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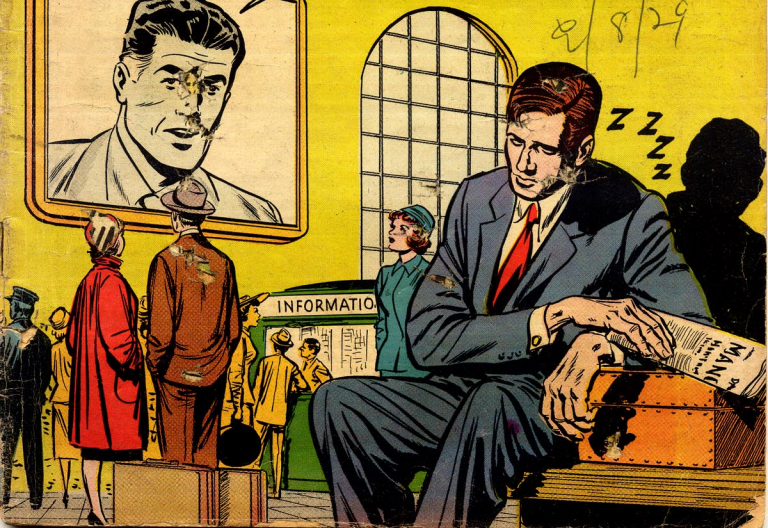


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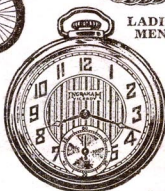
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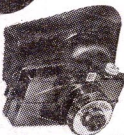
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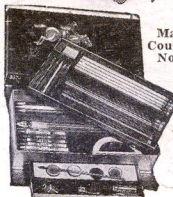
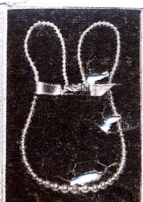
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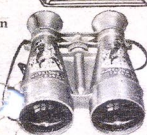
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# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

IN MY DUTIES AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I HAVE BEEN THRUST INTO MANY SITUATIONS IN UPHOLDING THE LAW AND METING OUT JUSTICE! BUT NO CASE HAS BEEN MORE SURPRISING THAN THE ONE I REVEAL HERE-- WHERE A BORDER-CROSSING CRIMINAL GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MY UNFORGETTABLE...

## MAN-HUNT WITH THE MOUNTIES



LAST APRIL 12th, I WAS DEMONSTRATING OUR POLICE METHODS TO CANADIAN MOUNTIES IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA...

OUR NEW TYPE BULLETPROOF VEST IS LIGHTWEIGHT, STRONG AND INEXPENSIVE...

EXCELLENT! NOT A BULLET PUNCTURED IT!

I'VE BEEN MOST INTERESTING, MR. D.A. AND WE'RE MIGHTY ANXIOUS TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THE CRIMINAL DETECTION METHODS OF THE CANADIAN MOUNTIES! I'LL BE MIGHTY INTERESTED TO SEE THEM, CAPTAIN!



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MEANWHILE, I WAS UNAWARE OF THE STARTLING ACTION THAT WAS TAKING PLACE IN THE STATES IN MY OWN DISTRICT...

IT WAS A CRUEL BLOW... DR. HANSON PASSING AWAY JUST AS HE FELT HE HAD FINALLY FOUND A VACCINE THAT MIGHT HELP CURE THE COMMON COLD!

HE WAS A GREAT MAN! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN WE'VE TURNED HIS VACCINE OVER TO THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AS THEY REQUESTED! WE CAN'T LOCATE HIS FORMULA!

A-A THIEF! GREAT SCOTT! HE SMASHED OPEN THE DOCTOR'S SAFE!

HE'S GOT THE VACCINE! CALL THE POLICE!

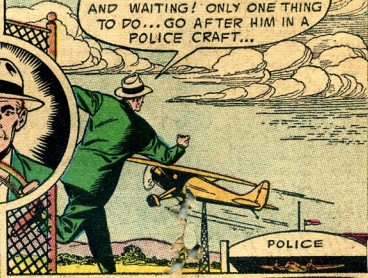
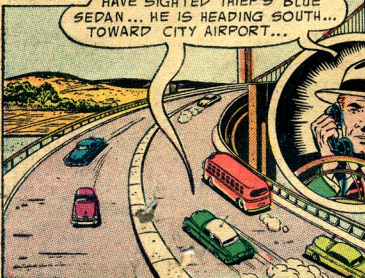


THE LAB TECHNICIANS SAW THE THIEF ESCAPE IN A CAR. FORTUNATELY, HARRINGTON WAS NEARBY...

HAVE SIGHTED THIEF'S BLUE SEDAN... HE IS HEADING SOUTH... TOWARD CITY AIRPORT...

AS HARRINGTON RACED UP TO THE AIRPORT...

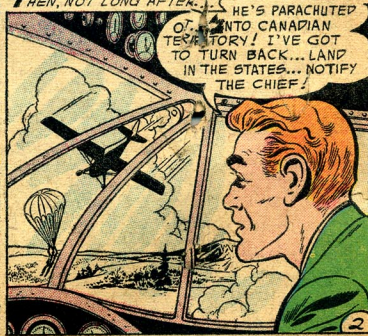
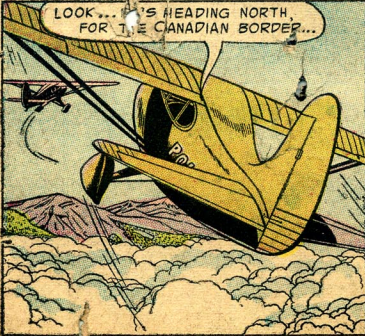
HE HAD A PLANE... GASSED AND WAITING! ONLY ONE THING TO DO... GO AFTER HIM IN A POLICE CRAFT...



LOOK... HE'S HEADING NORTH, FOR THE CANADIAN BORDER...

THEN, NOT LONG AFTER...

HE'S PARACHUTED OFF INTO CANADIAN TERRITORY! I'VE GOT TO TURN BACK... LAND IN THE STATES... NOTIFY THE CHIEF!





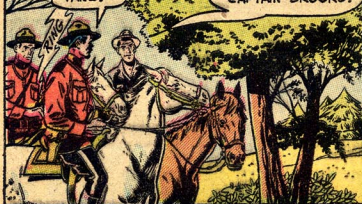
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I WAS ON A PATROL DEMONSTRATION WITH THE MOUNTIES LATER WHEN THE FIELD PHONE JANGLED...

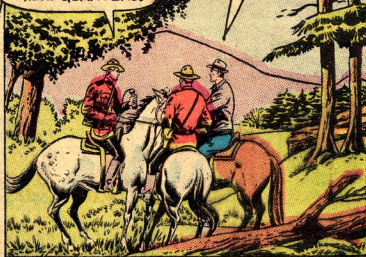
WE CAN READ OUR FOREST TRAILS AS EASILY AS YOU IDENTIFY YOUR CITY STREETS, MR. D.A.! WE KNOW EACH ONE A FUGITIVE MIGHT TAKE!

A CITY CRIMINAL WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH CHANCE ELUDING YOU IN THIS TERRAIN, CAPTAIN BROOKS!



IT'S FOR YOU, MR. D.A.! AN EMERGENCY CALL FROM YOUR ASSISTANT, HARRINGTON! THEY'RE RELAYING IT OVER FROM HEADQUARTERS!

HARRINGTON!



IT WAS THEN THAT I RECEIVED THE GRIM INFORMATION OF THE VACCINE THEFT... AND NOW HE'S

... THAT'S RIGHT, CHIEF! HE WAS MASKED LIKE THE THIEF WHO ELUDED YOU LAST MONTH!

STOLEN A VACCINE THAT MAY BE VITAL TO THE WORLD!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE! I NEVER SAW HIS FACE. MY ONLY CLUE IS HIS VOICE! HE CRIED OUT: "BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!" WHEN HE ELUDED ME LAST TIME!



I'LL HAVE TO ASK THE MOUNTIES FOR HELP WHERE DID HE BAIL OUT?

LET'S SEE... ABOUT THREE MILES NORTH-NORTH-WEST ACROSS THE BORDER AT CARBON, CHIEF!

REALLY, IF HE BAILED OUT WHERE HARRINGTON SAYS, WE CAN BOTTLE HIM UP IN A 20-SQUARE MILE POCKET FROM THIS POINT!

