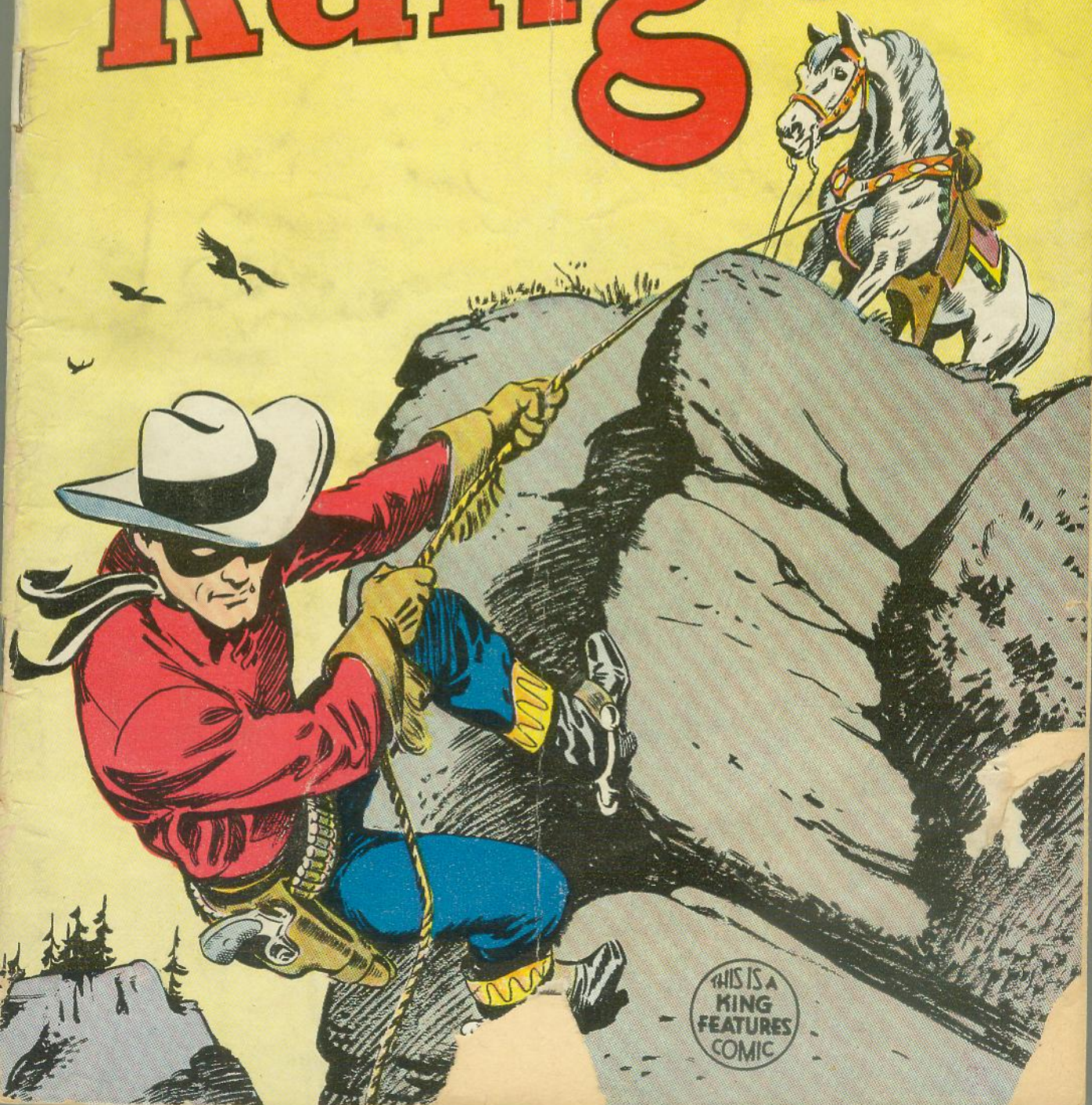
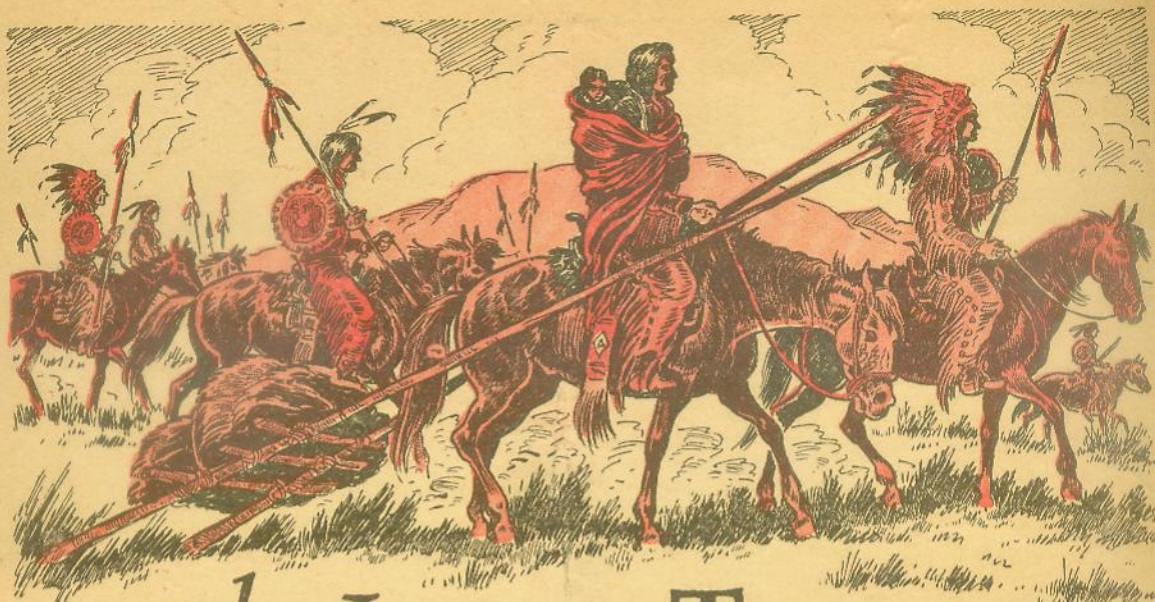


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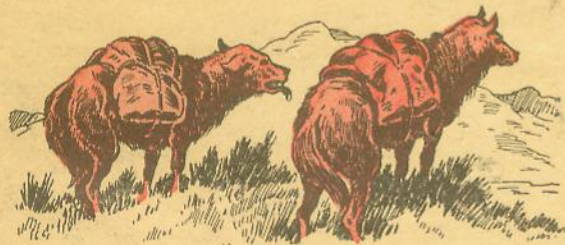


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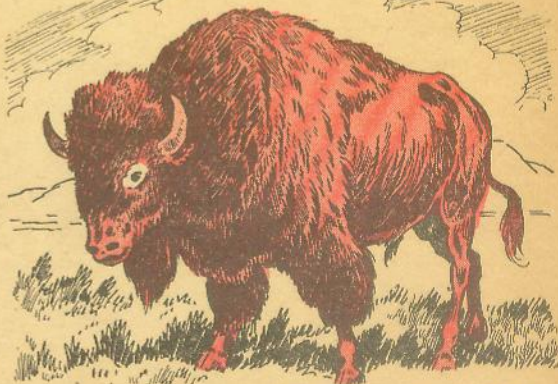
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BEFORE THE SPANIARDS LANDED IN THE NEW WORLD WITH THEIR HORSES AND MULES, THE INDIANS TRAVELED ON FOOT. THEIR ONLY BEASTS OF BURDEN WERE DOGS. THEY WERE HUGE WOLFLIKE ANIMALS AND WERE CAPABLE OF CARRYING LOADS WEIGHING AS MUCH AS THIRTY POUNDS. AFTER THE HORSES STARTED DRIFTING NORTH AND THE INDIANS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN

DOGS. THEY MUST HAVE FIGURED ON THE THEORY THAT A HORSE CAN PULL A HEAVIER LOAD THAN HE CAN CARRY. THE INDIANS OF THE PLAINS DIDN'T SEEM TO KNOW THE PRINCIPLE OF THE WHEEL. AT LEAST THEY NEVER USED ANY KIND OF WHEELED RIG. THE PUEBLO INDIANS USED THE "CARRETA," OR CART, HAVING TWO WHEELS, WHICH THEY PULLED WITH OXEN. WITHOUT A DOUBT, THEY GOT THIS FROM THE MEXICANS. THE NAVAJO INDIANS USED BURROS FOR PACKING WOOD AND WATER TO THEIR VILLAGES, WHICH WERE ALWAYS BUILT ON THE TOP OF SOME DRY BARREN MESA. TODAY IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE AN INDIAN RIDING IN AN AUTOMOBILE, BUGGY, OR BUCKBOARD.



CAPTURING SOME OF THEM, THEY USED THEM ONLY FOR SADDLE ANIMALS AND NEVER PACKED THEM. THEY RIGGED UP A CONTRIVANCE KNOWN AS A TRAVOIS. THIS WAS TWO LONG POLES TIED TOGETHER ACROSS THE HORSE'S SHOULDERS AND HAVING A PLATFORM OF POLES LASHED TO THE BACK. THE LOAD WAS WRAPPED IN A BUFFALO HIDE, THEN TIED ON THE PLATFORM, AND WAS DRAGGED BEHIND THE HORSE. WHY THESE INDIANS DIDN'T USE PACK ANIMALS IS NOT KNOWN, ESPECIALLY AFTER HAVING PACKED



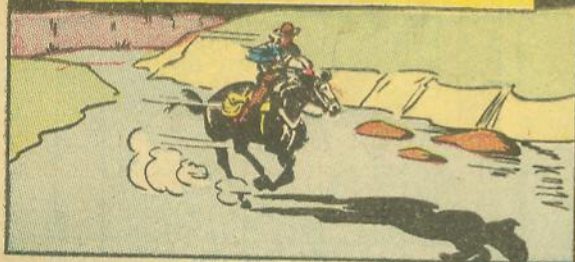
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A PONY RIDER'S HORSE
IS SHOT DOWN---



NOW TUH GIT A LOOK
AT THAT MAIL SACK!



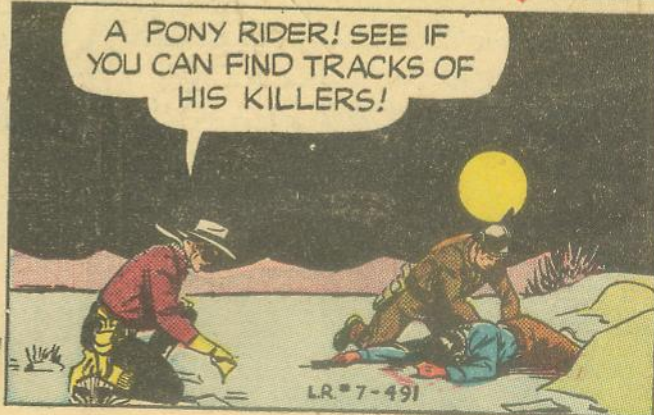
THIS SHOULD BE
WORTH PLENTY TO
DUDE DUDLEY!!



THAT WHERE WE
HEAR SHOOTING!



A PONY RIDER! SEE IF
YOU CAN FIND TRACKS OF
HIS KILLERS!



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HE RIDE
OFF THAT
WAY!

WE'LL TAKE THE
MAIL AND FOL-
LOW THE TRAIL!



I FIGURED YOU'D
WANT THIS LETTER,
DUDE!

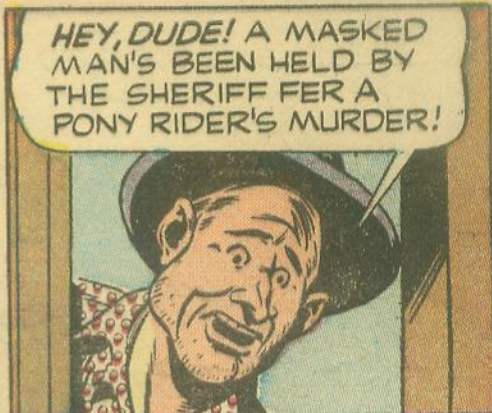
YOU
CAME
TO THE
RIGHT
PLACE!

MEANWHILE...



YOU GOTTA COVER
ME, DUDE, FER
THAT PONY RIDER
KILLIN'!

DON'T
WORRY,
I WILL!



HEY, DUDE! A MASKED
MAN'S BEEN HELD BY
THE SHERIFF FER A
PONY RIDER'S MURDER!



DON'T BE A FOOL, SHERIFF!
WHY WOULD I BRING THE
MAIL, IF I'D BEEN GUILTY?

JUST TH' SAME,
I'M HOLDIN' YUH
FER MURDER!!

