Windy himself.

Windy looked fondly at the little boy who had fallen asleep in a corner chair of the cookhouse, then sighed and bent back to his work. Deftly, his knife scratched a few notches in the barrel in faithful imitation of the real and famous gun. Larry would enjoy this one! It was a good thing, too, for exposure was galloping Windy's way with all the force of a stampeding Longhorn herd.

He recalled all too vividly the day his undoing had begun. He and Larry had been alone in the cookhouse and, as usual, Larry had begged for some more accounts of Windy's daring. Windy had been only too happy to oblige and carried away with his own enthusiasm had

taken Larry with him on a flight of fancy to the day he and his old saddle sidekick, Buffalo Bill, had faced down an entire gang of bank robbers. This had been a particularly good story—and Windy didn't hear the steps of the foreman, Sage Casey, as he came in to sneak a pre-grub sandwich.

Enthralled, Sage had listened as avidly as Larry, and broke in only when Windy had paused for breath and fresh ammunition to feed Buffalo Bill.

"Never did hear of you being such a powerful hand with a hogleg afore this," drawled Sage.

Appalled, Windy turned to face the voice that hinted doom. He didn't care for himself; he was used to ridicule. But the fleeting glimpse of disillusionment that had crept into Larry's face at the obvious sarcasm chilled Windy. He couldn't let that boy find his hero was a faker. In time, when Larry was older he'd confess himself, and they'd laugh about it together. All this raced through his frenzied mind as his eyes made mute appeal to Sage for mercy. Well, he had carried it off that time. Sage had fallen in with the game, but had passed the word to the others in the bunkhouse. From then on, Windy's nights had been made hideous by being forced to recount over and over again for the amused waddies his fictitious tales of daring. Yet for Larry's sake he gladly took the abuse, happy that the boy had not been hurt.

But today there had been the stew! Ah, yes, the stew! It hadn't been such a bad stew, Windy still thought. Yet it had resulted in inflaming the always uncertain temper of Sage Casey. An angry Casey had not hesitated to employ the one weapon he could use against Windy—exposure to Larry!

There hadn't been time this morning. Larry had still been in bed, and Sage was needed on the range. But the tortured hours of the day fled all too swiftly for Windy. Soon he and Larry would not be the only ones left on the ranch. Minutes more now and Casey and the boys would come whooping and hollering in

to show up Windy for what he really was an old camp cook with a big imagination and a bigger tongue.

Windy sighed and sadly carved another notch on the model of Wild Bill's famous gun.

That dust down the lane-it must be the boys now! Seemed a little early for them to be riding home, but then they were probably anxious to get on with the fun of showing him up. Might just as well get his gear packed. Say, maybe that would be an idea! He could sneak off the ranch quietly without waiting for the guffaws of Casey and the tears of Larry. No. by gum! Windy Daley wouldn't slink off! He might be a braggart, but he sure wasn't a covote. He had promised Larry the model of Wild Bill's gun, and by Kit Carson's beard, he was going to get it. Another few minutes and it would be finished . . . but the reflection was twin to the thought that Windy Daley would be finished, too, in the eyes of a disillusioned Larry.

Say, that dust was being kicked up by only one horse. And a strange one at that. Windy couldn't recall ever having seen a cayuse that odd iodine color around these parts before. Certainly not one that had obviously been ridden so hard. Shucks, that was no way for an hombre to treat a mount. Maybe Windy was only a cook, but even he knew better than that. Knew everything except to keep his mouth shut.

He watched the rider dismount and head toward the ranchhouse yard. Sure looked like that fellow had come a far piece—and in a powerful hurry, too. There was something wrong about the way he walked. Honest waddies didn't keep darting nervous glances behind them. Then Windy got it. This was an owlhoot on the run, who had chosen the deserted ranch as a likely spot to garner the water necessary to his flight.

"Larry," Windy whispered, and his anxious tone woke the boy and brought him hustling over. "Look, son, there's a wrong hombre outside Just keep quiet and we'll be safe enough in here. Probably doesn't figure there's anyone about. Let him fill his canteen from the well and ride on."

"But, Windy," the boy protested, "Here's your chance to show me how you really catch an owlhoot. Why don't you get him?