SINCE I'M OUT OF MY JURISDICTION, I CAN'T PURSUE HIM--

OH, YES, YOU CAN, MR. D.A., I HAVE AUTHORITY TO DERUTIZE YOU INTO TEMPORARY SERVICE FOR THIS CASE!



THUS DID MY UNFORGETTABLE CASE WITH THE FAMED CANADIAN MOUNTIES BEGIN! LATER, AFTER I HAD DONNED ONE OF THEIR UNIFORMS...

SINCE THE THIEF REALIZES YOU KNOW HIS VOICE, D.A., THIS DISGUISE MAY PROMPT HIM TO SPEAK!

I'M PROUD TO WEAR IT, CAPTAIN! BY THE WAY, I JUST RECEIVED A WIRE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MY STATE...

I'M INFORMED, DR. HANSON'S VACCINE WOULD BE RUINED IF EXPOSED TO HEAT!

PLEASE, IF YOU SHOULD APPREHEND THIS MAN, KEEP THE VACCINE IN A COOL SPOT!

WE'LL BE CAREFUL OF THAT, D.A.! NOW, LET'S PLAN OUR STRATEGY...

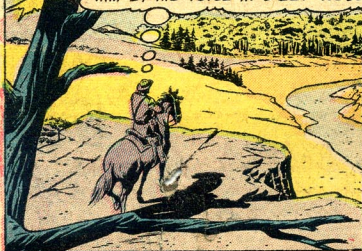
WE'LL CLOSE IN FROM NORTH, EAST AND WEST, D.A., COMB THE TRAILS AND PICK UP SUSPECTS! THEN, WE CAN RENDEZVOUS AT DEEP WOODS WHERE YOU CAN CHECK ANY NEW ARRIVALS!

BETWEEN US, WE'LL HAVE A TIGHT NET, CAPTAIN BROOKS!



SHORTLY, I TOOK OFF FOR DEEP WOODS...

IF HE SLIPS THROUGH THE MOUNTIE RING, I'LL BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE HIM BY HIS VOICE IN DEEP WOODS.



MEANWHILE, THE MOUNTIES WERE MAKING GOOD USE OF THEIR FOREST KNOW-HOW...

HOLD UP!



SOMEONE ENTERED THE TRAIL HERE. HE BROKE THE BRANCH WITH HIS FOOT, AND FROM HIS FOOTPRINT IN THE DAMP GROUND, HE'S DEFINITELY AN ADULT!

AND THE TRAIL RUNS EAST TOWARD DEEP WOODS... LET'S GO!



UNAWARE OF THEIR CLUE, I WAS LOOKING FOR A "VOICE"...

EXCUSE ME, MISTER... MIND TELLING ME YOUR BUSINESS IN TOWN?

SURE THING, MOUNTIE! I OWN THE TRADING STORE IN DEEP WOODS.

AND I'M VISITING FROM MONTREAL... DOING SOME HUNTING!





NEITHER OF THEM HAD THE VOICE OF MY MAN,  
AND FROM WHAT I KNOW OF THE NORTH WOODS  
THOSE TWO LOOK LIKE REAL HUNTERS...

HOUR AFTER HOUR, I SCoured THE TOWN...

I WORK HERE  
FIVE YEARS, IN  
ZE LUMBER  
COMPANY OVER  
ZERE!

IF YOU NOTICE ANY  
STRANGERS IN TOWN,  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW...  
I'LL BE HERE FOR  
AWHILE!



NO, MOUNTIE, ZE  
STRANGERS ZEY DO NOT  
OFTEN COME TO **DEEP**  
**WOODS**. I HAVE HIRED  
NO NEW MEN TODAY!

I SEE...

AT DUSK, AS THE TIME FOR MY RENDEZVOUS  
WITH THE MOUNTIES ARRIVED...

D.A.! WE FOUND A TRAIL  
LEADING TOWARD TOWN...  
IT MAY BE YOUR MAN!

BUT SO  
FAR I HAVEN'T  
RUN ACROSS A  
SUSPICIOUS  
PERSON!



THE CAPTAIN REASONED OUR QUARRY MIGHT  
HAVE SLIPPED OFF THE TRAIL! WE DECIDED  
TO SKIRT THE TOWN...

CAPTAIN, I'LL  
QUESTION THAT HUNTER  
OVER THERE...

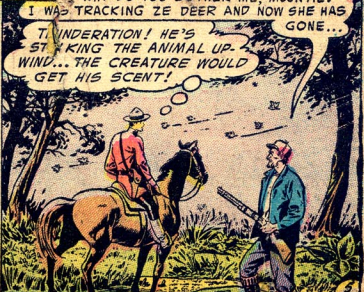
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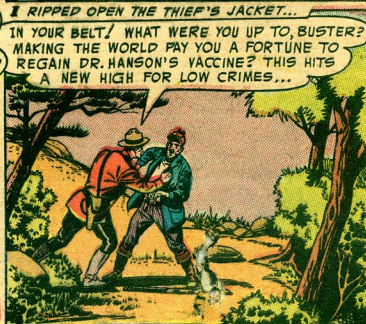
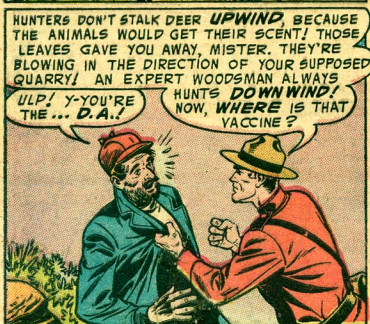
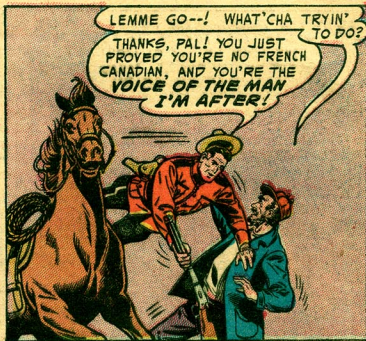
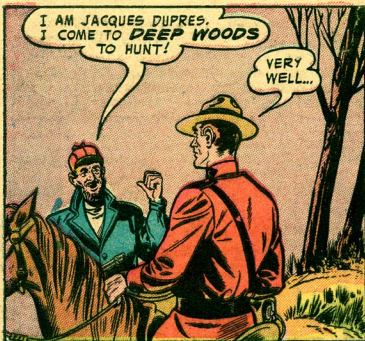


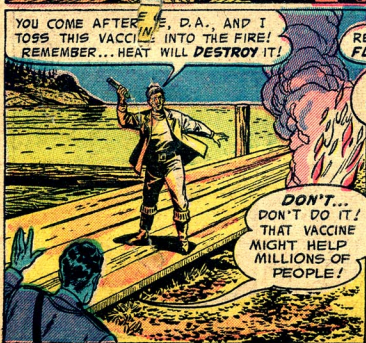
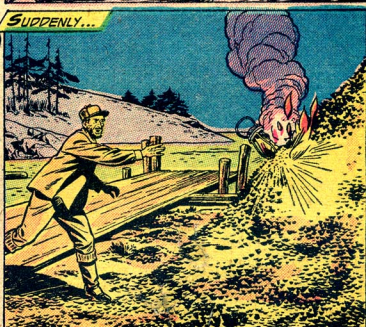
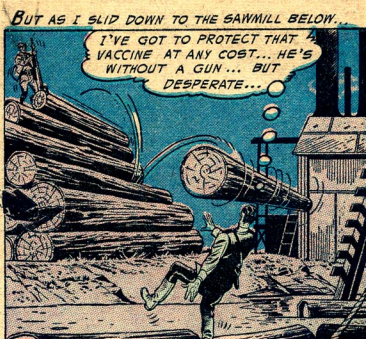
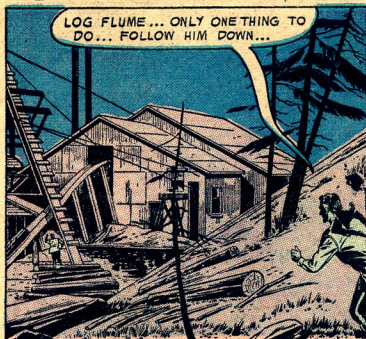
BUT AS I THOUGHT TO IDENTIFY THE MAN'S  
VOICE...

WHY DO YOU BOTHER ME, MOUNTIE?  
I WAS TRACKING ZE DEER AND NOW SHE HAS  
GONE...