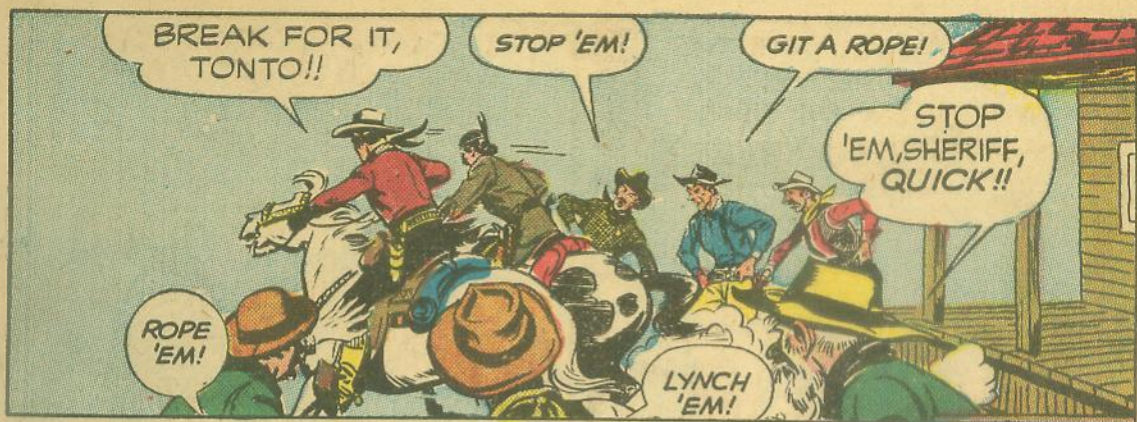


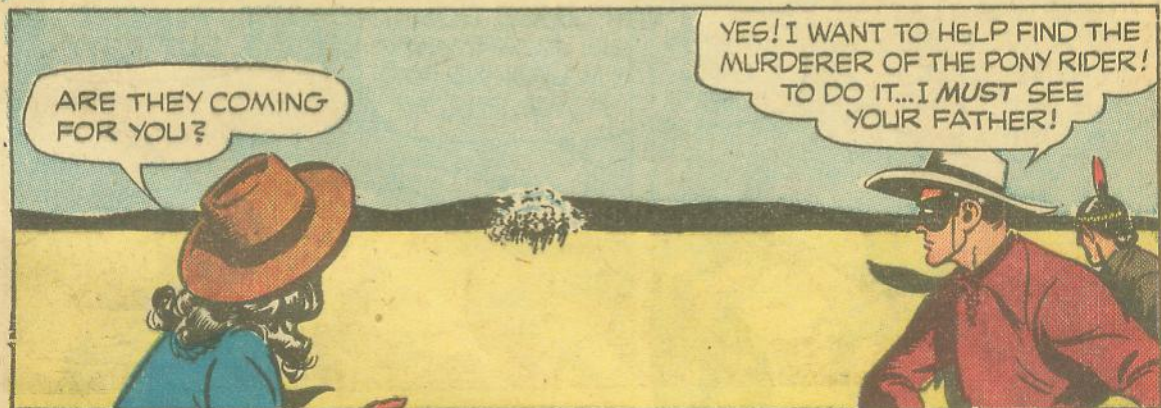
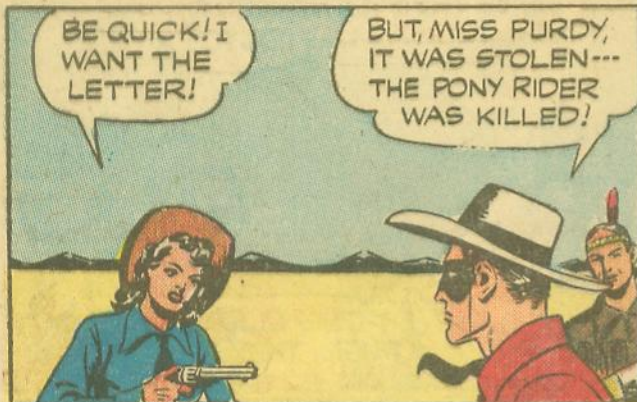
'HOLD ON! HERE'S ONE
THING I DIDN'T TELL YOU!

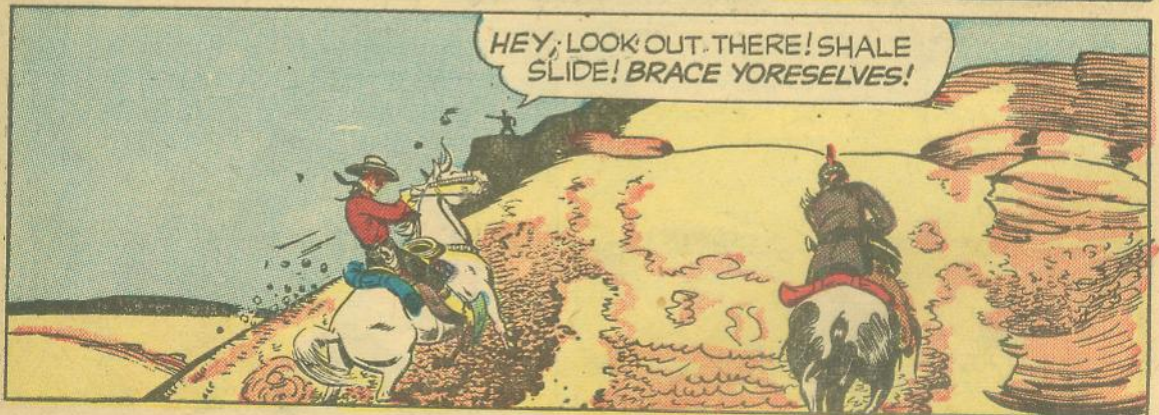
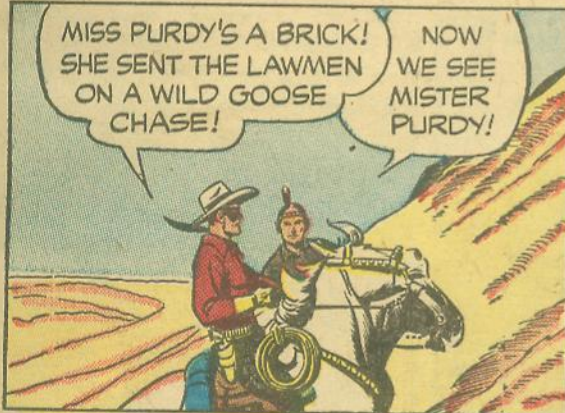
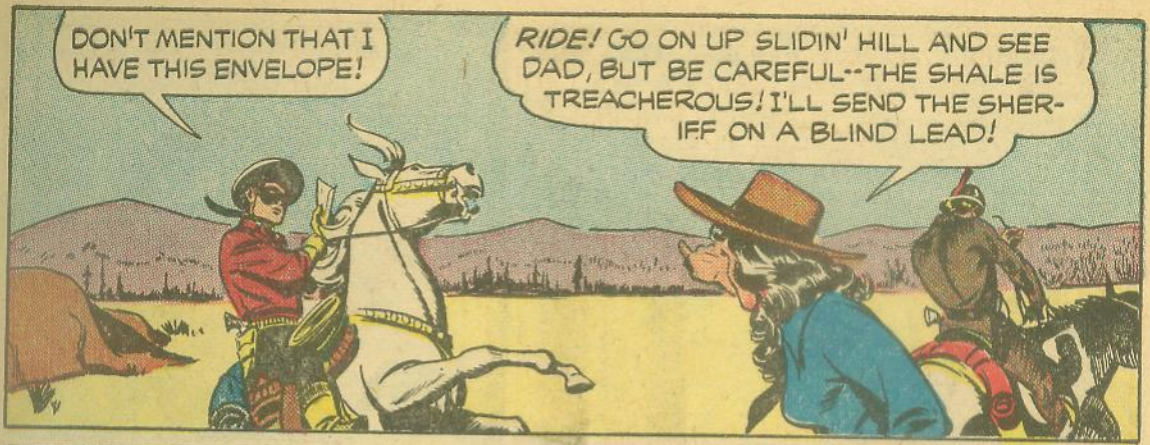
YOU CAN TELL IT IN THE
JAIL! TAKE HIM, BOYS!!

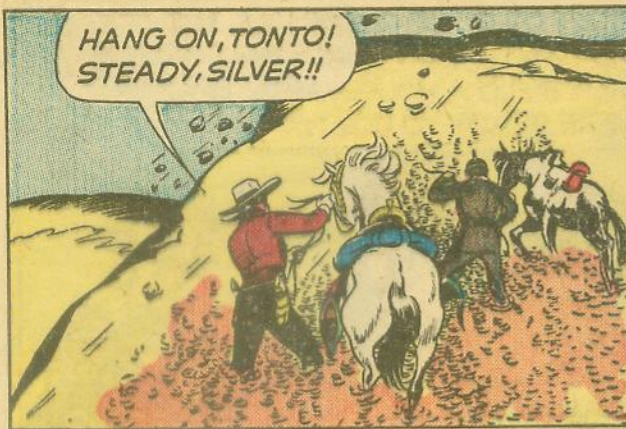
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HIM!

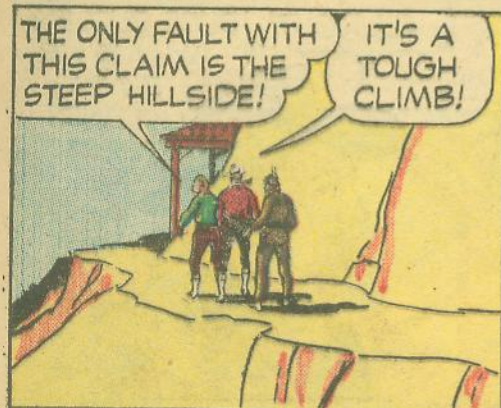
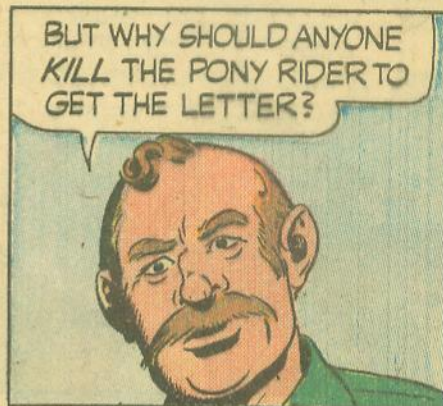
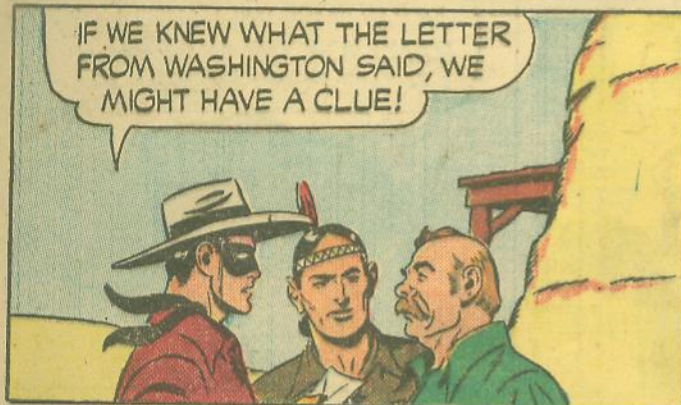
WE OUGHTA
LYNCH HIM!!





