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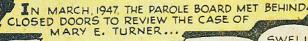


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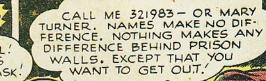






YOU HAVE REQUESTED RECONSIDERATION OF YOUR CASE. TELL US YOUR STORY IN YOUR OWN WORDS, THE BOARD WILL LISTEN

SWELL! THAT'S ALL I ASK







YOU'VE STUDIED MY
RECORD, MUCH THAT I'LL
SAY YOU ALREADY KNOW.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO
LEAVE OUT ANYTHING
IMPORTANT...





AND DAD - I LISED TO WATCH HIM
SWEATING OUT A LIVING FOR US..."
POOR
DAD... ALWAYS
WORKING HARD.
TO HIM.









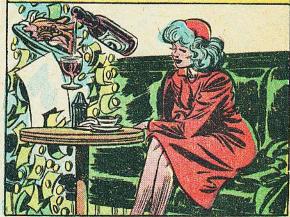


"AND ME-WITH ONLY A TWELVE-DOLLAR BANKROLL! ANYWAY, I TRIED ANOTHER ANGLE. AND ANOTHER. YOU KNOW, THOSE SINGING SCHOOLS. WELL..."

ZEE VOICE - SHE SPARKLES. ZIS COURSE EES ONLY \$400 - AND YOU'RE SURE TO GET ZEE JOB IN OPERA!



"MONEY, MONEY, MONEY. THAT WHOLE GLITTER-ING WORLD WAS OUT OF MY REACH - BECAUSE THE TICKET IN WAS MONEY! AND I WAS SO BROKE I WAS LIVING ON COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS!"



WHEN I MET SWIFTY LOGAN. YOU REMEMBER SWIFTY—HE'S IN SING SING NOW, BUT THAT NIGHT HE WAS IN THE DOUGH!...

BUT YOU'RE SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY! ALL ON ME!

COME ON, BABY!

WE'RE GOIN!

PLACES!































HARRINGTON! HELLO! THE WALKED AWAY FROM THE PHONE'S DEAD, MISS WHERE HE WAS!

WHILLER! WAS HARRINGTON OF THE D. A'S OFFICE. SO..."

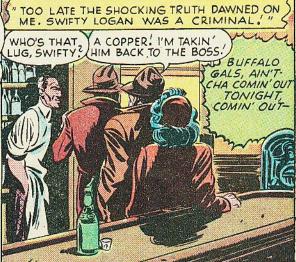
HARRINGTON! HELLO! THE HE WALKED AWAY FROM THE PHONE'S DEAD, MISS WHERE HE WAS!

BUT I HEARD ANOTHER MAN'S WOICE!











































WE ALSO HEARD DISTANT
BOAT WHISTLES OVER THE
PHONE-SO WE CHECKED EACH
BAR ALONG THE RIVER -AND
FOUND ONLY ONE WITH THE
"BUFFALO GAL" RECORD!
THAT RECORD SAVED YOUR
LIFE, HARRINGTON!