T. I'NDERATION! HE'S  
ST. KINKING THE ANIMAL UP-  
WIND... THE CREATURE WOULD  
GET HIS SCENT!





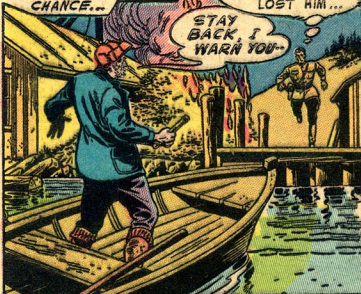


AS HE PREPARED TO SHOVE OFF, I SAW MY FINAL CHANCE...

ONCE HE DRIFTS DOWNSTREAM, I'VE LOST HIM...

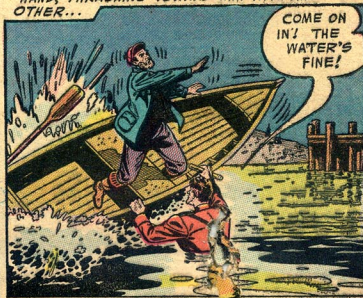
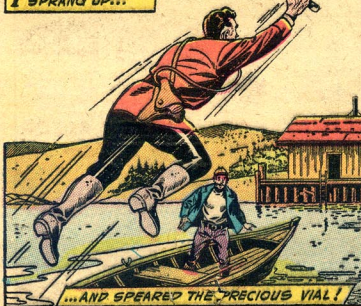
I TOLD YOU, D.A.!

NOW... GOT TO MAKE IT...



I SPRANG UP...

I STRUCK THE WATER, CLUTCHING IT IN ONE HAND, THRASHING TOWARD HIM WITH THE OTHER...

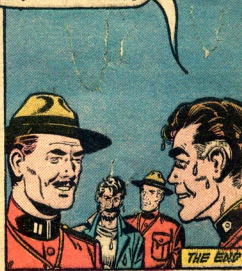


NOW TO POCKET THIS VIAL, LEAVING ME TWO HANDS TO DEAL WITH YOU!

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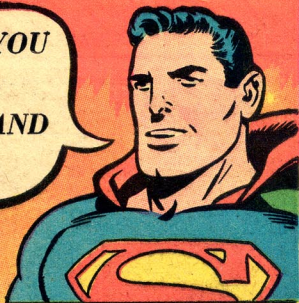
EASY DOES IT, D.A.! WHEW! THAT WAS SOME SHOW YOU PUT UP!

IT WAS SOME SHOW WE PUT ON, CAPTAIN! BUT, AFTER ALL, EVERYONE KNOWS WE MOUNTIES ALWAYS GET OUR MAN!



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# LAW ODDITIES...

A COURT IN HUNGARY REFUSED TO GRANT A BEGGAR DAMAGES FOR THE LOSS OF HIS LEG, CLAIMING THAT THIS LOSS MADE HIS BEGGING MORE PROFIT-ABLE!



IN ETHIOPIA, BOTH PARTIES IN A LAWSUIT HAD TO BET ON THE CASE IN ORDER TO RAISE A FEE FOR THE JUDGE! IF THERE WERE NO BETS, THE CASE WAS DISMISSED!



A LOCAL LAW IN TIMOR-LAUT, EAST INDIES, REQUIRES WOMEN TO KEEP ONE EYE CLOSED WHEN IN THE PRESENCE OF MEN!



A MERCHANT WHO STANDS IN THE DOORWAY OF HIS STORE AND BECKONS TO CUSTOMERS CAN BE FINED \$20 IN FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY!

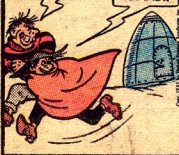


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GET WILDRIFT CREAM-OIL, CHARLIE!!



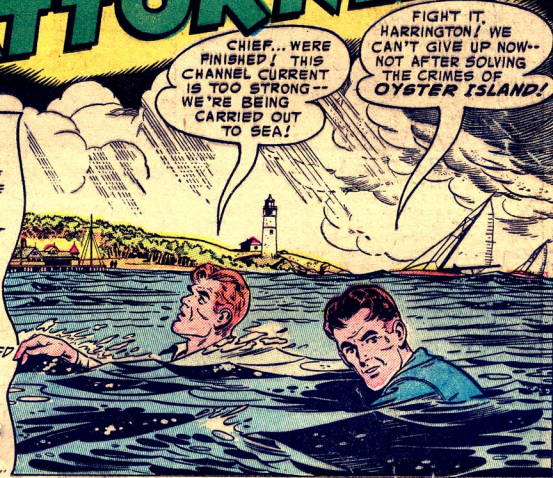
BUT, - MURDER! LOOSE DANDRUFF THAT - CONTAINS NATURAL'S WOULD BE SOOTHING LANOLIN!!

ILLEGAL! MY NAME IS EILRAHC!!

# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

THIS PARTICULAR CASE BAFFLED MY OFFICE FOR QUITE SOME TIME--FOR THOUGH WE KNEW THE EXACT LOCALE IN WHICH THE CRIMINAL WOULD STRIKE, HIS METHOD OF OPERATION WAS UNKNOWN TO US! HOW WAS STOLEN LOOT BEING SMUGGLED ASHORE FROM AN ISLAND LOCKED IN BY POLICE CRAFT? ONCE WE ANSWERED QUESTION, WE BELIEVED WE WERE ABLE TO SOLVE...



## THE THEFTS ON OYSTER ISLAND

IT WAS ON APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> OF LAST YEAR THAT EMMET LINDQUIST, ONE OF THE WEALTHY RESIDENTS OF EXCLUSIVE OYSTER ISLAND, ARRIVED HOME TO FIND...

MY RARE PAINTINGS-- BETTY'S JEWELS... THOMAS! THOMAS, WHERE ARE YOU?

GOOD GRACIOUS! I'VE BEEN ROBBED!



IN THE MASTER BEDROOM UPSTAIRS, HE LOCATED HIS BUTLER...

IT WAS TERRIBLE, MR. LINDQUIST. TERRIBLE! I WAS OVERPOWERED FROM BEHIND AND KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS!

STEADY, THOMAS... WE'LL CALL THE POLICE ON THE MAINLAND!



CERTAINLY NOT! OYSTER ISLAND IS VERY SMALL--WITH HARDLY ANY HIDING PLACES... AND IF ANY STRANGE BOAT APPEARED IN THE VICINITY, ONE OF THE RESIDENTS WOULD SURELY HAVE SPOTTED IT!



DOWN AT THE ISLAND'S DOCKS, WE RECEIVED AN ENCOURAGING BIT OF NEWS...

NOPE, MR. D.A., I'M THE CARETAKER HERE, AND NO STRANGE VESSEL'S ARRIVED SINCE I WENT ON DUTY EARLY THIS MORNING!

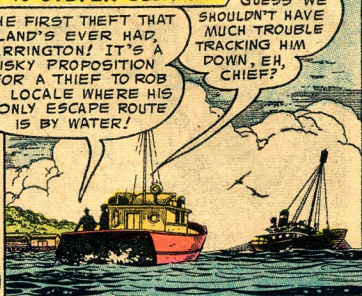
THEN OUR CRIMINAL MUST'VE SLIPPED ASHORE DURING THE NIGHT, AND IS STILL HERE! GOOD... WE CAN PLACE A CORDON AROUND THE ISLAND, AND START AN INTENSIVE SEARCH!



A THEFT OF SUCH MAGNITUDE REQUIRED MY PERSONAL ATTENTION--AND SO, SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS MY ASSISTANT AND I EMBARKED ON THE 40-MINUTE BOAT RIDE TO OYSTER ISLAND...

THE FIRST THEFT THAT ISLAND'S EVER HAD, HARRINGTON! IT'S A RISKY PROPOSITION FOR A THIEF TO ROB A LOCALE WHERE HIS ONLY ESCAPE ROUTE IS BY WATER!

GUESS WE SHOULDN'T HAVE MUCH TROUBLE TRACKING HIM DOWN, EH, CHIEF?



WHEN WE REACHED THE ISLAND, EMMET LINDQUIST WAS IN A STATE OF PANIC...

I-I JUST WON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL MY WIFE WHEN SHE RETURNS FROM HER EUROPEAN TRIP! HER JEWELS ALONE WERE VALUED AT OVER \$100,000!

YOU'D BEST PHONE HER AND TELL HER THE NEWS NOW, MR. LINDQUIST! MEANWHILE, HARRINGTON, WE'LL CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AROUND THE ISLAND!



LATER, BACK IN MY OFFICE, AS I DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH MY SECRETARY...

