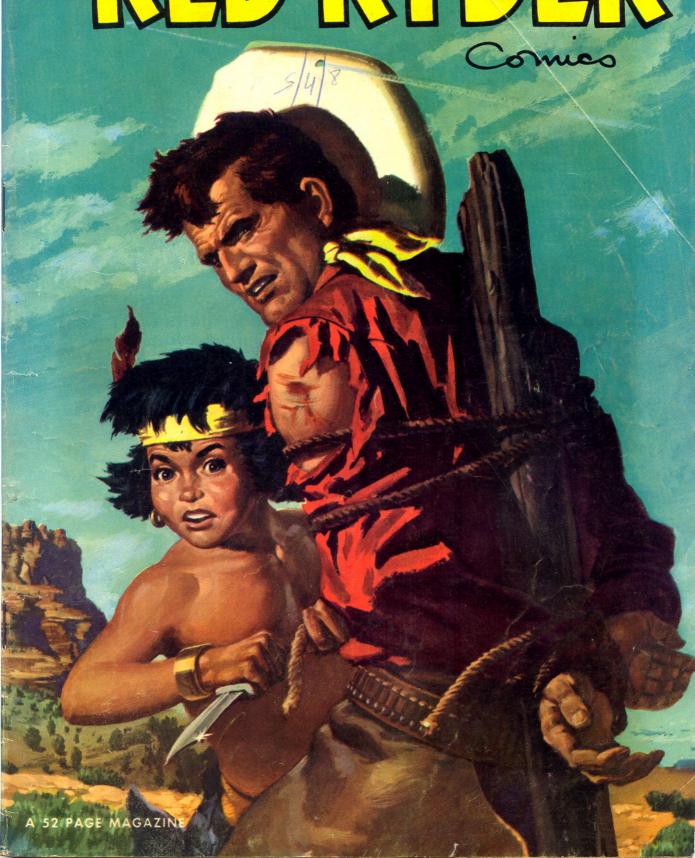


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SO YOU WON'T
BLOW LIP!ADIOS!
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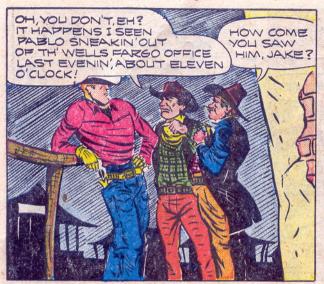


































































