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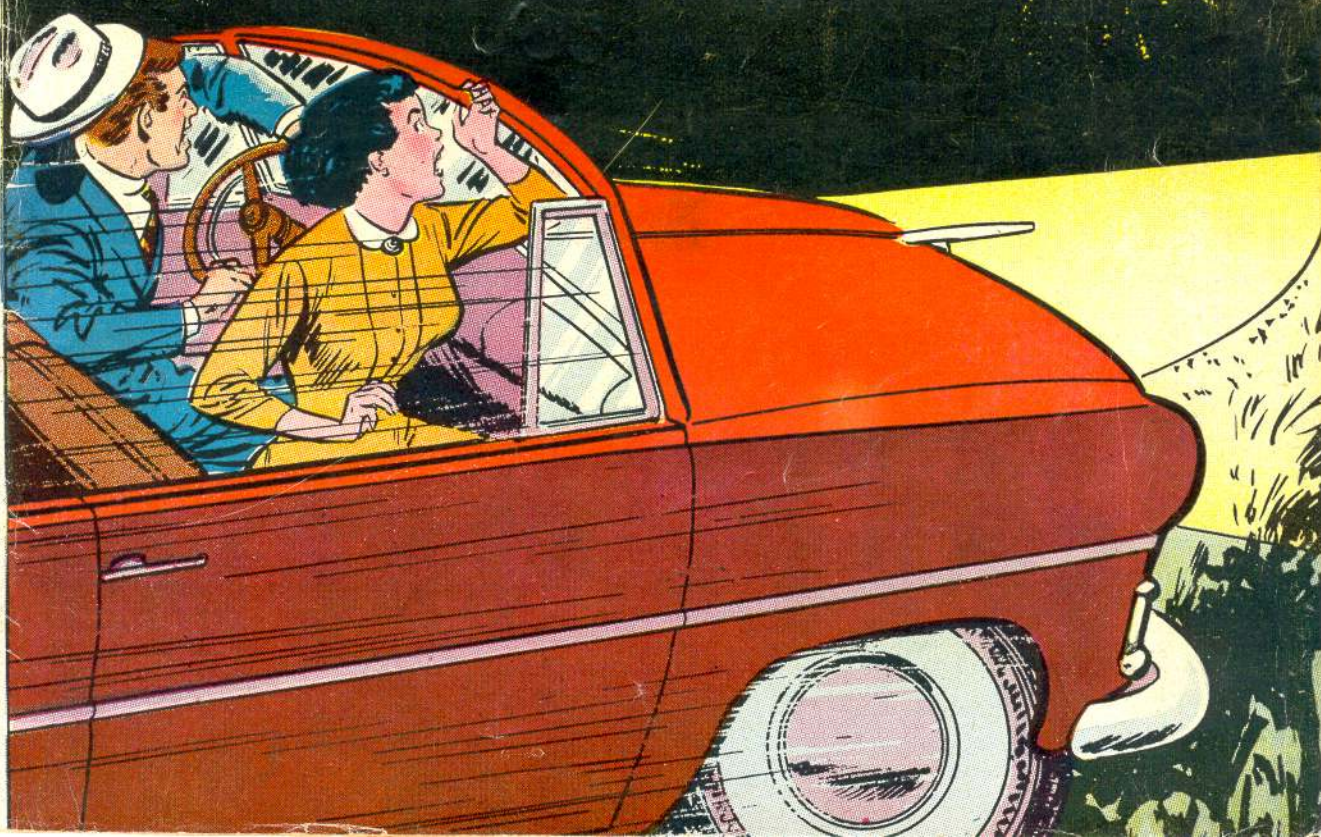
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GIVE HIM HIS MONEY, HARRINGTON! SOMEHOW HE'S BROKEN OUR MASTER KEY SYSTEM!

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BUT, CHIEF..



**YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:—**  
 BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE UNDERWORLD THERE EXISTS AN ELEMENT OF CRIME WITH WHICH FEW CITIZENS ARE FAMILIAR. THE HOODLUMS THAT COMPOSE THIS ELEMENT ARE NOT THE INFAMOUS KILLERS, ROBBERS AND PETTY THIEVES THAT APPEAR IN THE HEADLINES OF YOUR DAILY NEWSPAPERS BUT A SHREWD, CRAFTY LOT THAT PREYS UPON THE CRIMINAL IN DISTRESS. THE PARTICULAR CASE I HAVE REFERENCE TO DEALS WITH ONE SUCH RACKET ... THE ILLEGAL MONEY-CHANGERS OF THE UNDERWORLD, IN WAGING A BITTER CAMPAIGN AGAINST THESE DENIZENS OF CRIME, I CAME IN CONTACT WITH A CUNNING CROOK WHO THREATENED TO DESTROY ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ANTI-CRIME SYSTEMS YET DEVELOPED BY MY OFFICE. "HE WAS THE BRAINS BEHIND..."