Why didn't he get him? Windy froze at the

thought. Imagine him—a lowly camp cook standing up to someone who was so evidently a desperado. Oh, no, not Windy. But then another idea shouldered aside his natural fear. Here was a graceful way out. Why not go out and face the outlaw? He was certain to fall before the blazing guns, but Larry would never know him for a braggart. Even Sage Casey would not expose a man who had died heroically.

Then, strangely, Windy found himself walking through the door. Walking to what he knew was certain doom, but yet his stride was purposeful as he approached the outlaw. Nothing betrayed the fear within him as he tapped the stranger's shoulder. To the last he stood bravely, looking into the beady eyes, and watching the grimy hard dart for a holster.

But then suddenly the tough let his gun fall to the ground, and raised his arms fearfully above his head. Startled, Windy' looked at something he never expected to see . . . a man who was more frightened at the prospect of gun play than he was! Almost without thinking he took the rope that little Larry had thrust into his hands and tied his captive.

Sage Casey and the hands rode in on schedule, hooting in derision as they spotted the figures of Windy and Larry in the ranch house yard. But their shouts quickly turned to whistles of admiration as they also observed the other figure bound hand and foot.

T was Sage Casey who found words first. "Jed Corey!" he exclaimed. "The fastest gunslinger in the Territory—captured by a cook!"

"You don't fool me none," Corey answered.
"He's no cook, I rode against a lot of bad ones in my time, but I don't aim to tangle with any hombre who can wear a Wild Bill Hickok hogleg with seven notches."

Windy darted an excited glance at the wooden model gun that in the confusion he had thrust in his belt. Sage Casey looked, too, then laughed in understanding. Throwing an arm about the old cook's shoulders, he said, "Let's you, me and Larry go have some of that good stew. And don't forget we want to hear more stories of your gun fightin' days." He punctuated the sentence with a sly wink at Windy. There was no longer any danger of Larry being hurt.

THE END





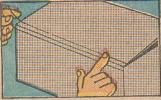
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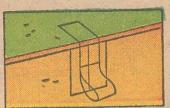
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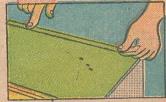
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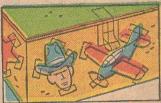
TAKE A CARDBOARD BOX or carton and make 'a hinged lid for it with "Scotch" Cellophane Tape. Run the tape the length of the lid for maximum strength.



MAKE A LATCH for the lid this way. Put two strips of tape on the box as shown, then put a strip on the lid, doubling over the end to use as a tab.



COVER THE BOX with bright wrapping paper or construction paper, taping it in place with cellophane tape. Use different paper for covering lid.



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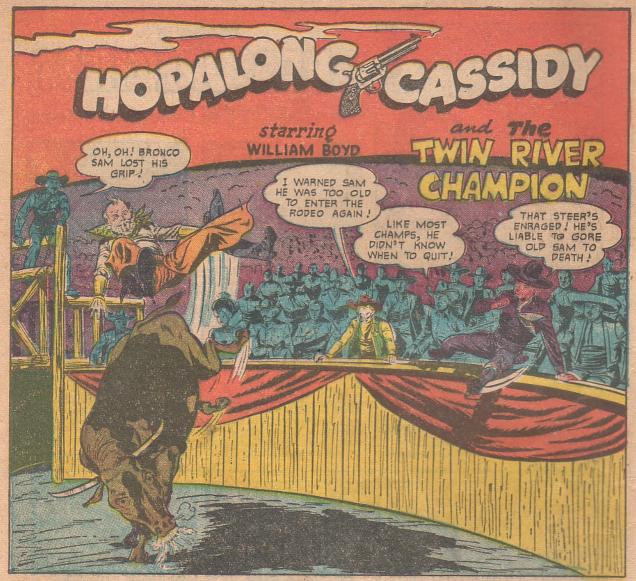




















DON'T WORRY, SAM! YOU BROUGHT
TWIN RIVER A LOT OF FINE
PUBLICITY AS ITS GREATEST
ROPEO PERFORMER
AND TWIN RIVER
WON'T LET YOU A MAN'S EVER
HAD, HOPALONG!
1'P LIKE TO ASK
YUH A FAVOR!



























