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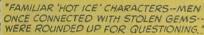












I TELL YA, CROWELL TURN HIM
I AIN'T IN ON THIS
ONE! I BEEN GOIN'
AND BRING IN
LEGIT SINCE YA
NAILED ME AN'
FANCY GORDON
LAST YEAR!
HONEST!

"WEEKS WENT BY. WE CHECKED THE PAWN SHOPS, TALKED TO FENCES. NOTHING DOING ..."



WE MUST HAVE RUN DOWN 1000
BAD LEADS WHEN ONE NIGHT
A WEATHER-BEATEN CODGER CAME
PANTING INTO HEADQUARTERS,
GAYE HIS NAME AS GUSTAVE
LEROY, SAID HE WAS A FISHERMAN,

THANK YOU, DETECTIVE CROWELL--WE'LL LET MR. LEROY TELL HIS



MR. GUSTAVE LEROY, THE SECOND WITNESS! WHAT WAS IT THAT MADE YOU GO TO HEADQUARTERS THAT NIGHT. AUGUST 12?

AH, YES... AUGUST 12
EES CORRECT FOR ZAT
WAS MY DAUGHTER
JEANNE'S BIRTHDAY-SHE'S ELEVEN NOW-- AN'
I WAS GOING TO CATCH
ZEE BIGGEST EEL IN



"YOU SEE I GUSTAVE LEROY, AM ZEE BEST EELER ALONG ZEE RIVER! OUI ... AN' ON ZIS NIGHT I LEFT MY WIFE MARIE TO GET ZEE BEEG EEL ..."



"ZEN, LIKE ZE BIGGEST EEL IN ZE WHOLE WORLD, I SAW ZIS THEENG BOB UP ALONGSIDE MY BOAT..."







"WHAT WAS EEN ZAT THEENG ! SOME SPARK-LEENG DIAMONDS! MANY OF ZEM!..."



"BUT I AM HONEST MAN - I WANT BEEG EEL FOR MY JEANNE, NOT DIAMONDS ZAT NOT RIGHTFULLY MINE! SO I LEAVE ZEM IN MY BOAT AN' I RUN TO ZEE POLICE ..."

OKAY-OKAY! SO YOU FISHED UP A DIAMOND MINE, AND I'M NAPOLEON! BUT M'SIEU! WHY NOT COME SEE, PLEASE?



"ZEE GOOD POLICEMEN CAME WEETH ME TO MY

SEE, M'SIEU! DOES UP DIAMONDS! AND IF I'M NOT OLD GUSTAVE NOT OLD GUSTAVE NOT MISTAKEN, LEROY, ZEE EELER TELL ZEE YOU'VE JUST MADE THE TRUTH? AH! BIGGEST HAUL OF THE SEASON! THIS IS OUR FIRST CLUE TO THE SMUGGLERS!



"NOW AN EELER DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT POLICE WORK SO I AM MYSTIFIED WHEN TOLD TO PUT IEE DIAMONDS BACK WHERE I FOUND ZEM! SEE?"

I SAY TO MARIE AN'MY
DAUGHTER, JEANNE, HOW ZIS
HAPPENED -- AN' ZEY SAY
OL'GUSTAVE IS CRAZY
UPSTAIRS! OH, WELLZEE POLICE SAY PUT
HER BACK .. I PUT
HER BACK !

MARIE

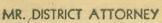
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ZAT IS ALL. I WASH MY A HANDS! ALL ZIS GIVE GUSTAVE BIG HEADACHE! THANK YOU -- I GO -- THANK YOU, MR. LEROY! YOU'VE DONE JUSTICE AN INVALUABLE SERVICE!

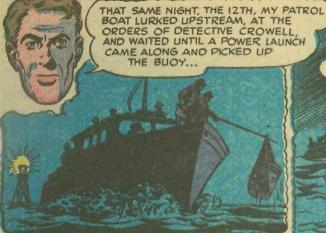


THE STATE'S THIRD WITNESS, OFFICER FRANK MAUGHAM, OF THE HARBOR PATROL ...









"INSTEAD OF SURRENDERING THE BOAT TURNED TAIL AND POWERED ITS WAY DOWNSTREAM --AND WE PURSUED IN A RUNNING GUN FIGHT!"



"A BURST OF MACHINE-GUN FIRE PUT OUT OUR SPOT, BUT NOT UNTIL WE SAW THE ESCAPING CRAFT GLIDE NEAR THE DOCKS, AND A LONE FIGURE LEAP OUT..."

"WE TURNED THE SPOT ON THEM, AND ..."

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! PULL THAT BOAT TO SHORE!

COPS!

BOSS! THEY'RE COPPERS!



"DETECTIVE CROWELL FIRED AT THE RUNNING FIGURE ON SHORE, BUT HE CRASHED HEADLONG THROUGH A GLASS DOOR AND SPED THROUGH A STORE TO ESCAPE ...

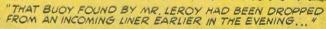




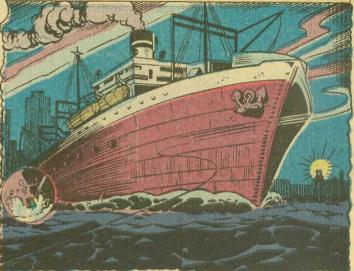




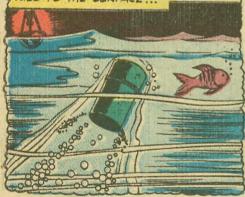
BUT WE HAD CRACKED THE GANG. OR A GOOD PART OF IT. AND WE KNEW THEIR METHOD OF GETTING SMUGGLED GEMS INTO THE COUNTRY.







