



You can even take advantage of this FREE offer if you are already a subscriber. We'll start your new subscription when your present one expires.

JT ON DOTTED LINE, PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY.

A PLEDGE



TO PARENTS

The Dell Trademark is, and always has been, a positive guarantee that the comic magazine bearing it contains only clean and wholesome entertainment. The Dell code eliminates entirely, rather than regulates, objectionable material. That's why when your child buys a Dell Comic you can be sure it contains only good fun. "DELL COMICS ARE GOOD COMICS" is our only credo and constant goal.

Mail To: DELL PUBLISHING CO., INC. DEPT. 5 LR 10 W. 33rd St., New York 1, N. Y.

Please enter subscription to Lone Ranger Comics. Include special offer of Lucky Rabbit's Foot and Dell Comics Club Membership Certificate.

 Name
 Age

 St. and No.
 ...

 City
 Zone
 State

l am enclosing remittance for \$1.20 in full payment.
(If this is a gift subscription please fill in below. List any additional names on separate sheet)

ENCLOSE GIFT CARD TO READ FROM:











POSTMASTER: Please send notice on Form 3579 to 76 Ninth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

THE LONE RANGER, Vol. 1, No. 107, May, 1957. Published monthly by Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 261 Fifth Ave., New York
16, N. Y. George T. Delacorte, Jr., President; Helen Meyer, Vice-President; Albert P. Delacorte, Vice-President. Entered as secondclass matter November 12, 1948 at the Post Office at New York, N. Y., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Subscriptions in U.S.A. and
Canada \$1,20 per year; foreign subscriptions, \$2.20 per year. Dell Subscription Service: 10 West 33rd Street, New York 1, N. Y.
ing Co.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS should reach us five weeks in advance of the next issue date. Give both your old and new address enclosing if possible your old address label.

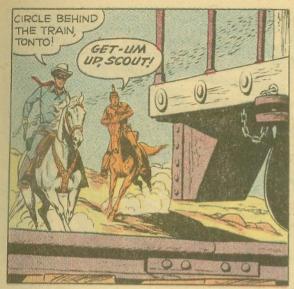


















































































THEY'RE ON THE TRAIN! I SAW THE SAME THREE MEN! IN THE CONFUSION AND CAPTURE THEM NOW?

RESCAPE IN THE DARK!
BUT I HAVE A PLAN TO SURPRISE THEM ON THE TRAIN!







































































































































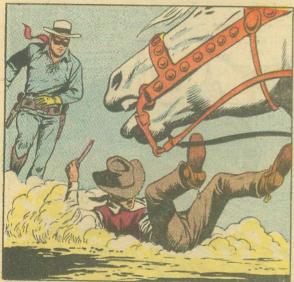




















"These bootprints ought to help us pin down the robber," said Sheriff Smith, kneeling in the soft dirt.

"Mighty big bootprints," nodded Jed Brooks, the young deputy. "We know a big man made 'em."

The telltale footprints led away from the trail where the robbery had occurred the night before. As he was bringing in the mine payroll, the rider had been bush-whacked by an old trick. A taut wire stretched between trees, unseen in the darkness, had brought down his horse. While the rider lay stunned, the bandit had snatched the payroll leaving behind only these huge bootprints.

The sheriff mounted his horse. "Whoever did this knew the payroll was coming in by this secret route after dark. Who does the mine boss take into his confidence?"

"Willy Sykes, the bookkeeper," Jed guffawed. "But it couldn't be that little half-pint. Why his boots would make prints only half the size of the bandit's. He's clear."

"It seems so," muttered the sheriff.

"Then there's Big John Mason," Jed continued, "who passes out the payroll. He always knows it's coming in. He wears a he-man's boot like the bandit. But gosh, Sheriff—" Jed broke off to shake his head. "Big John is as honest as the day is long. It just couldn't be John, boots or no boots."

"Yes it could, unfortunately," sighed the sheriff. "I've kept it a secret, not wanting to see Big John fired, but years ago he fell in with cattle rustlers for a short time. After he had served six months in jail, he saw the light and turned the gang in. He's gone straight as an arrow ever since."

"Till now," grunted Jed, stunned. "Nobody but Willy and Big John knows the secret route of the payroll. And those bootprints. . . . well, 'once a crook, always a crook,' I reckon. Let's pick him up, Sheriff."