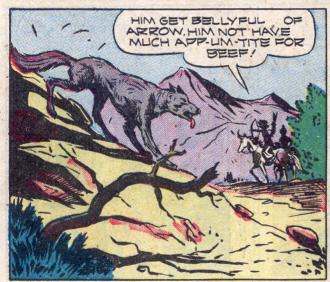


































































































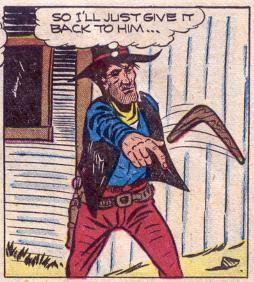








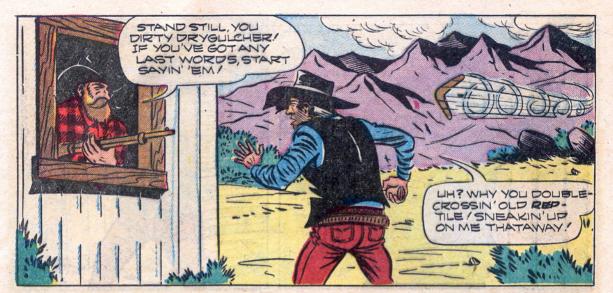


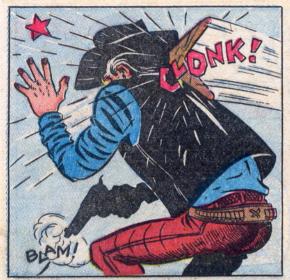




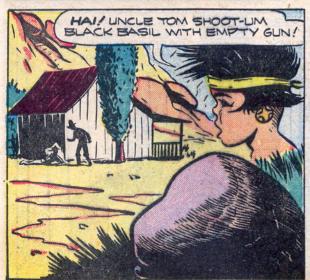








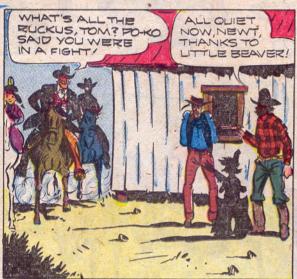




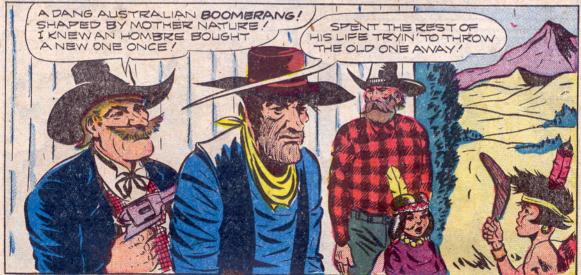






















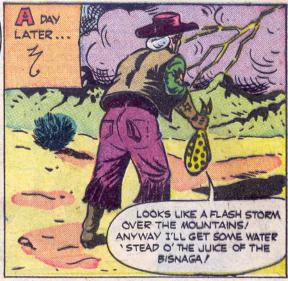




































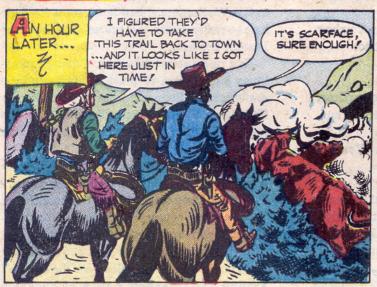


















THE WEST THAT LIVES FOREVER

THE MOST FAMOUS HAT IN THE WORLD by TRED HARMAN

No man in this country, or any other, ever had so many uses for his hat as the real cowboy of the Old West.

In the north, south or east, the men might wear their hats for practical purposes - or even for style. But the original ten-gallon hat used by the western frontiersman was, without doubt, the most amazing headpiece ever designed. It was more than a hat; it was an item of equipment.

Among other things, the old-time cowboy used his somewhat spectacular hat to:

- (1) Make a soft pillow.
- (2) Fan campfires into flame.
- (3) Carry water for putting out campfires.
- (4) Shield his head from the burning sun.
- (5) Shade his eyes.
- (6) Form an umbrella against Western downpours.
 - (7) Make a drinking cup.
 - (8) Wave signals visible at a great distance,
 - (9) Flourish at slow or wandering cattle.
 - (10) Cover his ears against frostbite.

Naturally, for any hat to withstand such

vigorous and constant treatment, it had to be of very special design.

Most were made of smooth felt, almost feather-like in weight, and so fine they could be rolled up like a neckerchief. Such felt was expensive, of course. The wealthiest Easterner seldom spent as much for his headgear as the proud cowboy, whose hat might set him back as much as six months' wages. Even today, Westerners spend large sums for their hats - many times the prices paid by their Eastern brothers.

As a rule, the hat was grey, although sometimes light brown or black. They were generally called Stetsons, after a hatmaker in Philadelphia who practically cornered the market for the best grades of hats in the early days.

The brim was unbelievably broad, usually wide enough to reach almost over the owner's shoulders. The actual width varied in different parts of the country and, in addition, depended upon the buyer's personal preference.

If your brim started to droop, you simply cut a circle of slit-like holes near the edge all through them.





The crown, six or seven inches high, sometimes higher, provided a great variety of styles.

Originally, you could almost tell whether a stranger was from the Northwest or the Southwest, by the height of his hat's crown. Southerners left it high, northerners wore it low. (Today, the custom is so mixed up that the rule no longer holds.)

Punchers of the Southwest normally pinched in four little pleats near the top of the crown, making a tall, sharp peak. Northwest cowboys, on the other hand, usually pulled the crown down until it resembled what modern collegians like to call a "porkpie" hat.

Many brims were edged with silken braid or ribbon, always the same color as the hat itself.

Every legitimate cowboy hat carried a belt, or band, which was adjustable. It permitted changing the size of the hat. Equally important, it offered limitless possibilities for decoration. Although it was only one to no more than two inches in width, this little belt allowed even the most lowly cowhand to "put on the dog."

Most hat belts were made of leather, plain or stamped with designs. Many were studded with fancy nails, some with silver bits similar to Mexican ornaments, a few with gold. I've even read of showy hat belts studded with jewels. Other decorations included gold nuggets, rattlesnake rattles, small feathers, turquoise, and so forth.

Occasionally, they were made of snakeskin, or Indian beads. Rio Granders sometimes wove silver or gold wire into their hat bands.

You don't see many such decorations to-

day. And even rabid Western fans seem unaware that the original cowboy "prettied up" his hat band in this manner.

Another thing. Dude cowboys, movie cowboys and child cowboys almost invariably wear their imitation ten-gallon hats with a sort of thin strap dangling underneath the chin.