"THE BUOY, CONTAINING THE JEWELS, WAS ALSO WEIGHTED DOWN BY A CHEMICAL, THAT, ONCE DISSOLVED BY THE WATER, CAUSED THE BUOY TO RISE TO THE SURFACE..."



THEN, AT AN APPOINTED HOUR, THE GANG WOULD PICK UP THE BUOY AND DISPOSE OF THE JEWELS... BY A METHOD, YOU'LL SEE SHORTLY, AND NOW I CALL UPON THE FINAL WITNESS, MY OWN ASSISTANT, MR. HARRINGTON...



WELL, LIKE THE CHIEF SAID, WE HAD CRACKED THE GANG, BUT WE STILL DIDN'T KNOW WHO THE LEADER WAS. THAT WAS OUR BIG PROBLEM! AND THE CROOKS WE HAD CAUGHT IN THAT BOAT CHASE SURE DIDN'T WANT TO SING...



"WE HAULED THEM IN FOR QUESTIONING THAT NIGHT,

THE BOSS! THAT'S A LAUGH, D.A.!









"SURE, THE CHIEF, HIMSELF, HAD GONE AFTER CROOKS LOTS OF TIMES, BUT I NEVER SAW HIM WORK HARDER THAN HE DID NOW..."

IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS NOW, CHIEF, ANYTHING HOT TURN UP YET?

UNFORTUNATELY,
NO! I'VE SCANNED
EVERY DETAIL OF
THESE REPORTS--AND THEY DON'T
OFFER ONE CLUE...
HMM--OR DO THEY?





ANYBODY WHO WENT THROUGH GLASS THAT WAY WOULD PROBABLY GET GLASS SLIVERS IN HIS HEAD! HAVE THE BOYS CALL EVERY DOCTOR IN TOWN! THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE, HARRINGTON, THAT OUR MAN WENT TO ONE!



"FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, WE BURNED UP THE WIRES. WE CALLED EVERY DOC IN AND OUT OF TOWN -- BUT IT WAS NO GOOD, THEN, ON FRIDAY..."

A DOCTOR IN BAY LEDGE TOOK GLASS PARTICLES FROM A PATIENT'S HEAD ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 13TH! THE ISTH! ONE DAY AFTER HE WENT THROUGH THAT DOOR! LET'S GO!



"SO WE WENT TO BAY LEDGE TO SPEAK TO DR. CLARENCE RILEY-BUT WE WERE STOPPED COLD WHEN..."

DR. RILEY DIED YESTERDAY FROM CARDIAC FAILURE! AND HE WAS THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD GIVE US A DESCRIPTION OF THAT PATIENT! TOO BAD!









"CHECKMATE AGAIN - THE NAME AND ADDRESS WERE PHONY!"

COLD TRAIL, CHIEF! NOBODY THERE BY THAT NAME! SO I PRESUMED! BUT, HARRINGTON - I BELIEVE THIS X-RAY IS THE ANSWER! IT COULD BE THE KEY TO THE WHOLE MYSTERY!







"I HADN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT THE CHIEF WAS GOING TO DO WITH AN X-RAY PHOTO... UNTIL I VISITED THE POLICE ART DEPT..."



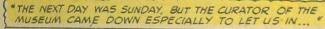


GOOD! I'LL PICK UP THE MODEL FIRST THING AND GET IT OVER TO THE MUSEUM!









ONCE BEFORE WE TRACKED A CROOK THIS WAY! I HOPE THIS TIME WE'RE LUCKY!

THIS PARTICULAR
JOB ISN'T VERY
DIFFICULT!



I'VE RECONSTRUCTED FROM BONES THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD! I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DO AS WELL ON THE BONES SHOWN BY AN X-RAY PHOTO!



FINISHED! AND I HOPE IT RESEMBLES THE MAN YOU'RE AFTER! EXCELLENT! WE'LL COMPARE THIS CLAY MODEL WITH EVERY PHOTO IN THE



"BACK AT H.Q., WE LOOKED AT EVERY MUG IN THE GALLERY, AND WE CAME UP WITH THE CLOSEST THING YOU'VE EVER SEEN TO THE SCULPTURED MODEL..."

CHIEF! THAT'S IT! IT BEARS AN EXACT LIKENESS TO KALE!



BUSTER "KILLER" KALE Age: 33 Height: 5'11" Weight: 186 pounds.

"A QUICK SEARCH THROUGH THE RECORDS REVEALED THAT KALE WAS ON PAROLE, SO WE CALLED THE PAROLE BOARD..."

YES, KALE HAS REPORTED IN ON SCHEDULE! I HAVE HIS RECORD RIGHT HERE. ONE MOMENT, PLEASE!



KALE - OF ALL PEOPLE - IS MANAGING A LENDING LIBRARY ON CHESTER STREET! ALL RIGHT, HARRINGTON - LET'S BORROW A BOOK!

YEP, CHIEF! I GOTTA CATCH UP ON MY READING!









NOTHING HERE, CHIEF .. NOTHING BUT BOOKS ! THERE MUST B OUR HUNCH OWN ON NOW ISN'T IN ISN'T IN BUSINESS

THERE MUST BE, HARRINGTON!
OUR HUNCH CAN'T GO
WRONG NOW -- AND KALE
ISN'T IN THE LIBRARY
BUSINESS BECAUSE HE
LIKES IT! HMM.- WHAT
IS THIS.?

"ONE OF THE SHELVES SWUNG OPEN WHEN THE CHIEF PUSHED SOMETHING, AND BEHIND WAS ANOTHER SHELF OF 'BOOKS'..."



"HE OPENED A BRAND NEW SHAKESPEARE AND -- SOMETHING BESIDES ROMEO STARED OUT

JEWELS! I SEE THE SET-UP! THESE "BOOKS" ARE "LOANED" OUT TO HIS CONTACTS! THAT'S HOW THE SMUGGLED STUFF IS DISPOSED OF. REACH FOR THE SKY OR I BLAST YA!