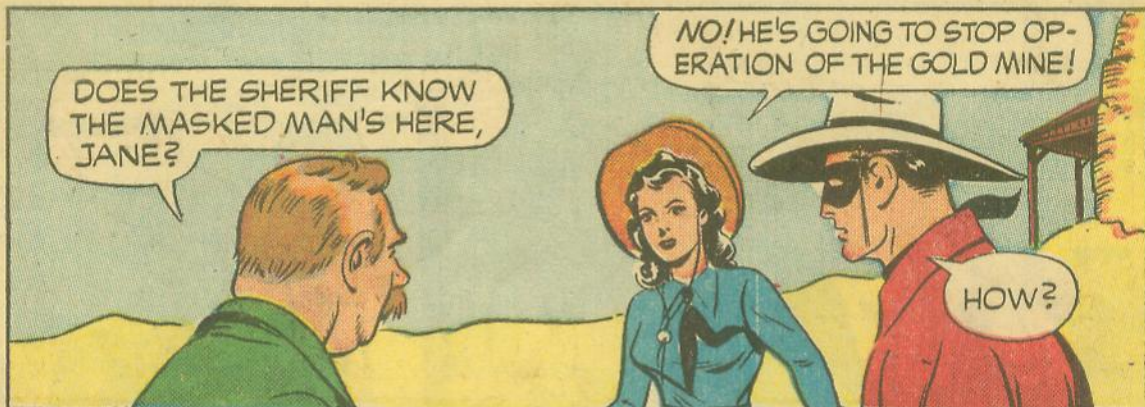
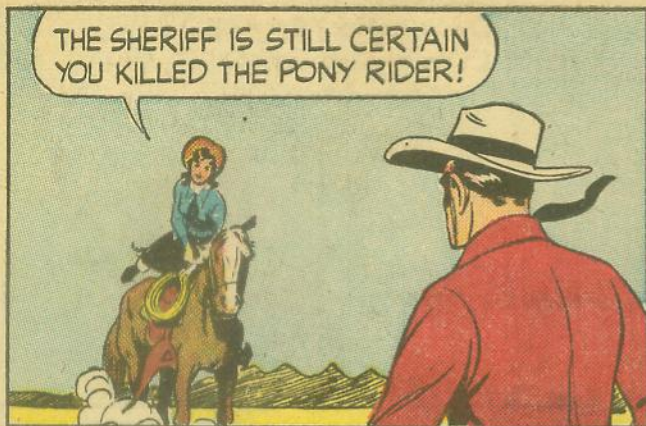


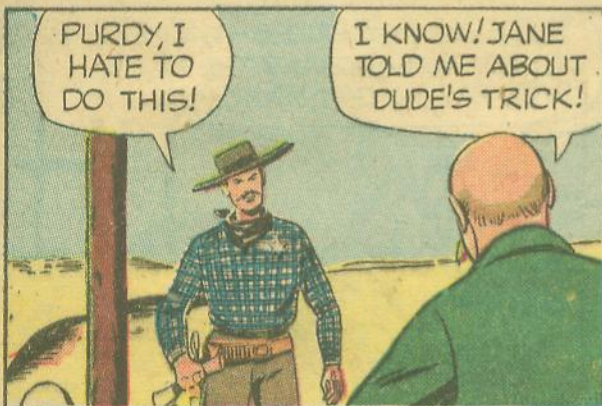


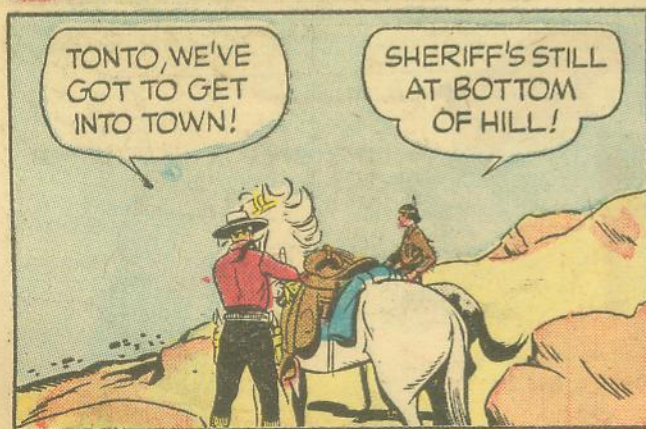


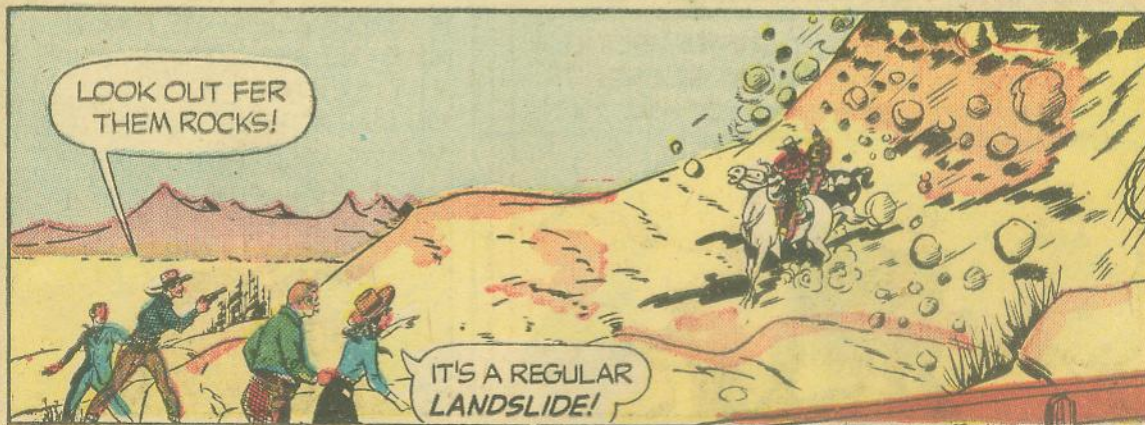
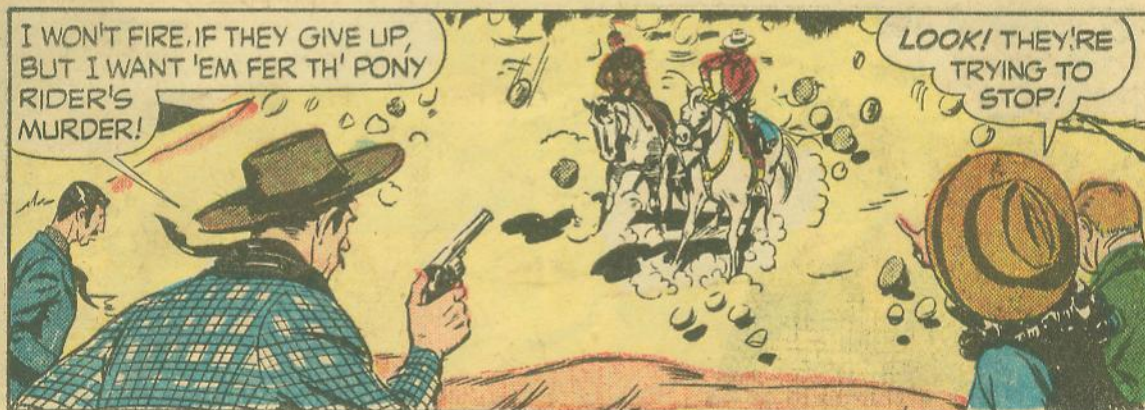
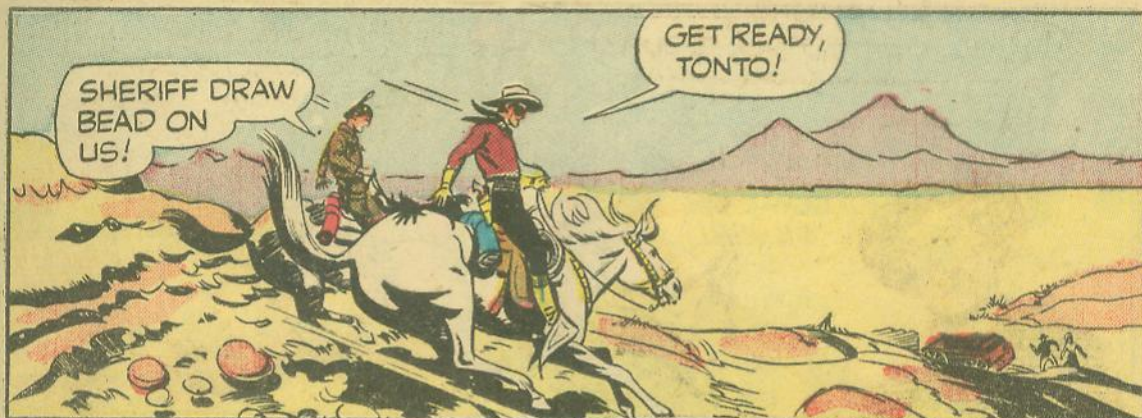
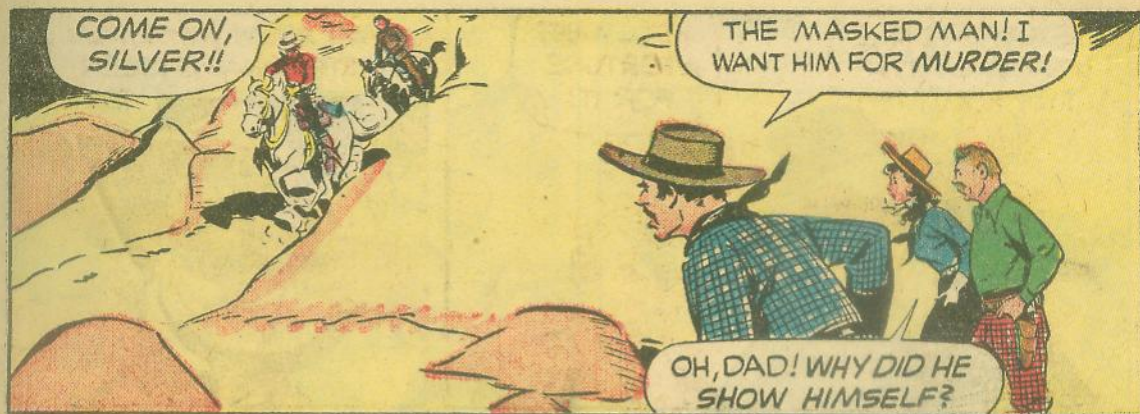


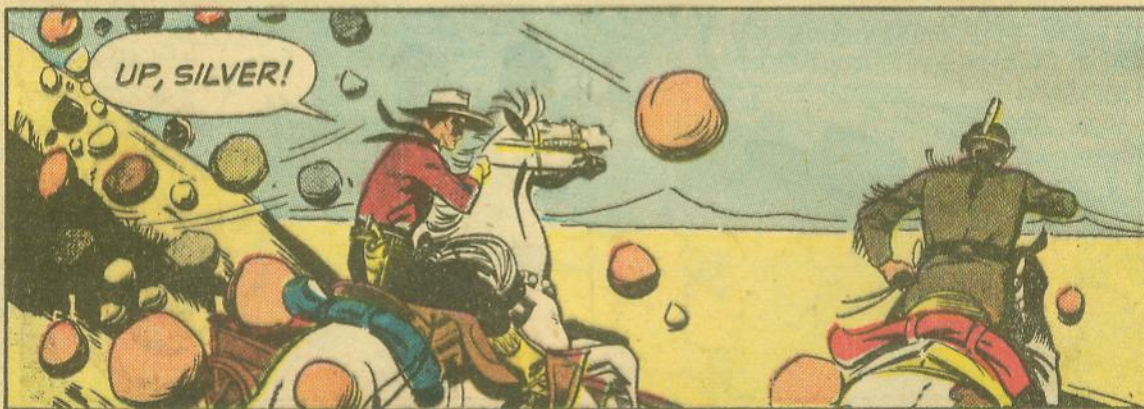
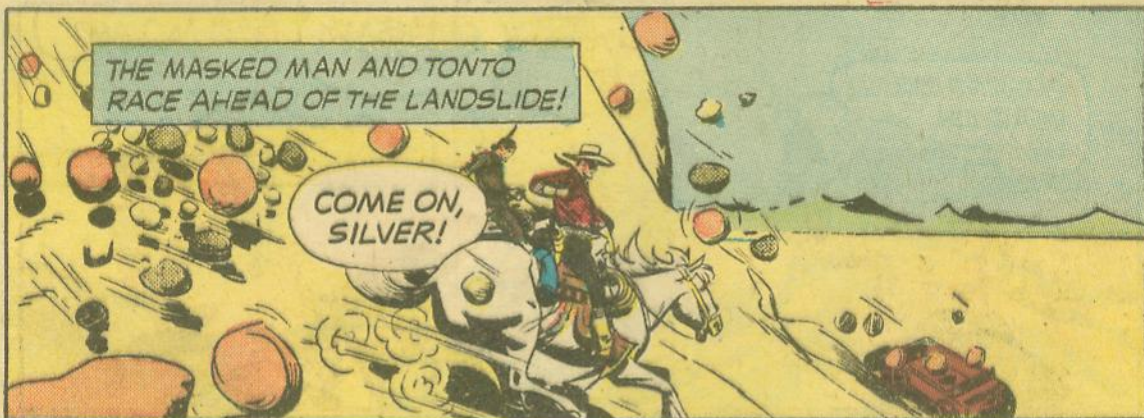


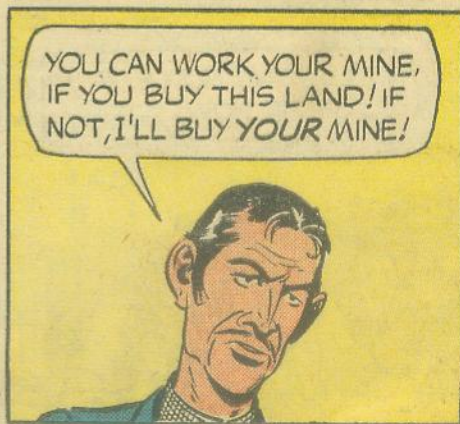
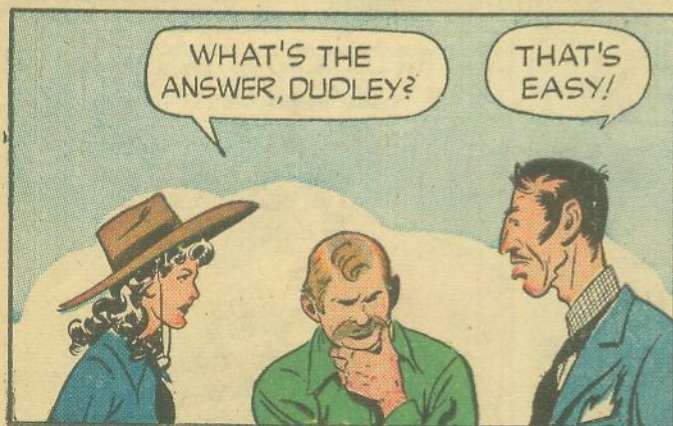