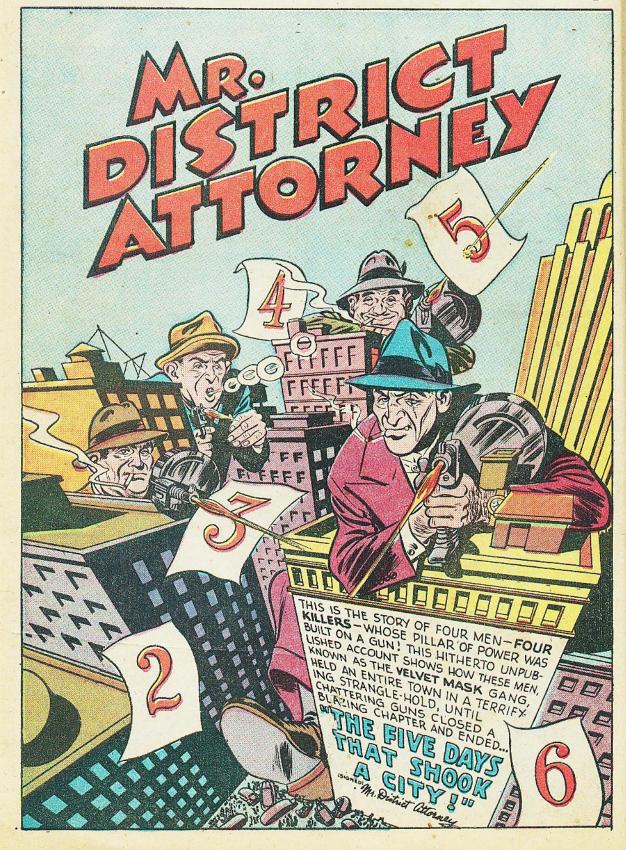




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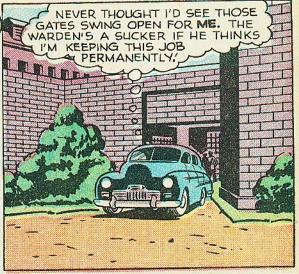


















































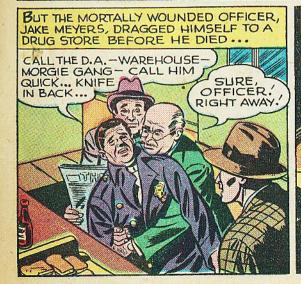


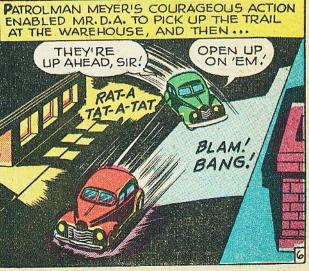








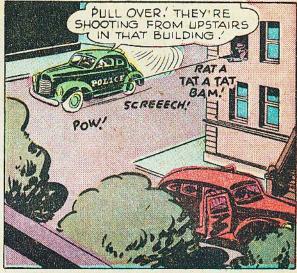


























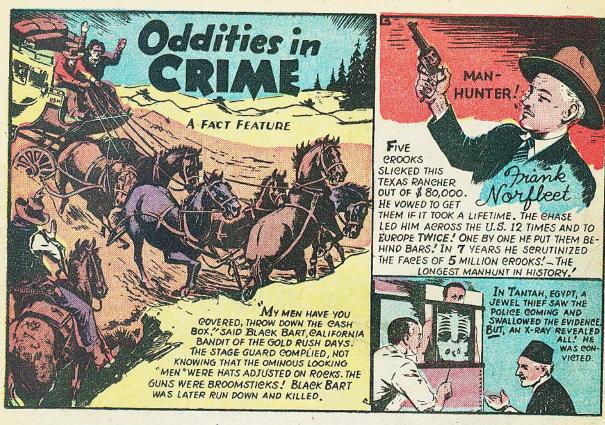






















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- **②** Soothe Membranes
- **S** Loosen phiegm

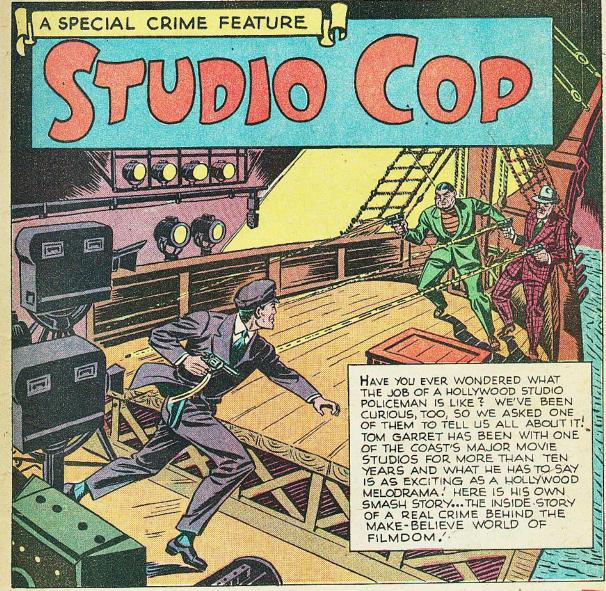
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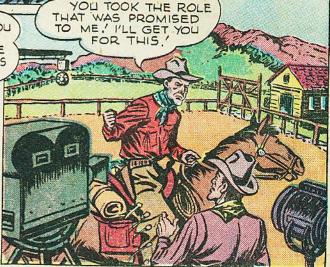