THE CHIEF WHIRLED QUICKLY AND WITH ALL HIS MIGHT THREW "SHAKESPEARE" AT THE SOUND OF THE VOICE...



"AND JUST LIKE THAT -- IT WAS ALL OVER ...

THIS ENDS YOUR SMUGGLING RACKET, KALE! IT'S BEEN A LONG, HARD PULL - BUT IT WAS WORTH IT! PUT THE 'CUFF'S ON HIM, HARRINGTON! I CAN RECOMMEND A GOOD BOOK FOR YOU, MISTER... \*20,000 YEARS IN SING SING!"



KALE WAS CONVICTED ON THE OVER-WHELMING EVIDENCE! HE, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE! A CROOK HAS JUST TOO MANY MEN AGAINST HIM -- ALL WEARING BADGES!

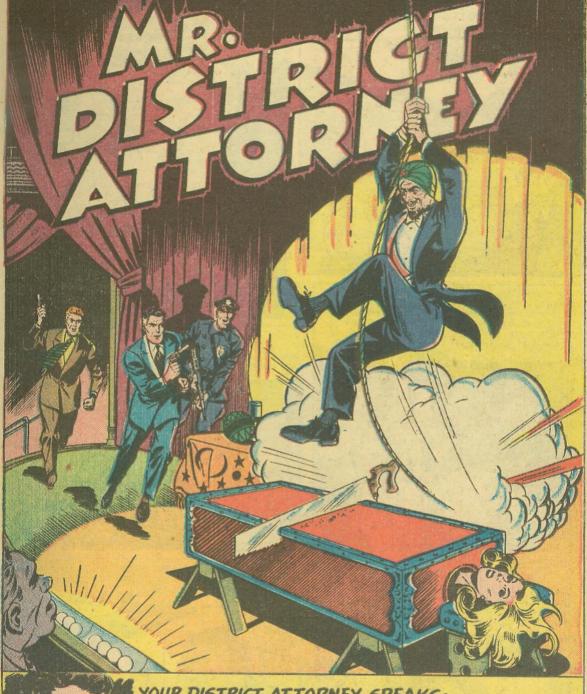














WE HAVE FOUND THAT A CRIMINAL IS NOT NECESSARILY THE FAMILIAR, HARD-FACED THUG TYPE. HE CAN ALSO BE SMOOTH, WELL EDUCATED AND TRAINED AT A GIVEN PROFESSION -- WHICH MAKES HIM EVEN MORE DANGEROUS! IN THIS POLICE-FILE CASE, THE SUBJECT WAS A DISHONOR TO HIS TRADE -- THE VERY FINE SOCIETY OF MAGICIANS! THIS IS, AS MISS MILLER WELL TERMED IT....

the vanishing crook!

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THE CHIEF SAID THIS CASE WAS A JOB FOR ME, ESPECIALLY FOR ME, SO I TOOK IT, LET'S SEE, THE BEGINNING DATES BACK TO LAST SEPTEMBER ...

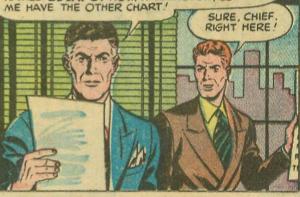


"THE CHIEF CALLED HARRINGTON AND ME IN TO DISCUSS A SERIES OF COUNTRY-WIDE CRIMES..."

CLEVELAND - NEW ORLEANS - PHILADELPHIA-TUCSON! ALL REPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF A SINGLE CRIMINAL!



THOUGH THE CRIMINAL'S IDENTITY IS UNKNOWN, THE POLICE STRONGLY SUSPECT A CERTAIN MAGICIAN NAMED ESCAPO. NOW, HARRINGTON, LET



AN UNDERWORLD FENCE, UNDER QUESTIONING,
ADMITTED THAT ESCAPO TURNED IN
STOLEN LOOT! ALSO, HE "HAPPENED"
TO BE PLAYING IN THE CITIES WHEN
THE CRIMES WERE COMMITTED!
ESCAPO IS OUR MAN, NO DOUBT!
SO FAR
SO GOOD,
CHIEF! BUT WE
NEED MORE
EVIDENCE THAN THAT
FOR A CONVICTION!









"IT WAS ARRANGED THAT I WOULD ATTEND ESCAPOS PERFORMANCES. I WAS TO OBSERVE HIS EVERY TRICK -- AND TRY TO MEET HIM PERSONALLY..."



"I FOUND OUT AT ONCE THAT IF ESCAPO'S CRIMES WERE AS CLEVER AS HIS STAGE TRICKS, HE WAS GOING TO BE A HARD CHARACTER TO BEAT. EVER SEE HIM PERFORM THE ORANGE TREE STUNT?...



\*CORRECT! THERE WAS AN ORANGE TREE --COMPLETE WITH ORANGES -- APPEARING OUT OF A CLOUD OF SMOKE ... "



NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, I WENT TO THE THEATER, WAITING FOR MY FIRST BREAK. MEANWHILE, TWO HOMES WERE ROBBED AND SOME FORGED CHECKS WERE PASSED - BUT I STILL HAD NO LEAD..."

THIS IS THE FAMED PILLORY -- OR STOCK -- OF THE MIDDLE AGES! PEOPLE WERE LOCKED IN THESE CONTRAPTIONS FOR COMMITTING MISDEEDS, AND THERE WAS NO ESCAPE! BUT OBSERVE...



THERE WAS A MUFFLED EXPLOSION, AGAIN THE PUFF OF SMOKE -- AND, WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARED IN A BRIEF INSTANT, ESCAPO WAS GONE!.."