YES, MISS MILLER, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME! POLICE BOATS ARE BLOCKING OFF THE ISLAND--THE THIEF HAS NO PLACE TO DISPOSE OF THE LOOT THERE... AND SOONER OR LATER, WE'LL LOCATE HIM!

CHIEF!

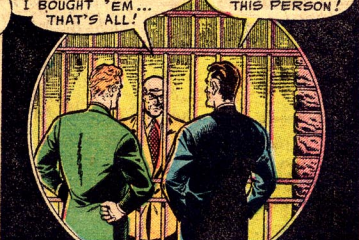


THE BOYS PULLED IN A FENCE THIS MORNING... AND LOOK! IT'S ONE OF THE LINDQUIST GEMS! I CHECKED THE DESCRIPTION WITH OUR JEWEL THEFT RECORDS!

WHAT--? THEN, THE GEMS WERE GOTTEN OFF THE ISLAND! I WANT TO SPEAK WITH THAT FENCE... NOW!

SHORTLY, AS I INTERROGATED THE ARRESTED MAN... I TELL YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHO THE GUY WAS, D.A.! HE BROUGHT IN SOME JEWELS AND I BOUGHT 'EM... THAT'S ALL!

VERY WELL... I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THIS PERSON!

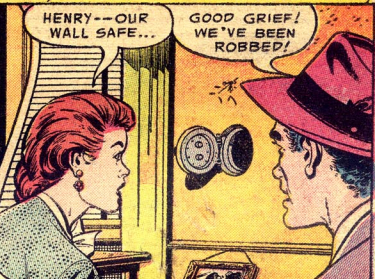


I WAS PUZZLED AS TO HOW THE LOOT WAS TAKEN OFF THE ISLAND--BUT OUR TROUBLES HAD JUST BEGUN! FOR WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK, OYSTER ISLAND BECAME A HOTBED OF CRIME...

HELP! HELP! THE HOUSE HAS BEEN ROBBED!

HENRY--OUR WALL SAFE...

GOOD GRIEF! WE'VE BEEN ROBBED!



AGAIN, WHEN WE CHECKED, THERE HAD BEEN NO SIGN OF AN INTRUDER'S CRAFT...

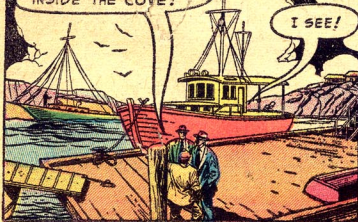
WHY, NOT A BOAT ENTERED OR LEFT THE HARBOR, MR. D.A.! ONLY MR. LINDQUIST CAME DOWN TO WORK ON HIS YACHT, INSIDE THE COVE!

LATER, OUR CONFUSION MOUNTED AS WE QUERIED A FISHING BOAT CAPTAIN WHO DOCKED AT A NEARBY ISLAND...

I TELL YOU, MR. D.A., I ANCHORED MY VESSEL JUST AROUND THE COVE ALL DAY, AND NOT ANOTHER VESSEL APPROACHED THE VICINITY!

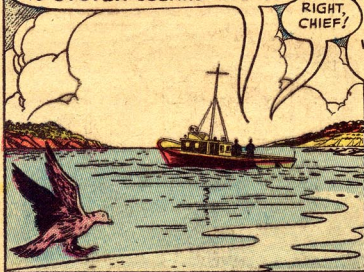
GREAT SCOTT! THE STOLEN GEMS ARE APPEARING ON THE MAINLAND, AND YET NOBODY'S SEEN A STRANGE CRAFT NEAR THE ISLAND! THANK YOU, CAPTAIN!

I SEE!



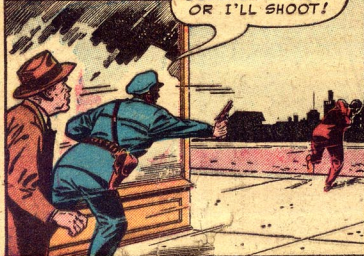
HARRINGTON, WE'VE GOT A KING-SIZED MYSTERY ON OUR HANDS! I WANT FIVE MORE DETECTIVES DETAILED TO OYSTER ISLAND AT ONCE!

RIGHT, CHIEF!



FINALLY, ON MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, AN ASTONISHING CRACK IN THE CASE OCCURRED, AS PATROLMAN PAUL MARTIN SOUGHT TO APPREHEND A WANTED MAN...

BLEEKER! STOP-- OR I'LL SHOOT!

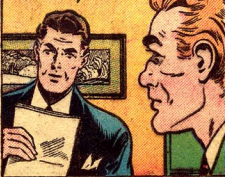


THE THIEF ESCAPED IN THE TRAFFIC--BUT LATER, AS I EXAMINED HIS COAT...

HARRINGTON, THIS SQUARE CUT DIAMOND WE FOUND IN BLEEKER'S COAT IS ONE OF THE STOLEN GEMS FROM OYSTER ISLAND!

SUFFERING CATS! BLEEKER WAS MIXED UP IN THE THEFTS!

YES, BUT **HOW** IS HE DOING IT? THERE WAS NO OTHER EVIDENCE IN HIS COAT EXCEPT THIS FISHING SCHEDULE! COULD HE HAVE OPERATED, SOMEHOW, FROM A CHARTERED BOAT NEAR THE ISLAND?



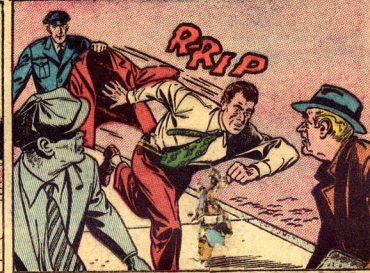
MY DEPARTMENT WAS IN A TURMOIL AS THE DAYS PASSED--FOR NOT A CLUE HAD BEEN FOUND...

IT--IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! HOW IN THUNDERATION CAN THESE CRIMINALS ROB ONE WEALTHY ISLAND FAMILY AFTER ANOTHER WITHOUT LEAVING A CLUE?

GOSH, CHIEF, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! NOBODY LEAVES THE ISLAND, AND THE STOLEN GEMS STILL GET TO THE MAINLAND!



OFFICER MARTIN CAUGHT UP WITH HIM-- BUT THE FUGITIVE ELUDED HIM...



WAIT A MINUTE-- THESE HUGE QUANTITIES OF FISH COULDN'T HAVE COME FROM ANY PLEASURE VESSEL! ONLY A **COMMERCIAL** BOAT IS EQUIPPED FOR SUCH TREMENDOUS CATCHES! COME ON, HARRINGTON--- WE'RE PAYING A VISIT TO THE WHARVES!

FISHING SCHEDULE

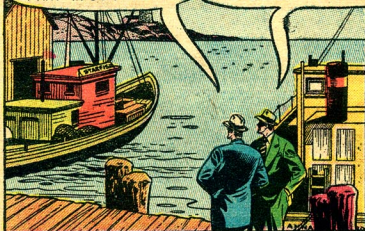
TIME	VESSEL
6 A.M.	STARFISH
1:00	Gal
6:00	Bluefish
2:00	Fluke
3:00	Whiskell
BETWEEN	

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WITHIN AN HOUR, UPON REACHING OUR DESTINATION...

THERE IT IS, HARRINGTON... THE **STARFISH**! SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY, THAT BOAT MAY BE PLAYING A VITAL PART IN OUR THEFTS!

SO NOW WHAT, D.A.? WE CAN'T JUST GO ABOARD AND ASK THE CREW IF THEY'RE THE GUILTY PARTIES!



NO... BUT WE CAN GO TO THE FLEET OWNER AND GET OURSELVES A **JOB** ON THE **STARFISH**! SHE BELONGS TO THE **ACME FISHING FLEET**, AND I KNOW THE OWNER WELL!



LATER, IN THE OWNER'S OFFICE...

OF COURSE I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU OUT, D.A.! I'LL PUT YOU ON THE **STARFISH** TOMORROW MORNING... YOUR IDENTITIES WILL BE KEPT SECRET!



NEXT MORNING, HARRINGTON AND I BEGAN PREPARING OURSELVES FOR OUR UNIQUE INVESTIGATION...

THOSE STORM HATS ARE WORN A BIT FURTHER BACK, CHIEF!

YOUR KNOW-HOW ON FISHING COMES IN MIGHTY HANDY AT A TIME LIKE THIS! WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AUTHENTIC IN OUR ROLES AS DEEP-SEA FISHERMEN!



AS I LATER LEARNED, HOWEVER, OUR CONVERSATION WAS BEING OVERHEARD AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT...