The real cowboy's "bonnet strings," however, consisted of two pieces of thong, one hanging from each side of the hat and tucked up inside when not in use. If the cowboy were "fogging" at full gallop, or riding in blustery weather, he tied the two strings together. And he placed that loop around the back of his head, at the base of his skull—not under his chin.

Knowing all these facts, perhaps you can understand why the old punchers had nothing but derision and disgust for the "piddly" little skinny-brimmed hats of Eastern city folks. To them, the Eastern hat was dandified, sissified, and downright hilarious.

For the original cowboy hat was a man's hat, worn by real men, for a purpose — many purposes — instead of for mere style.

And, thanks to the influence of the movies, you could don a cowboy hat today (even an imitation) and walk down the main street of any city in the world and be recognized instantly as a "cowboy." The American cowboy hat has an international reputation. You might even say it's the most famous hat in all the world.

Typically, too, the cowboy had some crisp, slangy names for his headpiece — "war bonnet," for example, or "lid," and "hair case."

The one I've always liked best: "Conk

WIGWAM WAYS Toughest Soldiers





VEN AS AN INFANT, THE INDIAN LEARNED TO BE QUIET AT THE APPROACH OF ENEMIES!



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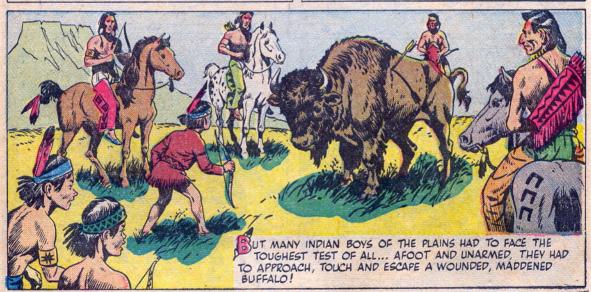


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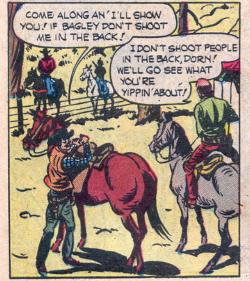
















































































Peg-leg Smith was a Rocky Mountain man, fighter, adventurer, and one of the most colorful figures the early West ever knew. It was said that Peg-leg was "domesticated among the painted warriors of the buffalo grounds," and that they gave him the name "Terry-oatsat-an-tuggy-bone," which is Utah for "good friend."

Almost any of Peg-leg's unusual adventures would contribute an exciting chapter to the history of the frontier. One of the many escapades which made him a legend, occurred while he was camped on the Green River. A Utah chief with 600 warriors, all of whom were Peg-leg's friends, stopped to insist that he join their war party against a nearby encampment of Snake Indians. As an inducement, the chief placed Peg-leg's saddle on the finest Indian pony in the party, and gave him place of honor in the lead.

At the first Indian war whoop, Peg-leg's mount "took the bit" and ran straight for the Snake encampment, with its rider vainly sawing at the reins. The runaway horse left the Utahs behind with a sudden spurt of energy that only the uncontrollable mount is capable of exerting, and charged into the midst of the astonished Snakes. Grabbing the war club of

From that eventful day on, the peg-legged Terry-oats-at-an-tuggy-bone was known among the plains Indians as the "bravest of the braves," a compliment that even the most daring Indian warrior would have difficulty in acquiring.



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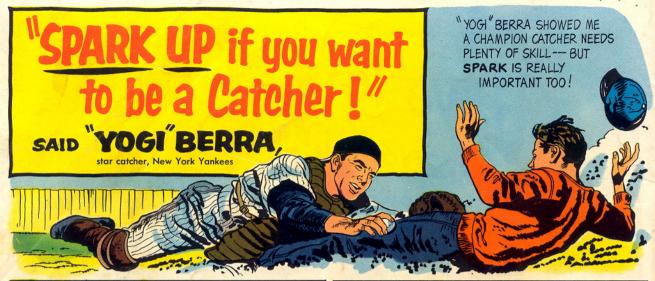
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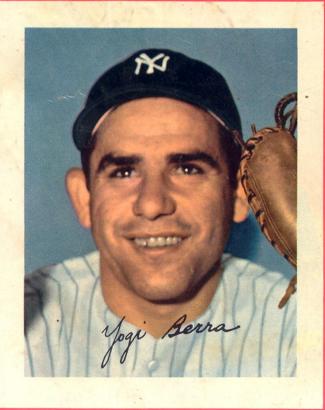
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