"THEN, NEAR THE END OF THE SHOW ON SEPT. 25TH, I GOT MY LONG-AWAITED CHANCE. I WAS SEATED IN THE FRONT ROW, WHEN..."



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I'LL COME TOO

"THOSE BOYS -- ALL EX - ARMY BOYS-WERE ASKED TO EXAMINE THE BULLETS, TO SEE THEY WEREN'T BLANKS ...

IF THESE AIN'T THEY'RE THE REAL THING, ALL RIGHT!

I NEVER SEEN ONE! FINE -- AND NOW ...

"THEN I WAS TOLD TO STAND AGAINST THE WALL AT THE FAR END OF THE STAGE..."

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN .- THE GREATEST STUNT OF THEM ALL! THE FAMED
FIRING SQUAD STUNT, IN WHICH
THREE EXPERT RIFLEMEN FIRE REAL
BULLETS AT A PERSON -- WITHOUT
DOING HER BODILY HARM!





"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED EXACTLY, BUT I STEPPED ASIDE UNHARMED ...

YOU SEE-BULLET HOLES IN THE WOOD **BEHIND** HER--BUT SHE STANDS

MOST MIRACULOUS! AMAZING TRICK I'VE HOW'D HE DO IT? EVER SEEN!



I NEVER LEARNED THE EXPLANATION FOR THE

"WHAT HAPPENED NEXT WAS TOO GOOD TO BELIEVE! BUT IT PAID OFF FOR ALL THE NIGHTS I HAD WAITED FOR A BREAK ... "

I'VE CONSIDERED YOUR REQUEST I'M FOR A JOB WITH ME. YOU WERE MARVELOUS -- SO CALM-SO UNAFRAID! I WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE! THRILLED ESCAPO! AND I NEED



















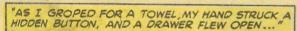






"OF COURSE, THESE 'MIND-READINGS' WERE ACTUALLY SIMPLE CODE TRICKS! BUT NOT SO SIMPLE CRIMES LAY BEHIND THEM, AS I WAS TO LEARN! THEN ONE NIGHT I GOT POWDER IN MY EYES AT THE MAKE-UP TABLE..."





JEWELS! ESCAPO HAS STOLEN THEM DURING THE GEM TRICK WHILE HE USES SLEIGHT-OF- HAND TO SLIP IMITATIONS BACK TO THE OWNERS! "THE FREAK DISCOVERY OF THE GEMS SPURRED ME ON. I SEARCHED FRANTICALLY FOR OTHER GLUES ..."

NOW WHY WOULD HE WANT
THEM TO ADD THEIR SIGNATURES
TO THE WRITING ON THE SLATE?

UMM ... MAYBE THIS THING

COMES APART...

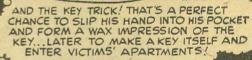
## "THE SLATE DID COME APART, AND INSIDE I SAW..."

CARDBOARD UNDERNEATH, COVERED WITH WAX! WHEN YOU WRITE ON THE SLATE, IT LEAVES AN IMPRESSION IN THE WAX! ESCAPO THEN MAKES FORGERIES FROM THE SIGNATURES!

Where was parent?

Last summer?

June 19 Barnes













"JUST BEFORE GOING ON-STAGE, I HAD A BRIEF MOMENT TO SPARE. I DIALED THE CHIEF. THEN ..."



"I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN -- BUT I HAD MADE A BIG SLIP! I HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE CONCEALED WIRING IN THE TURBAN! ESCAPO WAS HEARING EVERY WORD I SAID..."



50! MY FAIR ASSISTANT IS, IN REALITY, A SPY FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY! AND SHE HAS EVIDENCE FOR HIM, EH? BY THUNDER, SHE'LL BE DEAD BEFORE SHE CAN SQUEAL ON ME!



"AS WE WENT THROUGH THE ACT, I NEVER DREAMED ESCAPO HAD FOUND ME OUT -- AND WAS PLOTTING MURDER ..."



"THEN CAME THE FINALS OF THE EVENING - WHEN I WAS TO BE THE HUMAN TARGET ...."















"THE TWO 'RIFLEMEN' SUDDENLY REVEALED THEIR IDENTITIES -- THEY WERE THE CHIEF AND GOOD OLD HARRINGTON ..."

YEAH -- ONLY WE

WE WERE JUST IN TIME, HARRINGTON! ESCAPO SUBSTITUTED REAL BULLETS FOR HIS USUAL TRICK SHELLS! YEAH -- ONLY WE SLIPPED BLANKS INTO THE RIFLES! ATTEMPTED MURDER IS ANOTHER RAP. ESCAPO!

















WHAT A BUBBLE!









































