## The **HOT MONEY GANG!**

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ON NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> OF LAST YEAR, I DONNED A DISGUISE FOR WHAT I HOPED WOULD BE MY LAST ACT IN BRINGING A CUNNING CRIMINAL TO JUSTICE...



I THEN TOOK FROM MY PRIVATE SAFE — "BAIT" WHICH WAS TO BE USED TO LURE MY UNDERWORLD QUARRY INTO THE OPEN... AND EVENTUALLY INTO STATE PRISON...



FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER, I DEPARTED FROM A COACHWAY BUS AT THE CORNER OF WELLINGTON AND VINE STREETS AND PROCEEDED TO THE PALACE AUCTION PARLOR...



IT WAS NEARLY AN HOUR BEFORE THE COLORFUL PORCELAIN FIGURINE, WHICH I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN, WAS PUT UP FOR AUCTION...

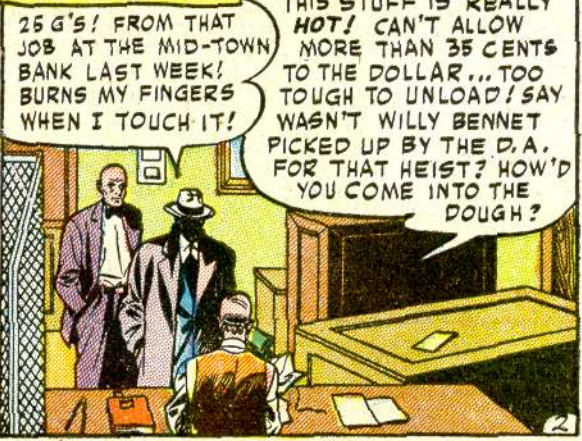
GOING TWICE... SOLD TO THE MAN WITH THE SPECTACLES FOR \$1200 DOLLARS! IF YOU'LL BE KIND ENOUGH TO STEP TO THE REAR OF THE STORE, SIR, I'LL HAVE THE FIGURINE PACKED!



I WAS LED AROUND A WALL OF PACKING CASES IN THE REAR OF THE STORE, WHERE I CAME FACE TO FACE WITH "SQUARE DEAL" SIMPSON...



"SQUARE DEAL" SIMPSON WAS THE LAST OF A POWERFUL UNDERWORLD ORGANIZATION OF FENCES WHO PURCHASED HOT MONEY AT A CUT-RATE PRICE...







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WHEN I ARRESTED BENNET FOR ROBBERY, SIMPSON! ALL RIGHT, HARRINGTON!

H-HUH...?

WE'VE BEEN  
CROSSED...



AT THAT MOMENT HARRINGTON, AND SEVERAL OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN AWAITING MY SIGNAL, CRASHED THROUGH THE REAR DOOR...

EVERYTHING OKAY, CHIEF?

YES, HARRINGTON! WE HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PLACE SIMPSON AND HIS STOOGES BEHIND BARS FOR YEARS!



WELL, THAT CLEANS THEM OUT, D.A....THE LAST OF THE UNDERWORLD MONEY-CHANGERS! NOW BANK THIEVES AND OTHER HOODS WHO HAVE HOT MONEY IN THEIR PALMS WILL BE FORCED TO SPEND IT IN PUBLIC!

RIGHT, HARRINGTON! AND WHEN THOSE STOLEN BILLS OF LARGE DENOMINATION BEGIN TO CIRCULATE IN PUBLIC IT WILL ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE SERIAL NUMBERS, WHICH MARK THEM AS "HOT" WILL BE DISCOVERED!



SO IT WAS THAT THE LAST SOURCE BY WHICH CRIMINALS COULD EXCHANGE HOT MONEY HAD BEEN ELIMINATED. THAT'S WHY, HARRINGTON AND I WERE QUITE CONCERNED OVER A REPORT WHICH REACHED MY OFFICE ONE WEEK LATER...

QUICK, HARRINGTON! EDDIE LYONS HAS JUST BEEN SPOTTED OVER AT THE DIAMOND EXCHANGE FLASHING A FISTFUL OF MONEY! WE'RE PICKING HIM UP!