But to Jed's surprise, the sheriff rode past Big John's place among the scattered mining shacks, and stopped instead at another a short distance away. Wordlessly, he picked up a shovel which leaned against the side of the shack and led the way to the back.

A short time later, they were facing a surprised Willy Sykes.

"The man who robbed the payroll," said the sheriff, "left the bootprints of a big man."

"Then it must have been Big John Peck," said Willy sorrowfully.

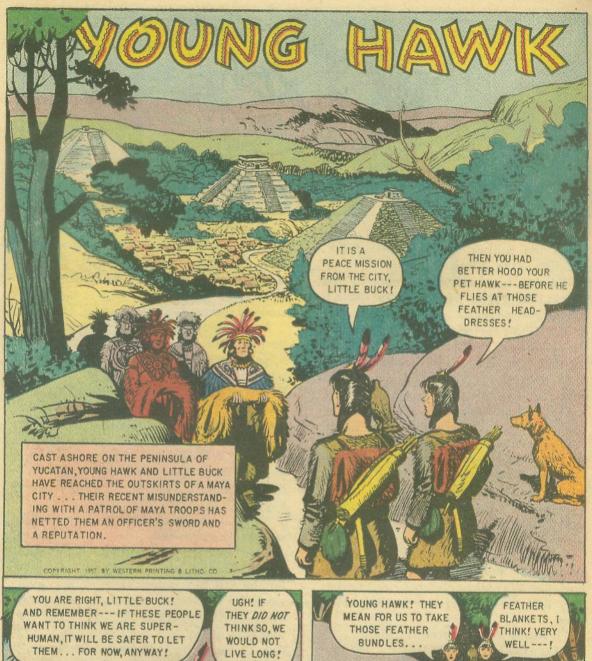
"No," snapped the sheriff. "The bandit heard about Big John's mistake in his youth. So, he left big prints, figuring Big John would be blamed. You've got small boots, Willy. Small enough to slip into these. We dug them up in your backyard where you didn't smooth down the fresh dirt enough."

Willy turned pale. The sheriff held up two mud-encrusted boots.

"Take him in, Jed. He'll confess. I got my hunch when I thought about what you said and twisted your words around to . . . once an honest man, always an honest man."

"But that's silly . . ." Jed started to say. Then, his face reddened with embarrassment. "Yes, I get it, Sheriff. Just as silly as saying, 'once a crook, always a crook!"

COPYRIGHT, 1957, BY WESTERN PRINTING & LITHO. CO.

















































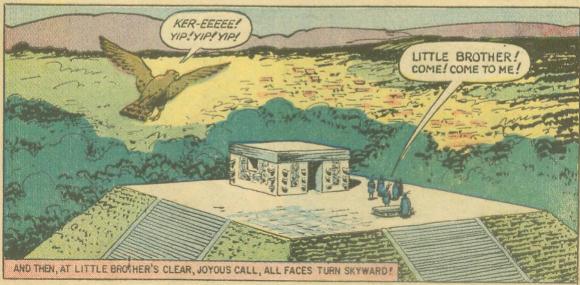










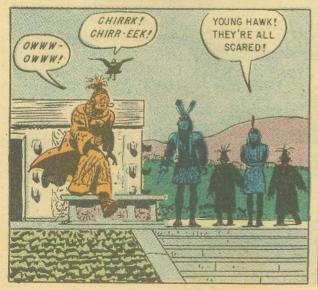




























THE COW COUNTRY BRINGS MANY DANGERS, SOME FATAL, TO BOTH HORSE AND RIDER. WHEN A COWBOY FINDS HIMSELF A FOOT, MANY MILES FROM HOME.

COPYRIGHT 1957 BY WESTERN PRINTING & LITHO CO

---HE MAY CHOOSE TO WALK ALL THE WEARY WAY, OR --- PICKING OUT A NEARBY WATERHOLE BENEATH SOME TREES





---HE MAY TRY HIS LUCK AT CATCHING A WILD HORSE WHEN A BUNCH OF MUSTANGS COME TO DRINK.



WHEN THE WILD HORSE HAS LEARNED NOT TO FIGHT THE ROPE, HIS CAPTOR PUTS THE SADDLE ON, TALKING SOOTH-INGLY, ALL THE WHILE.

