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YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

THIS IS A SHOCKING DOCUMENT. IT IS SO STARTLING A CRIME SAGA THAT FOR A LONG PERIOD MY OFFICE DEEMED IT WISE NEVER TO MAKE PUBLIC THE INSIDE FACTS. BUT, BECAUSE THE CRIMINALS INVOLVED BETRAYED ONE OF OUR MOST RESPECTED INSTITUTIONS---THE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY---I HAVE, AT LAST, DECIDED TO OPEN MY CONFIDENTIAL FILES ON THIS CASE, IT IS THE STORY OF FOUR BRILLIANT COLLEGE GRADUATES WHO ABANDONED THE CAMPUS FOR CRIME, SWAPPED THEIR CAPS AND GOWNS FOR MOBSTERS' MASKS. IN THE ANNALS OF THE UNDERWORLD, THEY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS---

"The BACHELORS of CRIME!"



LAST MARCH 17TH AN ENTIRE CITY WAS STARTLED WHEN THE WATER SHORTAGE HEADLINES WERE SHOVED OFF THE FRONT PAGES BY A STORY ABOUT THE SHORT-LIVED, BUT SPECTACULAR, CAREER OF A YOUTHFUL CRIME QUARTET....

UNDER THE PITILESS GLARE OF THE LINE-UP LIGHTS AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS, THE ONCE SWAGGERING FOUR SQUIRMED UNEASILY AS THEY WERE BOOKED AND FINGERPRINTED....

STAR

COLLEGE BANDITS CAPTURED; D.A. ENDS ROBBERY REIGN!



LOOT RECOVERED BY KEPP
HIHRET AND HIS ALERT STAFF OF EXPERTS
WORKING TIRELESSLY AT THEIR DESKS
MANY HOURS WITHOUT
DISCUSSURE



TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, IT WAS NOT JUST "ANOTHER CASE TO BE FILED AWAY"— THIS ONE HAD SOME BAFFLING ANGLES....

WHY DID THEY GO WRONG, CHIEF? THEY WERE ALL CLEAN-CUT YOUTHS WITH FINE BACKGROUNDS!

--AND WITH COLLEGE EDUCATIONS, HARRINGTON! THAT'S WHAT SURPRISED A LOT OF PEOPLE!



THESE BOYS HAD BRAINS! LOOK HERE! JOHNNY GREGG, BRILLIANT PSYCHOLOGIST; RALPH PARRIS, POPULAR ATHLETE AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATE; CRAIG DUNCAN, STUDENT OF METEOROLOGY; AND MICHAEL RIDWELL, MEDICAL STUDENT!



FOUR PROMISING CAREERS SHATTERED--AND THE ENDING IS A STRANGE ONE! WE HAVE EVERY DETAIL OF THE CASE ON FILE NOW---SO LET'S GO BACK TO WHEN IT STARTED AT GRADUATION....

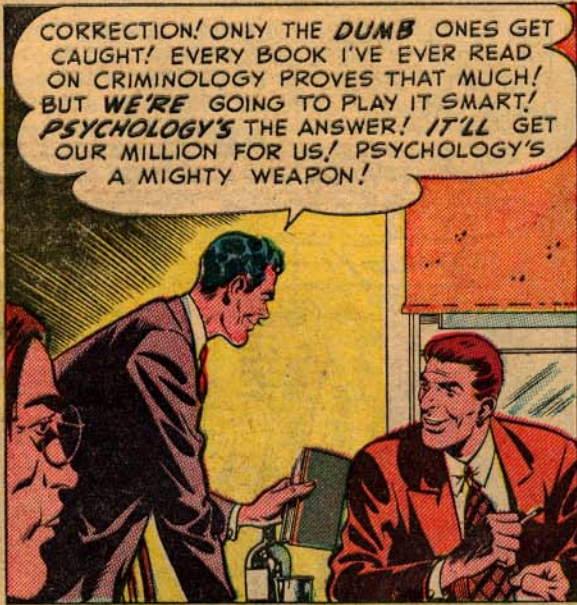


AFTER GRADUATION THEY CAME TO THE CITY AND RENTED AN APARTMENT ON THE LOWER WEST SIDE....

THIS IS THE STARTING POINT, FELLOWS--THIS CHEAP FLAT! BUT FROM HERE WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A **MILLION DOLLARS!**

THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TELLING US, JOHNNY! BUT I'M STILL SKEPTICAL OF THE WHOLE IDEA! CROOKS INVARIABLY GET CAUGHT!





CORRECTION! ONLY THE **DUMB** ONES GET CAUGHT! EVERY BOOK I'VE EVER READ ON CRIMINOLOGY PROVES THAT MUCH! BUT **WE'RE** GOING TO PLAY IT SMART! **PSYCHOLOGY'S** THE ANSWER! IT'LL GET OUR MILLION FOR US! PSYCHOLOGY'S A MIGHTY WEAPON!



I'LL MAP THE JOBS! RALPH IS BIG---HE CAN HANDLE THE STRONG-ARM STUFF! BUT WE DON'T WANT A MURDER RAP, SO WE WON'T HAVE BULLETS IN OUR GUNS! MIKE IS A GOOD DOC, HE CAN TAKE CARE OF ANY WOUNDS!---- CRAIG'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE WEATHER MIGHT COME IN VERY HANDY!



AT TIMES I'LL WEAR THIS PHONEY SCAR ON MY FACE! IT HAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT! PEOPLE LOOK AT THE SCAR --- AND FAIL TO NOTICE ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT YOU! THAT WAY THEY CAN'T GIVE MY DESCRIPTION TO THE COPS!



AT FIRST THE OTHER THREE WERE UNEASY, BUT THE SMOOTH-TALKING GREGG, PSYCHOLOGY HONOR STUDENT, SWAYED THEM TO HIS SIDE. THEN CAME THEIR FIRST JOB, A FASHIONABLE JEWELRY STORE ...

I'M NERVOUS, JOHNNY! WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG?

IT WON'T! YOU CAN ALWAYS GET BY WITH THE **UNEXPECTED!**

ONCE INSIDE THE STORE, THE FOUR SEPARATED... JOHNNY GREGG WALKED BRISKLY TO THE RING COUNTER, SUMMONED A CLERK, AND...



CAN I SEE YOUR DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT RINGS?... SOMETHING IN THE 3-CARAT RANGE.

YES, SIR! I BELIEVE WE HAVE **EXACTLY** WHAT YOU WANT!



HMM-- SO THIS ONE'S PRICED AT \$3,000! IT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I'M AFTER! HAVE YOU ANY FOUR-CARAT RINGS?

YES, SIR! WE HAVE SOME EXCELLENT ONES IN STOCK!... NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...



AT THAT MOMENT, THERE WAS A COMMOTION NEARBY...



I'M FAINT---MY HEART---

LET ME THROUGH, PLEASE! I'M A PHYSICIAN!

ONLY WHEN THE EXCITEMENT HAD ENDED DID THE CLERK REALIZE HIS "CUSTOMER" HAD DISAPPEARED---WITH A TRAY OF VALUABLE RINGS!



HELP! CALL THE POLICE! WE'VE BEEN ROBBED!

FOR A SPLIT SECOND, ALL EYES TURNED TO THE CAUSE OF THE COMMOTION--- AND, IN THAT SPLIT SECOND OF DIVERSION, JOHNNY GREGG CASUALLY STROLLED FROM THE STORE...



ONE SIDE, PLEASE! I MUST GET THIS MAN OUT INTO THE AIR!

YES, LET THE DOCTOR THROUGH PLEASE!

THE GANG'S FIRST STEP WAS TO VISIT A JEWEL FENCE-- "HOT ICE" HARRY HINES--- WHOM THEY HAD CONTACTED EARLIER...



YOU'VE GOT SOME NICE ROCKS HERE, BOYS! OF COURSE, I CAN'T GIVE YOU FULL PRICE, BUT I CAN GO AS HIGH AS \$22,000!

THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH! WE'LL TAKE IT--*IN CASH!*

AFTER THAT, THEY MADE THEIR FIRST ENTRY IN THE BOOKS ...



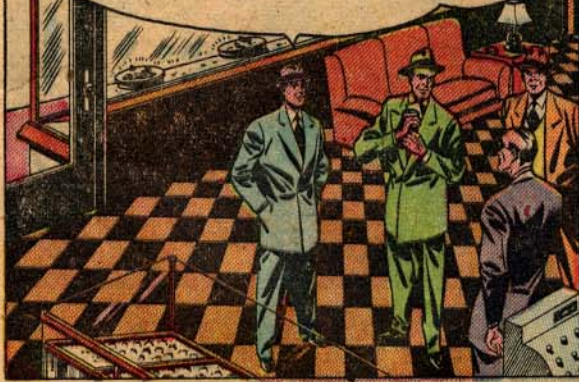
GREGG, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THE JOB CAME OFF SO PERFECTLY! THIS IS EASIER THAN COACHING FOOTBALL!

SURPRISE AND PSYCHOLOGY! NOBODY EXPECTED A BOLD DAYLIGHT ROBBERY IN A CROWDED STORE! THEN, TOO, THE COMMOTION CAUSED BY A "HEART CASE" ATTRACTED EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO WALK OUT WITH THE LOOT! CRIME IS EASY---FOR THE INTELLIGENT!



AT THE STORE, MEANWHILE, HARRINGTON AND I LAUNCHED AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION....

FROM WHAT YOU TELL ME, THESE MEN WERE PRETTY COOL CHARACTERS! THEY SOUND LIKE EXPERIENCED CROOKS COME ON DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS AND SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE ONE WITH THE SCAR FROM FILE PICTURES!



THE GANG THEN BOUGHT A STATION WAGON AND BEGAN TO STRIKE — AGAIN AND AGAIN. ONE SATURDAY NIGHT, AT THE 'BLUE FLAME' NIGHT CLUB ON ROUTE 1...

ALL RIGHT, RALPH AND I WILL GO BACK TO THE MANAGER'S OFFICE. YOU AND MIKE GET THE CAR READY FOR A FAST DEPARTURE, CRAIG! I WON'T PUT THE SCAR ON, BECAUSE A "SCAR-FACED" MAN IS WANTED BY THE LAW!



CALMLY, COOLY, THEY WALKED STRAIGHT TO THE MANAGER'S OFFICE....

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, MR. VERNON! HUH? OH... BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'RE NOT SURE! OF COURSE! INVESTIGATING YOU! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



LATER —AND NO LUCK...

NO, D.A.! THERE'S NOT A CROOK IN THE FILES WHO RESEMBLES THE ONE WITH THE SCAR! --- I DIDN'T GET A LOOK AT THE OTHERS!

WELL, THAT STOPS US COLD --- FOR NOW!



WE'RE ALL SET! THESE PHONEY TREASURY DEPT. IDENTIFICATIONS WILL WORK! WE DON'T LOOK LIKE CROOKS, AND THE PSYCHOLOGY IS THAT THE MANAGER WILL GET WORRIED WHEN "T-MEN" APPROACH HIM — HE'LL THINK SOMETHING'S WRONG AND DO WHAT WE ASK! --- COME ON!



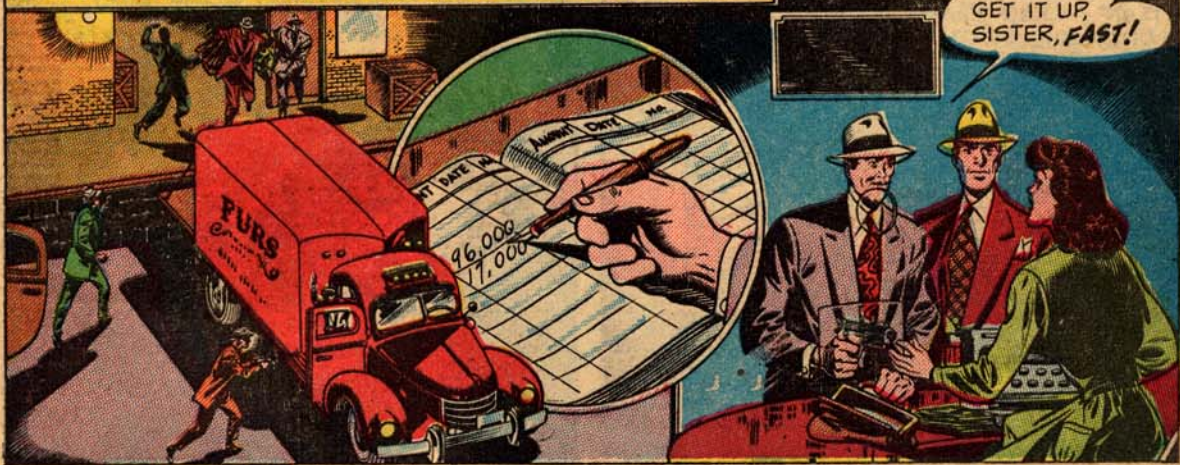
I HAVE MY MEN SPOTTED AROUND THE PLACE WATCHING A TABLE OF FOUR OUT THERE! WE THINK THEY'RE COUNTERFEITERS — HAVE YOU ANY BILLS THEY'VE PASSED SO FAR?

WHY, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY! BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO CHECK THE RECEIPTS! ONE MOMENT, PLEASE...





AND, DURING THAT WEEK, WHILE WE WAITED FOR REPORTS ON THE FINGERPRINTS TO COME IN, THE CRIME QUARTET STRUCK TWICE. ONCE AT A WEST SIDE WAREHOUSE, WHERE THEY STOLE SOME VALUABLE FUR COATS, AND AT AN UPTOWN THEATRE....



FINALLY THE REPORTS CAME THROUGH...

THEY CAN'T MATCH THE FINGER-PRINTS ANYWHERE-- NOT EVEN IN WASHINGTON!

WHICH MEANS THESE BIRDS ARE SMART OLD-TIMERS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN ARRESTED--- OR THAT THEY ARE NEWCOMERS!

PROBABLY NEWCOMERS BECAUSE THE VICTIMS DESCRIBED THE CRIMINALS AS CLEAN-CUT YOUTHS! WELL, THOSE YOUTHS ARE MAKING OLD MEN OUT OF US!---BUT NOT FOR LONG, I HOPE!

MEANWHILE, THE BOYS WERE PLANNING WHAT WAS TO BE THEIR MOST DARING AND SPECTACULAR ROBBERY....

I PICKED UP A LIGHT PLANE, CHEAP--AND IT CAN CARRY THE FOUR OF US! CRAIG'S HAD ENOUGH FLYING LESSONS TO PILOT US OUT AFTER WE'RE THROUGH!

WHAT'S THE PITCH THIS TIME JOHNNY? WHY THE PLANE?