A CRIME OF THIS NATURE MIGHT BE DUPLICATED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AT VARIOUS ISLANDS IF WE DON'T UNCOVER THE HOODLUM'S GIMMICK!

I CAN'T BELIEVE ANY OF MY MEN WOULD BE IN ON SUCH A RACKET, D.A., BUT I CERTAINLY WANT YOU TO INVESTIGATE THEM!



PRIVATE

AT 6:00 A.M., WE JOINED THE CREW OF THE **STARFISH**...

CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY MR. JOHNSON ADDED TWO MORE TO THE CREW... OUR CATCHES HAVE BEEN LOW FOR WEEKS! BUT--OKAY... YOU TWO CAN WORK THE AFT NETS WHEN WE REACH THE GROUNDS!



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**WE FILLED OUR LUNGS WITH FRESH SALT AIR AS THE CRAFT HEADED OUT TO SEA...**

WHAT KIND OF A NET IS THIS, HARRINGTON? BETTER BRIEF ME AGAIN ON EVERYTHING!

IT'S CALLED A **GILL NET, D.A.**, BECAUSE IT'S DROPPED OVERBOARD AND CATCHES THE FISH BY THEIR GILLS! OUR JOB WILL BE TO LOWER AND GUIDE IT AS THE BOAT DRAGS IT ALONG!

**DAY AFTER DAY, HARRINGTON AND I STROVE TO PLAY OUR ROLES AS MEN OF THE SEA...**

LOWER AWAY THE **SCALLOP DRAG!** HOP TO IT, KENT AND PARKER...

RIGHT, CAPTAIN!

**AND AS THE DRAG WENT DOWN TO CLAW SCALLOPS FROM THE OCEAN BOTTOM...**

SHAKE A LEG THERE, YOU TWO... YOU MOVE LIKE LAND-LUBBERS!

WHISPER: THE CAPTAIN KNOWS WE'RE NOT TOO ABLE... GUESS HE FIGURES HE HAS TO PUT UP WITH US TO PLEASE THE FLEET OWNER!

**ON THE FIFTH DAY, WE MOVED TO IN SIGHT OF OYSTER ISLAND...**

THERE SHE IS, HARRINGTON, BUT WE'RE A GOOD MILE AWAY! THEY'D HAVE TO GET CLOSER THAN THIS TO SMUGGLE ANY GEMS OFF!

MAYBE THEY WILL, CHIEF... IF ANOTHER THEFT IS PLANNED!

**BUT THE STARFISH DIDN'T BUDGE AN INCH, AS HOURS LATER...**

**HAUL AWAY!** THAT LOAD WILL FILL OUR HOLDS, AND WE'LL HEAD BACK!

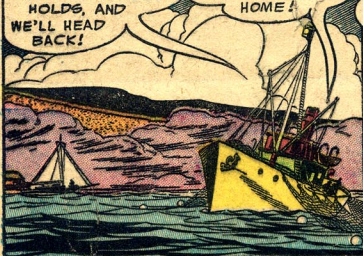
NO ACTION THIS TRIP, HARRINGTON... THEY'RE HEADING HOME!

**YET, WHEN WE REACHED MY OFFICE THAT EVENING, WE RECEIVED THE BIGGEST SHOCK OF ALL...**

D.A., THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER ROBBERY AT **OYSTER ISLAND!** IT HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON!

B-BUT...WE WERE ON THE SUSPECTED BOAT **ALL DAY!** NOBODY ABOARD DID ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS!

GREAT SCOTT!



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**THUNDERSTRUCK, WE RETURNED AT ONCE TO THE ISLAND...**

THAT'S RIGHT, MR. D.A.-- SINCE TWO O'CLOCK YESTERDAY, NOT A BOAT HAS LEFT THE HARBOR!

AND THE THEFT WAS BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR! GOOD GRIEF-- WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THIS RIDDLE?

MY HAT!



THERE'S MR. LINDQUIST... MAYBE HE CAN GET MY HAT FROM HIS BOAT!

FORGET IT, HARRINGTON... THERE'S NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT HATS NOW! LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE FISHING FLEET... IT'S OUR ONLY CLUE!



**THE NEXT DAY FOUND US OUT AT SEA AGAIN...**

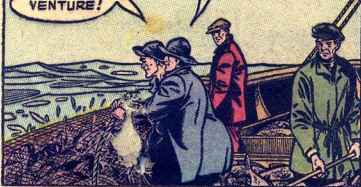
WHAT A CATCH OF SCHOOL TUNA, CHIEF! MY BROOK AND LAKE FISHING WILL SEEM LIKE CHILD'S PLAY AFTER THIS VENTURE!

THE ONLY CATCH I'M INTERESTED IN IS THE SOLUTION TO THIS MYSTERY, HARRINGTON!

IN MID-AFTERNOON, WE AGAIN HOVE TO OFF OYSTER ISLAND-- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN WHAT WAS GOING ON BEHIND OUR BACKS...

I DON'T LIKE IT... IT'S TOO DANGEROUS PULLING OUR JOBS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE D. A.!

GO ON... OUR SCHEME IS SO CLEVER EVEN HE CAN'T WISE UP TO IT! AND IF HE SHOULD, HE'LL NEVER SEE DRY LAND AGAIN!



**THEN, AS WE HOISTED IN THE GILL NET...**

THIS MUST BE THEIR BEST FISHING SPOT, HERE IN THE LEE OF THE ISLAND... THE CURRENT BRINGS THE FISH RIGHT INTO THE NETS!

HARRINGTON... YOUR HAT! THE ONE THAT BLEW INTO THE WATER AT OYSTER ISLAND YESTERDAY!

**OF COURSE!** NOW I KNOW HOW IT'S BEING DONE!

**ABRUPTLY, THE DECK SEEMED TO EXPLODE IN OUR FACES...**

LOOK OUT!

WHAT--? OW-W--



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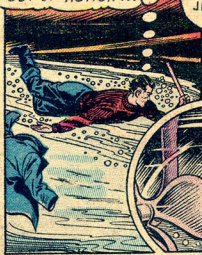
FORTUNATELY, SEEING THE PAIR FROM THE CORNER OF MY EYE SAVED OUR NECKS--BUT AS THEY PLUNGED INTO US...

GET THE JEWELS OUT OF THE NET AND LET THEM GO. THIS IS OUR LAST JOB... WHEN AND IF THEY REACH SHORE, WE'LL BE MILES AWAY!

I ACTED QUICKLY WHEN I HEARD THE CAPTAIN'S PLAN TO ESCAPE...

GOT TO PUT THAT TUB-- OUT OF ACTION...

WITH A BUSTED PROPELLER, THEY'LL BE STUCK HERE UNTIL A PATROL BOAT CAN REACH THE SCENE! YOUR HAT FLOATED DOWN OUT OF THAT COVE WITH THE JEWELS, HARRINGTON... AND THE GUILT POINTS TO **ONE MAN!**



AS THE VESSEL FLOUNDERED HELPLESSLY, HARRINGTON AND I SWAM TO OYSTER ISLAND, WHERE...

AFTERWARD, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, I EXPLAINED HOW I ARRIVED AT THE SOLUTION...

MR. D.A.! ON SUSPICION OF GRAND LARCENY, LINDQUIST! NOW THAT I KNOW **HOW** THE CRIMES WERE COMMITTED, THE FINGER OF GUILT POINTS DIRECTLY AT YOU!

HARRINGTON'S HAT TOOK A DAY TO DRIFT OUT OF THE COVE INTO THE OFF-SHORE CURRENT THAT LINDQUIST FREQUENTED! THAT'S WHEN I CAUGHT ON...

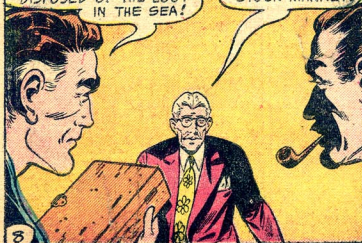
YOU MEAN, THE STOLEN JEWELS DRIFTED FROM THE COVE TO THE FISHING BOAT?



PRECISELY--IN THIS BALSAM WOOD PACKAGE--AND THE CURRENT CARRIED IT TO THE WAITING FISHING NET! LINDQUIST NEVER DID LEAVE THE ISLAND... HE DISPOSED OF THE LOOT IN THE SEA!

I--I WAS DESPERATE... MY FORTUNE WAS WIPED OUT IN THE STOCK MARKET!