BAD MEDICINE, fencing Indians in . . .
They might break out on a
"BARBED WIRE WARPATH!"

READTONTO

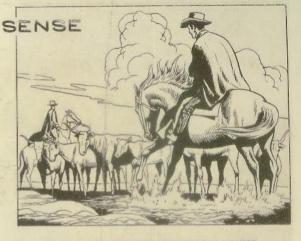
ON SALE AT YOUR FAVORITE DELL COMICS DEALER



DELL COMICS ARE GOOD COMICS



WHEN CATTLE STAMPEDE AT NIGHT, A COWBOY LIKES TO KNOW THAT THE HORSE BETWEEN HIS KNEES IS A RELIABLE PARTNER, A GOOD "NIGHTHORSE" WHO WILL NOT STUMBLE OR LOSE HIS HEAD.



MANY TIMES WHEN THE STAMPEDE IS HALTED, THE RIDERS WHO "HUNG AND RODE" ARE FAR FROM CAMP IN STRANGE TERRITORY.



THEN A RIDER MUST TRUST TO THE SURE INSTINCT OF HIS "NIGHT HORSE" TO FIND THE WAY, HORSES HAVE A BUILT-IN "COMPASS".



A COWBOY WHO DOES NOT KNOW HIS "NIGHT HORSE"--CARRIES NO WATCH TO TELL HIM THE TIME FOR CHANGING
THE NIGHT GUARD---IS OFTEN SURPRISED WHEN HIS
MOUNT FIGHTS TO LEAVE.



A WISE HORSE, WHOSE TIME SENSE NEVER FAILS, SOMETIMES ENDS THE FIGHT BY GRIPPING THE BIT IN HIS POWERFUL MOLARS AND RUNNING FOR CAMP———REGARDLESS OF ANY PULLON THE REINS.



AS THEY PULL UP AT THE CHUCKWAGON AND THE STEAMING COFFEE AND BEANS ARE SERVED, THE RIDER IS GRATEFUL TO HIS HORSE!



No wonder Donald is excited! He's in a brand-new View-Master picture story . . . his very first adventure in "come to life" three dimension pictures! His nephews and Uncle Scrooge are in the story, too . . . and they all look so real, it's almost like being there yourself. Get your View-Master Donald Duck Packet now . . . show it to the gang with your Viewer or Projector. Everybody will want to get in on this swell new kind of picture fun with Donald Duck!

DONALD DUCK PACKET ... \$1.25

Contains three View-Master picture Reels-21 pictures-and story folder



VIEW-MASTER GIFT-PAK has Viewer and 2 Packets in a gift box. Tell Mom about it for birthday gifts.....\$4.95



JUNIOR PROJECTOR shows View-Master pictures in two dimension . . . for your own shows! \$9.95 THEATRE \$1.25



VIEW-MASTER VIEWER shows View-Master pictures in "come to life" three dimension. Sturdy and easy to operate \$2.50 LIGHT ATTACHMENT ... \$2.00



Just fill out this coupon and take it to your View-Master Dealer, He'll give you your free View-Master 3 Dimension Picture Ree!!



To the Dealer: This certificate entitles the undersigned to his FREE SPECIAL reel with 7 exciting three-dimension pictures.

Name		Age
Address		
City	Zone_	State
		(Offer expires July 31, 1957)



"BOBBY THE BUNNY"—a new View-Master packet with stories about real, live animals. Bobby the Bunny, Little Red Hen and Skippy the Squirrel \$1.25



"THE WIZARD OF OZ"—the wonderful story of Dorothy, and her dog, Toto, in the marvelous land of Oz. A new View-Master Packet with story folder.....\$1.25

SEE THIS WONDERFUL NEW CAMERA FROM THE MAKERS OF VIEW-MASTER I



Take your own snapshots, in black and white or color with this dandy new camera. Takes flash pictures, tool So easy to use, you can be an expert right away!

Nomad 127, \$4.95 Nomad 620, \$6.95



Flash, \$2.50

Prices slightly higher in Canada ® Sawyer's Inc., Portland 7, Oregon

CUT OUT THIS COUPON TAKE IT TO YOUR DEALER