WE HAVEN'T FAR TO GO TO REACH OUR GOAL OF A MILLION, AND TODAY'S OUR CHANCE TO GO OVER THE TOP! IT'S A BIG BANK DEAL--- WE'LL HIT AT NOON! --- I WANT THE PLACE TO BE CROWDED!

ARE YOU CRAZY? PULLING A JOB RIGHT IN FRONT OF A CROWD OF PEOPLE?

EXACTLY! I'LL EXPLAIN THAT PART LATER! RIGHT NOW, LET'S GO AHEAD WITH THE REST OF IT! HERE, WHERE I'VE MARKED 'X' IS WHERE THE PLANE WILL BE--- JUST OVER THE BRIDGE ---IN ACTUAL DISTANCE, ABOUT HALF A MILE FROM THE BANK!



WE'LL HAVE A START ON THE COPS AND THEIR SQUAD CARS-- THAT'S ALL WE NEED! CRAIG WILL BE IN THE PLANE, WARMING IT UP --- AND READY TO GO! SO WE DITCH THE STATION WAGON AND TAKE TO THE CLOUDS, LEAVING SOME DISAPPOINTED COPS ON THE GROUND!

AND SUPPOSING WE GET BAD FLYING WEATHER?

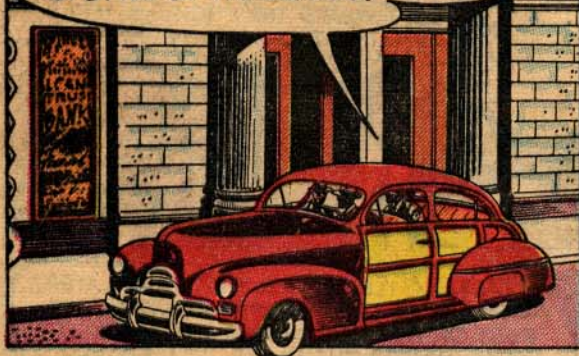


DON'T WORRY, CRAIG'S A METEOROLOGIST, HE HAS CHECKED AND DOUBLE CHECKED! HE'S CERTAIN WE'LL HAVE FAIR WEATHER! --- ALL RIGHT, NOW LISTEN---



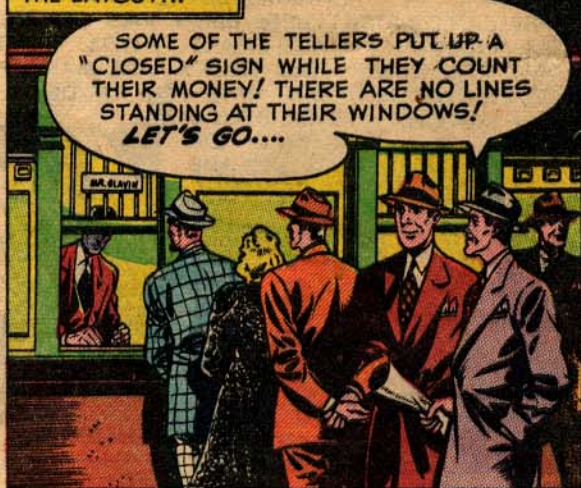
THAT NEXT FRIDAY WAS A WARM, LAZY DAY, JUST AS METEOROLOGIST CRAIG DUNCAN HAD PREDICTED. THREE OF THE GANG DROVE UP TO THE BANK. GREGG AND RALPH PARRIS LEFT MIKE RIDWELL IN THE CAR, WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING...

CRAIG'S AT THE PLANE! EVERYTHING'S SET!---WATCH *PSYCHOLOGY!* PAY OFF --- TO THE TUNE OF A *MILLION!* I'M LEAVING THE SCAR OFF AGAIN SO I WON'T BE SPOTTED BY THE GUARDS!



THEY WALKED INSIDE AND CASUALLY SURVEYED THE LAYOUT...

SOME OF THE TELLERS PUT UP A "CLOSED" SIGN WHILE THEY COUNT THEIR MONEY! THERE ARE NO LINES STANDING AT THEIR WINDOWS! LET'S GO...



THEN...

NOW, WITHOUT A BLINK OR A COUGH, PASS ME THOSE STACKS OF HUNDREDS! HURRY--AND DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE! IF YOU TRY TO KICK AN ALARM, I'LL FIRE!

A GUN UNDER YOUR PAPER! S-SURE! DON'T SHOOT!



EVERYTHING WENT WELL. THEY GOT THE PACKETS OF CURRENCY, POCKETED THEM, AND TURNED QUICKLY TOWARD THE CROWD BEFORE THE FRIGHTENED TELLER PUSHED AN ALARM BUTTON. THEN...

HE'S THE ONE! I SAW HIM TAKE THE MONEY!

NO--THIS ONE DID IT!

NOT I! IT WAS THAT GUY THERE!





GETTING EVERYBODY IN A CROWD TO THINK EVERYBODY ELSE IS GUILTY IS NOT A NEW TRICK-- BUT IT WORKED FOR PSYCHOLOGIST JOHNNY GREGG ---FOR AWHILE---

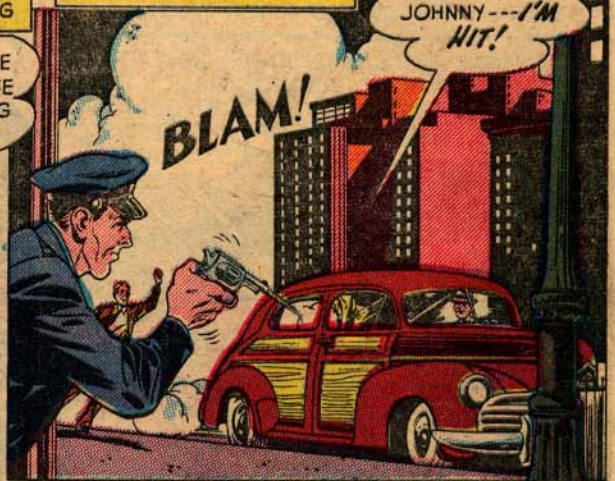


I SAY IT WAS YOU!

WHAT? YOU'RE CRAZY!

THOSE ARE THE ONES! THOSE TWO RUNNING OUT!

THEY REACHED THE STATION WAGON JUST AS THE GUARD FIRED....



JOHNNY---I'M HIT!

BLAM!

SHOULDER WOUND, RALPH? DON'T WORRY, MIKE CAN FIX YOU UP!

YEAH, A LITTLE LATER! RIGHT NOW I SEE SQUAD CARS BEHIND US!

THEY'RE FIRING!

FASTER, MIKE! WE'LL BE AT THE PLANE IN A MINUTE, FASTER!



THE FLEEING STATION WAGON WAS HALFWAY ACROSS THE BRIDGE WHEN, AS IF THE HAND OF FATE ITSELF WERE INTERVENING, THE SKY BROKE OPEN IN A CLOUDBURST!

LOOK, JOHNNY! RAIN! IT'S A THUNDER STORM!

GREAT GUNS! THIS WAS THE IMPOSSIBLE!

CRAIG MISSED! HE WAS SO SURE! BUT HE MISSED!

JOHNNY! IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS!



THEY CROSSED THE BRIDGE AND SCREECHED TO A HALT WHERE THE PLANE WAS IN READINESS FOR A FLIGHT IT WOULD NEVER TAKE...

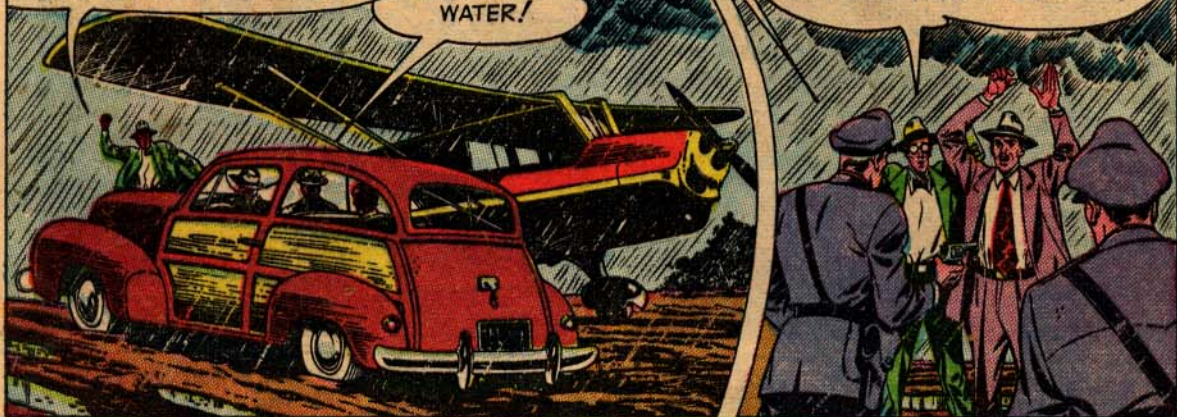
THE CHASE ENDED THERE -- JUST OVER THE BRIDGE ---JOHNNY GREGG'S WELL-LAID PLANS BACK-FIRED COMPLETELY...

JOHNNY! THE RAIN HAS US STOPPED! THE FIELD IS SO SOAKED WE'D GET BOGGED DOWN IN MUD IF WE TRIED TO TAKE OFF!

INSTEAD OF A MILLION DOLLARS, WE GET A MILLION GALLONS OF WATER!

OKAY, BOYS! THIS IS IT!

I TELL YOU, JOHNNY, IT **SHOULD NOT** HAVE RAINED! MY CALCULATIONS **COULDN'T** HAVE BEEN **THAT** INCORRECT!

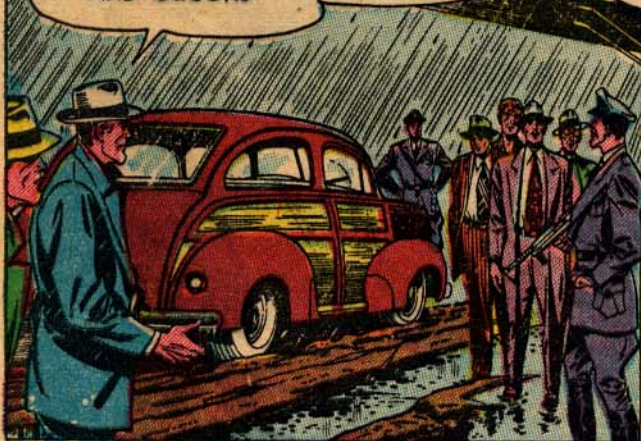


IT WAS THEN THAT HARRINGTON AND I ARRIVED...

SPEAKING OF THE RAIN, IT'S ABOUT THE BEST I'VE EVER SEEN! FIRST, IT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ARREST, AND SECOND---

---THIS BADLY NEEDED RAIN IS HELPING RELIEVE THE DROUGHT IN THESE PARTS!---BUT CRAIG'S PREDICTIONS WERE RIGHT--- NORMALLY IT **WOULDN'T** HAVE RAINED!

THEN WHY DID IT? WHAT HAPPENED?



THE CITY'S SCIENTISTS PRODUCED IT ARTIFICIALLY BY DROPPING CHEMICALS INTO CLOUD FORMATIONS CAUSING THEM TO RELEASE MOISTURE! WITHOUT THAT, YOUR PLANS MIGHT HAVE SUCCEEDED!

YOU SEE, SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENS TO CRIMINALS! A CROOK, EDUCATED OR NOT, DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE! SOMEWHERE ALONG THE CROOKED ROAD HE TRAVELS THERE IS ALWAYS A PITFALL. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, IT TRAPS HIM, BE IT THE LAW ITSELF, OR THE VERY ELEMENTS OF NATURE!





WHEN IT COMES TO BLOWING BUBBLES, FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE CAN'T BE BEAT!

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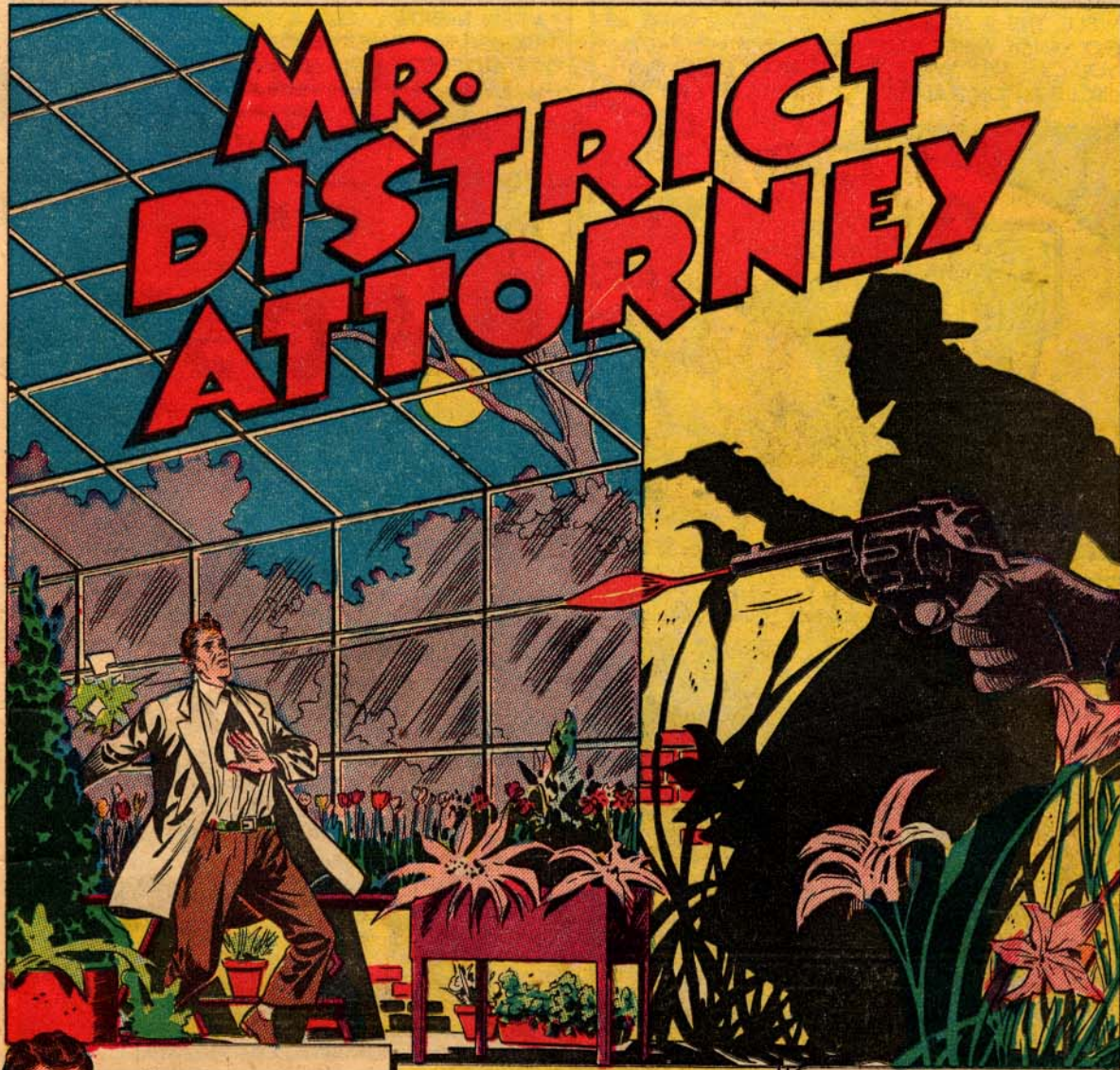
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SOLVED BY TELL-TALE CLUES! SEEMINGLY WORTHLESS OBJECTS-- SUCH AS A FRAGMENT OF GLASS, A SHRED OF CLOTH, A TORN MATCH COVER OR A LAUNDRY MARK-- HAVE BEEN SILENT BUT VALUABLE DEPUTIES OF THE LAW! - IN THE FOLLOWING CASE-HISTORY (M-320018), YOU WILL SEE SIMILAR CLUES FIGURE IN A BAFFLING RIDDLE WHICH WE CALLED...