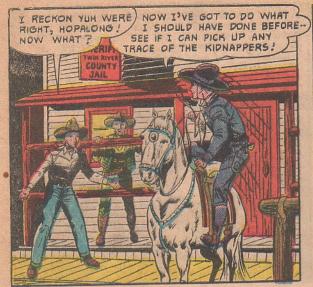


























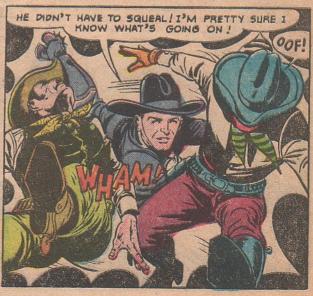








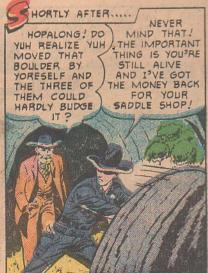






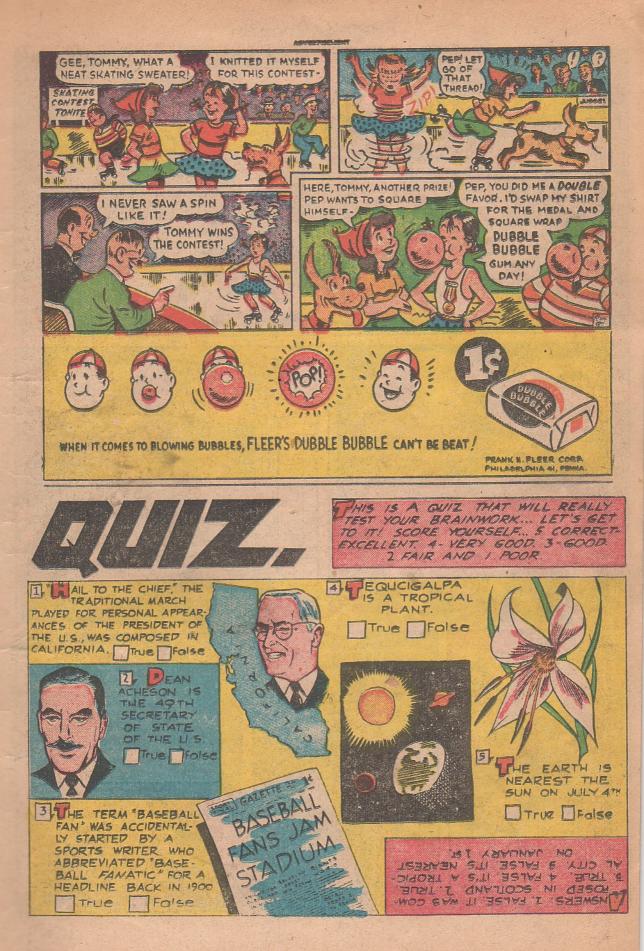






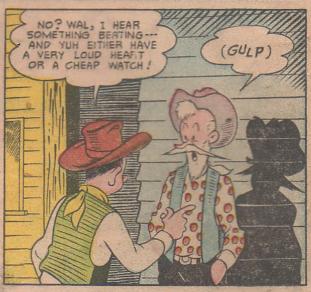












































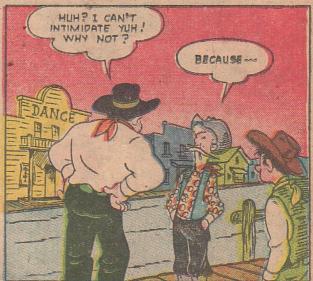


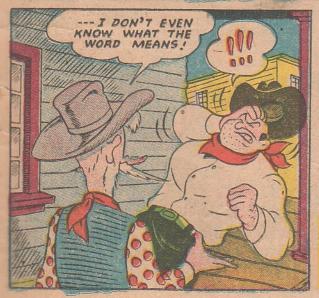


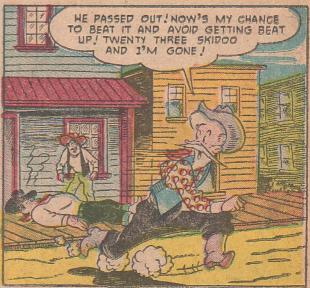


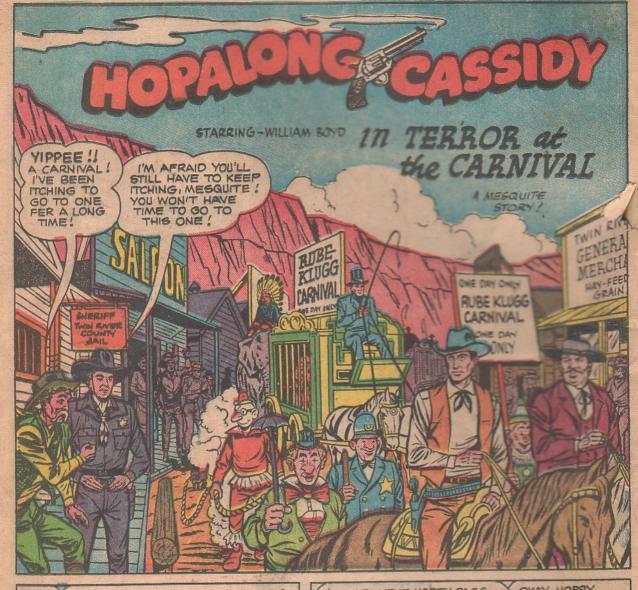


























WELCOME TO THE CARNIVAL,
DEPUTY! HOW ABOUT COMING INTO THE OFFICE SO I
CAN GIVE YUH A LIST OF
THE BEST
ATTRACTIONS! NO THANKS!
I DON'T
HAVE THE TIME!
I'LL JUST MOSEY.
AROUND FER A
FEW MINUTES!