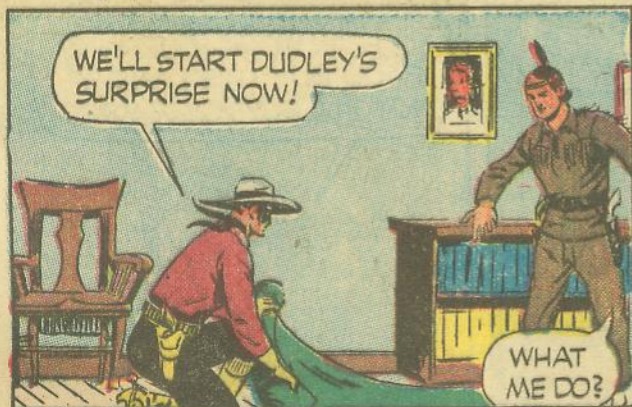
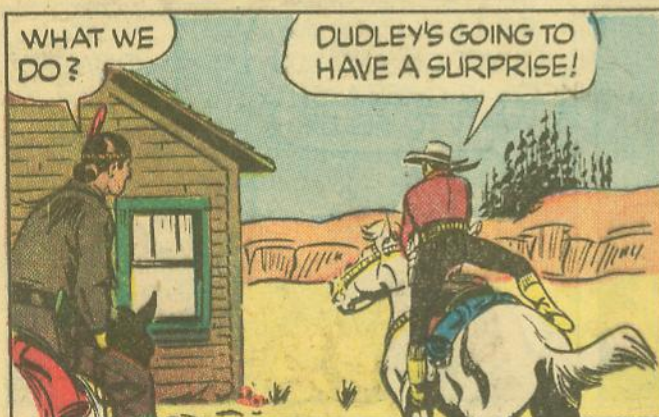


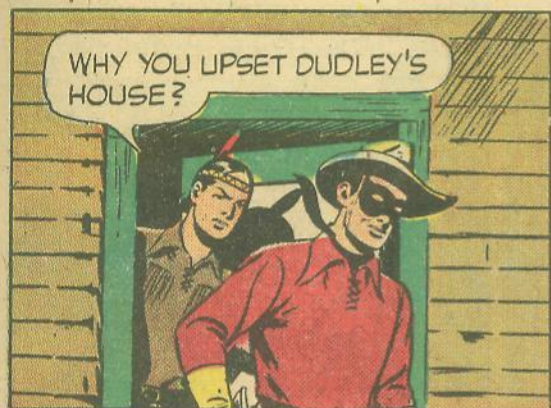














WHAT THE--!



LOOKS LIKE THE
LANDSLIDE
HIT HERE!



WHO'S
BEEN
SEARCHING!



WHY WOULD ANYONE
DO THIS?



I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY WERE
SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING!



THANK GOODNESS THEY
DIDN'T FIND IT!



WE'LL GET THE SHERIFF...
HE'LL KNOW ABOUT THIS!

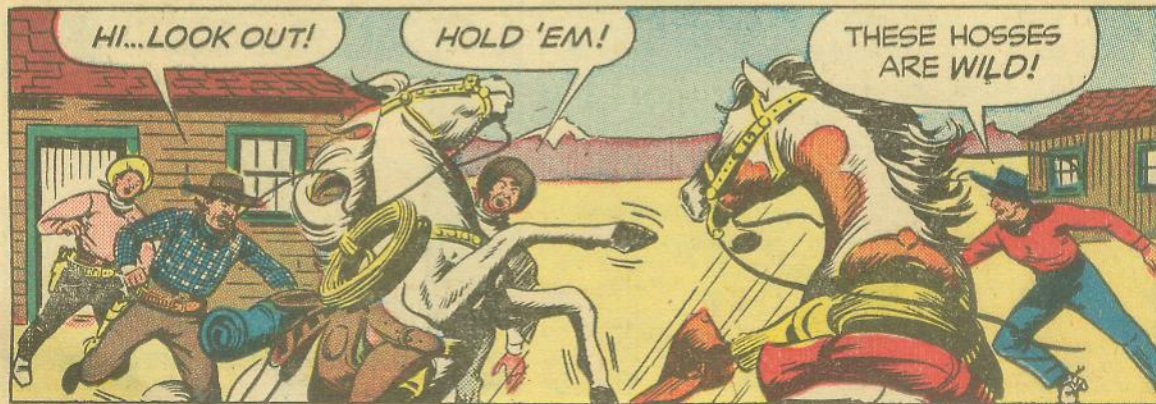
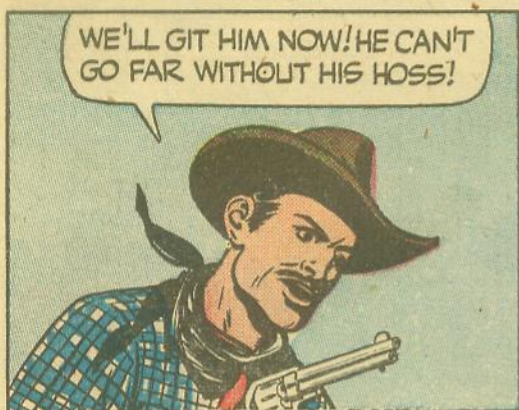
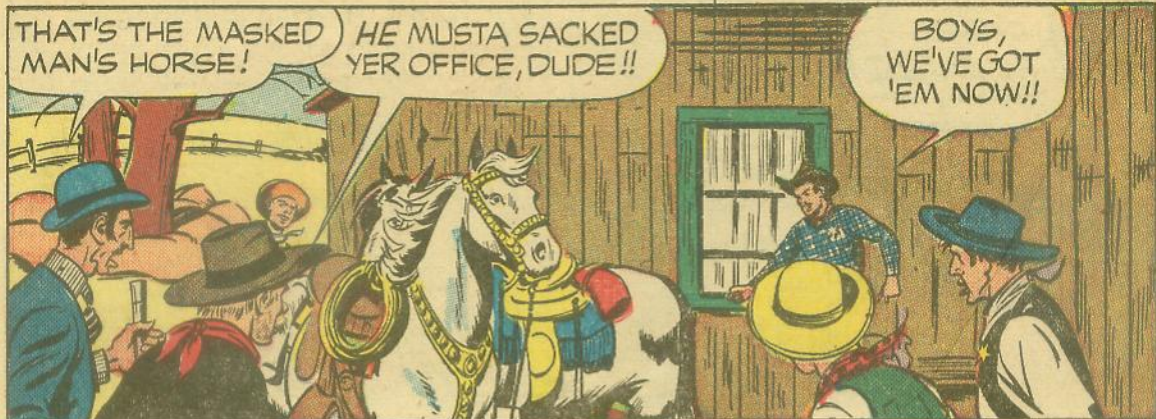


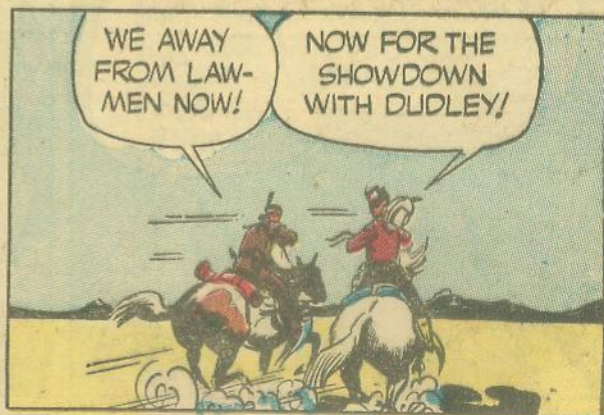
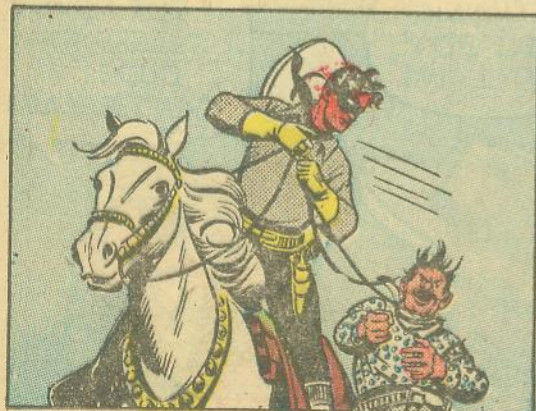
THEY GO FOR SHERIFF!



WE'LL HAVE TIME TO ACT, IF
I CAN JUST OPEN THIS
SECRET PANEL!





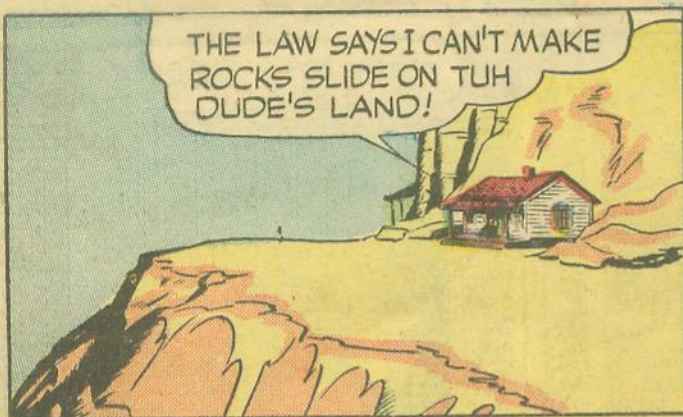




DUDE'S GOT ME LICKED! CAN'T WORK MY CLAIM WITHOUT HAVIN' ROCK ROLL DOWN THE HILL!



DUDE'S BOUGHT THE LAND DOWN THERE!



THE LAW SAYS I CAN'T MAKE ROCKS SLIDE ON TUH DUDE'S LAND!



I GOTTA BUY HIS LAND BEFORE I CAN DIG GOLD! WHAT'M I TUH DO?



DUDE WANTS TOO MUCH FER HIS LAND AN' I CAN'T WORK MY CLAIM WITHOUT IT!

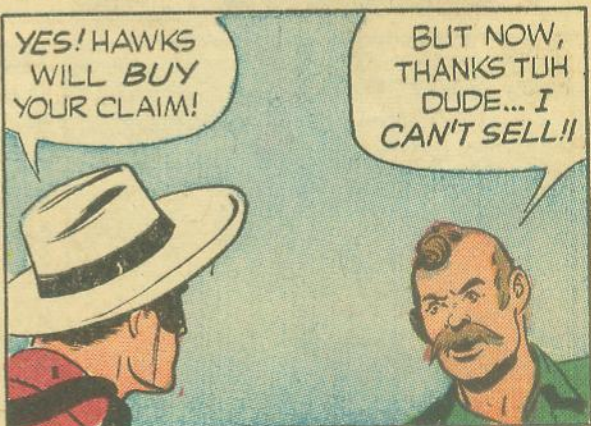


YOU ASKED WHAT TO DO! MAYBE THE MASKED MAN WILL KNOW!



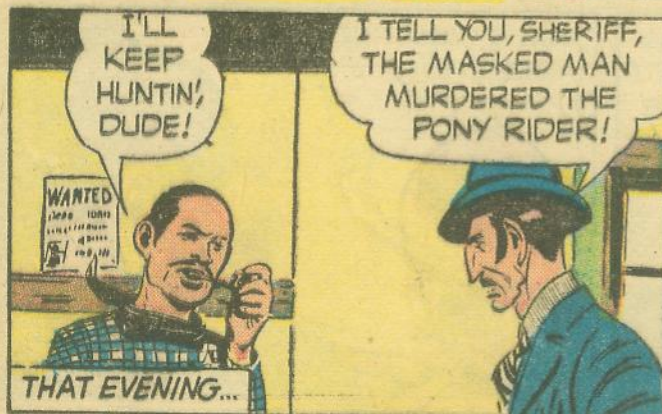
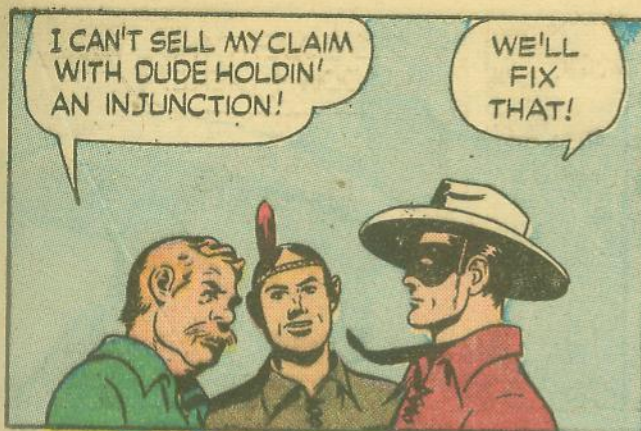
PURDY! I SAW THE LETTER FROM THE EAST!