"THE CASE OF THE DOUBLE KILLING!"

"THE BASEBALL SEASON WAS JUST ABOUT A WEEK OLD LAST YEAR WHEN WEALTHY J. ANTON MANET SUMMONED HIS TWO NEPHEWS AND NIECE TO HIS COUNTRY ESTATE..."

MR. RADELL WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING! THAT'S WHAT LAWYERS ARE FOR! I'M GOING TO BED. GOOD NIGHT!

YOUR UNCLE DREW UP HIS WILL. HE WANTED ME TO INFORM YOU THAT FRANK IS TO INHERIT THE ENTIRE ESTATE -- UNLESS BARRY AND DOLORES QUIT THE CIRCUS.

WHAT? DOLORES AND ME QUIT THE CIRCUS?



WELL, THE MONEY CAN GO HANG! WE'RE STAYING! YOU CAN TELL *THAT* TO UNCLE ANTON, RADELL!

I FEEL THE SAME AS BARRY, MR. RADELL! WE'RE ENJOYING OUR WORK! WE'RE STICKING TO IT!

WELL, THEN, THAT MAKES ME SOLE HEIR!



"A FEW NIGHTS LATER, A FIGURE SNEAKED THROUGH THE GARDENS OF ANTON MANET'S ESTATE, ENTERED THE HOUSE--AND FIRED TWO SHOTS..."



"BY THE TIME THE BUTLER, ELDRIDGE WILLIAMS, RUSHED INTO THE STUDY, THE KILLER HAD FLED."

MR. MANET--! GOOD HEAVENS! HE'S... HE'S DEAD! AND THE KILLER'S GONE!



"A PROWL CAR RUSHED TO THE SCENE, AND AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION BEGAN. THEN, IN THE MORNING..."

HELLO, HARRINGTON! I'M TEACHING THE D.A. SOME THINGS ABOUT GARDENING!

IT'S EASIER TO BUY POSIES THAN GROW THEM. WHAT'S UP?

LAST NIGHT'S MURDER! OUR SUSPECT HAS AN ALIBI!



"TOWARD NOON, WE ARRIVED AT THE MANET ESTATE..."

HE WAS AT HIS CLUB. A LOT OF WITNESSES SAW HIM, TOO!

I'LL CHANGE AND BE RIGHT WITH YOU, HARRINGTON!



LOOK AT THIS MODEL OF THE HOUSE OLD MANET KEPT. THE KILLER WAITED BEHIND THIS ARCH. THE OLD MAN CAME DOWN THE STEPS AND AS HE CROSSED TOWARDS THE DINING ROOM, THE KILLER OPENED FIRE. RIGHT? RIGHT? LET'S GO OUTSIDE.

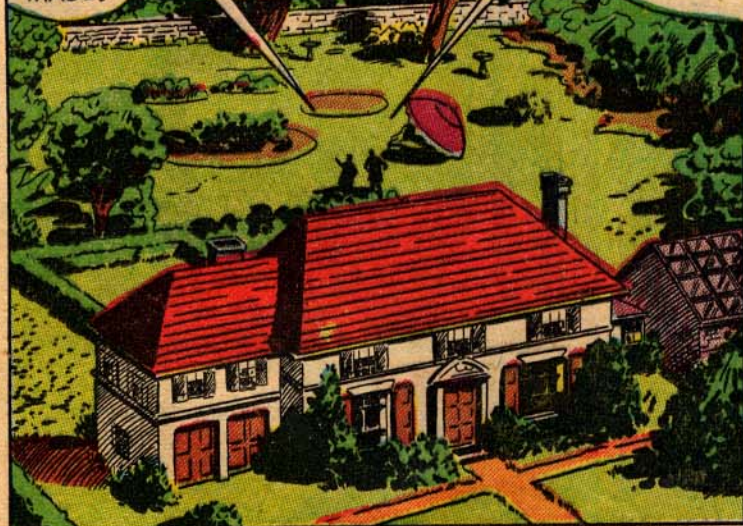


THE KILLER FLED THROUGH THE WINDOW, **AROUND** THE FLOWER BEDS, OVER THE WALL AND TO A WAITING CAR BEYOND. THE ROAD IS GRAVEL, SO NO TIRE PRINTS WERE MADE.

THE MURDERER'S FOOTPRINTS ARE LOST, TOO!

YEAH, IT RAINED THE NIGHT BEFORE AND HE KNEW THE GROUND WOULD BE SOFT! SO HE WRAPPED SOMETHING AROUND HIS SHOES TO HIDE THEIR IMPRESSIONS!

FROM THE PATTERN IN THE GROUND, I'D SAY HE USED BURLAP BAGS! TAKE A CAST ANYWAY, HARRINGTON! NOW I WANT TO TALK TO RADELL, THE FAMILY LAWYER.



"FROM RADELL, I LEARNED THE TERMS OF THE WILL..."

"WE WENT TO FRANK'S APARTMENT, HE WAS SEEMINGLY SHAKEN BY HIS UNCLE'S DEATH..."

FRANK MANET STANDS TO GAIN BY MR. MANET'S DEATH. EVERYTHING WAS LEFT TO HIM! HIS COUSINS, DOLORES AND BARRY, WERE CUT OFF COMPLETELY!

A MILLION DOLLARS IS A GOOD ENOUGH MOTIVE! I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH FRANK MANET!

I WAS AT THE CLUB MOST OF LAST NIGHT! AT LEAST 50 PERSONS SAW ME! I **COULDN'T** HAVE KILLED UNCLE ANTON!



BESIDES, THIS WHOLE THING SO OBVIOUSLY BLAMES ME THAT I BELIEVE I WAS FRAMED! MY COUSINS HATED UNCLE ANTON FOR CUTTING THEM OFF--AND THEY HATED ME BECAUSE I WAS MADE SOLE HEIR!

I'M CHECKING UP ON YOUR ALIBI--AND ON YOUR COUSINS! MEANWHILE, DON'T **YOU** LEAVE TOWN!

"NEXT STOP WAS THE COUNTRY CLUB. FRANK HAD BEEN SEEN THERE, ESPECIALLY BY A DR. EVERETT VANCE..."

YES, I SAW FRANK MANET! HE COMPLAINED OF A BAD STOMACH! I GAVE HIM A SEDATIVE AND TOLD HIM TO LIE DOWN!

AND HE RESTED ON A COUCH IN THE GAME ROOM, ACCORDING TO AN ATTENDANT. HE WAS AT THIS CLUB OBVIOUSLY...





YEAH, CHIEF -- BUT SUPPOSE HE ONLY MADE BELIEVE HE WAS SICK SO THE DOC WOULD SWEAR HE SAW HIM HERE! HE COULDN'T HAVE SLIPPED OUT OF THE GAME ROOM, KILLED HIS UNCLE, AND RETURNED!

I THOUGHT OF THE SAME THING! WELL, LET'S RUN OVER TO THE CIRCUS AND TALK TO THE OTHERS!

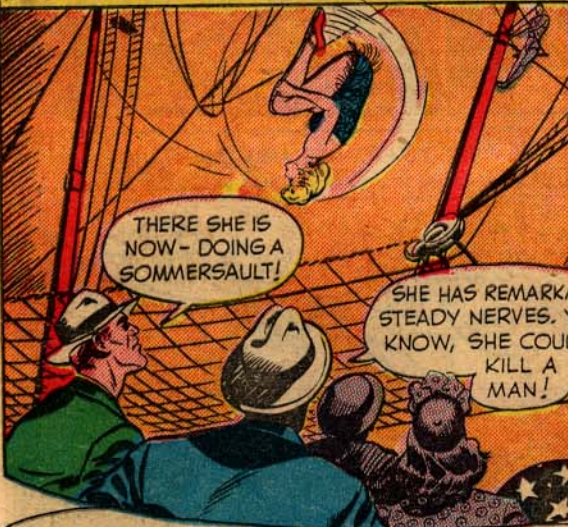


HELLO, MR. RADELL! WE WERE JUST LEAVING -- GOING TO SEE THE CIRCUS!

LUCKY YOU! I'M HAVING DINNER, THEN BACK TO MY DESK. I'VE LOTS OF WORK TO DO.

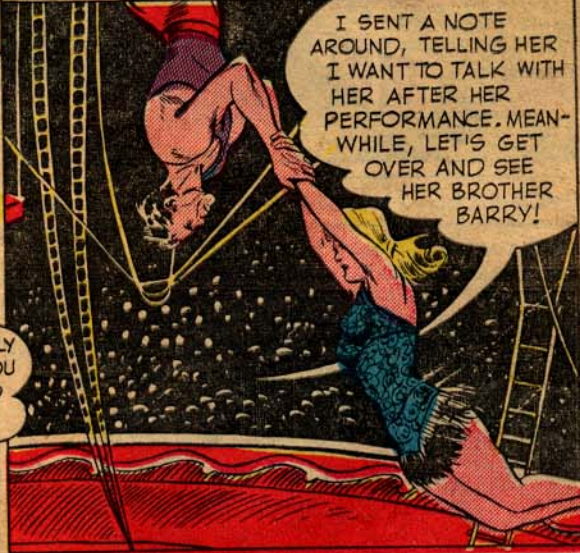


"WE REACHED THE HUGE WELLS ARENA JUST AS DOLORES MANET WAS ON THE HIGH TRAPEZE..."



THERE SHE IS NOW - DOING A SOMMERSAULT!

SHE HAS REMARKABLY STEADY NERVES. YOU KNOW, SHE COULD KILL A MAN!



I SENT A NOTE AROUND, TELLING HER I WANT TO TALK WITH HER AFTER HER PERFORMANCE. MEANWHILE, LET'S GET OVER AND SEE HER BROTHER BARRY!

YOU SEE, I BREAK THE EGG, AND, PRESTO! OUT POUR TEN FEET OF BEAUTIFUL HANDKERCHIEFS!

ALL RIGHT, HARRINGTON! WHEN HE FINISHES, BRING HIM AROUND TO THE BACK OF THE TENT!

"FIRST, I QUESTIONED THEM SEPARATELY, THEN TOGETHER. THEIR STORIES MATCHED..."

WE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE, D.A.! WE WERE BOTH HERE LAST NIGHT WHEN UNCLE ANTON WAS SHOT... AND WE HAVE 14,000 WITNESSES TO PROVE IT -- THE AUDIENCE!

YES, EVERYBODY HAS AN ALIBI, BUT THE FACT REMAINS YOUR UNCLE WAS SLAIN! FRANK MANET SAYS HE WAS AT HIS CLUB...





HE WAS, WAS HE? I THOUGHT HE'D BE PUTTERING AROUND IN HIS GREENHOUSE! HE SELDOM LEAVES HIS FLOWERS!

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!

SURE! HE'S AN EXPERT HORTICULTURIST!

"SOMETHING SUDDENLY CLICKED IN MY MIND. HARRINGTON AND I RACED BACK TO OUR SQUAD CAR..."

THE MURDERER MUST ALSO HAVE BEEN A FLOWER FANCIER, HARRINGTON! THAT'S WHY HE AVOIDED TRAMPLING THE FLOWERS WHEN HE ESCAPED!

CHIEF, THIS CASE IS ALL WRAPPED UP! HE HAD THE BIG DOUGH COMING -- AND HE AVOIDED THE FLOWERS! WE'LL TEAR HIS ALIBI TO BITS!

"WHEN WE REACHED THE HOUSE NOBODY ANSWERED. WE WENT IN -- BUT DIDN'T SEE FRANK MANET, NOT AT FIRST, ANYWAY..."

MAYBE HE REALIZED THE TRAP WAS CLOSING AND HE SKIPPED TOWN! HE'S OUR GUY, CHIEF -- I'M CERTAIN!

WE'LL SEE! MAYBE HE'S BACK HERE IN THE GREENHOUSE...

"IN THE GREENHOUSE WE FOUND A LOT OF PLANTS GROWING -- ALMOST ANYONE YOU COULD NAME. THERE WAS ONLY ONE DEAD THING -- AND THAT WAS FRANK MANET, FIRST ON MY SUSPECT LIST..."

HE WAS SHOT -- AND NOT MORE THAN A FEW HOURS AGO! THE CORONER CAN ESTABLISH THE EXACT TIME OF DEATH!

I DON'T GET IT, CHIEF. FRANK MANET HAD TO BE THE KILLER! BUT WHY WOULD ANYBODY KILL HIM?

"I HAD THOUGHT OF FRANK MANET'S SUCCESSOR TO THE INHERITANCE, AND I PHONED RADELL ABOUT IT..."

THE TERMS STATE THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO FRANK MANET, THE MONEY THEN GOES TO CHARITY! DOLORES AND BARRY ARE CUT OFF COMPLETELY!

THANKS, MR. RADELL. THERE'S NOTHING MORE!

I GUESS I'VE RUN OUT OF MOTIVES. IF FRANK HAD KILLED HIS UNCLE -- WHO KILLED FRANK? AND DID FRANK KILL HIS UNCLE?

CHIEF! COME OUT HERE FOR A MINUTE!

I WAS SNOOPING AROUND AND LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN THE COMPOST HEAP!

CHARRED REMAINS OF **BURLAP BAGS!** THAT'S WHAT WE FIGURED THE MURDERER HAD WRAPPED AROUND HIS FEET! NOW WE KNOW FRANK **MUST'VE** KILLED HIS UNCLE!

PERFECT... BUT WHO KILLED FRANK -- AND WHY?

PERHAPS ONE OF HIS COUSINS! FRANK SAID THEY HATED HIM!... BUT THERE ARE A FEW CURIOUS ANGLES TO THE CASE!