"LIKE THE TIME A CERTAIN STARLET...WHOSE NAME I CAN'T MENTION... STABBED A RIVAL, OF WHOM SHE WAS JEALOUS ..."



"THEN THERE WAS THE ONCE POPULAR STAR WHO WAS SLIPPING, AND BL'AMED ALL HIS TROUBLES ON AN UP-AND-COMING YOUNG ACTOR..."















THE REAL NECKLACE IS WORTH PLENTY, SO I'M LEAVING IT IN THE VAULT TILL THE IMITATION IS FINISHED! KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN... JUST IN CASE.

"LATER THAT DAY A TRUCK ROLLED UP TO THE STUDIO GATE..."



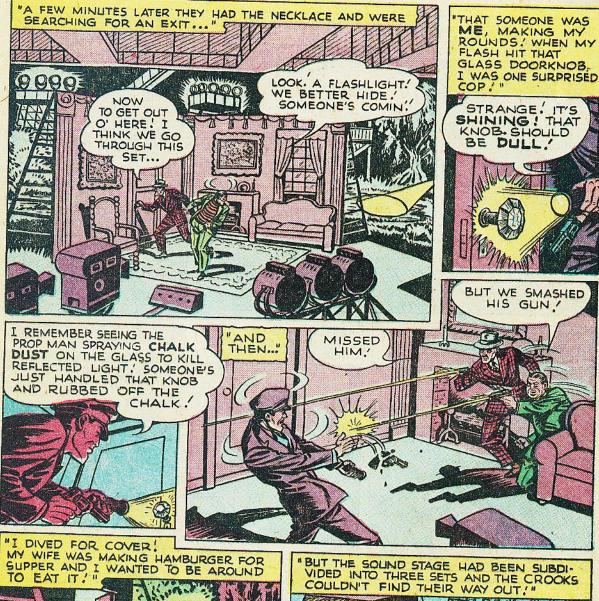
THE GATEMAN FIGURED IT WAS A REAL DELIVERY ... AND WHY NOT?
ANYBODY WHO'S BEEN AROUND IN HOLLYWOOD KNOWS GROUND CORK IS USED TO SOUNDPROOF STUDIO WALKS!





















"I MADE NO SPLASH BECAUSE THE PROP MEN HAD TREATED THE WATER WITH LIQUID GLYC-ERINE TO PREVENT LOUD SPLASH SOUNDS FROM DROWNING OUT DIALOGUE!"

GOOD THING
THAT 'GATOR IS
ONLY RUBBER.'

"SOON I REACHED WHAT LOOKED LIKE A WEATHERBEATEN SHACK ... "



"YOU SEE, PROP MEN USE A BLOW-TORCH TO BURN OFF PAINT AND GIVE AN AGED EFFECT TO WALLS ...



"I CREPT TO THE NEARBY RIVERBOAT SET - AND LET THEM HAVE IT!"













"I HAD A JOB TO DO ... AND MY LIFE TO SAVE! I LET HIM HAVE IT!"



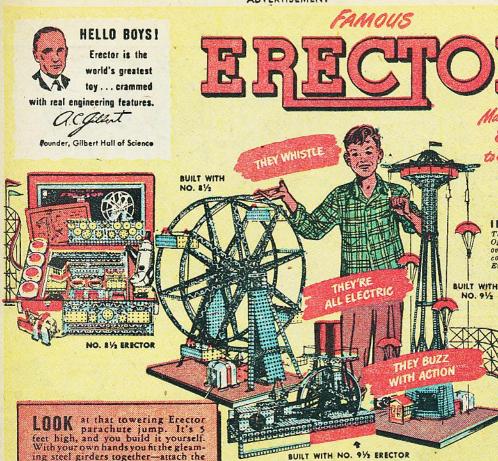
"THEN I WHIPPED A JOE LOUIS TO HIS CHIN AND IT WAS ALL OVER!"