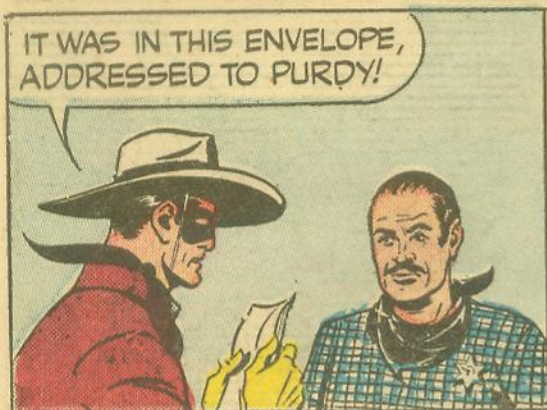
THE ONE STOLEN FROM THE PONY RIDER?

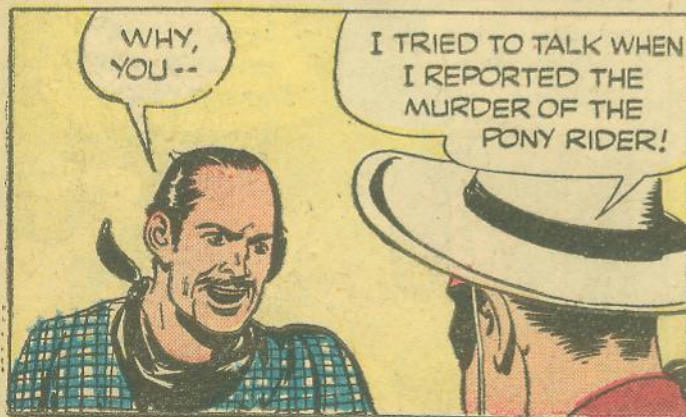


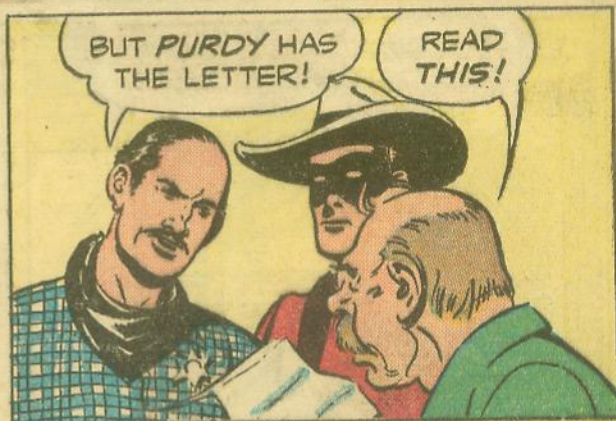
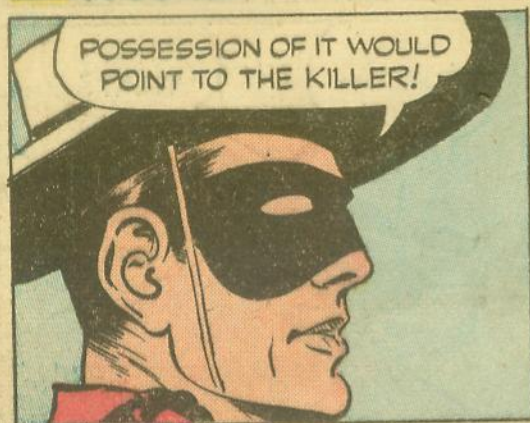
YES! HAWKS WILL **BUY** YOUR CLAIM!

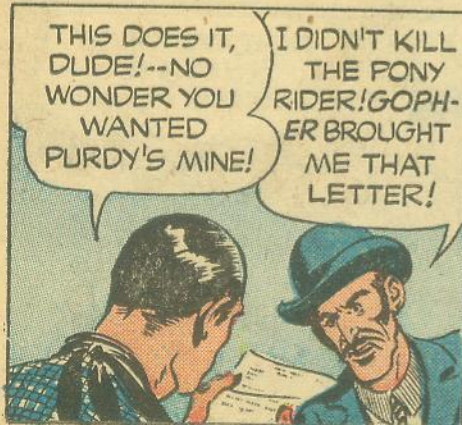
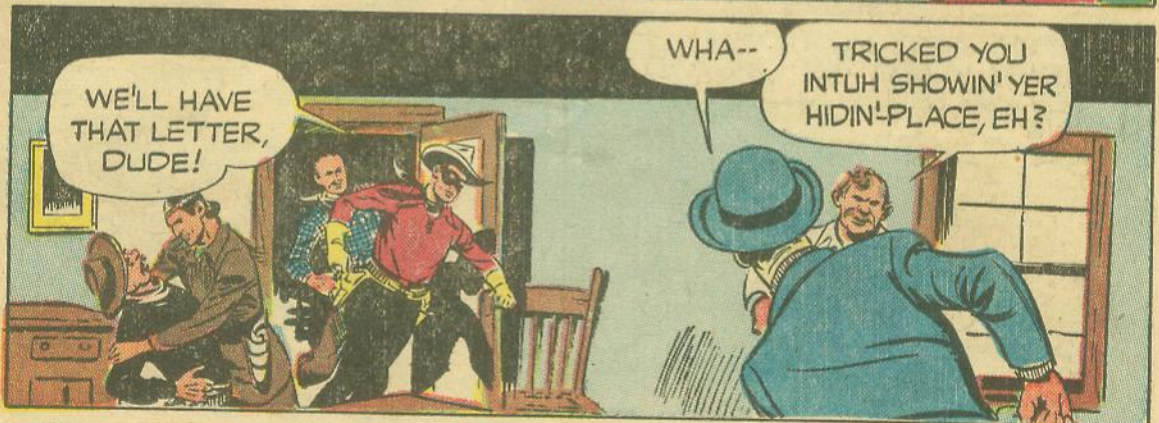
BUT NOW, THANKS TUH DUDE... I CAN'T SELL!!







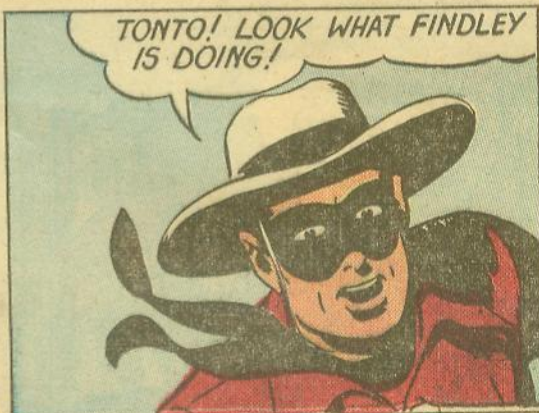
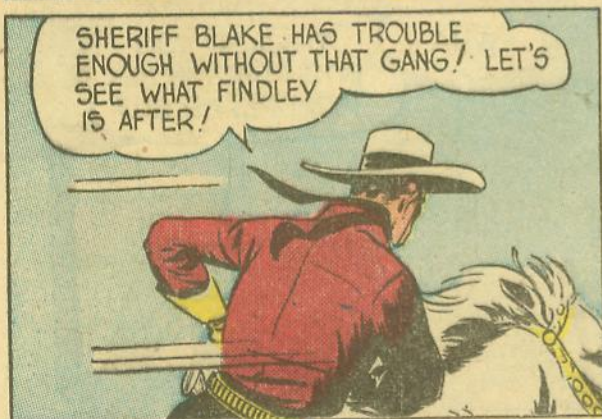
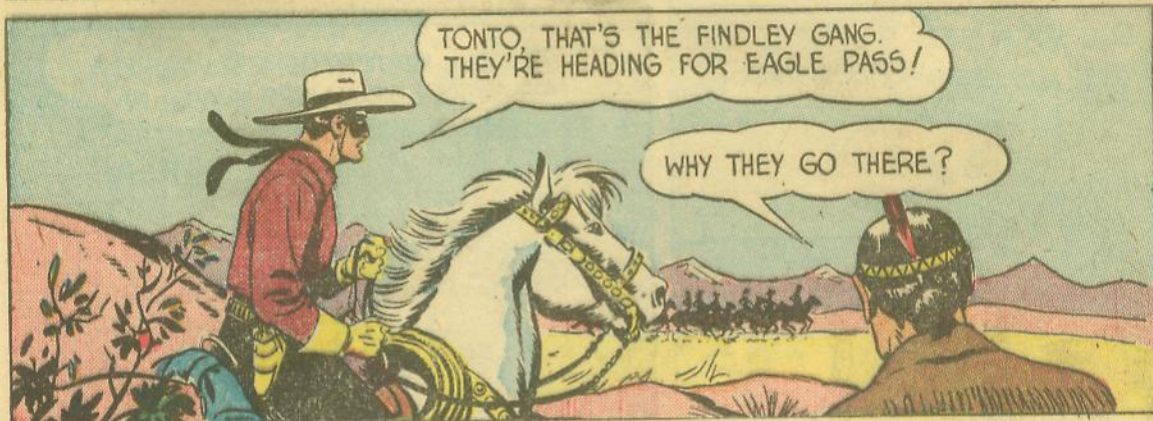


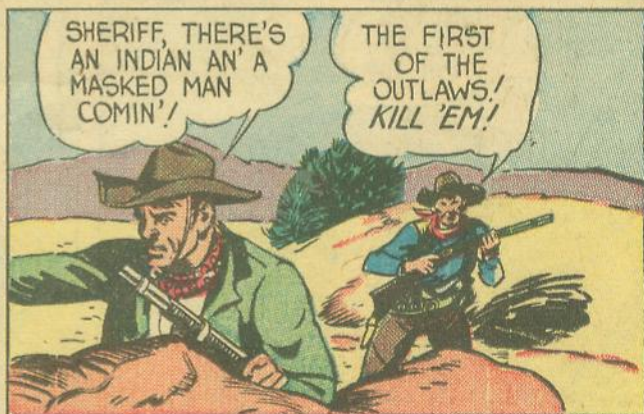
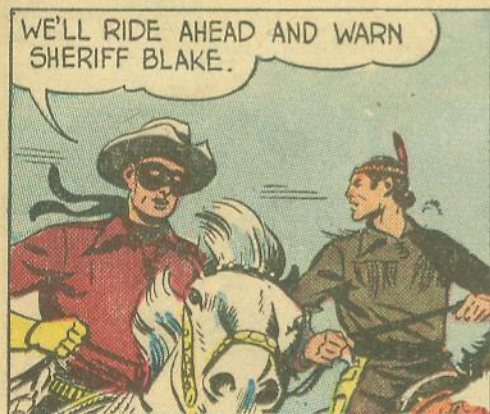


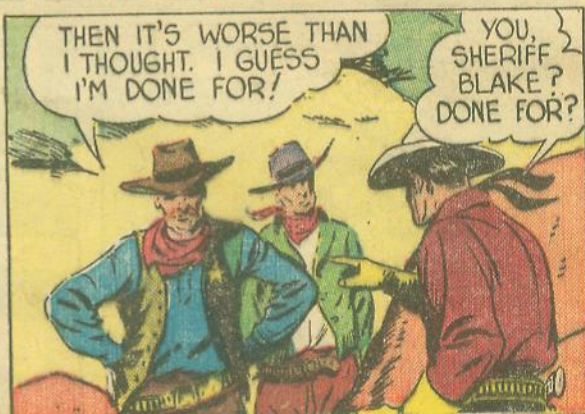
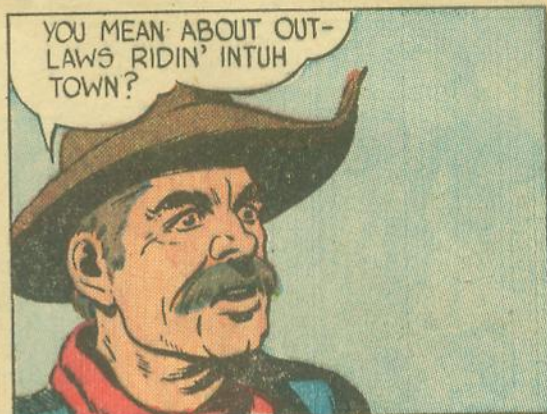
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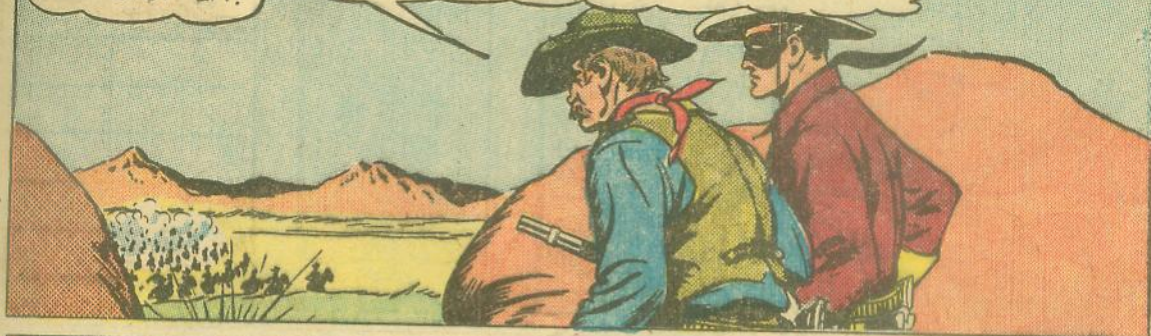
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YES. THEY'RE COMIN' TUH GIT ME, BUT NOT THE WAY YOU THINK. WHAT THEY'LL DO WILL BE WORSE THAN KILLIN' ME! AN' NOBODY CAN STOP 'EM!