FRANK MUST HAVE BEEN WORKING AMONG THE FLOWERS WHEN HE WAS KILLED! THERE'S A GARDEN TROWEL NEAR HIM AND DIRT ON HIS HANDS!

SO?

I'M A RANK AMATEUR WHEN IT COMES TO FLOWERS-- BUT EVEN I CAN SEE THE MISTAKES IN **THIS** ARRANGEMENT! FRANK MANET WOULD MOST CERTAINLY HAVE KNOWN BETTER! BUT WHILE HE WAS FACED BY DEATH, HE CONTINUED TO WORK. THE SOIL IS FRESHLY TURNED...



NEXT TO THAT ROSE BUSH HE PLACED AN "ANGEL'S HAIR" PLANT-- SOMETIMES CALLED THE KILLER PLANT BECAUSE ITS SILKY CREEPERS REACH OUT AND STRANGLE ANY FLOWER NEAR IT! FRANK MANET WOULDN'T HAVE PUT IT NEAR ROSES!

THE LILY OF THE VALLEY SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE --YET HE CONFINED IT TO A SMALL POT--SEE? AND LOOK AT THESE DAFFODIL BULBS --THEY SHOULD BE **UNDER** THE SOIL... NOT ON TOP OF IT!

DAFFODILS-- SO WHAT, CHIEF?





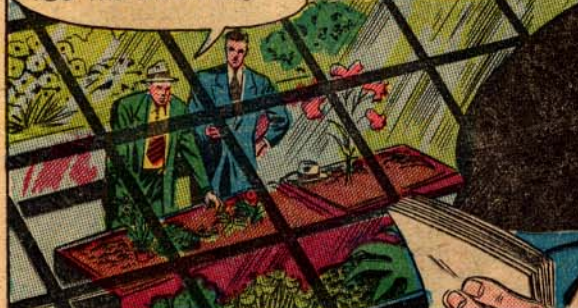
FRANK KNEW BETTER THAN TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS, HARRINGTON -- BUT PERHAPS HE DELIBERATELY DID IT! IN SHORT, AS HE FACED THE KILLER, HE MAY HAVE LEFT THESE CLUES AS A MESSAGE!
DON'T YOU AGREE?



IT'S LIKE A JIGSAW PUZZLE! WE MUST FIND THE HIDDEN PIECES, ASSEMBLE THEM, THEN LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE. I NOTICE HE'S EVEN GOT AN ENDIVE -- AN EDIBLE GREEN -- PLACED AMONG THE FLOWERS!



AW CUT IT OUT, D.A.! LEAVE US FACE THE HARD FACTS! DOLORES OR BARRY PROBABLY KNOCKED HIM OFF! A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ISN'T GOING TO GIVE YOU THE ANSWER!



THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT MAY MEAN NOTHING, HARRINGTON, BUT -- IF YOU ADDED ANOTHER "L", THE FIRST LETTERS IN EACH WORD COMBINE TO SPELL OUT SOME-BODY'S **NAME!**



ARE YOU ACCUSING RADELL OF **MURDER**? HE WAS AT THE CLUB -- THEN HE SAID HE WAS GOING BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

MAYBE HIS ALIBI CAN ALSO BE TORN TO BITS! LIKE FRANK, HE COULD'VE LEFT THE CLUB LONG ENOUGH TO COMMIT A MURDER!

THERE WILL BE PERSONS TO PROVE THAT. AND WHY SHOULD HE KILL FRANK MANET?

THE MOTIVE! YOU ALWAYS NEED A MOTIVE! WHERE IS **HIS** MOTIVE FOR KILLING FRANK MANET? HE HAD NOTHING TO GAIN!

HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ESTATE! PERHAPS IF WE EXAMINE THE LEGACY, WE CAN FIND OUT WHY. MEANWHILE, I'M GOING TO ARREST HIM!





THE EVIDENCE HAD POINTED TO FRANK MANET AS THE MURDERER OF HIS UNCLE! BUT WHEN WE WENT TO ARREST HIM, HE WAS

DEAD! BUT HE HAD LEFT A WEIRD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, WHICH SPELLED OUT RADELL'S NAME!



DID RADELL KILL THE UNCLE --OR DID FRANK? IF FRANK WAS GUILTY, WHY DID RADELL KILL HIM... **IF** HE DID? HERE'S THE CURIOUS ANSWER WE DUG UP...



"FIRST I SUBPOENED THE ESTATE PAPERS..."

CHIEF, THESE SHOW POSITIVELY THAT RADELL WAS EMBEZZLING FUNDS FROM THE ESTATE ALL ALONG! BUT THE OLD MAN TRUSTED HIM SO MUCH HE NEVER FOUND OUT!

GET RADELL HERE -- AT ONCE!



"WHEN WE CONFRONTED RADELL WITH THE NEW EVIDENCE, HE BROKE DOWN AND CONFESSED TO FRANK'S MURDER. HE HAD SLIPPED OUT OF THE CLUB AND..."

YOU KILLED YOUR UNCLE TO INHERIT THE MONEY... BUT YOU ALSO INHERITED SOME BAD NEWS! THAT I'D BEEN STEALING FROM THE ESTATE. BUT NOBODY IS GOING TO KNOW BECAUSE THE ESTATE WILL GO TO CHARITY. KILLING YOU IS MY LIFE INSURANCE!



"FRANK MANET STALLED FOR TIME, WHILE HE LEFT CLUES TO IDENTIFY RADELL..."

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS RADELL --

YOU'LL NEVER SQUEAL ON ME! THE D.A. KNOWS YOU MURDERED YOUR UNCLE, BUT HE'LL NEVER FIND OUT WHO KILLED YOU!

BLAM!



YES, FRANK MANET **HAD** MURDERED HIS UNCLE, BUT WHEN **HE** WAS FOUND DEAD, WE WERE MOMENTARILY STUMPED! BUT THANKS TO A CRIME-BUSTER'S NEVER FAILING FRIEND -- THE CLUE -- WE WERE ABLE TO FIND HIS KILLER AND SOLVE THE CASE!

AND LIKE I SAID ALL ALONG -- IT'S ALL WRAPPED UP!



The End

MANHUNT



LOOKING THROUGH A ST. PAUL NEWSPAPER, JIMMY RADECK, 13, AND JIMMY LEWIS, 14, GASPED AS THEY SAW A PHOTO OF AN ESCAPED CONVICT. IT LOOKED LIKE A MAN LIVING IN A CAVE NEAR THEIR HOMES. THEY DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE.



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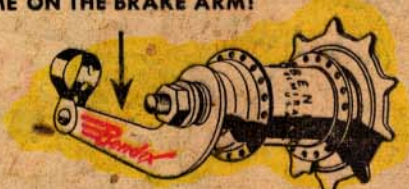
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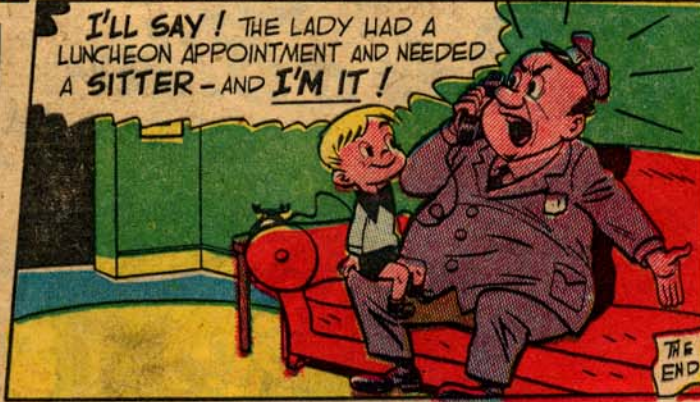
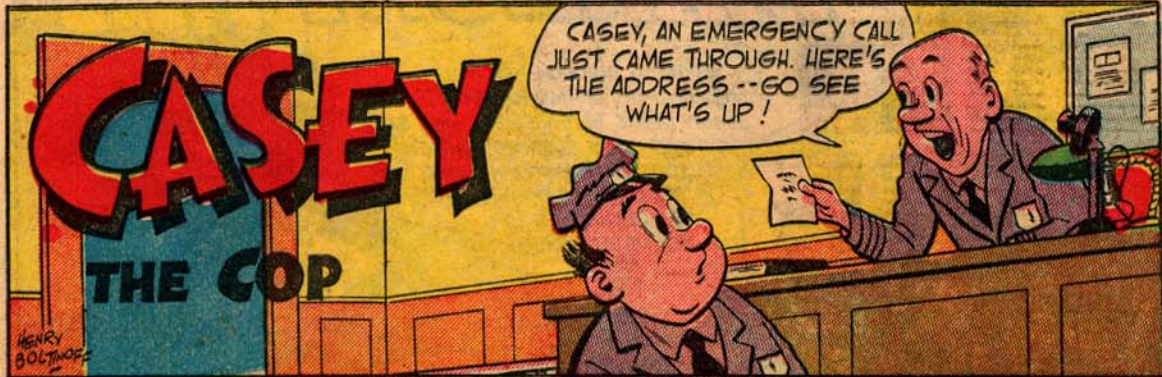
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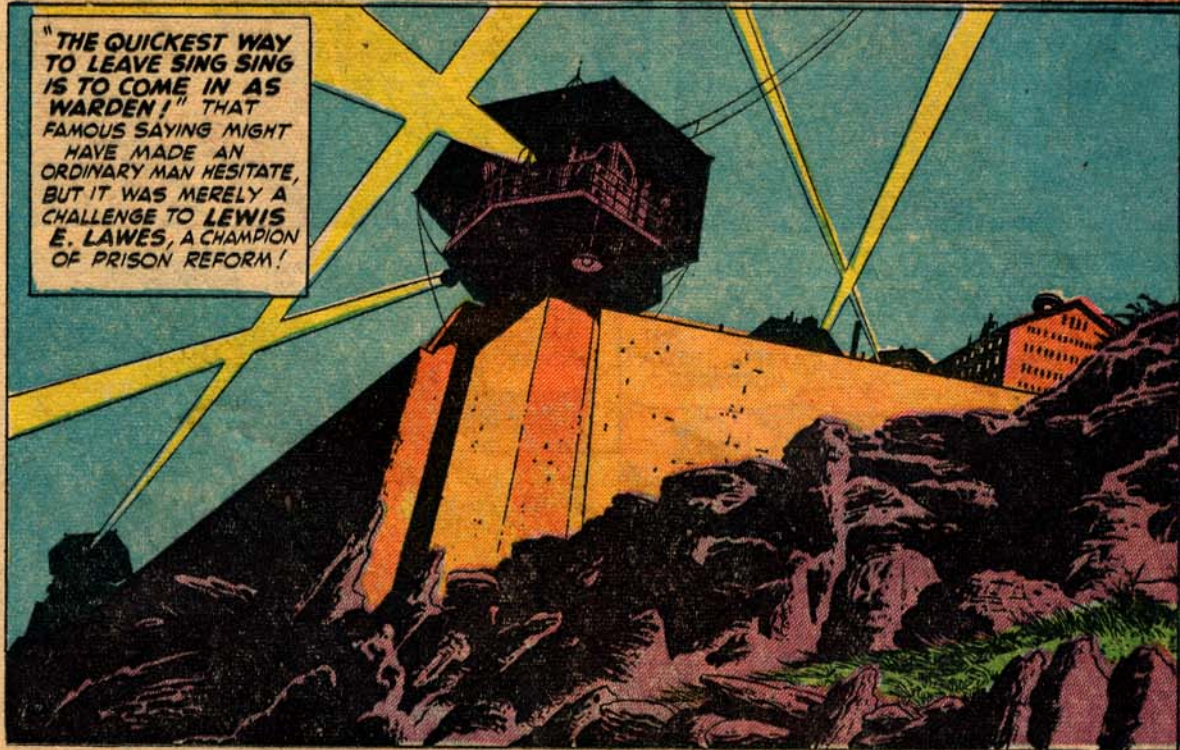
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BOSS OF THE BIG HOUSE

"THE QUICKEST WAY TO LEAVE SING SING IS TO COME IN AS WARDEN!" THAT FAMOUS SAYING MIGHT HAVE MADE AN ORDINARY MAN HESITATE, BUT IT WAS MERELY A CHALLENGE TO LEWIS E. LAWES, A CHAMPION OF PRISON REFORM!



A CENTURY AGO, PUNISHMENT OF PRISONERS WAS STERN AND CRUEL. SAVE FOR ISOLATED INSTANCES, LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE THROUGH THE YEARS. CULPRITS SUFFERED ISOLATION, PRIVATION AND BRUTALITY....

LOCK HIM UP AND THROW THE KEY AWAY!



...EVEN AS LATE AS 1904, WHEN YOUNG LEWIS E. LAWES BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A GUARD AT DANNEMORA.

NO TALKING ALLOWED DURING MEALS, EH? THE PRISON IS RUN ON THE SILENT SYSTEM. WHY THE DIFFERENT NUMBER OF STRIPES?

TWO STRIPES MEAN A SECOND OFFENDER; THREE, A THIRD. FOURTH OFFENDERS WEAR FOUR.





LISTEN, ROOKIE. TAKE AN OLD TIMER'S ADVICE. WEAR THESE TO SNEAK UP ON 'EM - AND THEN WHACK 'EM WITH THIS CLUB!

THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY TO DEAL WITH THEM.



SHORTLY AFTER WHEN A PRISONER COLLAPSED IN THE MACHINE SHOP...

HERE, SIP THIS. THEN I'LL FETCH THE DOCTOR.

THANKS. YOU'RE NOT A BULLY LIKE THE OTHERS.



THE NEW GUARD'S REPUTATION SPREAD RAPIDLY, AND ONCE...

HE'S GOING TO FIX A PIPE UNDER THE HOSPITAL. HE'S A GOOD PLUMBER -- BUT BE CAREFUL. HE'S A MURDERER!



I CAN TAKE THAT GUN AWAY FROM YOU, MAYBE ESCAPE, BUT I WON'T. I BEEN WATCHIN' YOU. YOU'RE OKAY.



HIS PLEAS FOR REFORM WERE REBUFFED, BUT NEXT YEAR, YOUNG LAWES SHIFTED TO AUBURN PRISON, WHERE, ASSIGNED TO THE STONE SHED...

GIVE IT TO 'IM, BOYS. WE'LL INITIATE THIS NEW GUARD!

LET'S SEE HOW HE GETS OUT OF THIS WITH HIS NEW-FANGLED IDEAS!



BUT A MOMENT LATER...

YOU WALKED RIGHT IN AND SHOWED YOU CAN TAKE IT WITHOUT USING YOUR GUN OR CLUB. YOU'RE A RIGHT GUY!





THEN, AT ELMIRA, MONTHS LATER, HE STUDIED CRIME AND PUNISHMENT...