"THE STUDIO WAS VERY GRATEFUL!
I GOT A KISS FROM MISS VARDI...
AND A BONUS! I DON'T KNOW
WHICH I LIKED BETTER!"







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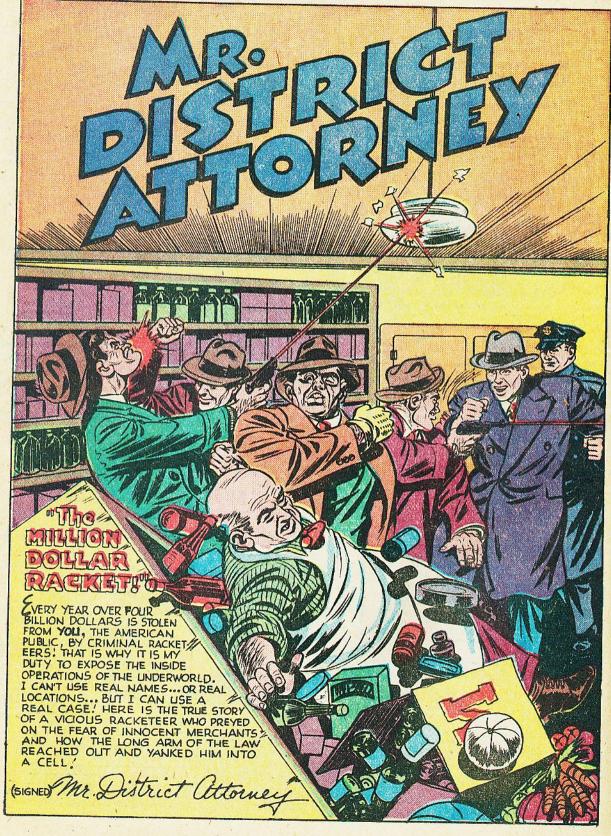
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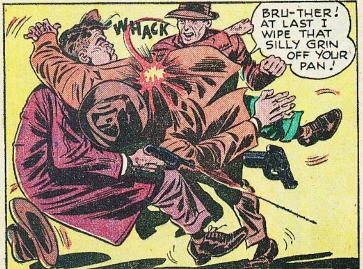






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THAT NEXT WEEK, IN COURT ..

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, THE STATE'S C DEPENDS ON FILMED DETAILS OF THE CRIME! AS THE DEFENSE CLAIMS, WE MUST PROVE WHAT SHARK COLLINS SAID, ASE TRUE,



... I INTRODUCE TO THE COURT, MR. HOWARD MANNING, WORLD-FAMOUS LIP READER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE

DEAF. HE CAN'T DO DAT TO ME! I BEEN CROSSED!

AND THEN - A STIRRING DRAMA UNFOLDS

MR. MANNING WILL READ SHARK'S LIPS! BY THAT METHOD, THE COURT WILL KNOW WHAT SHARK SAID!





AND IT CONVICTED SHARK AND ENDED HIS VICIOUS RACKET, WHICH PROVES AGAIN THAT NO CRIM-LATER... BOY CHIEF WAS VHEN YOU INTRO-DUCED THE LIP-READING GIMMICK! HAL CAN POSSIBLY ANGLES, HARRINGTON!



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"ELL NEVER FORGET THE DAY I DECIDED TO KILL BILL THOMPSON ----"



-- AND NOW, MADGE,
FOR MY FAVORITE
\$64 QUESTION: WHEN
WILL YOU SET THAT
WEDDING DATE ! I-- I'M IN LOVE
WITH SOMEBODY
ELSE!

"AND & KNEW WHO THAT 'SOMEBODY' WAS!











BILL DIDN'T KNOW HE'D JUST SIGNED HIS DEATH WARRANT!