IT'S UNDERSTOOD, FINDLEY, OUR TWO GANGS WORK TOGETHER TILL AFTER THE ELECTION, THEN EACH OF US GOES OUR OWN WAY.

RIGHT!



THERE THEY COME, FINDLEY'S GANG AN' DRUMM AND HIS GANG!

BUT, SHERIFF BLAKE, HOW DO YOU MEAN, THEY'RE COMING TO GET YOU?



IT'S THAT BUZZARD, SLIM HANCOCK! HE BROUGHT 'EM HERE. HE'S OUT TUH G/T ME!



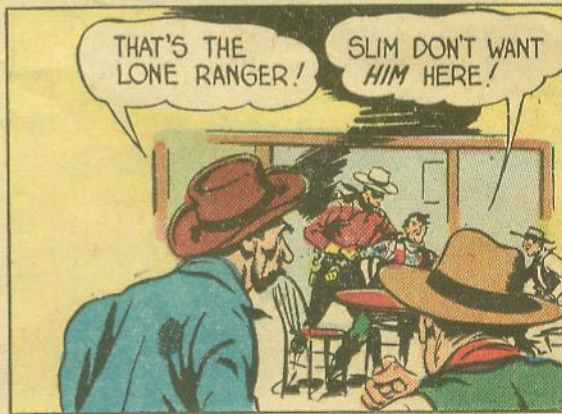
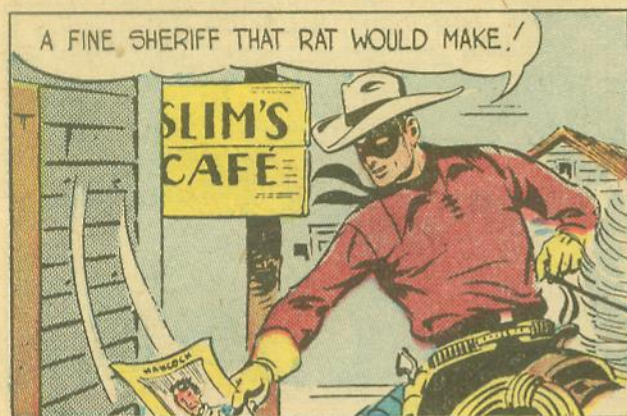
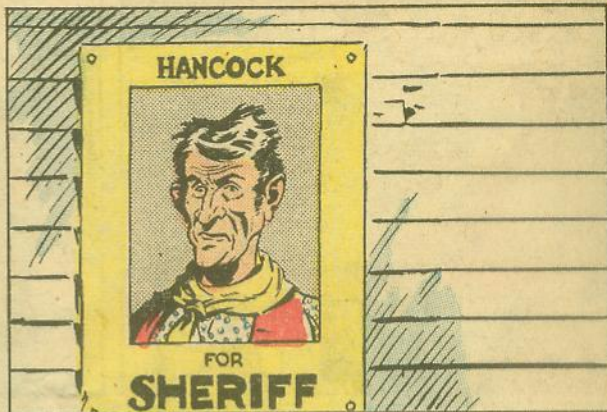
WHAT HAS SLIM HANCOCK GOT AGAINST YOU, BLAKE?

THE ELECTION. HE'S RUNNIN' AGAINST ME!

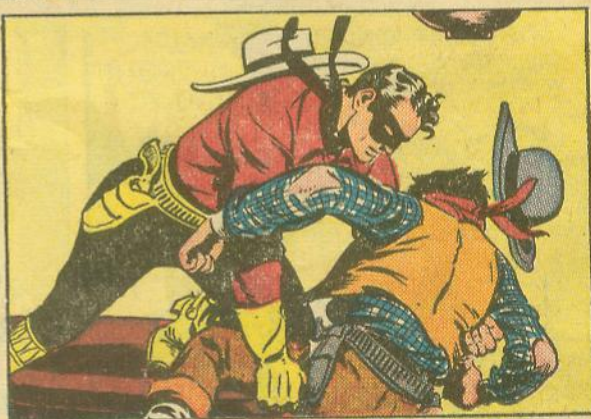


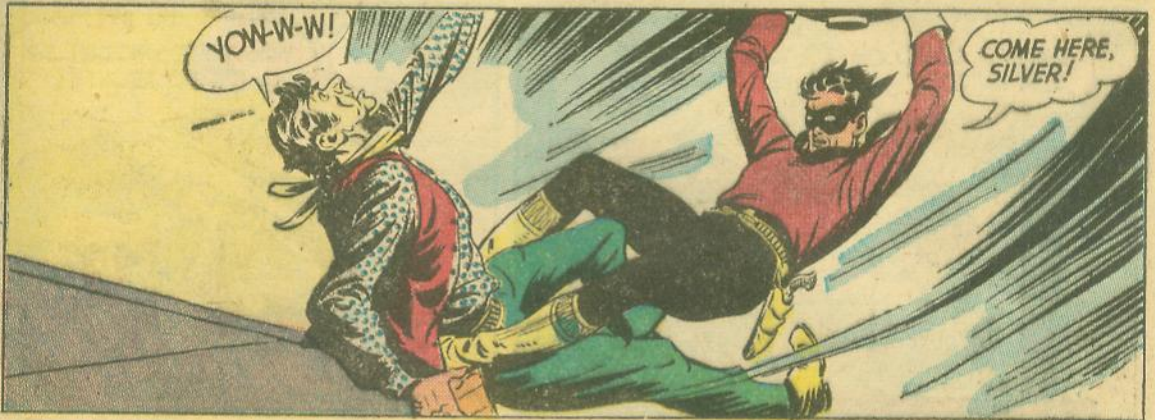
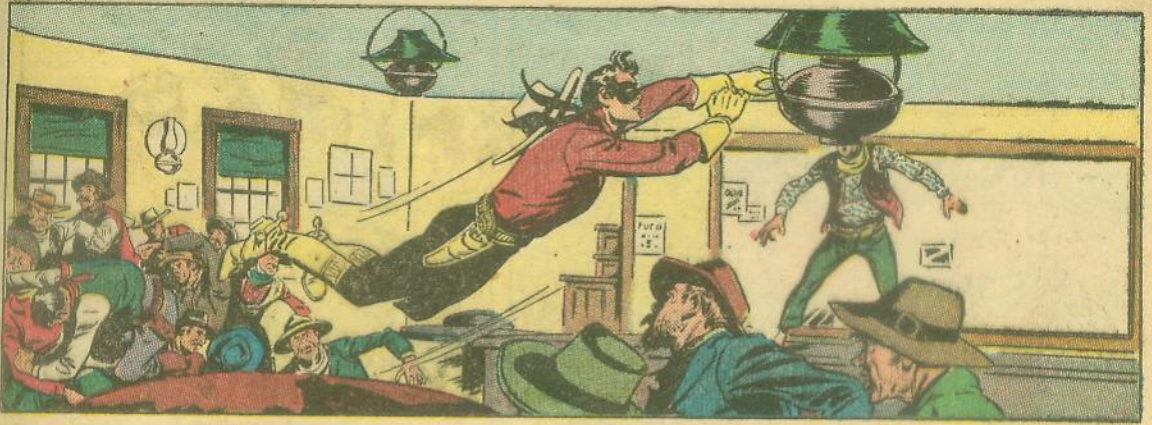
HANCOCK? RUNNING FOR SHERIFF?





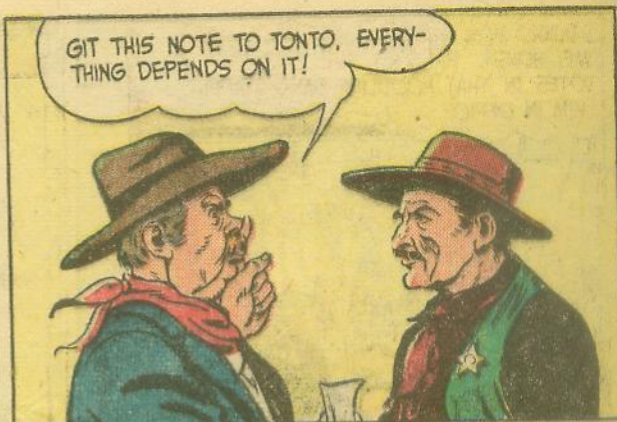












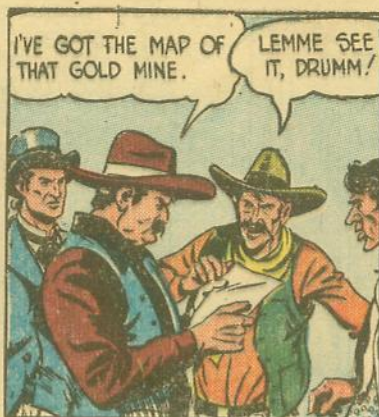








HERE'S THE MAP!



I'VE GOT THE MAP OF THAT GOLD MINE.

LEMME SEE IT, DRUMM!



NOT SO FAST, FINDLEY!

COME ON! LEMME SEE IT!



THE REDSKIN AIN'T EVEN STAKED IT. COME ON, BOYS, WE'VE GOT TUH GET THERE!

WAIT, FINDLEY, HOLD ON!

I KNOW WHERE THIS CREEK IS!



COME BACK HERE! WAIT TILL AFTER THE ELECTION!

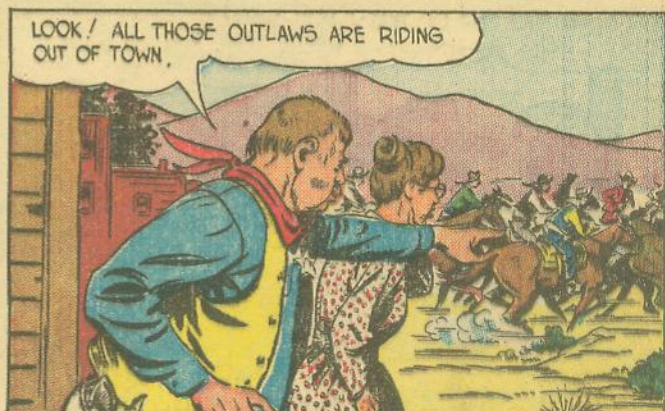
WAIT AND LET SOMEONE ELSE STAKE THAT CLAIM? NOT ON YER LIFE!



BUT IF YUH GO AWAY UP THERE, YUH CAN'T VOTE IN THE ELECTION TOMORROW!



WITH A GOLD CLAIM, WE DON'T CARE WHO'S SHERIFF.



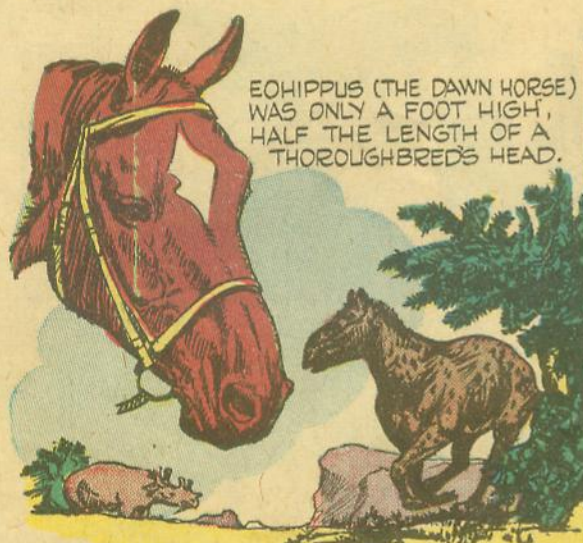
LOOK! ALL THOSE OUTLAWS ARE RIDING OUT OF TOWN.



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THE FIRST HORSES THAT SCIENCE
KNEW ABOUT WERE LITTLE
ANIMALS LIVING 30,000,000 YEARS AGO
IN AMERICA'S FORESTS.