"... THE INTENT IS TO PREVENT THE CRIMINAL FROM DOING FURTHER INJURY TO SOCIETY AND TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM REPEATING THE OFFENSE..."



IMBUED WITH PROGRESSIVE IDEAS, HE STUDIED AT N.Y.'S SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, BECAME OVERSEER OF HART'S ISLAND REFORMATORY...

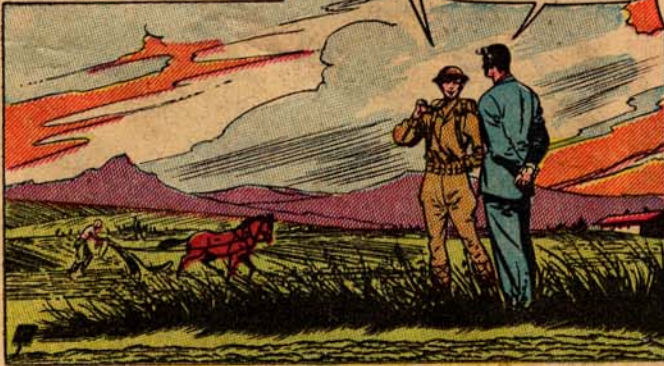
HOW CAN BOYS BE EXPECTED TO REFORM WITH HARDENED CRIMINALS ON ONE SIDE AND POTTER'S FIELD, A CEMETERY FOR UNKNOWN, ON THE OTHER?



UNDER HIS PRESSURE, AUTHORITIES YIELDED. THE REFORMATORY WAS MOVED TO A NEW SITE, AND DURING WORLD WAR 1....

HALF OF US REFORM KIDS ARE IN UNIFORM...

YES, AND I'M EQUALLY PROUD OF THE OTHERS WHO ARE GROWING MUCH-NEEDED PRODUCE.



SO CONFIDENT WAS HE OF HIS REFORMED CHARGES, LAWES ONCE LOANED THEM OUT AS MOVIE EXTRAS.

GUNS AND SWORDS FOR CONVICTS! IF THERE'S TROUBLE, I'LL HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE!

THEY'LL BEHAVE, SIR. THEY KNOW WE'RE GETTING A MOVIE MACHINE OUT OF THIS TO ENTERTAIN THEM.



NEWS OF LAWES' APPOINTMENT TO SING SING WAS GREETED WITH BITTER OPPOSITION. NEWSPAPERS JEERED HIS REHABILITATION METHODS, ACCUSED HIM OF CODDLING CRIMINALS.



I KNOW I'M RIGHT! I KNOW IT!

DAILY NEWS: WARDEN LAWES TO SING SING LULLABIES TO SING SING INMATES

DAILY EVENING: NEW PRISON POLICY TO CATER TO CRIMINALS

POST DAILY: LAWES TAKES LAW INTO OWN HANDS

HIS EXPERIMENTS A SUCCESS, HAILED BY MANY AS A CHAMPION OF REFORM, LATE IN 1919 LAWES WAS SUMMONED BY NEW YORK'S GOVERNOR AL SMITH...

I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOUR IDEAS, LAWES. SOME PEOPLE DON'T AGREE WITH THEM. BUT I DO... ENOUGH TO ASK YOU TO RUN THE BIG HOUSE!

IF YOU'RE WILLING TO TRUST ME, I'LL RISK IT, SIR!

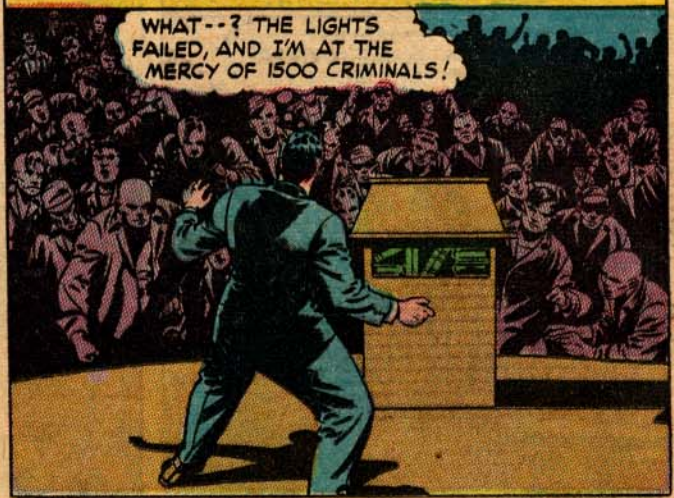




THIS IN 1920, LAWES REACHED SING SING TO MEET THE GREATEST CHALLENGE OF HIS CAREER. BLOOD OF MORE THAN 100,000 MEN STAINED ITS STONES BY USE OF THE CAT-O-NINE TAILS, THE PADDLE, CAGE, BALL AND CHAIN.

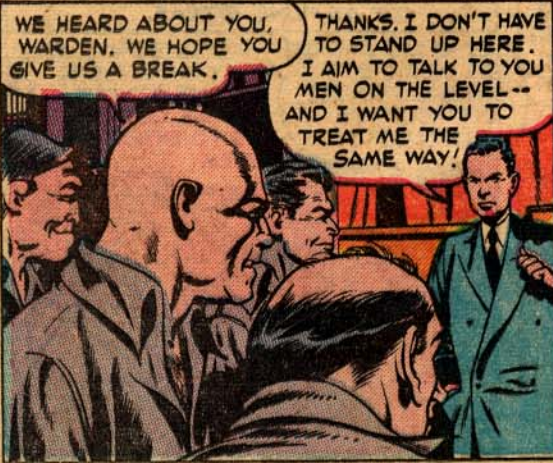


THE FIRST NIGHT, ADDRESSING INMATES WITHOUT GUARDS AS EVIDENCE OF HIS TRUST, SUDDENLY ----



WHAT--? THE LIGHTS FAILED, AND I'M AT THE MERCY OF 1500 CRIMINALS!

BUT WHEN THE LIGHTS WERE RESTORED...



WE HEARD ABOUT YOU, WARDEN. WE HOPE YOU GIVE US A BREAK.

THANKS. I DON'T HAVE TO STAND UP HERE. I AIM TO TALK TO YOU MEN ON THE LEVEL-- AND I WANT YOU TO TREAT ME THE SAME WAY!

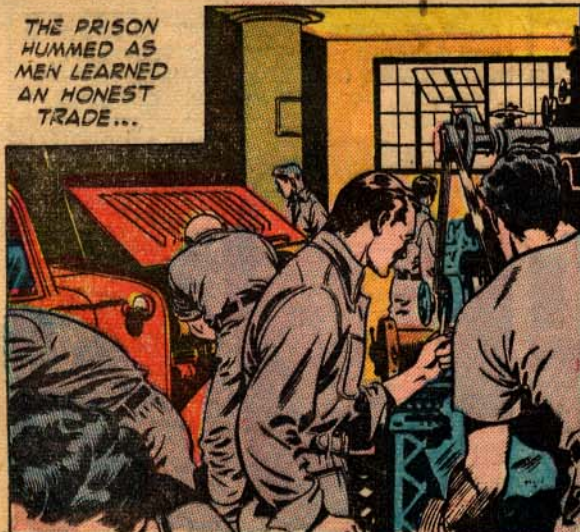
HIS ACTIONS FULFILLED HIS PLEDGE....



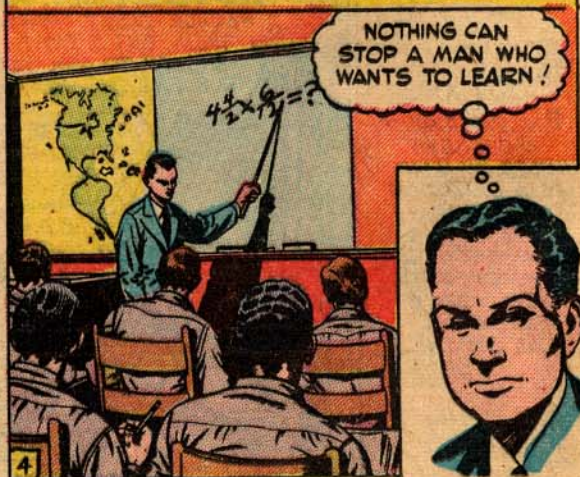
WHAT'S THIS? BASEBALL FOR CONVICTS? I NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING!

RECREATION IS THE FIRST STEP IN RE-CREATION.

THE PRISON HUMMED AS MEN LEARNED AN HONEST TRADE...



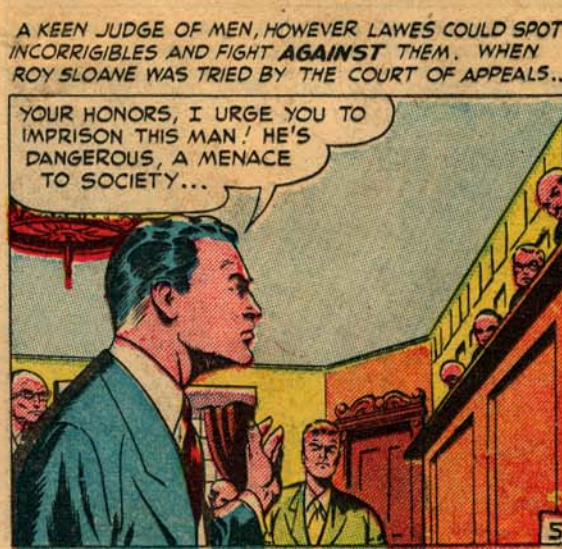
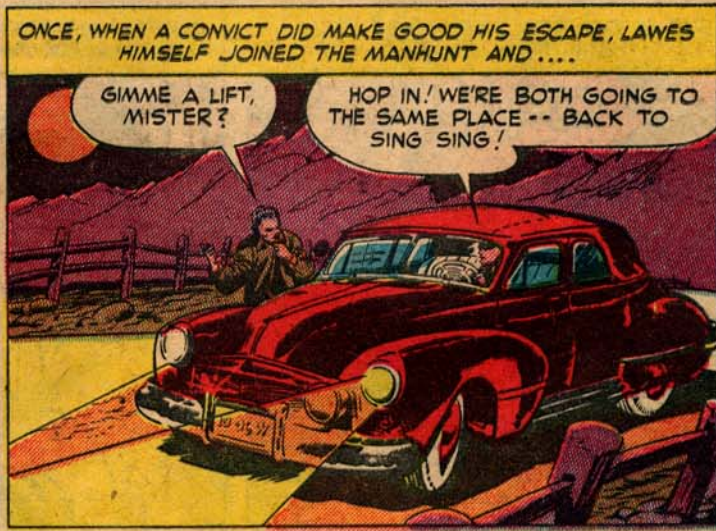
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SING SING'S HISTORY, CONVICTS FLOCKED TO CLASSROOMS...



NOTHING CAN STOP A MAN WHO WANTS TO LEARN!

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MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



HIS REQUEST WAS FUTILE. SLOANE WAS FREED, BUT SHORTLY AFTER



LAWES' JUDGMENT WAS VINDICATED

A THOROUGH HUMANITARIAN, HE SPARED THE DOOMED UNNECESSARY ANGUISH.

IN THE DEATH CHAMBER, YOU WILL STAND IN FRONT OF RUTH SNYDER TO PREVENT WITNESSES FROM SEEING HER SUFFER!



BUT AS THE FATAL SWITCH WAS PULLED, THE MATRON FAINTED --



RESULTING IN THIS INFAMOUS NEWS PHOTO!

LAWES' VAST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WERE RECORDED FOR POSTERITY IN BOOKS WHICH HE AUTHORED.



HE ENCOURAGED EDUCATION, SAW MANY INMATES DISCHARGED AS SKILLED WORKERS.

GOODBYE, JOE, AND GOOD LUCK!

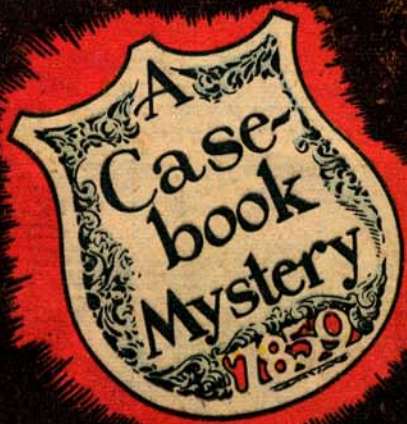


LETTERS SUCH AS THIS FROM FORMER PRISONERS WERE HIS REWARD, AMPLE PROOF THAT HIS SYSTEM PAID OFF.



PRISONERS MOURNED HIS DEATH IN APRIL, 1947, FOR TO THEM, LEWIS E. LAWES WAS NOT A SYMBOL OF PUNISHMENT BUT A FRIEND TO MEN CONDEMNED TO A FOUR-CORNERED WORLD.

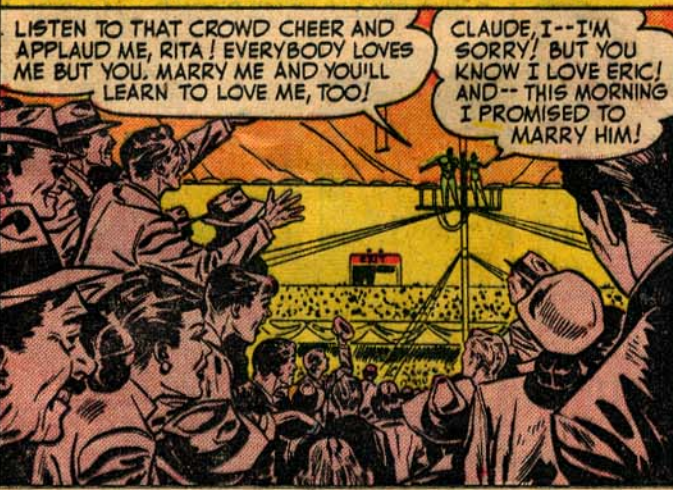
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"THE CASE OF THE 45 DEGREE TIGHTROPE!"

Test YOUR Wits Against a Criminal!

LAST SUMMER, A CIRCUS WAS PLAYING NEW ENGLAND...



LISTEN TO THAT CROWD CHEER AND APPLAUD ME, RITA! EVERYBODY LOVES ME BUT YOU. MARRY ME AND YOU'LL LEARN TO LOVE ME, TOO!

CLAUDE I--I'M SORRY! BUT YOU KNOW I LOVE ERIC! AND-- THIS MORNING I PROMISED TO MARRY HIM!