DECAUSE THIS WAS PART OF MY PLAN TO MURDER HIM!

FEW DAYS LATER---



MAYBE HE'S WORKING TOO
HARD. I'LL ASK HIM TO
MY PLACE FOR THE
WEEK-END. --- NOW HOLD
THAT
POSE!

"I COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER, FOR I KNEW THAT MADGE WOULD SOON BREAK THROUGH HIS LOYAL FEELINGS TO ME!---THAT NIGHT, AT MY HOUSE----



MADE SURE NE FORGOT ABOUT HER

WAS
SPIKED
AND AFTER
HE'D
PASSED OUT,
I CARRIED
HIM INTO
MY CAR IN
THE
GARAGE



WE HAVE A PERFECT CASE OF SUICIDE! YOU'RE OUT OF MY WAY, BILL THOMPSON!







LEARLY NEXT MORNING IN RESPONSE TO MY URGENT PHONE CALL, THE POLICE ARRIVED --- "



"As I EXPECTED, WHEN THEY ENTERED THE GARAGE, THEY FOUND BILL DEAD OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING -----"

POOR BILL! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET HIM TAKE THE CAR LAST NIGHT. HE MUST HAVE HAD SOME DRINKS AND THEN COME BACK AND DECIDED TO END IT ALL! AND THERE I WAS, ASLEEP IN MY ROOM ALL THE TIME!



DID HE HAVE
ANY REASON
TO COMMIT
SUICIDE!

WELL, HE WAS PRETTY
DESPONDENT THE
LAST FEW DAYS.
MADGE GRIFFITHS,
WHO WORKS FOR
US, NOTICED IT,
TOO!

SEE HOW CLEVER I'D BEEN! I KNEW MADGE WOULD BE QUESTIONED! --- MY BUILD-UP WAS PERFECT ---- "

















# THE CRIME FILE

#### P.S.: HE GOT HIS MEN

From the archives of a State Police Bureau comes a story that is almost legendary. It concerns a trooper who was in charge of rounding up a gang, entrenched in a garage with loot from a mid-western bank.

First, one of his legs was injured by a "pine-apple" thrown by one of the thugs. Then a bullet creased his scalp. As he inched towards the fugitives' stronghold through tall grass, one of his aides, mistaking him for a gangster, took careful aim and blasted a hole in his shoulder. Applying a tourniquet to stop the flow of blood, the detective identified himself to avoid similar mistakes, and moved in.

A gunman's shot shattered his left hand; a tommy-gun laced his cheek with blood, shredded his jacket, jabbed several slugs in his side, and peppered his hat with holes. Still the trooper came on, like an irresistible tidal wave of vengeance, firing ahead until something exploded in his face and he blacked out.

When he regained consciousness, he looked up into the anxious faces of his aides. "Take it easy. We got 'em—all of 'em," he was assured.

It was painful to ask, but he managed to form the words on his lips. "Good work, men. And . . . and what about me? I'm hit pretty hard. I'm not going to pull through, am I?"

Grim, tight-lipped, silent faces stared back at him.

"Well," he said, slowly, his blood-encrusted

lips twisting into a smile. "Take off my hat. It doesn't look too good, with all those holes in it."

### HOLDUP IN PRISON

There have been all kinds of strange holdups in the annals of crime, but one of the strangest occurred in an Alabama prison. A convict serving a stretch for robbery, forced another inmate, at the point of a knife, to hand over a pack of cigarettes. He got the cigarettes but didn't get away with his holdup. His term was lengthened which proves you can't beat the law... even in prison!

## THE DEAD TALKED

Assigned to a homicide case, Anthony Marsloe, who assisted Tom Dewey during his racket-busting days visited the scene of the crime where he found the victim battered almost beyond recognition.

While questioning one of the suspects in the group rounded up immediately after the murder, a weird moaning was heard. Although he couldn't identify the source of the moan, Marsloe seized the opportunity to cry, "You see, the dead man has come back to talk to tell us that YOU did it!"