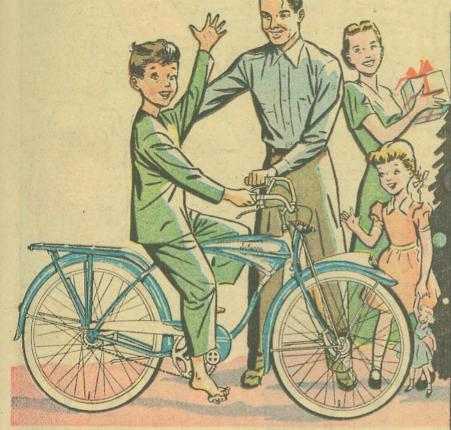






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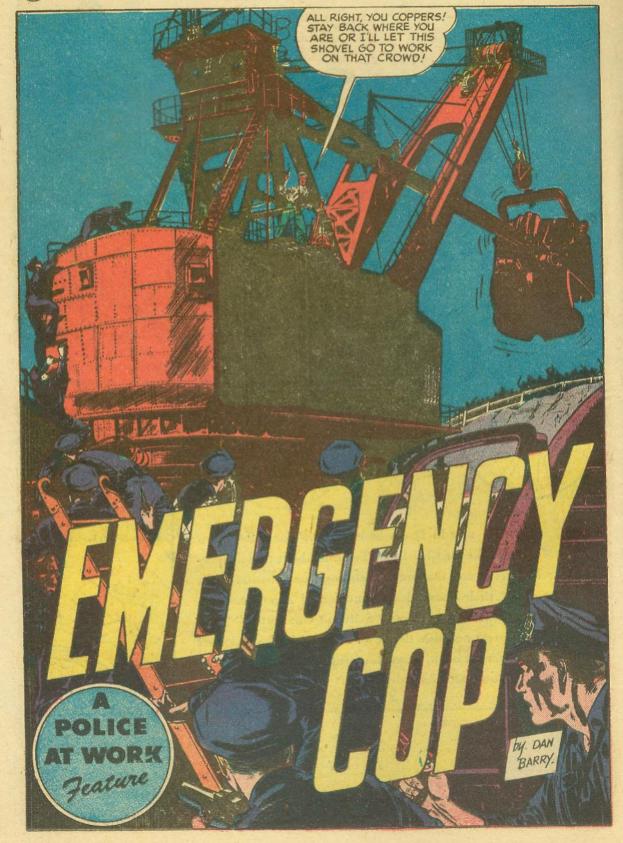


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BIG CITIES PATTERN THEIR EMERGENCY SQUADS AFTER THE HIGHLY EFFICIENT EMERGENCY SERVICE DIVISION OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT. WITH ITS 622 SKILLED MEMBERS, 20 EMERGENCY SQUADS AND AUXILIARIES OF PLANES, LAUNCHES, CRASH BOATS AND OTHER LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT, IT HAS ESTABLISHED AN ENVIABLE RECORD.

WHILE MOST POLICE WORK
INVOLVES THE APPREHENSION
OF LAWBREAKERS, THE
EMERGENCY COP IS ONLY
MILDLY CONCERNED WITH CRIME...
BUT HIS LITTLE-KNOWN ACTIVITIES
IN PROTECTING HONEST
CITIZENS FREQUENTLY BRING HIM
IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH
HARDENED CRIMINALS. HERE IS
THE INSIDE STORY OF JUST
SUCHA CASE, TAKEN FROM
THE FILES OF ONE BIG
CITY'S EMERGENCY SQUAD!

SHIELD NUMBER 47324 -JEFF RAMSEY TO FAMILY
AND FRIENDS -- THAT'S
ME! A CAT HAS ONLY NINE
LIVES, BUT WE ON POLICE
EMERGENCY SOMETIMES
USE NINE A YEAR! AND
I'VE BEEN WITH THE
SQUAD FIVE YEARS!



"AN APPLICANT FOR THE EMERGENCY DIVISION, FIRST, MUST HAVE AN EXCELLENT RECORD AS A COP FOR TWO YEARS..."







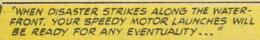
YOUR DUTIES WILL BE
RESPONDING TO HUNDREDS
OF EMERGENCY CALLS EVERY
MONTH TO RESCUE THE
TRAPPED, SUCCOR THE MAIMED
AND PREVENT DEATH FROM
ACCIDENTS AND
DISASTERS













THE TIME ELEMENT IS IS IMPORTANT. SECONDS SOMETIMES WILL MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!

SO I WAS READY, WILLING AND ABLE . MY FIRST MONTH WAS TYPICAL OF THE MONTHS TO



"OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS ARE COMMON. ON THE 16TH A BREWERY WORKER FELL INTO A VAT AND NEARLY DROWNED..."

FIRST, GEORGE V. HOLMDAHL, A CARELESS COMMUTER, FELL IN FRONT OF A DOWN -TOWN SUBWAY TRAIN DURING THE RUSH HOUR ON THE 12TH.



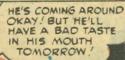
"EMERGENCY TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH 350 RESCUE DEVICES WILL ENABLE YOU TO REACH ANY SECTION OF THE CITY WITHIN MINUTES ... "

EASY, JEFF! WE DON'T WANT TO SHORT THE THIRD RAIL AND TIE UP THE ENTIRE SYSTEM AWAY.

OKAY

LOWER

FAST TEAM WORK AND VITAL EQUIPMENT SAVED THE MAN'S LIFE ALTHOUGH HIS INJURY NECESSITATED AMPUTATION OF HIS LEFT LEG ...

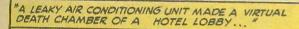












I SHUT OFF THE MAIN SUPPLY VALVE IN TIME, LIEUTENANT.

GOOD! WE'LL SPRAY THE LOBBY WITH HYDROCHLORIC ACID AND WATER TO NEUTRALIZE THE DEADLY FUMES .



YES, SIR, NEVER A DULL MOMENT WHEN YOU'RE AN EMERGENCY COP! ALTHOUGH WE'RE ONLY REMOTELY CONCERNED WITH CRIME, FREQUENTLY WE TACKLE HARDENED CRIMINALS.

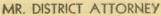


TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, THE AFTERNOON OF SEPT. 24, AT EXACTLY TWO O'CLOCK ..."

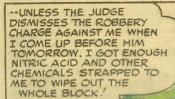
EMERGENCY DIVISION ... WHAT? A HUMAN BOMB? JUDGE FOGARTY'S CHAMBER IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE BUILDING ... YES, IMMEDIATELY! ETOTERGENC VISION













HE SAYS HE'S JOE GRUNELL'S A GRUNELL-RECENTLY PROFESSIONAL ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF SAFEBLOWER AND AN EXPERT AIDING SOME PAYROLL IN HANDLING HE'S CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT HIS THREAT HUACKERS HE'S OUT ON BAIL .