YES, A CHECK OF EACH FAMILY HERE SHOWED THAT YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD GONE BROKE! BY ROBBING YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS, YOU HOPED TO RECOUP YOUR LOSSES THROUGH INSURANCE AND SALE OF JEWELS!



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## **WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION MEDALLION OF HONOR**

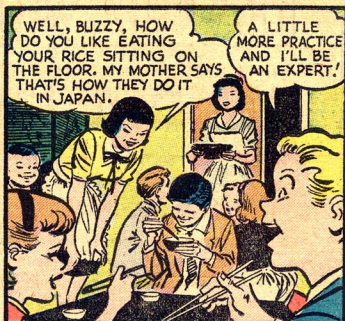
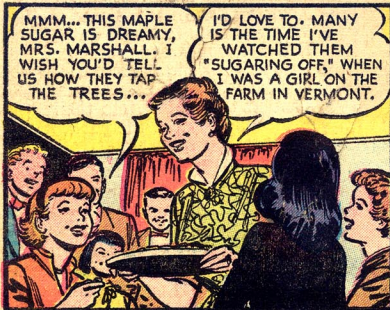
*An award for*  
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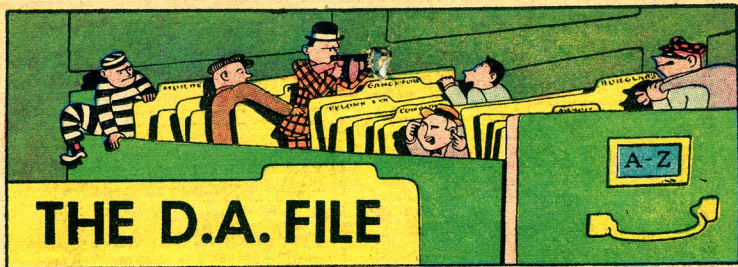
In making this award, Mrs. Grace Harriman of the Exposition's Advisory Committee, stated: "We are pleased to single out **National Comics**, and to commend them for their high editorial standards, for the educational content they inject into their magazines, and for the public service they perform regularly in cooperation with member organizations of the National Social Welfare Assembly."



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# Buzzy asks: "DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS?"





### Doubling for Bobbies

Two policemen, strolling through Piccadilly Circus, noticed the proprietor of a tobacco-shop being held up. Springing into the store, they collared the thief and, several minutes later, had him locked up in the local constabulary.

That night, the two officers took on new identities. One of them donned his watchman's uniform for his job at a warehouse. The other put on a mohair jacket, and an eyeshade, and occupied his usual place behind the reception desk at an hotel, bordering the Thames.

What kind of policemen were they? They belonged to a volunteer corps called Special Constables, a unique, seldom-publicized but effective organization, which lists 75,000 members in Wales, Scotland, and England. Uniformed like regular British bobbies, except for flat caps instead of the high-crown helmets, they carried no weapons, save a short club, as they patrolled their beats in police launches, radio-equipped prowls cars, or on city streets. Unpaid, they had the power of regular constables.

Among the Special Constables are a retired admiral, a former general, chairman of the board, a shoe clerk, a janitor, a president of a textile company. In London, a well-known shortage of 4,000 bobbies might have encouraged crime if it weren't for the "Specials," as they are called.

Commendations from Scotland Yard are frequent. Specials have received official congratulations-for-a-job-well-done for rescuing stranded families during heavy floods; for saving crews of stricken vessels; for catching elusive arsonists, burglars, and pickpockets; for breaking up and arresting a notorious ring of auto thieves.

Other than commendations and a deep-seated satisfaction in helping to maintain law and order, Specials get few rewards. They are given a small, inconsequential sum to cover traveling expenses to and from their beats, a gas and oil allowance for their vehicles if they're assigned to a motorized beat. Their uniforms are provided free.

Because of heroic service rendered during the war, they were honored by London in 1946 by being elevated to the rank of "Freemen of the City," a title bestowed on Gen. Eisenhower.

The Specials had their origin in 1914, when British bobbies enlisted in the first World War, and overage men replaced them. Today, any citizen over 18 can enlist if he promises to accept duty at least eight hours a month on any beat of his own choosing. Women were admitted to the ranks for the first time in London last year, although they have served elsewhere in Wales and Scotland for almost a dozen years.

How do police authorities regard the Special Constables system? Says Bruce Smith, perhaps the world's leading expert on police problems:



"It is one of the finest and most practical ideas I've heard of in my 38 years of police study."

### Poor Eyewitness-Sight

Just because a person is an eyewitness to a crime doesn't guarantee the accuracy of his observation. Erle Stanley Gardner, the famous lawyer and mystery novelist, was guest-lecturing a class in legal evidence at the University of California of Los Angeles, when an irate man burst into the room, and attacked him with his fists, shouting, "You were responsible for my brother's arrest!"

It wasn't until the instructor and a pair of students overcame the intruder and escorted him from the classroom that Gardner regained his composure and the class came to order. Gardner then admitted that the stranger's scene had been pre-arranged to dramatize the variance of eyewitness accounts, then asked each student to describe the actor's appearance.

Of the 23 students, few agreed. Height, weight, complexion, hair coloring, clothes, facial appearance and characteristic marks, all were answered differently for the most part.

And while the actor wore one brown shoe, and one black, with a raised heel that gave him a decided limp, not a single student noted that fact or the difference in shoe colors.

### Sympathetic Judge

Not long ago, in Ohio, when a trial ran beyond the expected length of time, the jury complained to the judge that his rule forbidding them to read the daily newspapers was putting them far behind the developments of their favorite comic strip characters. The sympathetic jurist, a *Superman* fan himself, took the matter un-

der advisement. Later that day, during a recess, a bailiff distributed the comic strips, cut out of the newspapers, to the jury members.

### Expensive Smoke

Lloyd's of London enjoys a reputation for insuring anything, and some of its executives still cherish its strategy in the case of a sharpie, who succeeded in having one of his cigars insured for \$500.

Shortly after he had taken out the policy on the stogie, the man took up a place outside the office, struck a match, calmly lit it, and puffed on it quickly. Then, he had the nerve to re-enter the office, submit the butt and request payment of \$500.

The unusual situation resulted in a swift meeting by the executives, who unanimously agreed that they must observe the policy, and thus make good. The sharpie got his \$500 on the line—but Lloyd's swung around and had him arrested for arson!

### Blotter Jottings

CHICAGO: Arrested and accused of having held up his victim at gunpoint, a protesting man proved he didn't possess a weapon, had his charge reduced from armed robbery to petty larceny.

INDIANAPOLIS: A popcorn-hungry moviegoer picked his neighbor's pocket, bought a bagful of popcorn, was nabbed when he tried to return the change to his victim's pocket.

KAISERLAUTERN, Germany: An Army courtmartial sentenced a mess sergeant to six months' hard labor for having taken his spite out against a superior master sergeant by baking a cake spiced with nails, bolts, broken light bulbs and glass.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Arrested for burglary, a suspect complained to police of competition; in attempting to rob a drive-in the night before, he found another thief already on the job.



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## YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

HE WAS NOTHING BUT A PETTY CRIMINAL-- A SMALL-TIME LITTLE HOODLUM WHO'D MANAGED TO PICKPOCKET AND SNEAK-THIEF HIS WAY INTO A MEAGER EXISTENCE. AND THAT IS WHY WILLIE "THE FLY" CULLEN WAS SHOCKED TO LEARN HE'D BECOME THE OBJECT OF THE MOST DESPERATE MANHUNT IN MY DEPARTMENT'S ENTIRE HISTORY-- THOUGH IT WASN'T ANY UNTIL MUCH LATER THAT HE REALIZED HE'D BEEN...

**THE  
THIEF  
WHO  
STOLE  
DISASTER**

WE MUST FIND HIM, HARRINGTON... HE'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN ANY OTHER LIVING CRIMINAL!

THEY'RE AFTER ME... ME, WILLIE CULLEN! THE LOOT IN THIS BOX MUST BE WORTH A FORTUNE!