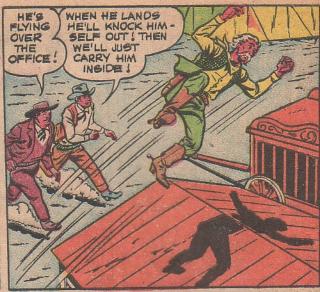








































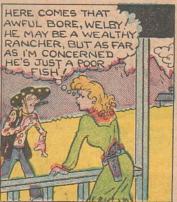














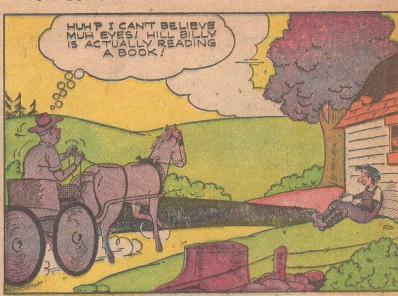










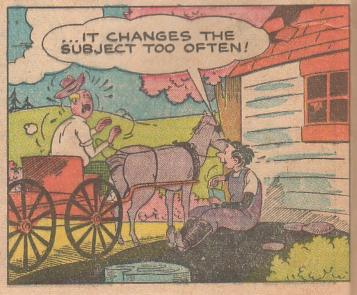








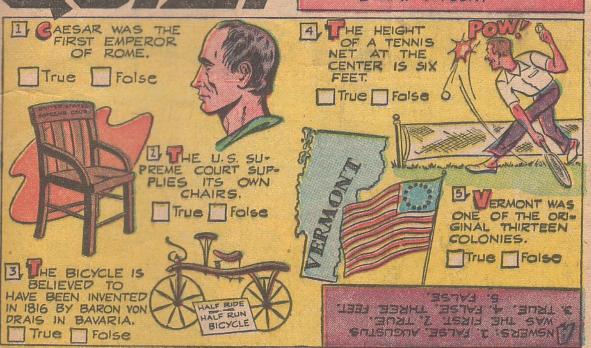








EXCELLENT. 4- VERY GOOD. 3- GOOD. 2- FAIR. 1= POOR.

















































































LET'S GO, TOPPER! EVEN WITH THIS COSTUME, IT'LL BE SAFER TO APPROACH THE RESERVATION FROM A SIDE TRAIL! IF NO ONE SEES US SNEAK IN, IT WILL MAKE THINGS SIMPLER!



















































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