WHILE WE TRY TO STALL "THE BOMB" GET SOME BOYS AND EVACUATE THIS BUILDING. ANYTHING IS LIABLE TO





KEEP BACK, COPPERS TAKE ONE STEP AND IT'LL BE YOUR LAST! WE'LL ALL GO UP!



MEANTIME, WORD OF THE IMPENDING EXPLOSION REACHED THE STREET ALARMED PEDESTRIANS WERE CREATING A
RIOT IN THEIR FRANTIC
EFFORT TO FLEE..." LET ME THROUGH !-MY DAUGHTER WORKS IN THAT BUILDING. SHE'LL BE KILLED!

EVERYBODY STEVENS, IS BEING BRING A RESUSCI-TATOR! MISTER ANOTHER

HEART CASE!















"MEANTIME, THE LIEUTENANT TOLD ME TO PHONE HEAD. QUARTERS FOR MORE REINFORCEMENTS..."

SEND EVERY AVAILABLE MAN! AND INCIDENTALLY, DID YOU TRACE THE ORIGINAL EMERGENCY CALL?





























"HARMON, THE EX-HUMAN FLY, IMPERSONATED GRUNELL, THE UNDERWORLD CHEMIST. HIS PALS ALMOST STOLE \$13,784 IN PROBATION FINES..."

HE FIGURED EVEN IF HE WERE CAUGHT HE WOULDN'T BE LINKED WITH THE ROBBERY AND HE'D GET OFF WITH A LIGHT SENTENCE FOR A PUBLICITY- SEEKING STUNT!



"HARMON KNEW HOW THE EMERGENCY SQUAD OPERATES TO INSURE THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY. BUT HE SHOULDN'T HAVE PHONED FOR THE SQUAD BEFORE HAVING ENTERED THE BUILDING!"

THREE MEN ARRESTED FOR
THEFT - ALL CONVICTED!
EIGHT FAINTINGS - ALL
REVIVED! FOUR HEART
ATTACKS - ONE FATAL!
JUST ANOTHER DAY IN
THE LIFE OF AN
EMERGENCY COP!









# THE CRIME FILE

#### SALUTE TO SLEUTHS

Number One Hero of America today is the detective. More than 50,000,000 people are avid detective fiction fans, who last year read 300 novels of mystery and sleuthing. Moreover, 150 titles of the pocket-type reprint of detection and crime were gulped up by 40,000,000 readers. In addition, more than a dozen crime fact and fiction magazines reach into millions of homes each month. Indisputable idol of motion picture and radio, too, is the detective, whose success has rocketed him to new spheres of importance.

Although The Eye, as he has been nicknamed, is a breezy, cynical hero with romantic inclinations and swift-slugging fists, as depicted by radio, Hollywood and the printed word, the fact of the matter is that in real life he is a conservative, intelligent, and industrious person who pursues his job with the reason and

precision of any businessman.

A composite picture of the 25,000 private detectives and 25,000 city, state and Federal operatives would present a man 36 years old, weighing 158 pounds, measuring five feet, eight inches tall, clean shaven, with dark hair and eyes. He is married, the father of two children, and lives in a suburban home.

His average height and weight, combined with his ordinary appearance, enable him to make a good shadow, a duty he is often called to perform. Tall or short men are too conspicuous for sleuthing. To avoid recognition by his quarry whom he might track for a period of time, the detective merely changes his wardrobe daily, scorning the disguises so dear to the movie fans' hearts.

Where and how the word sleuth originated, is a matter of conjecture, but most authorities attribute it to a New York publisher, who

sought an appealing name to offer the reading public.

Issuing a series of cheap detective novels, he named his hero Old Sleuth. So overwhelming was the nation's response to this lovable character that sleuth was adopted as another definition for detective. Publisher Munro had the foresight to register his coined word. For years, business rivals tried to break the copyright but to no avail. It finally came into the public domain after the time specified by law.

How the word, Eye, became synonymous with detective makes another interesting but simpler story. Years ago, a painting of a human eye, bearing the inscription, "We Never Sleep," was the trade-mark of the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Police circles soon began to refer to an agency operative as an "Eye." The term stuck, despite a new trade-mark, which was later adopted by the agency.

Today, "The Eyes," both private and government, are enjoying their widest popularity. Fiction, radio, and movie writers are capitalizing on the public's admiration for the detective.

#### IMMORTAL MURDER

In August of each year, citizens of Deadwood, South Dakota, recall the perilous pioneer days with a pageant entitled, "The Days of '76." This production is composed of vivid reenactments of famous frontier episodes which took place in that city.

Of all the scenes in this revival, the most popular is the fatal shooting of Wild Bill Hickok, and the subsequent trial and execution of his murderer, Jack McCall.

#### STOLEN GOODS

During one 30-day period, police of various cities reported the following articles either stolen or missing:

A set of false teeth, filched from the mouth of a sleeping railroad passenger; 265 shoes, all for the left foot; twin bronze mausoleum doors, a wooden porch, four tombstones, 35 feet of wire fence, a Revolutionary War cannon, 150 horse buggy whips, a brick chimney, the anchor of a cargo vessel while it lay in drydock, 90 tortoise shell eyeglass frames, 120 false eyeballs, a carton of imitation pearl shirt buttons, and \$1,000,000,000—in phoney stage money!

#### UNSINKABLE CORPSE

The precinct regarded it as "The Case of the Capsized Captain Who Wouldn't Sink" or "Down to the Sea in Stiffs" in a lighter mood. Police had recovered the floating corpse and were trying to solve the mysterious slaying when a stranger appeared and eagerly confessed to the murder.