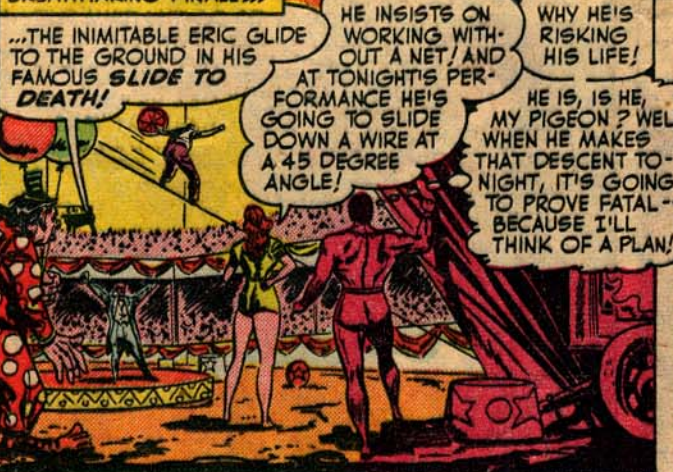
ERIC! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT'D BE HIM! BUT I WON'T LET HIM TAKE HER AWAY FROM ME! I'LL KILL HIM FIRST!

SMILE, CLAUDE! THEY'RE CHEERING YOU!



HURRAY! YEAH!

THE NEXT ACT WAS ERIC'S, AND AS CLAUDE WATCHED HIS BREATHTAKING FINALE...



...THE INIMITABLE ERIC GLIDE TO THE GROUND IN HIS FAMOUS SLIDE TO DEATH!

HE INSISTS ON WORKING WITHOUT A NET! AND AT TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE HE'S GOING TO SLIDE DOWN A WIRE AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE!

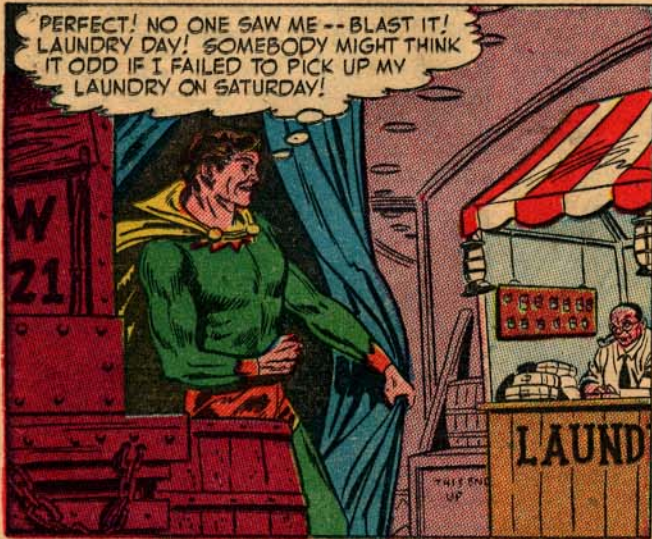
WHY HE'S RISKING HIS LIFE!

HE IS, IS HE, MY PIGEON? WELL, WHEN HE MAKES THAT DESCENT TONIGHT, IT'S GOING TO PROVE FATAL-- BECAUSE I'LL THINK OF A PLAN!

I'VE GOT MY WEAPON-- SOAP! A LITTLE SOAP ON A PIECE OF THAT WIRE AND-- RITA WILL BE MINE!

TODAY'S SATURDAY, MR. PERRY! WANT ME TO TAKE YOUR LAUNDRY OUT?







HE'S A DETECTIVE... HAPPENED TO BE IN THE AUDIENCE TONIGHT!

HMM... LOOKS LIKE IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, ALL RIGHT! BUT LET'S CHECK ONE OR TWO THINGS FIRST! CAN I SEE THE ROPE HE FELL FROM?

YES, SIR! I'LL GET IT DOWN AT ONCE!



THERE'S SOAP ON THIS WIRE! SOMEBODY OBVIOUSLY WANTED TO KILL HIM!

SOAP?!... SOMEBODY WANTED TO KILL HIM?

IT COULDN'T BE! I'M THE SHOW'S MANAGER, AND I CHECKED THAT WIRE THREE MINUTES BEFORE THE ACT! I KNOW BECAUSE I LOOKED AT MY WATCH!



THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AT 9:42, EH? SOMEBODY SOAPED THIS WIRE BETWEEN THAT TIME AND 9:45! I WANT EVERYBODY TO ACCOUNT FOR HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING THEN AND SHOW ME THE CONTENTS OF HIS POCKETS NOW!

CLAUDE, DID YOU-- YOU DIDN'T KILL ERIC, DID YOU?

GOOD HEAVENS, RITA, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I WAS JEALOUS OF ERIC, BUT I WOULDN'T MURDER HIM!



I WENT TO MY DRESSING ROOM AT 9:35 AFTER MY ACT, AND I DIDN'T LEAVE IT UNTIL A MOMENT AGO!

OKAY, THAT'S YOUR LAUNDRY TICKET, EH... NUMBER 78? WHO'S GOT NUMBERS 77 AND 79?

I HAVE 77!



HERE'S THE CIGAR BOX CONTAINING THE NUMBERS YOU ASKED FOR!

THANKS, LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT IT!



I KNOW IT WAS EXACTLY 9:40 WHEN I PICKED UP THIS STUB BECAUSE I HAD JUST FINISHED MY ACT!

AND I GOT THIS WHILE ERIC WAS ON.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS? HERE'S A DOLLAR BILL WITH SOME SOAP SMUDGED ON IT! I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY THE MURDERER!

CAN YOU FIND THE CONCLUSIVE PROOF WHICH WILL CONVICT THE KILLER? ARE YOU AS SHREWD AS THE DETECTIVE? THINK -- BEFORE YOU LOOK AT THE NEXT PAGE!

CLAUDE PERRY! YOU LIED WHEN YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T LEAVE YOUR ROOM **AFTER 9:35**. YOU GOT YOUR STUB -- NUMBER 78 -- RIGHT AFTER THIS GIRL, RIGHT AFTER YOU HAD SOAPED THE WIRE! THESE LAUNDRY STUBS WERE AS PRECISE AS A CLOCK IN ESTABLISHING THE TIME, AND YOU UNWITTINGLY LEFT SOME TRACES OF SOAP ON THE DOLLAR BILL!

THEN IT WAS YOU, CLAUDE--!

HOLD OUT YOUR WRISTS, MISTER. I'M TAKING YOU IN!

NO! YOU'LL NEVER ARREST ME... **NEVER!**

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

IN MOMENTS, CLAUDE'S AGILE FIGURE REACHED THE SUMMIT OF THE BIG TOP!

SOMEBODY GO AFTER HIM! HE'LL ESCAPE THROUGH THE TOP!

WATCH, YOU FOOLS! I'LL SHOW YOU A LEAP NOW-- **A LEAP TO FREEDOM!**

I SWING ON THIS TRAPEZE, AND-- **OH! I'M SLIPPING--!**

HE'S FALLING!

LOOK OUT!

EEEK!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME... AND THE LAST... I EVER SAW CLAUDE PERRY SLIP!

HIS RIGHT HAND COULDN'T HOLD ON TIGHTLY TO THE TRAPEZE BAR... BECAUSE IT WAS SOAPY! IRONICAL, WASN'T IT?

The End

SCIENTIFIC SHERLOCK

A LITTLE PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SOLVED MORE BAFFLING MYSTERIES THAN MOST ANY DETECTIVE IN THE U.S.A. HIS MICROSCOPES TOLD HIM SECRETS THAT NO ONE ELSE COULD FIND.



A FRAGMENT OF ROPE WAS TAKEN FROM A GARROTED VICTIM AND PUT UNDER HIS GLASS. HE TRACED IT TO WHERE IT CAME FROM, THE CLOTHES LINE IN THE YARD OF THE MURDERER!



THE POLICE BROUGHT HIM THE TORN PURSE OF A MISSING GIRL. HE PUT IT UNDER HIS GLASS AND SAID-- "SEARCH THE MARSH EAST OF SAN FRANCISCO. YOU'LL FIND HER BODY THERE." THEY DID! A FEW GRAINS OF DIRT TOLD HIM THE STORY.

BANDITS BLEW UP THE EXPRESS CAR OF A CALIFORNIA TRAIN. FROM A GRIMY PAIR OF OVERALLS (HIS ONLY CLUE) HE FOUND ENOUGH FACTS TO CONVICT THEM ALL! HIS MICROSCOPE TOLD THE STORY!



HM-M-M-M



EDWARD OSCAR HEINRICH

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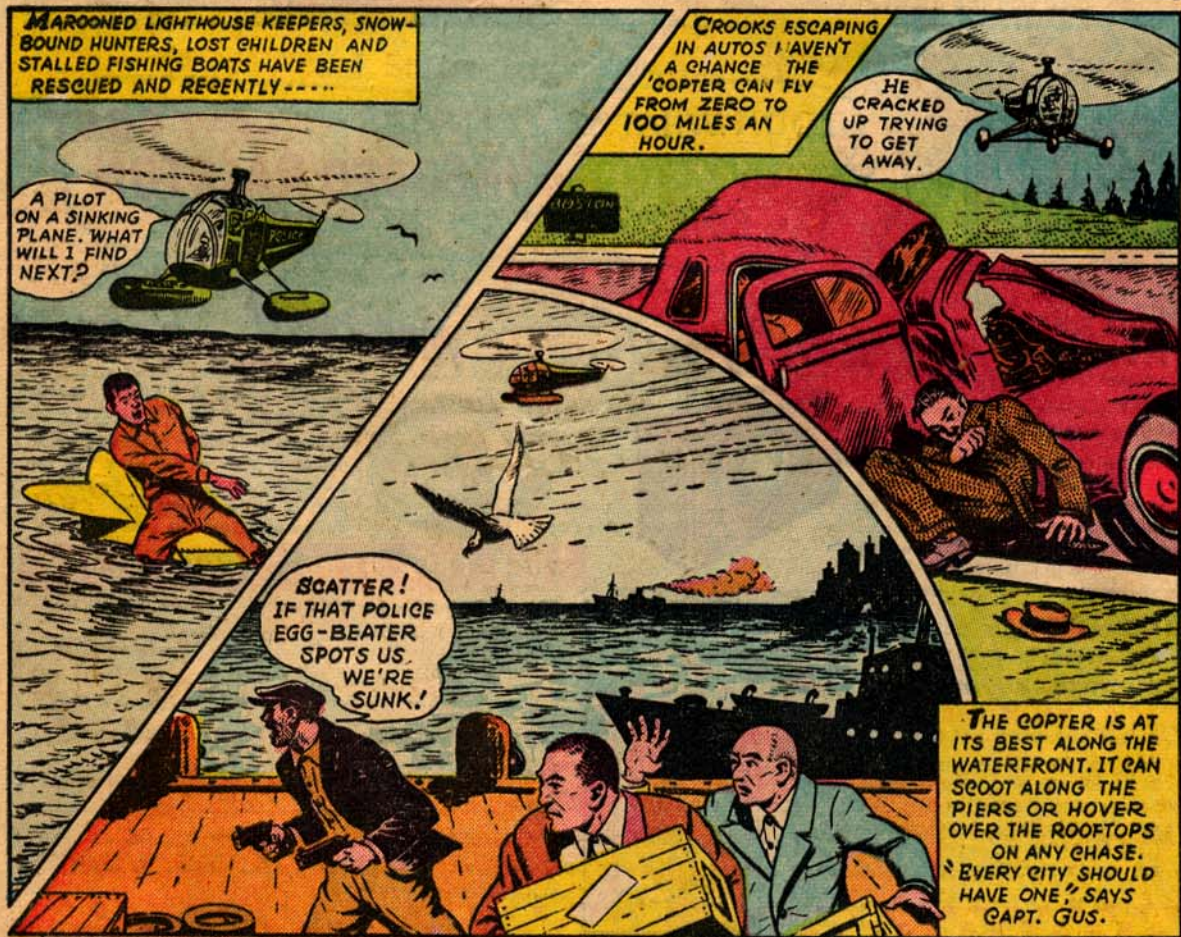


Capt. Gus Crawford

Helicopter ACE

WE'RE SAVED!
IT'S THE POLICE
'COPTER.

CAPT. GUS CRAWFORD, HEAD OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AVIATION BUREAU, IS PILOT OF THE ONLY POLICE HELICOPTER IN THE COUNTRY, AS FAR AS WE KNOW. THE COP WITH THE COPTER HAS SAVED DOZENS OF LIVES SINCE TAKING OVER HIS NEW MACHINE.



MAROONED LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS, SNOW-BOUND HUNTERS, LOST CHILDREN AND STALLED FISHING BOATS HAVE BEEN RESCUED AND RECENTLY----

A PILOT ON A SINKING PLANE. WHAT WILL I FIND NEXT?

CROOKS ESCAPING IN AUTOS HAVEN'T A CHANCE THE 'COPTER CAN FLY FROM ZERO TO 100 MILES AN HOUR.

HE CRACKED UP TRYING TO GET AWAY.

SCATTER! IF THAT POLICE EGG-BEATER SPOTS US, WE'RE SUNK!

THE COPTER IS AT ITS BEST ALONG THE WATERFRONT. IT CAN SCOOT ALONG THE PIERS OR HOVER OVER THE ROOFTOPS ON ANY CHASE. EVERY CITY SHOULD HAVE ONE," SAYS CAPT. GUS.

THE CRIME FILE

PIE IN THE SKY

CRIME certainly keeps its eye on the news. Now, pickpockets and other petty thieves are taking advantage of the flying saucers, which are allegedly soaring over the South American skies.

A Chilean farmer, for instance, claimed that one had landed in his field and put up for sale slivers of the saucer. In Yucatan, two photographers were thrown into the clink for selling fake pictures of the discs. A Peruvian inventor announced that he had created a de-tractor, a metal rod that would hurl back any falling flying saucer.



But it was the Mexicans who proved to be the best bait. Pickpockets did a land-office business when they would take a position on a street corner, gape aloft and shout the approach of a flying saucer. The milling crowds made rich pickings as the thieves jostled against the unsuspecting skygazers and relieved them of their money.

PENAL PAYMENTS UP

The high cost of living has been recognized by the law. Recently, in Boston the Legislative Commission on Public Welfare okayed a law, which boosted the pay of prison inmates to \$1 a day. Convicts, who were working out their jail sentences in lieu of payment of fines, heretofore had received only 50c a day.

WRITE AND WRONG

There's one native of Indiana who learned that he was mistaken about the efficiency of his city's police. In a letter to the editor of the newspaper, he accused the police department of gross inefficiency.

The police wondered why he had made that charge and investigated. Sure enough, they turned up two good reasons. Number One: the letter-writer had burgled a store; Number Two: he had also cracked another store's safe. Both times, he had eluded capture.

The police proved their efficiency by tracing him via his letter and jugging him.

THE LAST WORD

Motorcycle police who patrol the highways listen patiently to all kinds of stories when they overtake speedsters. But the best to date was recently repeated by an officer to his companions in a locker room.