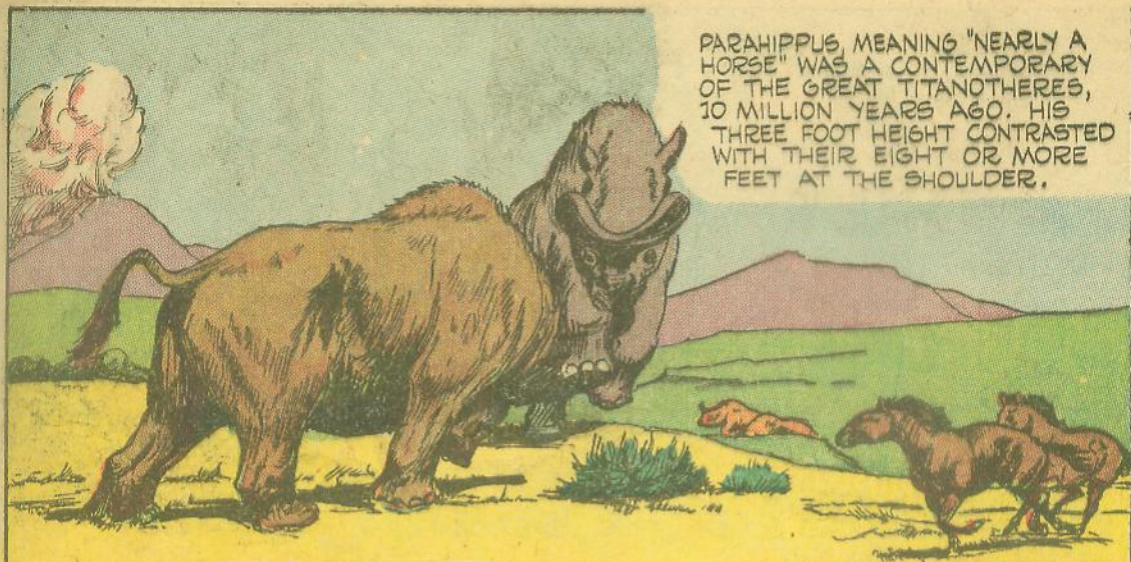
EOHIPPIUS (THE DAWN HORSE)
WAS ONLY A FOOT HIGH,
HALF THE LENGTH OF A
THOROUGHBRED'S HEAD.



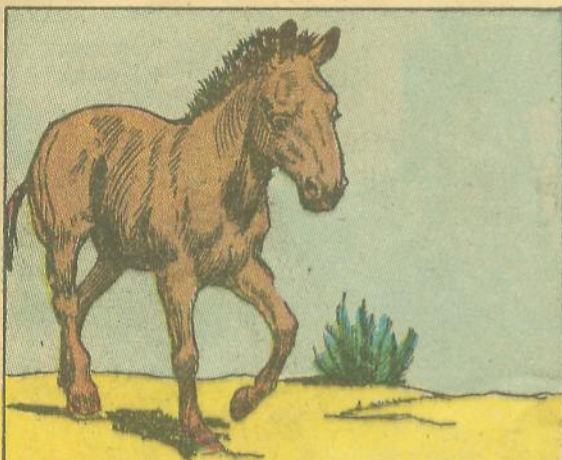
THE FRONT FEET
OF EOHIPPIUS HAD
FOUR TOES, THE BACK FEET, THREE. HE
ATE LEAVES, BEING TOO SMALL AND SLOW
TO LEAVE THE ANCIENT FORESTS.



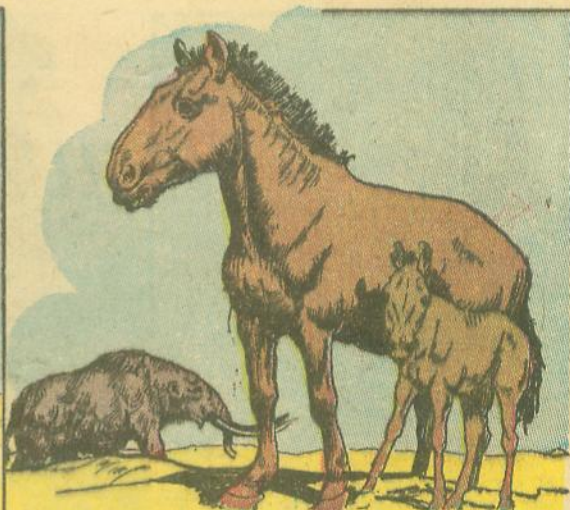
AS AGES PASSED, THE CLIMATE OF THE EARTH
CHANGED, BRINGING CHANGES IN THE PLANTS
AND ANIMALS. PLAINS APPEARED. EOHIPPIUS WAS
REPLACED BY A LARGER, FASTER FORM, MESOHIPPIUS, OR MIDDLE HORSE.
THE LEGS WERE LONGER AND THE CENTER TOE OF EACH FOOT HAD BECOME
MUCH THE LONGEST. HE WAS AS LARGE AS A COLLIE DOG.



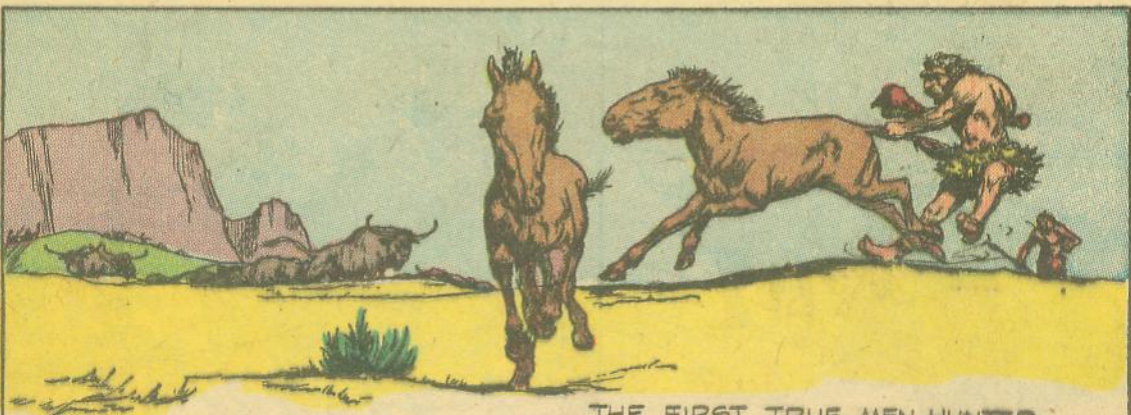
PARAHIPPUS, MEANING "NEARLY A HORSE" WAS A CONTEMPORARY OF THE GREAT TITANOTHERES, 10 MILLION YEARS AGO. HIS THREE FOOT HEIGHT CONTRASTED WITH THEIR EIGHT OR MORE FEET AT THE SHOULDER.



PLIOHIPPIUS BECAME THE FIRST ONE-TOED HORSE, HIS OTHER TOES LYING UNDER THE SKIN.



THE FIRST TRUE HORSES APPEARED 1,000,000 YEARS AGO AND —



THE FIRST TRUE MEN HUNTED THEM FOR FOOD, ON OUR WESTERN PLAINS.



CRUDE AS MAN'S WEAPONS WERE
IN THE EARLY STONE AGE, IN ONE OF THEIR CAMP SITES HAVE
BEEN FOUND THE BONES OF AT LEAST 100,000 HORSES.

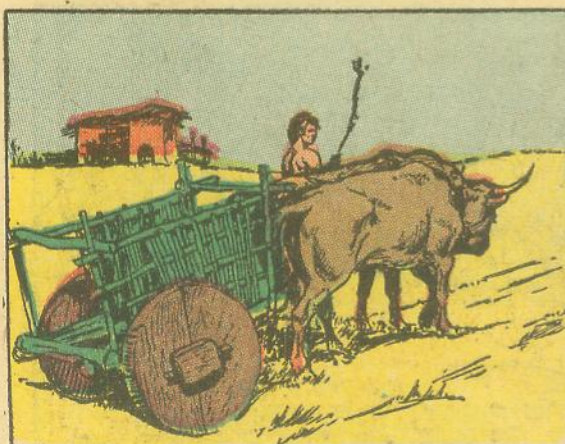


IN THE MIDDLE STONE AGE
MAN HUNTED THEM WITH
BOWS AND ARROWS. THE
DOG WAS HIS COMPANION.

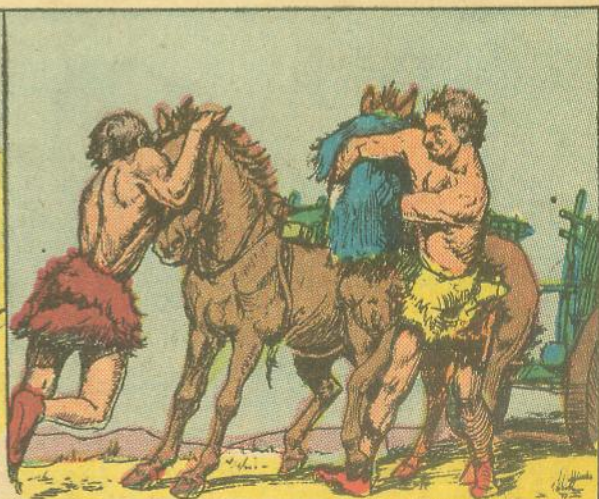
THE NEW STONE AGE SAW THE
FIRST DOMESTICATION OF THE HORSE
ON THE PLAINS OF WESTERN ASIA
OR EASTERN EUROPE.

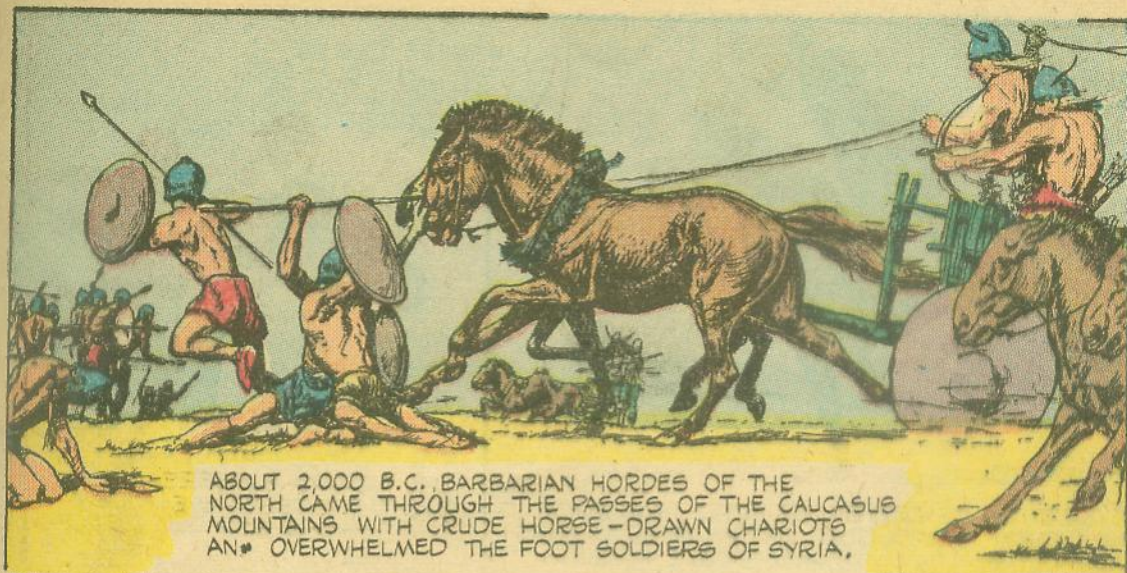


HOWEVER, HE WAS ONLY
USED FOR MEAT, MILK,
SKINS OR SACRIFICE.

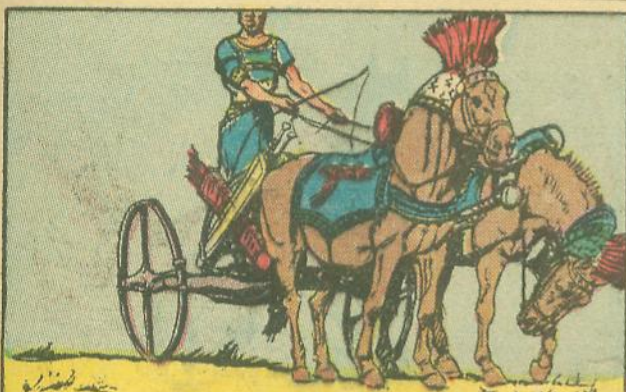


THE CART WAS INVENTED BY A PEOPLE
WHO DID NOT HAVE HORSES, BUT THERE
CAME A DAY WHEN THE HORSE OWNING TRIBES, CAPTURED A CART AND HITCHED HORSES TO IT.