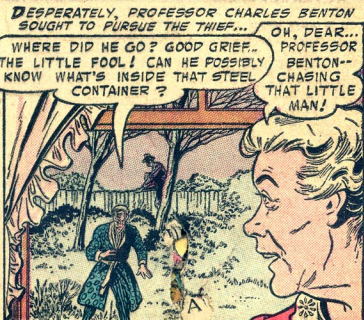
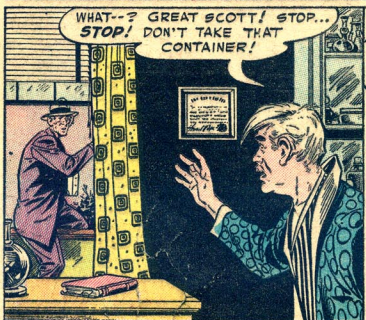
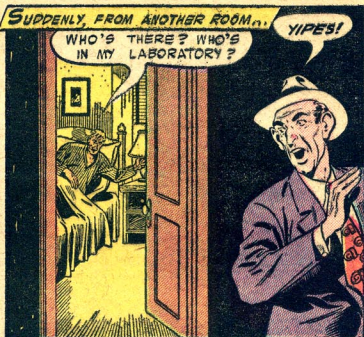
ON MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> OF LAST YEAR, SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN, A SLENDER LITTLE MAN JIMMIED OPEN A WINDOW AT 8 JASON TERRACE...

NEAT AS YOU PLEASE! SHOULD FIND ME SOMETHING VALUABLE HERE...

INSIDE, HIS EYES DARTED ABOUT IN CONFUSION...

HUH--? WHAT KIND OF A PLACE IS THIS?





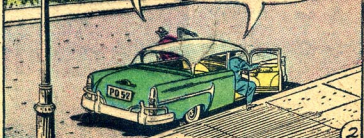
AND EXACTLY FOUR MINUTES LATER, I WAS AROUSED BY A FRANTIC TELEPHONE CALL...

...RADIUM, MR. D.A.! THAT STEEL BOX CONTAINED FIVE VIALS OF RADIUM I HAD RENTED TO CONDUCT SOME VITAL EXPERIMENTS! IT'S LETHAL... AND WORTH A FORTUNE!



AFTER AWAKENING MY ASSISTANT BY PHONE, I PICKED HIM UP AT HIS HOME, AND THE TWO OF US IMMEDIATELY RACED OVER TO THE PROFESSOR'S LABORATORY...

SURE, CHIEF-- NO ONE CAN JUST PEDdle RADIUM AROUND THE CITY! A THIEF WOULD HAVE TO SELL IT IN ANOTHER COUNTRY... EVERY OUNCE OF THAT STUFF IS REGISTERED!



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BUT WHEN THE DISTRAUGHT PROFESSOR TOLD US THE FACTS, I REALIZED WE'D COME UP AGAINST A FLUKE THEFT...

... I WAS HALF ASLEEP-- I COULD ONLY SEE THE SIDE OF HIS FACE AS HE FLED OUT THE WINDOW! THE ONLY THING I NOTICED WAS THAT HIS EARS WERE LARGE!

HMM... IT SEEMS TO ME, DR. BENTON, THAT YOU'VE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY A SNEAK THIEF WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS STEALING! NO CRIMINAL WOULD BOTHER PILFERING A WATCH OR RAN-SACKING DRAWERS IF HE WERE OUT FOR A FORTUNE IN RADIUM!

HASHINGTON, THAT THIEF IS UNKNOWNLY CARRYING SUDDEN DEATH IN HIS HANDS! I WANT THE ENTIRE CRIME LAB DOWN HERE... WE'VE GOT TO IDENTIFY HIM! TIME IS VITAL!

RIGHT, CHIEF!



AND, WHILE THE LABORATORY EXPERTS BEGAN POURING OVER EVERY INCH OF THE PROPERTY, I CONTACTED TELEVISION STATION OFFICIALS...

OF COURSE, MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY... WE'LL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU THE USE OF THE STUDIO FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY!

THANK YOU!

MEANWHILE, AS WE LATER LEARNED, THE THIEF HAD STOPPED OFF AT DODD'S DINER, WHERE...

MMFF-- THIS THING IS LOCKED UP LIKE A STEEL VAULT! WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE...?

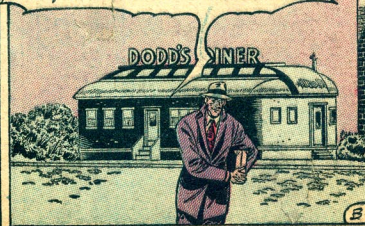
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY!



THANK YOU. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I HAVE A VITAL MESSAGE...

MAYBE SOME OF THE KEYS I'VE GOT AT THE HIDEOUT WILL OPEN IT! MEANTIME, I CAN GET A FEW BUCKS FOR THE WATCH, FROM JOEY 'THE FENCE'!

A THIEF HAS UNWITTINGLY STOLEN A LETHAL SUPPLY OF RADIUM FROM PROFESSOR CHARLES BENTON'S LABORATORY! I AM ASKING THIS MAN NOW, FOR THE SAFETY OF HIMSELF AND OTHERS, TO LEAVE THE BOX AT THE NEAREST POST OFFICE! IF YOU SEE THIS MAN, WARN HIM OF MY MESSAGE!



LATER, AS THE MACHINERY OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HUMMED INTO ACTION... LARGE EARS--

THE CAST OF HIS FOOTPRINTS OUTSIDE THE WINDOW SHOW HIM TO WEIGH NO MORE THAN 135 POUNDS!

HMM... A SLENDER SNEAK-THIEF!

WHY, YES, THE PROFESSOR'S SHOUTING WOKE ME UP AND I SAW THIS MAN CLIMBING OVER THE FENCE! HE WAS JUST A LITTLE PERSON... ABOUT FIVE-FOOT-FIVE, I WOULD SAY! THE ONE FEATURE I NOTICED ABOUT HIM WAS HIS **LARGE EARS!**

AROUND 135 POUNDS--ABOUT FIVE-FIVE... WE'VE GOT TO IDENTIFY THAT MAN OURSELVES! NEITHER THE PROFESSOR NOR THAT WOMAN GOT A CLEAN LOOK AT HIM!



ALL AT ONCE, A FACE LEAPED OUT AT ME FROM THE FILES...

HARRINGTON! WILLIE "THE FLY" CULLEN! HE FITS EVERY CLUE TO THE THIEF'S IDENTITY! CHECK WITH EVERY PATROLMAN... I WANT TO KNOW WHO SAW HIM LAST-- AND WHERE!

RIGHT, CHIEF!

WITHIN AN HOUR, OFFICER JACKSON GAVE US A VITAL TIP...

WELL, P.A., I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S LIVING NOW... BUT I'VE SEEN HIM TWO OR THREE TIMES, SLINKING ALONG DOWN BY THE RAILROAD YARDS!

GOOD! THROW A CORDON AROUND THE ENTIRE AREA... SEARCH EVERY DIVE IN THE DISTRICT! HARRINGTON, LET'S GO!

LITTLE DID WE KNOW THEN THAT WILLIE "THE FLY" HAD ALREADY BEGUN FLIRTING FRANTICALLY WITH DEATH...

IT WON'T OPEN--NONE OF MY KEYS FIT THE THING... I'LL HAVE TO **BUST IT OPEN!**



BUT EVEN WHEN HE ATTACKED IT WITH A HAMMER...

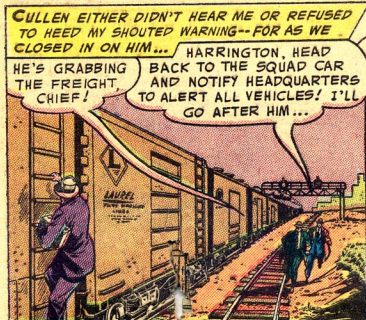
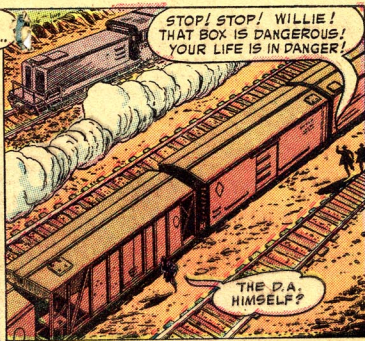
HEY--WHAT'S THIS THING MADE OF ANYHOW? I BETTER BRING IT TO JOEY "THE FENCE" AS IT IS! HE'S CLEVER... MAYBE HE CAN OPEN IT UP! HOPE THE STUFF INSIDE IS WORTH ALL THIS TROUBLE!

LUCK PLAYED INTO OUR HANDS AS CULLEN LEFT HIS SHACK...

CHIEF! THAT MAN... HE'S LITTLE, AND HE'S CARRYING SOMETHING!