The incident occurred on U.S. Highway 17. This motored minion of the law gave pursuit to an automobile which was wobbling from one side of the road to the other, endangering other motorists. When he flagged down the woman driver, his first question, as usual, was: "Let's see your license!"

To which, she replied, reprovingly: "Why, that's ridiculous! By the way I drive, who would be silly enough to give me a license?"

(P.S.: She got the ticket and a stern warning to get off the road immediately.)

LOST BUT FOUND

Add to strange stolen articles, a four-day-old Chinese deer, which disappeared from the Bronx (N.Y.) Zoo. Keepers and ASPCA agents agreed that it was too young to have leaped over or climbed the fence around the deer area.

Police were summoned the day after its

disappearance by a storekeeper who noticed several children playing with the 12 inch long deer.

SLEUTH'S WHO'S WHO

Can you name the authors who created these famous fictional detectives?

1: Philip Marlowe; 2: Mr. and Mrs. North; 3: Sam Spade; 4: Sherlock Holmes; 5: Charlie Chan; 6: Nick Charles; 7: Philo Vance; 8: Nero Wolfe.

ANSWERS

1. Roy Chandler; 2. Frances and Richard Lockridge; 3. Dashiell Hammett; 4. Conan Doyle; 5. Earl Derr Biggers; 6. Dashiell Hammett; 7. S. S. Van Dine; 8. Rex Stout.

A thief who had succeeded in robbing homes of wealthy suburbs recently arrived at a western community and immediately set to work. After studying the local town newspaper, he visited a couple who, he had learned, were shortly leaving on a two-week vacation.

Introducing himself as a building inspector, he gained easy access to the house. As the couple guided him through the rooms, he cased the place and calculated the extent of its wealth.

The day after the couple departed, he broke in easily through the rear door. Then he drew the window shades to prevent his being seen by any passerby. Quickly, he load-



ed the loot into two large valises and exited through the rear door.

Two burly cops were waiting for him. They seized him when he attempted to flee. He wondered how they had topped to his scheme,

but the answer was available as they walked him to the front of the house and their waiting prowler car.

He glanced back at the drawn window shades. On each, the wary couple had lettered in white chalk:

ATTENTION, POLICE
THERE'S A BURGLAR INSIDE

COURSES FOR CONVICTS

The GI Bill of Rights, which allows former students to resume studies interrupted by the war—the studies being financed by the government—has been extended to include prisoners. Georgia State Prison's 145 veterans now can continue their education in an experiment conducted by the Veterans Administration to allow inmates to subscribe to correspondence courses.

Any course is permitted except the study of law. Convicts, whose citizenship had been revoked, are ineligible for any of the courses.

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

Male convicts only have been recommended for weekend parole by the Scottish Council on the Treatment of Prisoners. Women were excluded with this announcement:

"The dangers of allowing a woman out are much greater and the privilege should not be extended to them."

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In Boston, a stranger offered to help a motorist start his stalled car, got behind the wheel while the owner pushed. Moments later, the motor turned over. The car dashed away, leaving the owner behind.

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A Denver hotel clerk reported to police that all spittoons in the lobby had been stolen. . . . And in New York City, thieves were making off with large waste baskets distributed by the Street Cleaning Department throughout the city.

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A Los Angeles mailman was arrested for having kept 5,000 letters. "I just got tired and took them home" was his explanation. "I expected to deliver them later."

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

MY SWORN DUTY IS TO DEFEND THE INNOCENT AND PROSECUTE THE GUILTY -- AND EVEN IF THE GUILTY ARE FRIENDS OF MINE I CANNOT PULL PUNCHES! THEY MUST AND WILL GET THE SAME TREATMENT AS ANY OTHER CRIMINAL! THIS CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES INVOLVES A FRIEND WHOM BOTH YOU AND I KNOW VERY WELL -- AND AS YOU WILL SEE, IT WAS THE TOUGHEST TRIAL OF MY CAREER, FOR IT WAS...

"THE STATE vs. HARRINGTON!"



IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR THE D.A.'S OFFICE WAS WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL MEN ON A BIG CASE...

MILLIONS ARE MADE EACH YEAR BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM THESE TAX STAMPS --- BUT CROOKS HAVE BEEN CUTTING IN! THEY'RE COUNTERFEITING THE STAMPS!



THE GANG HAS BEEN OPERATING IN THIS CITY-- BUT NOBODY HAS BEEN ABLE TO NAIL THEM! UP TO NOW, THEY'VE COVERED THEIR TRAIL WELL!

WHAT ABOUT CHARLIE RIVERS, CHIEF? HE WAS ONE OF THE BIG COUNTERFEITERS OF MONEY BEFORE HE WENT TO PRISON!



HARRINGTON HAS CHECKED ON HIM. SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON, HE'S BEEN OPERATING A TRUCK WAREHOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE! HIS PLACE HAS BEEN INSPECTED! THERE'S NOT A PRESS THERE!



ABSOLUTELY NO TRACE COULD BE FOUND OF THIS MASTER COUNTERFEITER -- AND ALL THE WHILE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN PHONEY TAX STAMPS ROLLED FROM THE PHANTOM PRESSES...



IT WAS ON SEPT. 2ND WHEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GOT ITS FIRST UNEXPECTED BREAK -- A PHONE CALL, WHICH, AT FIRST, MEANT NOTHING...

WAIT A MINUTE! GASOLINE-- AND RED AND BLACK STAINS! DOESN'T THAT SUGGEST ANYTHING, MISS MILLER?

PROBABLY PEOPLE WASHING THEIR CARS, CHIEF!

A FARMER IN JEFFERSON COUNTY CALLED UP AND WANTS US TO SEND SOMEONE OUT TO CHECK ON THE BROOK THERE, CHIEF! HE'S BEEN GETTING GASOLINE AND RED AND BLACK STAINS IN THE WATER!

THAT'S A JOB FOR SHERIFF GAINES! HE'LL HANDLE IT, MISS MILLER...





MAYBE--MAYBE NOT! IF YOU'LL RECALL, RED AND BLACK STAINS COULD ALSO MEAN **INK!** AND REMEMBER -- THEY WASH PRINTING PRESSES WITH GASOLINE! I'M HOPPING OUT THERE WITH SOME MEN! WHEN HARRINGTON CHECKS IN, TELL HIM TO WAIT!

A PRINTING SHOP--OUT IN THE COUNTRY?



MAYBE NOT EXACTLY A PRINTING **SHOP!** BUT IF CHARLIE RIVERS, EX-COUNTERFEITER, IS IN THE TRUCKING BUSINESS -- AND THERE ARE INK STAINS IN A COUNTRY BROOK -- I THINK I KNOW WHO'S MAKING THE BOGUS STAMPS-- AND HOW IT'S DONE!

SOME HOURS LATER, THREE TRUCKS STOPPED ON A COUNTRY HIGHWAY...



OKAY, BOYS -- WE'LL ACT AS IF WE STOPPED HERE FOR REPAIRS! LET'S GET TO WORK -- FAST! WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY!

OKAY, CHARLIE-- WE'LL ASSEMBLE EVERYTHING RIGHT AWAY!

FROM EACH OF THE TRUCKS A SEPARATE SECTION OF A PORTABLE PRINTING PRESS WAS TAKEN -- THEN, IN THE BACK OF ONE TRUCK IT WAS ASSEMBLED...



OKAY -- GET THE PLATES INTO PLACE AN' LET 'ER ROLL! WE'LL MAKE ENOUGH PONEY STAMPS TO FLOOD THE EAST!

HAW! THE DUMB COPPERS WOULD NEVER THINK O' LOOKIN' FOR PRINTIN' PRESSES OUT HERE ON A HIGHWAY!

BUT AT THAT INSTANT...



IT SO HAPPENS THE COPS **DID** THINK OF IT, MISTER! STAND WHERE YOU ARE!

A CLEVER STUNT, RIVERS! A PORTABLE PRESS FOR COUNTERFEITING STAMPS! YOUR WAREHOUSE WAS CLEAN ALL THE TIME -- BECAUSE YOU USED YOUR TRUCKS TO MAKE THE STUFF WAY OUT HERE!

BOSS! THE D.A.!



BUT I'VE GOT THE LAST LAUGH, D.A.! TAKE ME IN AND I'LL BLOW THE TOP OFF CITY HALL! YOU SEE -- YOUR OWN ASSISTANT, HARRINGTON, IS PART OF OUR MOB! HE'S TAKEN OUR PAY-OFFS!

YOU'RE LYING, RIVERS!



I'M NOT BLUFFING, D.A.! HARRINGTON'S BEEN GETTING BIG PAY-OFFS TO PROTECT US! JUST A FEW HOURS AGO, HE CALLED UP AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP SOME DOUGH WE LEFT FOR HIM. I DARE YOU TO CHECK -- OR ARE YOU AFRAID?

I'M CALLING YOUR BLUFF, RIVERS!



BY MEANS OF A RADIO IN THE SQUAD CAR, THE D.A. CONTACTED HEADQUARTERS...

I LEFT WORD FOR HARRINGTON TO SEE YOU AT ONCE, CHIEF -- BUT HE HAD JUST LEFT -- IN A HURRY! LIEUTENANTS MURPHY AND COLLINS WENT AFTER HIM!

ALL RIGHT, SERGEANT! WHEN HARRINGTON GETS BACK, HAVE HIM WAIT FOR ME!



MURPHY AND COLLINS, UNAWARE OF WHAT LAY AHEAD, FOLLOWED HARRINGTON'S CAR TO A SOUTH SIDE APARTMENT HOUSE...

THE TWO DETECTIVES WENT DOWNSTAIRS, ENTERED ONE OF THE BASEMENT FLATS, AND SAW THE D.A.'S ASSISTANT REMOVING A PACKET FROM A BOX ON THE WALL...

WONDER WHAT HARRINGTON'S AFTER, BERT! HE SURE GOT HERE IN A HURRY!

I DON'T KNOW! HE'S GOING DOWN TO THE BASEMENT! I CAN HEAR HIS FOOTSTEPS ON THE STAIRS BELOW! COME ON!

COLLINS -- MURPHY! WHAT DO YOU BOYS WANT?

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING, HARRINGTON! THE CHIEF WANTED TO SEE YOU -- AND WE CAME AFTER YOU! HEY! ISN'T THAT A PACK OF MONEY?



WHY -- I GOT A PHONE CALL, SAYING A LOT OF MONEY WAS HERE, AND THAT IT TIED IN WITH THE COUNTERFEITING CASE! I HOPPED RIGHT OVER HERE TO INVESTIGATE!

LOOK, BERT -- THERE'S A CHUTE EMPTYING INTO THIS BOX! IT SEEMS TO COME FROM UPSTAIRS! WE'D BETTER TRACE IT!

SOMETIME LATER, BACK AT HEADQUARTERS...

THE CHUTE IN THE BOX RAN FROM A MAILBOX IN THE HALLWAY! EXACTLY WHERE RIVERS SAID HE LEFT HIS PROTECTION PAY-OFF MONEY!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, HARRINGTON! YET -- YOU WERE THERE GETTING THE MONEY!



IT FOLLOWS, CHIEF! I WAS FRAMED!

BUT WHO COULD HAVE FRAMED YOU? IT WAS ONLY **AFTER** WE CRACKED DOWN ON RIVERS THAT HE MENTIONED YOUR NAME! NOBODY HAD **TIME** TO FRAME YOU!



THEN CHARLIE RIVERS WAS BROUGHT IN TO FACE THE ACCUSED...

SURE--WE BEEN PAYIN' HARRINGTON OFF! I'LL SHOW YOU THE RECORDS... AND THAT TRICK CHUTE EXPLAINS WHY WE NEVER SAW HIM PICK IT UP!

THAT'S A LIE! I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MAIL BOX BEFORE! AND HAD I KNOWN YOU WERE A COUNTERFEITER I WOULD'VE ARRESTED YOU LONG AGO!



I'M COMPLETELY STAGGERED BY ALL THIS, HARRINGTON! NATURALLY, I'LL GO AFTER MORE EVIDENCE--BUT ON THE STRENGTH OF WHAT WE'VE GOT THERE'S ONLY ONE COURSE! I MUST DO SOMETHING I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO DO... LOCK YOU UP!



THAT EVENING, HARRINGTON WAS PUT THROUGH THE CRIMINAL PROCESSING LINE, HE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED...

OKAY-- WE'LL TAKE A PROFILE, AND THAT'LL BE IT!



THEN HE WAS FINGERPRINTED AND PLACED IN A CELL. HARRINGTON HAD VANISHED. IN HIS PLACE WAS A CRIMINAL FILE -- NO. 31862 ...

AND BEFORE NIGHTFALL, SPECIAL EDITIONS WERE ROLLED OFF THE PRESSES...ASTONISHING HEADLINES HIT THE STREETS...



HARRINGTON ARRESTED IN COUNTERFEIT CASE! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



LATER IN THE TOWN JAIL, AWAITING TRIAL...

IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGH, HARRINGTON! MY DUTY IS TO PROSECUTE YOU WITH THE EVIDENCE I HAVE! YOU MAY BE CONVICTED! CAN'T YOU GIVE ME ANY LEADS?

NOTHING, CHIEF, EXCEPT WHAT I TOLD YOU BEFORE-- A PHONE CALL SENT ME TO THE APARTMENT TO GET THAT MONEY! HONEST-- I KNOW NOTHING ELSE!



HAVE FAITH IN ME, WILL YOU, CHIEF? I WASN'T WORKING WITH RIVERS!

BUT **SOMEBODY** WAS! WE KNOW RIVERS WAS PAYING OFF TO SOMEBODY. IF IT WASN'T YOU -- WHO COULD IT HAVE BEEN?



ON SEPT. 10TH, WHEN THE TRIAL OPENED, HUNDREDS GATHERED AT THE HUGE COURTROOM TO WITNESS THE STIRRING DRAMA-- FRIEND PROSECUTING FRIEND...

... THEN WE WALKED INTO THE ROOM AND THERE WAS HARRINGTON TAKING THE MONEY FROM THE BOX!

I NEED TIME ... AND MORE EVIDENCE. HARRINGTON **CAN'T** BE GUILTY...



AND WHEN COURT WAS ADJOURNED FOR THE FIRST DAY...

LOOKS BAD, EH, CHIEF?

YES-- AND I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO GIVE IT TO HARRINGTON! WELL, WE'RE NOT LOSING THIS WITHOUT A FIGHT!



WHAT NEXT, CHIEF?

I'M STILL INVESTIGATING... I'M GOING OVER TO SEE THE LANDLADY AT THE APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE THE PAY-OFF MONEY WAS FOUND! SHE'S BEEN ON A VACATION-- AND WE FINALLY LOCATED HER AND HAD HER BROUGHT BACK...