It seems there had been an exchange of heated words between the captain and the first mate, which was punctuated by the mate's brutal attack of his senior officer. On examination, the captain proved to be dead.

Under cover of a leaden sky, the mate dragged the corpse from the cabin, weighted it down with a winch and anchor, and pushed it overboard. The last he saw of the body, it was plunging plummet-like to the bed of the sea. Yet, next morning, when he awakened and emerged on deck, the body was floating alongside the craft.

Terrorized by the strange reappearance of the corpse, the killer fled to confess to the police.

### **BLUEPRINTS FOR BURGLARS**

The tenant of a luxurious apartment on New York's Park Avenue, who was known to keep his cash in a well-concealed safe, was horrified, on arriving one evening to find that his rooms had been burgled. Frantically, he pressed a button, which moved a panel of the wall and disclosed an untouched safe. Considerably relieved, he fingered the button again, which restored the wall panel to its former position.

Next evening when he returned, the secret panel was flung wide open and the safe's door wrenched from its hinges. The safe's contents, of course, were gone. The victim was perplexed by the thief's knowledge of the safe's location, until police revealed the familiar trick: a thief feigns robbery, hides while his victim arrives and unwittingly reveals where his hoarded gems might be.

### HELLO, MA

Personal greetings are not permitted on New York City's police radio except at Christmastime when the good wishes of the mayor of the city are conveyed, reads an anecdote in Isn't It a Crime, the crime quiz best-seller. Naturally, no commercial announcements a ever allowed.

But, like every rule, this, too, had its exceptions—and one such occurred when a description of a stolen truck was broadcast. In describing the truck, it was necessary to report that the sign painted on its side, said:

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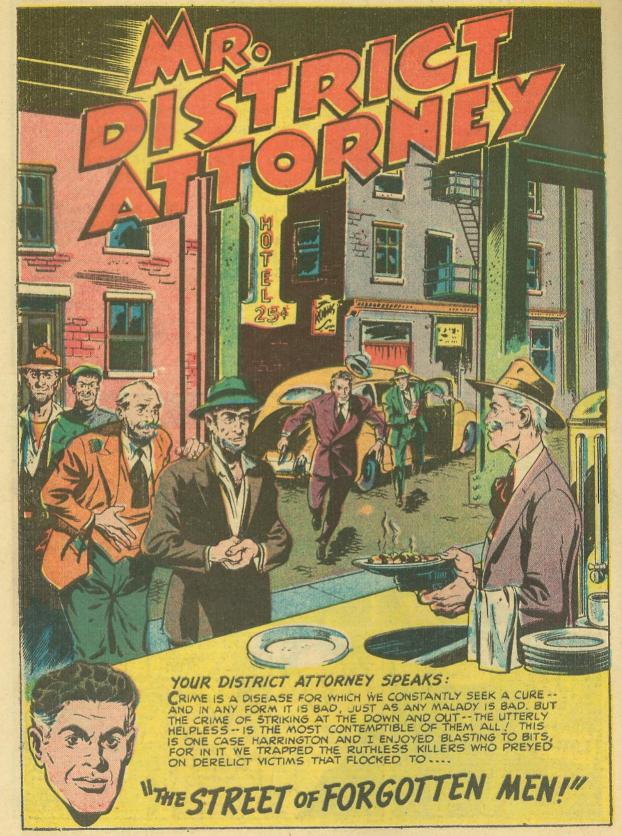
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LATER ...

EVERYTHING POINTED TO THE FACT THAT GIMPY MALONE WAS DEAD! BUT TO THE D.A THERE WAS ONE FALSE NOTE.

THE SHOES THE DEAD MAN WAS WEARING WERE ON THE CHEAP SIDE, HARRINGTON DOESN'T THAT STRIKE YOU AS ODD ?



IT SURE DOES, HMPH! WE'LL CHIEF! IF OF INFORMATION AND NOT FORGET ANYTHING IT, HARRINGTON! MALONE FOR THE TIME WENT IN BEING, HOWEVER, I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO ASSUME FOR, IT WAS HIGH PRICED SHOES! THAT MALONE IS DEAD ...











AFTER DROPPING GIMPY, CARMICHAEL DROVE TO THE SOUP KITCHEN TO GIVE SPANGLER HIS 50% CUT. AS HE ENTERED, A YOUNG MAN EXITED. CARMICHAEL DIDN'T ESPECIALLY NOTICE HIM...



CHEAP SHOES WERE SPANGLER'S FIRST
MISTAKE, THAT YOUNG MAN WAS
HIS SECOND...

YOU SAY YOU'RE AN AND IT WASN'T
YOU WENT TO
SPANGLER'S SOUP
KITCHEN FOR A
STORY. YES-GO ON...

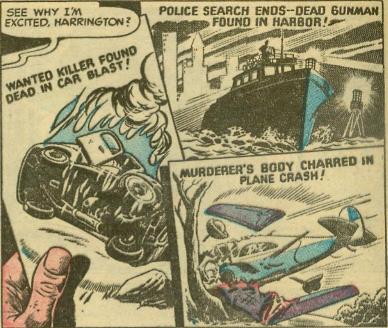












FOR MONTHS NOW,
EVERY TIME WE
LIST A CRIMINAL
ON THE WANTED
POSTERS -- HE
SUDDENLY TURNS
UP DEAD!