Completely credulous, the man broke down and confessed. After the cops had removed

him to the Tombs, Marsloe turned to the coroner and asked what had caused the eerie sound which had helped him trick the guilty man into a confession. It was the coroner's contention that air, still in the victim's pharynx. had escaped at that psychological moment, thus causing the dead man seemingly to "moan."

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#### THE BEER BARON'S BLONDE

A New York Times reporter had covered the exploits of Dutch Schultz for several years with such painstaking accuracy that the beer baron considered him one of his few but trusted friends. It was with considerable surprise, then, that the reporter noted that his greeting went ignored when he ran across the gangster one day in Albany.

"What's the matter? Didn't you recognize me?" asked the newspaperman.

"I ain't so sure I wanna know you from now on. What's the idea writin' in yesterday's paper that I like blondes?"

"Well, isn't it a fact? Don't you prefer blondes?" asked the reporter.

"Sure, but what hurts me is the undignified news the Times is printin' these days!"

† † †

#### BETTER LATE THAN NEVER?

This is the ironic story of a man who spurned a drink, but paid for it with his life. John Romm refused to adhere to the ancient English custom of serving a condemned prisoner a mug of ale before escorting him to the gallows. In the half hour allotted him, a prisoner was sup-

posed to meditate on his crime. But Romm, who cursed liquor as the reason for his present predicament, spurned the beverage

"Take it away! I want to be hanged at once!" he ordered the warden. At a sign from the official, guards opened the door and marched him to the scaffold, where he was promptly executed.

A half hour later, a rain-soaked messenger who had fought a howling storm, arrived at the prison, bearing a reprieve. But it was too late for John Romm, who never again would have the chance to taste ale.

## † † † BARS AND STRIPES

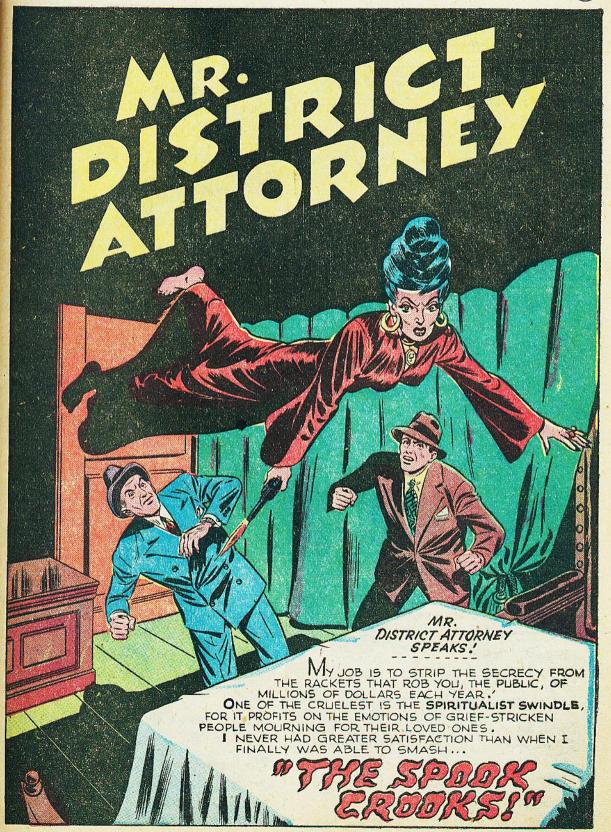
The number of stripes on a prisoner's uniform at Clinton Prison at Dannemora back in the 1900s represented various offenses. First offenders wore solid colors, but second offenders sported uniforms with two stripes; third offenders, three. Fourth offenders and other incorrigibles wore four stripes and were called "Zebras!"

THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY

Several years ago, while a Hollywood crew was shooting some scenes of a prison picture at Sing Sing, an old-time prisoner approached one of the stars, dressed in convict's uniform, whom he didn't recognize. Admiring his youthful appearance, the inmate said, "It's too bad a young feller like you is penned up. How did you come to be sent up here?"