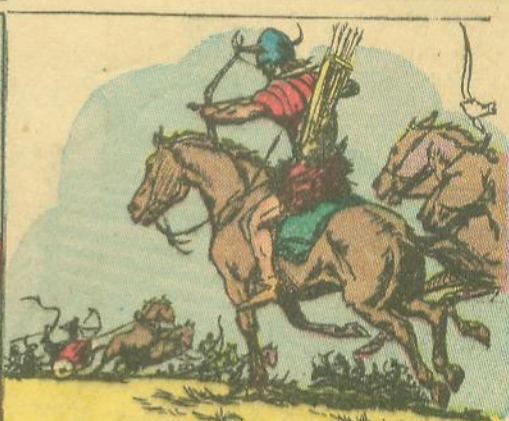




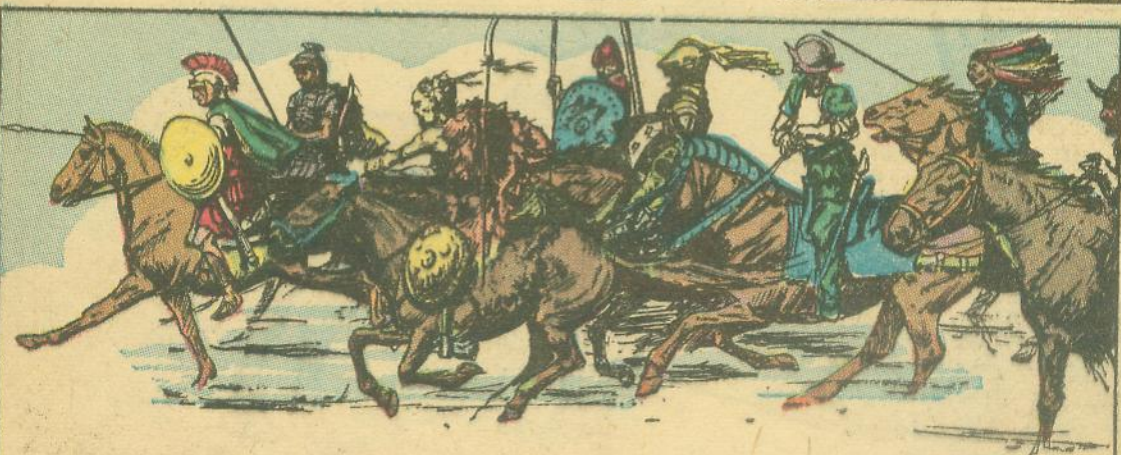
ABOUT 2,000 B.C. BARBARIAN HORDES OF THE NORTH CAME THROUGH THE PASSES OF THE CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS WITH CRUDE HORSE-DRAWN CHARIOTS AND OVERWHELMED THE FOOT SOLDIERS OF SYRIA.



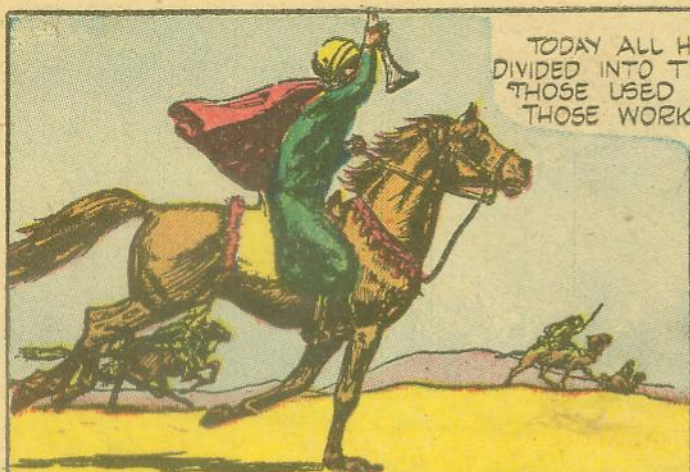
EGYPT, ASSYRIA AND EARLY GREECE IMPROVED BOTH THE HORSES AND THE CHARIOTS TO CREATE THE ANCIENT WORLD'S MOST DREADED ENGINE OF WAR UNTIL —



— THE MEDES AND PERSIANS LEARNED TO FIGHT FROM A HORSE'S BACK AND CONQUERED THEIR NEIGHBORS WITH BANDS OF MOUNTED ARCHERS.



THE NEXT 2,000 YEARS, MOUNTED WARRIORS DOMINATED THE WORLD; THE GREEKS, THE ROMANS, HUNS, CRUSADERS, CONQUISTADORES, INDIANS, TROOPERS. WITH THE COMING OF GUNPOWDER, THE HORSE WAS HITCHED TO THE CANNON. UNTIL RECENT TIMES, WORK WAS DONE MOSTLY BY MULES AND OXEN.

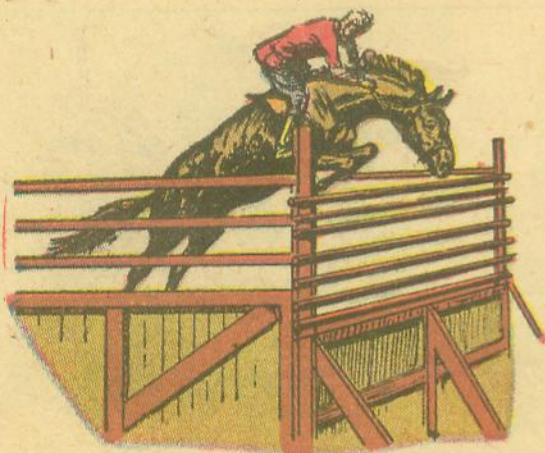


TODAY ALL HORSES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN CLASSES, THOSE USED TO DRAW LOADS, AND THOSE WORKED UNDER SADDLE.

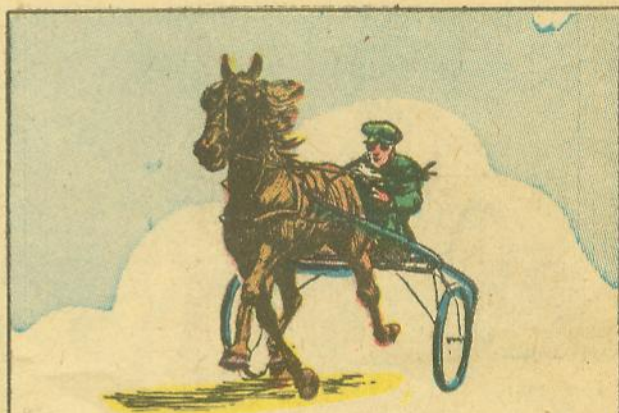
GENERATIONS OF CAREFUL BREEDING HAVE MADE THE DESERT ARABIAN ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST, AND MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL SADDLE HORSES.



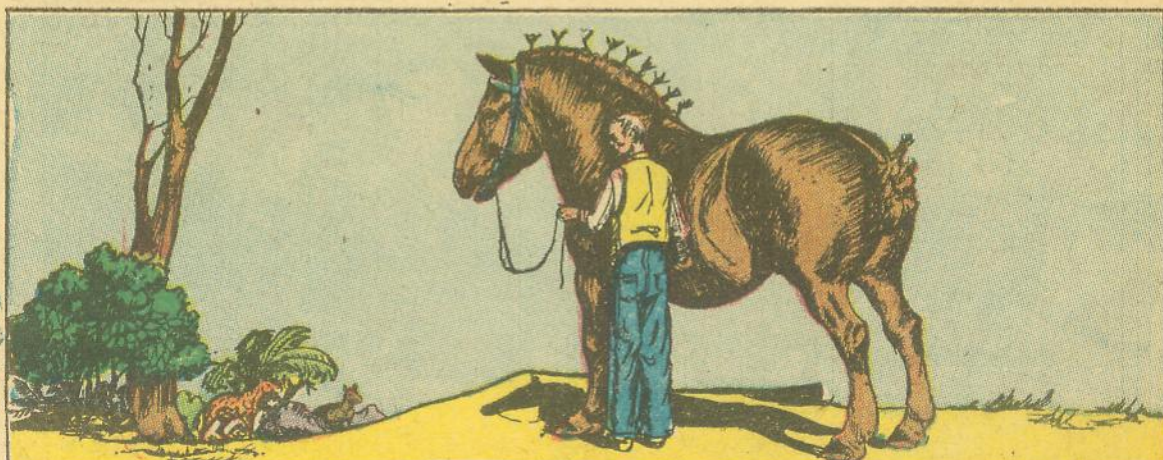
ENGLAND FIRST DEVELOPED THE THOROUGHBRED, FASTEST OF THE WORLD'S HORSES, ABLE TO COVER A MILE WITH A RIDER IN ONE MINUTE AND 35 SECONDS.



HEATHERBLOOM SET A HIGH JUMPING RECORD OF 8 FEET, -3 INCHES.



THE RACING TROTTERS AND PACERS ARE AN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT. THE GELDING GREYHOUND TROTTED A MILE IN ONE MINUTE - 55 $\frac{1}{4}$ SECONDS.



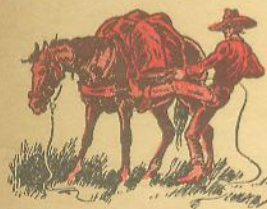
THE LARGEST OF THE DRAFT BREEDS IS THE BELGIAN. A STALLION MAY WEIGH 2500 LBS. AND STAND 6 FEET (18 HANDS) AT THE SHOULDER. HE IS A TREMENDOUS CONTRAST TO HIS ANCESTOR, CAT-SIZE EOHIPPUS.



PACK ANIMALS

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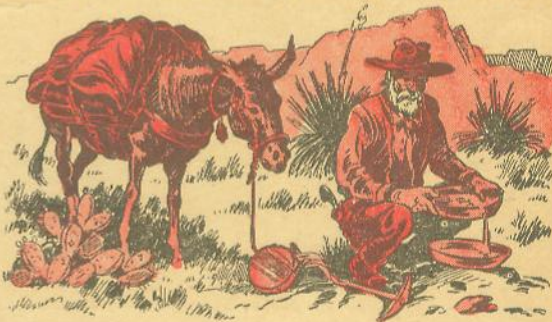
PACK TRAINS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE SETTLING OF THE WEST EVER SINCE HERNANDEZ CORTES FIRST LANDED MULES AND HORSES ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. MANY BIG COW-OUTFITS THAT HAVE GRAZING PERMITS ON THE FOREST RESERVES USE PACK HORSES FOR CARRYING SUPPLIES INTO THEIR COW-CAMPS. THE FOREST SERVICE OWNS HUNDREDS OF PACK MULES WHICH ARE USED TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT TO FOREST FIRES THAT BREAK OUT IN AREAS WHICH CANNOT BE REACHED BY WAGON OR TRUCK. ALMOST EVERY COWBOY OWNS A PACK HORSE, IN ADDITION TO HIS SADDLE HORSE, WHICH HE USES FOR CARRYING HIS BEDROLL AND OTHER BELONGINGS WHEN DRIFTING FROM ONE JOB TO ANOTHER. DURING THE WAR THE



ARMY USED HUNDREDS OF MULES FOR PACKING SUPPLIES TO TROOPS DURING THE HEAVY MOUNTAIN FIGHTING IN ITALY. PACK MULES ARE USED EXTENSIVELY IN THE MOUNTAINS

OF MEXICO FOR TRANSPORTING ORE FROM MINES WHICH CAN BE REACHED ONLY BY TRAIL. SOME OF THESE PACK TRAINS NUMBER AS MANY AS FIFTY ANIMALS AND CAN CARRY AS MUCH AS FIVE OR SIX TONS OF ORE EACH TRIP. THESE ANIMALS ARE THE WIRY LITTLE MEXICAN MULE WHICH WEIGHS AROUND SEVEN OR EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS. MANY STRANGE CARGOES HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY PACK TRAIN. IN ONE INSTANCE A PIANO WAS

SUSPENDED ON POLES BETWEEN TWO MULES, ONE WALKING AHEAD OF THE OTHER, AND CARRIED OVER SEVEN MILES OF NARROW, WINDING TRAIL TO A SUMMER RESORT. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE MULES CARRYING FULL-SIZED DOUBLE BEDS, STOVES, LUMBER AS LONG AS FOURTEEN FEET, OR OTHER SUCH UNWIELDY PACKS. THE PROSPECTOR AND HIS BURROS ARE A FAMILIAR SIGHT ON THE DESERTS OF THE SOUTHWEST. THESE HARDY



LITTLE ANIMALS ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING TREMENDOUS LOADS. THEY CAN TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES WITHOUT WATER AND STAY IN GOOD CONDITION ON THE SCANTIEST FOOD. THE OLD "DESERT RAT" COULDN'T FIND A PACK ANIMAL MORE SUITED TO HIS NEEDS. MULES AND BURROS ARE MORE SURE-FOOTED THAN HORSES. A HORSE CAN BE RIDDEN OR WILL FOLLOW A MAN ALMOST ANYWHERE, TRUSTING HIS JUDGMENT, BUT A MULE OR BURRO CANNOT BE FORCED OVER A PLACE HE CONSIDERS UNSAFE. THAT IS WHERE THEY GOT THE NAME OF BEING STUBBORN. *MAYBE THEY'RE JUST SMART.*

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