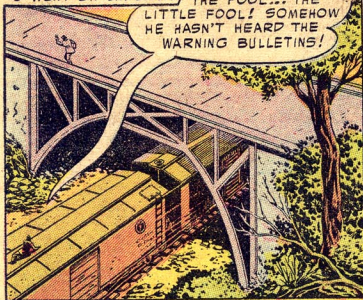
WHAT--? THAT MUST BE WILLIE!





AND WILLIE RACED AWAY LIKE THE WIND, AS I WENT ON UNDER...

THE FOOL... THE LITTLE FOOL! SOMEHOW HE HASN'T HEARD THE WARNING BULLETINS!



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS HE HURRIED DOWN A SIDE STREET...

ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR WILLIE "THE FLY" CULLEN! HE IS FIVE FEET, FOUR INCHES TALL... THIN FACE... LARGE EARS... IS WANTED BY THE POLICE...



GULP! LISTEN TO THAT... GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE... I MUST HAVE A FORTUNE IN THIS THING!

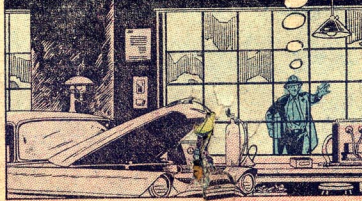
HE HAS UNWITTINGLY STOLEN RADIUM... IF THE CONTAINER IS OPENED, RADIUM RAYS CAN BE DEADLY!

WHOWE! I WONDER WHY THE GUY DOESN'T TURN THE STUFF IN?

SURE... WHAT GOOD WOULD RADIUM DO A PETTY SNEAK-THIEF? HOPE NOBODY GETS HURT WITH THE STUFF!

THEN, AS WILLIE TURNED A CORNER...

A GARAGE! SURE, THAT'S IT... I'LL SNEAK IN AND USE SOME OF THEIR TOOLS TO OPEN THIS THING! BOY THE WHOLE CITY'S AFTER ME... MUST BE A MILLION BUCKS IN HERE--OR SOME RARE JEWELS!



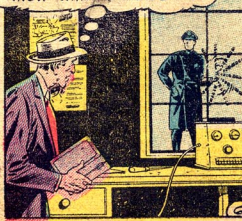
THE CRIMINAL'S GREED DROVE HIM TO A FRENZY AS HE WORKED RIGHT ON INTO THE EVENING HOURS--TILL FINALLY...

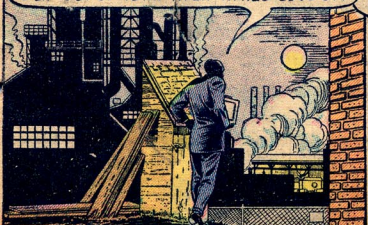
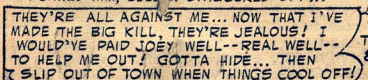
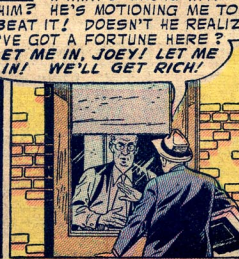
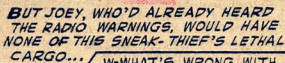
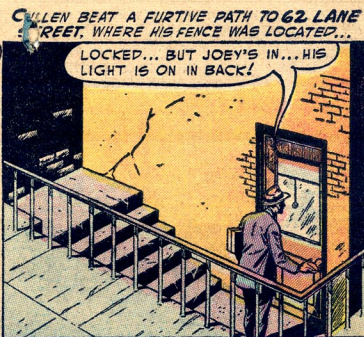
OH, NO! ALL THAT'S INSIDE IS ANOTHER BOX... A LEAD ONE!

IT WAS THEN THAT OFFICER BAKER OF PRECINCT 42, ON A ROUTINE PATROL OF HIS BEAT, CAME PAST THE GARAGE...

A COP... GOTTA GET OUT! I'LL BRING IT TO JOEY... HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO--HE'LL KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE IT!

AT LAST! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS--ROBBING LITTLE STUFF LIKE WATCHES AND HOUSE RADIOS--I'VE GOT SOMETHING REAL BIG! CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY HANDS ON IT...





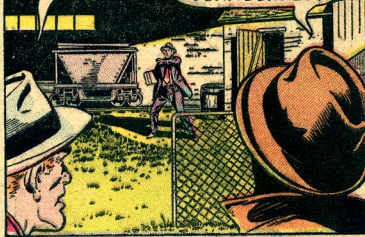
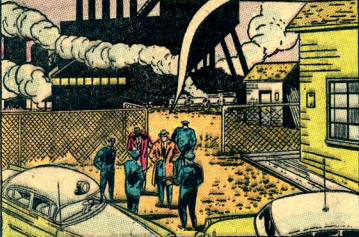
IT TOOK US TWO HOURS, BUT WE FINALLY  
PINPOINTED CULLEN'S EXACT LOCATION...

THREE MINUTES LATER, WE SAW HIM--A DART-  
ING FIGURE OUTLINED IN OUR FLOODLIGHTS...

THE STEEL PLANT... IT'S  
THE ONLY SECTION LEFT!  
HARRINGTON, CLOSE IN!

THERE HE IS, CHIEF!  
HE WAS HIDING IN  
THAT TOOL SHED!

CULLEN! GIVE  
YOURSELF UP!  
THE DISTRICT IS  
SURROUNDED!



BUT AS WE RUSHED INTO THE STEEL MILL  
AFTER HIM...

GOOD GRIEF!  
HE'S GOTTEN  
TO THE INNER  
BOX!

IF I CAN'T HAVE THE LOOT,  
**NOBODY WILL!** I'LL  
DESTROY IT!

HE'S THROWING IT INTO  
THAT CAULDRON OF  
MOLTEN METAL, CHIEF!  
WE'RE TOO LATE TO  
STOP HIM!

WE'VE GOT TO  
HARRINGTON! THIS  
MONKEYWRENCH...  
OUR ONLY CHANCE...



AIMING FOR THE RELEASE CHUTE OF A GIANT  
BALL-BEARING BIN, I DREW MY HAND BACK  
AND FLUNG THE WRENCH WITH ALL MY MIGHT...

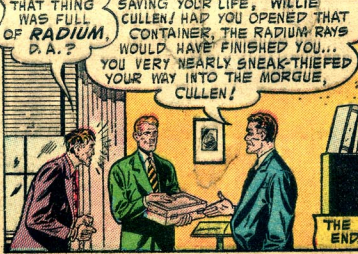
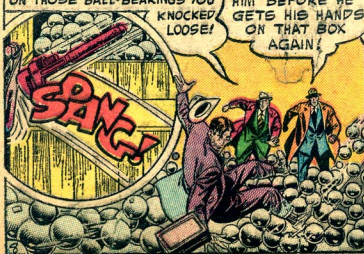
GOOD SHOT, D.A.! HE SLIPPED  
ON THOSE BALL-BEARINGS YOU  
KNOCKED  
LOOSE!

HURRY NOW! GRAB  
HIM BEFORE HE  
GETS HIS HANDS  
ON THAT BOX  
AGAIN!

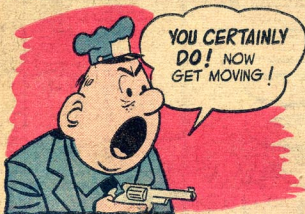
AFTERWARD, WILLIE "THE STUNNED SNEAK-THIEF AS HE HEARD THE TRUE  
FACTS BEHIND THE GREAT ESCAPE OF  
HIS SHADY CAREER...

Y-YOU MEAN,  
THAT THING  
WAS FULL  
OF **RADIUM**,  
D.A.?

EXACTLY... AND YOU  
CAN THANK THE POLICE FOR  
SAVING YOUR LIFE, WILLIE!  
CULLEN! HAD YOU OPENED THAT  
CONTAINER, THE RADIUM RAYS  
WOULD HAVE FINISHED YOU...  
YOU VERY NEARLY SNEAK-THIEFED  
YOUR WAY INTO THE MORGUE,  
CULLEN!



THE  
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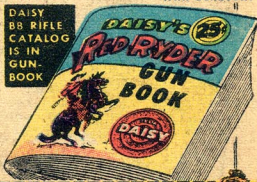
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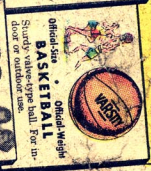
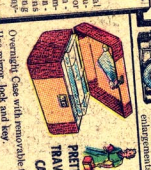
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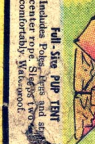
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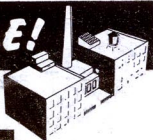


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