THROUGH A RAIN-SWEPT NIGHT, HE WALKED WHILE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN DUTY AND FRIENDSHIP RAGED WITHIN HIM...



THE LANDLADY! IT'S MY ONLY HOPE FOR NOW! THERE'S A CHANCE SHE KNEW THE MAN WHO RENTED THAT BASEMENT FLAT-- THERE'S A CHANCE SHE WILL KNOW IT WASN'T HARRINGTON...



BUT WHEN HE TALKED TO THE LANDLADY, THE INFORMATION HE GOT WAS LIKE A PUNCH IN THE MIDRIF...

YES, I KNOW THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO RENTED THAT BASEMENT FLAT THE POLICE INSPECTED. THE NAME WAS **HARRINGTON!**

NOW-- TELL ME, WHAT DID THIS MAN LOOK LIKE? I HAVE A PICTURE OF HARRINGTON WITH ME! CAN YOU IDENTIFY HIM?



OH-- I WOULDN'T KNOW HIS FACE! HE WAS TALL AND WELL BUILT, BUT HE CAME HERE AT NIGHT, MOSTLY, AND HE KEPT HIS HAT PULLED DOWN AND HIS COLLAR UP!

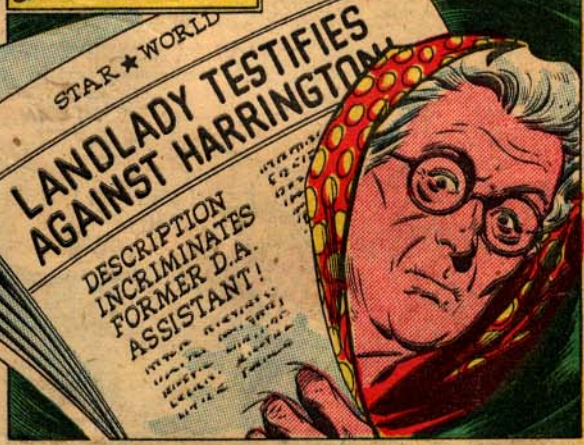
HARRINGTON ALSO IS TALL AND WELL BUILT! AND HE **WOULD** HIDE HIS FACE IF HE WERE WORKING WITH THE GANG!



INSTEAD OF HELPING HIM-- I'VE ONLY MADE MATTERS WORSE! I'VE TURNED UP MORE EVIDENCE **AGAINST** HIM! IT'S MY DUTY NOW TO CALL THIS WOMAN IN AS A WITNESS!



And NEXT DAY...



THINGS ARE LOOKING WORSE FOR HARRINGTON, CHIEF!

I KNOW... AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT! BUT THERE'S GOT TO BE AN ANSWER TO THE WHOLE THING! I'M SURE HARRINGTON IS INNOCENT!



BUT IF HE IS, HE MUST HAVE BEEN **FRAMED!** HOW? AND BY WHOM? **NOBODY** STEERED US ONTO THE RIVERS GANG. WE CRACKED THAT ANGLE OURSELVES AFTER THAT FARMER'S COMPLAINT CAME IN...





GREAT SCOTT! THAT PHONE CALL FROM THE FARMER! I HAD FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT! AN INNOCENT **LITTLE** PHONE CALL THAT GOT US STARTED... IT'S CLUTCHING FOR A STRAW, MISS MILLER-- BUT GET ON THE PHONE! **MAYBE** THERE'S A CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT CALL AND HARRINGTON'S FRAME...



CHIEF! I'VE CHECKED AND DOUBLE-CHECKED EVERY FARMER IN THE COUNTY! NO FARMER MADE SUCH A CALL!

NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE AT LAST! WHAT A DIABOLICALLY CLEVER PLAN! THAT CALL WAS **MEANT** TO TRAP RIVERS!



THE ONE WHO MADE THAT CALL FIGURED THAT WE WOULD CONCLUDE GASOLINE AND INK STAINS WERE CAUSED BY WASHING PRESSES! YET IT WASN'T OBVIOUS ENOUGH TO MAKE US SUSPECT WE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN GIVEN A **TIP-OFF** ON CHARLIE RIVERS!

THEN--THAT MEANS RIVERS WAS **DOUBLE-CROSSED** BY SOMEONE-- SOMEONE WHO WANTED YOU TO CATCH HIM OUT THERE THAT DAY!



EXACTLY! THE MASTER PLOTTER BEHIND THIS PLANNED EVERYTHING TO TRAP **BOTH** HARRINGTON **AND** RIVERS! OUR SEARCH IS NARROWED DOWN NOW!



MANY PEOPLE MIGHT WANT TO FRAME HARRINGTON, BUT THIS MAN HAD IT IN FOR RIVERS, TOO! WE'LL GO THROUGH RIVERS' CASE HISTORY TO SEE WHO IT WAS!



And NOT LONG AFTERWARDS...

LISTEN -- BEFORE RIVERS TURNED COUNTER-FEITER YEARS AGO HE WAS IN A GAMBLING PARTNERSHIP WITH A GUNNER LAFFERTY! LAFFERTY AND RIVERS HAD A FIGHT--THEN SPLIT UP! I REMEMBER THE CASE WELL -- THOUGH I WAS IN WASHINGTON AT THE TIME!



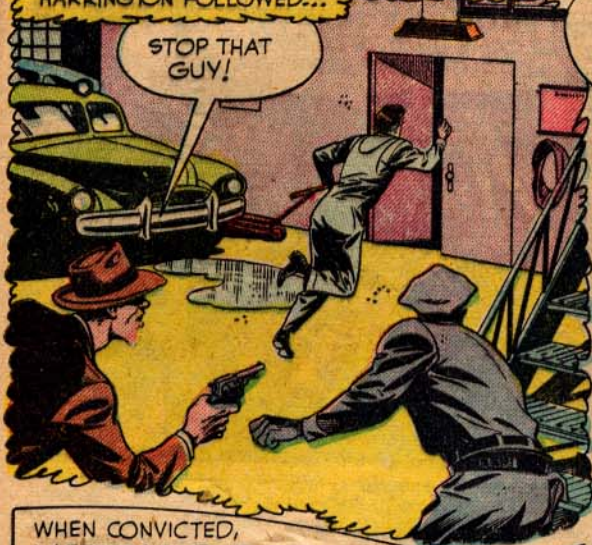


"HARRINGTON GOT AN UNSIGNED NOTE ADVISING HIM TO INVESTIGATE A MID-TOWN GARAGE, BUT WHEN THEY STARTED THE SEARCH, ONE OF THE MECHANICS BROKE AND FLED THROUGH THE DOORWAY! HARRINGTON FOLLOWED..."

"HARRINGTON WENT THROUGH ANOTHER DOORWAY, AND THERE, IN THE BACK ROOM, FOUND A COMPLETE GAMBLING SET-UP. GUNNER LAFFERTY AND SOME HOODS OPENED FIRE..."

STOP THAT GUY!

BETTER GIVE UP, LAFFERTY! TWO MORE SQUAD CARS ARE WAITING OUTSIDE! THIS PLACE WILL BE FILLED WITH POLICE IN A MINUTE!



MEANWHILE, MILES AWAY, A MAN SAT IN A HOTEL ROOM READING THE MORNING PAPERS...

WHEN CONVICTED, LAFFERTY SAID HE WAS DOUBLE-CROSSED BY HIS OLD PARTNER, CHARLIE RIVERS! HE SWORE VENGEANCE! WELL, LAFFERTY'S OUT NOW-- BUT HE HAS TO REPORT TO THE PAROLE BOARD AT FREQUENT INTERVALS! GET LAFFERTY'S ADDRESS FROM THE PAROLE BOARD! I THINK LAFFERTY'S THE MAN BEHIND ALL THIS!

"HARRINGTON FACES CONVICTION! FORMER ASSISTANT TO D. A. SEEN GUILTY IN FACE OF EVIDENCE!" I'VE FIXED THEM -- THAT COPPER HARRINGTON, AND THAT DOUBLE-CROSSING RIVERS! I'VE GOT MY REVENGE!



ACTING AS HARRINGTON, I TOLD CHARLIE BY PHONE I KNEW ALL ABOUT HIS RACKET-- BUT THAT I WOULD "PROTECT" HIM, FOR A PRICE! I TOOK THAT ROOM UNDER HARRINGTON'S NAME AND MADE SURE THE MONEY WAS PUT IN THE MAIL BOX EACH TIME! THE GANG NEVER SAW ME GET THE MONEY, BECAUSE IT SLID DOWN THE CHUTE TO THE ROOM BELOW...

LAFFERTY TOOK THE SELF SERVICE ELEVATOR TO THE LOBBY, AND THERE...



...NOW THAT I'VE SETTLED THE SCORE, I CAN SCRAM TO SOUTH AMERICA WITH THE DOUG! I COLLECTED FROM RIVERS AND -- GREAT GUNS! THE D.A.!



GUNNER LAFFERTY STEPPED BACK INTO THE ELEVATOR, CLOSED THE DOOR AND ASCENDED TO THE FIFTH FLOOR. THERE HE GOT OUT, RAN DOWN THE HALLWAY TOWARD THE STAIR EXIT...

HE FLUNG OPEN THE STAIRWAY DOOR, AND SAW, STANDING IN THE SHADOWS...



THEY'LL SEE THE INDICATOR STOP AT THE FIFTH FLOOR -- BUT BY THAT TIME I'LL BE DOWN THE STAIRWAY... I CAN GET OUT A BACK WINDOW, AND...

HARRINGTON!
THAT'S RIGHT, LAFFERTY! THE OTHERS TOOK THE ELEVATOR, I CAME UP BY THE STAIRS -- WITH THE D.A.'S PERMISSION!

SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO PHONED ME TO PICK UP THAT DOUGH! YOU KNEW THEY WERE GOING TO CATCH RIVERS-- AND YOU KNEW THEY'D CATCH ME WITH THE PAY-OFF MONEY...

JUST BEFORE YOU TIPPED OFF THE D.A. ABOUT THE INK AND GASOLINE IN THE BROOK, YOU CALLED RIVERS AND TOLD HIM THAT YOU WERE PICKING UP THE MONEY! YOU KNEW RIVERS WOULD SPILL THAT INFORMATION TO THE D.A. AND THAT I'D GET CAUGHT RED-HANDED....



BUT IN THE END, MISTER, YOU'RE THE ONE GETTING CAUGHT! WITH A LEFT JAB AND A RIGHT HOOK!

THANKS, CHIEF--FOR BELIEVING IN ME AND LETTING ME OUT OF JAIL LONG ENOUGH TO CATCH UP WITH THIS CHARACTER!
ONCE I BEGAN TO UNRAVEL THINGS, HARRINGTON--IT WAS OBVIOUS HE HAD FRAMED YOU! I THOUGHT IT ONLY FITTING THAT YOU BRING LAFFERTY IN FOR A SECOND TIME! HE'LL COME TO IN A MINUTE--BUT THEN WE'LL PUT HIM AWAY FOR A LONG TIME!



The End



CARTOONING COP



OFFICER WILLIAM VOGES OF MIAMI, FLA., SICK OF SEEING KIDS INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, DECIDED TO TEACH TRAFFIC SAFETY WITH HIS "DOPEY DUCK," A CARTOON CHARACTER.



DOPEY DUCK IS CROSSING ON A RED LIGHT, WITH HIS EYES SHUT!

RIGHT

Bill Voges

OFFICER VOGES STAGES CONTESTS. THE KIDS UNSCRAMBLE SAFETY SLOGANS AND COLOR PICTURES OF "DOPEY."

FOOTBALLS, ROLLER SKATES, FISHING RODS AND BICYCLES ARE PRIZES. APPRECIATIVE MERCHANTS CONTRIBUTE THE PRIZES.

JOHNNY STUFFLEBEAM WINS A BIKE... NEXT.....

HE VISITS 21 SCHOOLS IN MIAMI, APPEARS BEFORE 18,000 KIDS AND DRAWS CARTOONS SHOWING "DOPEY" DOING THINGS KIDS SHOULDN'T DO. THE PUPILS FIGURE OUT THE MORAL TO BE GAINED FROM EACH CARTOON.



YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO A FOOL WHO REFUSES TO OBEY SIGNALS.

HE RECEIVES THOUSANDS OF LETTERS. RECENTLY SOMEONE SENT HIM A PET DUCK WHICH HE PUT INTO HIS ACT.

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DODO, WE'D BETTER DO SOMETHING QUICK! THOSE PICNICKERS ARE RUINING US! LEAVING BANANA PEELS ALL OVER THE MOSS...THROWING TIN-CANS IN THE POND...



AND THEY'RE GONNA BUILD A FIRE THAT'S LIABLE TO BURN UP OUR WOODS!!

GOLLY, THIS IS SERIOUS! WE'D BETTER GET HELP FROM OUR PALS!



MEANWHILE...

MY, MY... YOU YOUNG FOLKS ARE REAL CARELESS! DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO BUILD A FIRE? HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU...



FIRST, WE PICK A SPOT AWAY FROM TREES AND TALL GRASS. THEN WE DIG A LITTLE TRENCH AND PUT STONES AROUND THE EDGES, LIKE THIS...



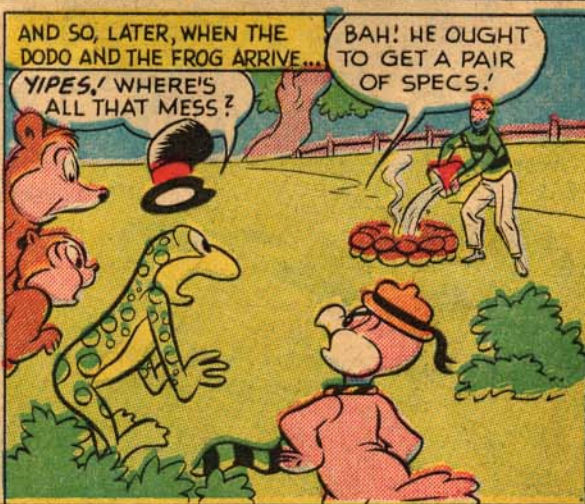
GOSH, THANKS, MR. BROWN!

YOU CAN THANK ME WITH MORE THAN WORDS, IF YOU CLEAN UP ALL THAT MESS, AND MAKE SURE THE FIRE IS PUT OUT PROPERLY BEFORE YOU LEAVE!



AND MIND YOU DON'T CUT UP THE BARKS OF THE TREES WITH YOUR INITIALS!

DON'T WORRY-WE'VE LEARNED A LESSON IN CAMPING MANNERS!



AND SO, LATER, WHEN THE DODO AND THE FROG ARRIVE...

YIPES! WHERE'S ALL THAT MESS?

BAH! HE OUGHT TO GET A PAIR OF SPECS!

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