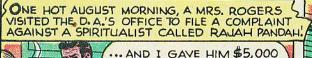
The star smiled and replied, "The movies put me here. But I insist, I'm innocent!"

The convict shook his head sadly and tried to comfort him by patting his shoulder. "Sorry to hear that, brother," he said. "That's what they all say around here!"









TOWARD A FUND TO BUILD
A SHRINE IN MY DEAD
HUSBAND'S NAME! THE
RAJAH TOOK THE MONEY
AND I NEVER SAW
HIM AGAIN!

PANDAH HAS LEFT THE CITY BY NOW...
HOWEVER I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO
RECOVER YOUR MONEY.



CHIEF, WHEN ARE PEOPLE GONNA GET WISE TO THOSE PHONEYS ?

WHEN THEY'RE WARNED,
HARRINGTON - AND THE
WAY TO REACH THE
GREATEST NUMBER
OF PEOPLE IS BY
TELEVISION

THAT NIGHT, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE NETWORKS, MR. D. A. REACHED THE LISTENING PUBLIC...

PUBLIC ... AND NUMEROLOGY, PALMISTRY, ASTROLOGY HAVE NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS!



HIS WORDS ALSO DRIFTED INTO THE HOME OF WEALTHY CYRUS HUME; RETIRED FURNITURE MANUFACTURER...



SO CALLED 'WONDERS" OF MEDIUMS
ARE ALL BASED ON INGENIOUS TRICKS!
BEWARE OF THE SPIRITUAL
SWINDLE!



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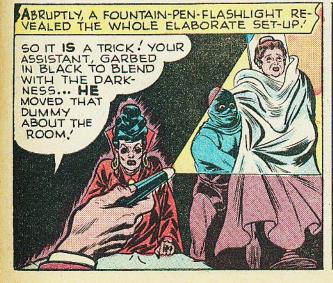
































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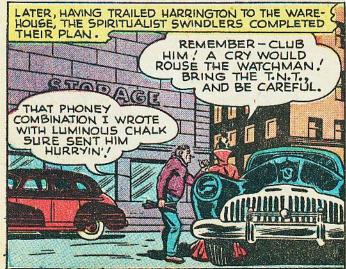


























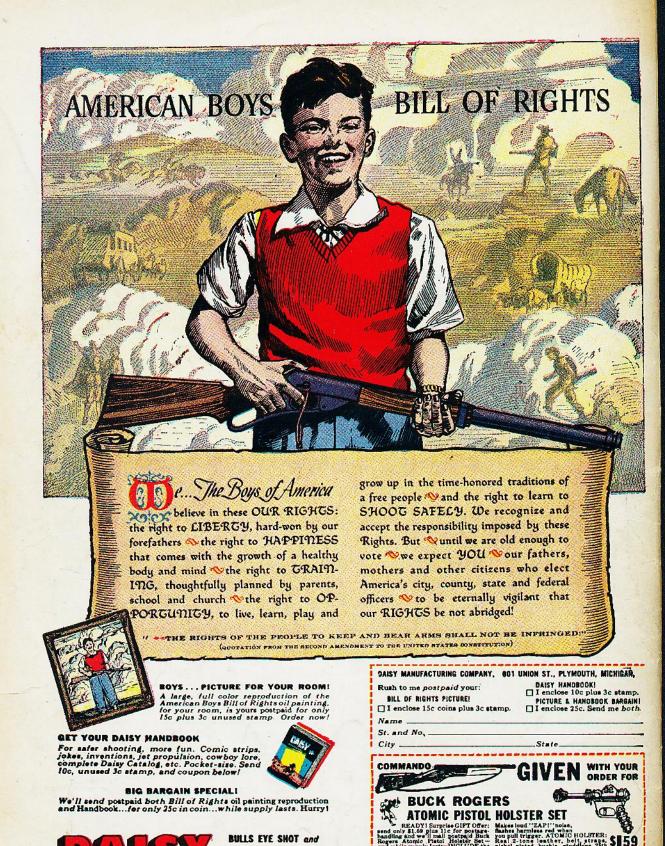








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