YEAH, BUT YOU DIDN'T
GET EXCITED ABOUT
THAT BEFORE! ONLY
WHEN THIS ARTICLE
WRITER COMES IN WITH
HIS STORY ABOUT
SPANGLER --

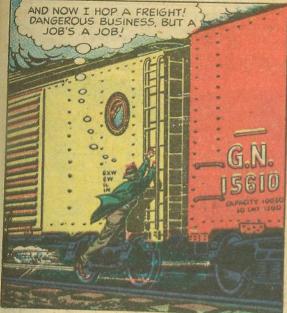












ONCE ABOARD, HARRINGTON SOON MADE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF OTHER PASSENGERS.

HOW LONG YA BEEN ON THE ROAD, MAC?

OH--I GUESS I BEEN RIDIN' THE RODS ABOUT SIX YEARS! I'VE TAGGED EVERY LINE FROM THE SANTA FE TO THE L AND N!



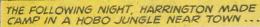














LIKE THE OTHER "KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD,"
HARRINGTON SLEPT ON A PINE NEEDLE BED,
WITH HIS COAT AS A BLANKET...



THE NEXT DAY, HARRINGTON WENT THROUGH THE ROUTINE -- FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION FOR A JOB, BATHED, ATE A GOOD MEAL, AND EMAILY.

JORGENSON IS YOUR NAME, I SEE! WELL, JORGENSON, I BELIEVE I'VE LINED UP A JOB FOR YOU AS A GARDENER ...ER...





#### A SHORT TIME LATER ...

YOU WAS RIGHT, FLASH! WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED-BY THE D. A. HISSELF! AN' HE'S ALONE! SO THE D.A. HAS BEEN TRAILIN' THIS GUY! OKAY-DRIVE TO THAT EMPTY FLAT ON BAKER STREET!



THE D.A., UNAWARE OF THE CROOKS' PLANS, FOLLOWED THE CAR TO THE HOUSE ON BAKER STREET. THEN, IN THE DARK, HE CAUTIOUSLY CLIMBED THE STAIRS....







A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE D. A. WAS TRUSSED AND PLACED BESIDE HARRINGTON ...

WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR TIE-IN RACKET WITH SPANGLER CARMICHAEL!
YOU'LL PAY FOR WHAT
YOU'VE DONE TO THOSE
POOR FELLOWS!

YEAH ? ONLY YOU'RE NOT GONNA MAKE US PAY -- NOT NOW ! WE'RE LEAVING -- AN' WE'RE PLANTING A IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES!



THIS PLACE'LL BURN TO A CRISP--AN'-HEY! DON'T GO INCHING TOWARD
THAT PHONE! HAM .. BETTER
TEAR IT OUT ALTOGETHER!



IT WAS LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR LATER WHEN THE RING LEADERS OF THE GANG MET AT SPANGLER'S FOR A "VICTORY" CELEBRATION ...



BUT THE DOOR SUDDENLY BURST OPEN, AND THERE, IN A BLAZE OF CRASHING GUNFIRE STOOD THE D.A. AND HARRINGTON -- VERY MUCH ALIVE! ..



ALL RIGHT -- WE TAKE THEM, BOYS! COME ALONG, SPANGLER -- WE'VE GOT A SOUP-KITCHEN WAITING FOR YOU -- IN PRISON! GIVE UP, COPPERS!

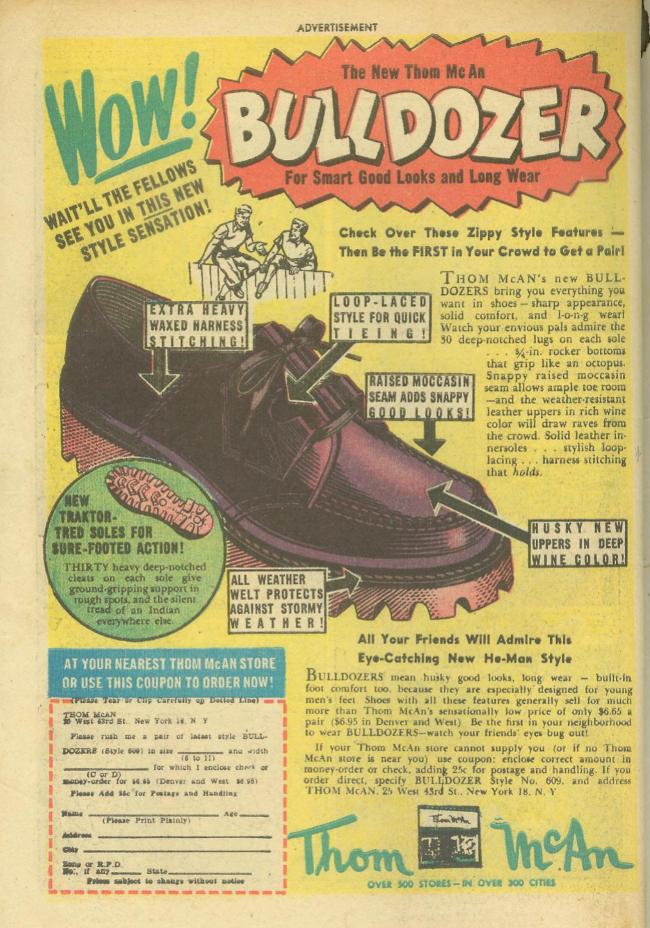


AFTERWARDS ... THAT WAS A CORKER YOU PULLED, CHIEF ... MAKING SUCH AN OBVIOUS MOVE TO GET NEAR THE PHONE!

YES! I FIGURED
CARMICHAEL WOULD
SEE ME--AND RIP THE
PHONE OUT! AS USUAL
THE CUT LINE REGISTERED
AT ONCE AT THE TELEPHONE
OFFICE -- AND AN EMERGENCY
CREW REACHED US IN TIME!



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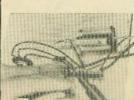
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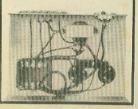
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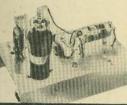
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