I GET IT, CHIEF! YOU'RE FIGURING SOME OF THAT CASH MIGHT BE HOT MONEY LYONS COULDN'T EXCHANGE!

EDWARD LYONS WAS SUSPECTED OF PULLING SEVERAL BANK THEFTS IN THE CITY BUT LACK OF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE MADE PROSECUTION IMPOSSIBLE. WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE DIAMOND EXCHANGE...



HOLD EVERYTHING, LYONS! WE'RE BRINGING YOU IN FOR QUESTIONING!

T-THE D.A.!

WHAT'S THE CHARGE, D.A.?

SUSPICION OF ROBBERY, WISE GUY! DON'T TRY ANYTHING!





# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



THE BILLS ON LYON'S PERSON WERE CONFISCATED AND CHECKED AGAINST THE LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO BE STOLEN MONEY. SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

WE'LL HAVE TO RELEASE HIM, HARRINGTON! THESE ARE TOO SMALL TO MATCH THE LIST THE BANK RELEASED AS STOLEN MONEY!

HAW! I TOLD YOU YOU WERE UP A BLIND ALLEY, D.A.! I'M AS STRAIGHT AS THE DAY IS LONG! TODDLE-OO...

HUH...!



I'D HAVE BET A WEEK'S SALARY LYONS WAS BEHIND THOSE BANK THEFTS, CHIEF! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?

DID YOU NOTICE HIS CURRENCY, HARRINGTON? FIVE'S, TENS AND TWENTIES... DENOMINATIONS SO SMALL THE BANKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY NEVER BOTHER TO RECORD THEIR NUMBERS! LYONS HAS BEEN CLEVER ENOUGH TO AVOID USING THE RECORDED LARGER NOTES!



A NEW SYSTEM, FOR RECORDING THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF SMALL AS WELL AS LARGE DENOMINATIONS OF MONEY, HAD TO BE WORKED OUT. FINALLY, AFTER WEEKS OF INTENSE WORK, MY STAFF AND I SOLVED THE COMPLEX PROBLEM...

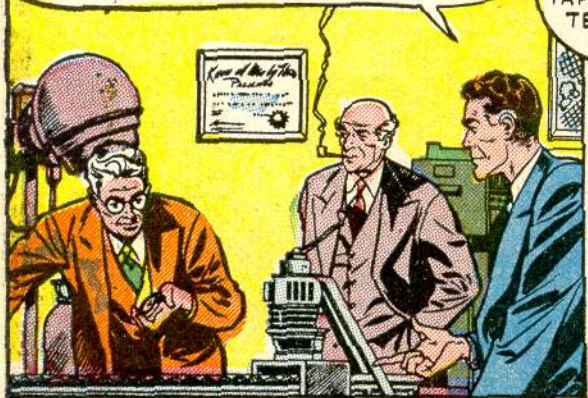
AS BANKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY TAKE IN DENOMINATIONS OF BILLS OF FIVE DOLLARS AND OVER, THE SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE RECORDED AND A DUPLICATE COPY WILL BE SENT TO THIS OFFICE AND PLACED ON THIS MASTER KEY CHART! THE M.K.C. WILL ENABLE US TO TELL AT A GLANCE THE LOCATION OF EVERY BILL WHICH IS HELD IN THE CITY'S BANKS!

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8 210437A	8 264A
8 2284680	8 51A
8 289133A	8 7781A
8 468120A	8 891A
8 61234A	8 9223A
8 23406A	8 1140A
8 24037A	8 146A
8 40249A	8 747A
8 61040	8 2066A
8 78104	8 78950
8 910734	8 4000A
8 612340A	8 6446A
8 34677A	8 8232A
8 44484A	8 4106A
8 922600A	8 0142A
8 24	8 8446A
8 6421A	8 810218
8 78	8 345660
8 12403	8 69
8 4640	8 10340
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	8 5084
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TO AID US IN THIS TREMENDOUS TASK, OUR LABORATORIES HAVE DEVELOPED THIS MICRO-CAMERA ... A MACHINE CAPABLE OF PHOTOGRAPHING ON FILM THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF BILLS! I'LL DEMONSTRATE...

THERE! IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, THE SERIAL NUMBERS HAVE BEEN RECORDED BY THE MICRO-CAMERA AT A GREAT SAVING OF TIME AND RED TAPE! BY MORNING, ALL BANK-TELLERS IN THE CITY WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH THIS DEVICE!

WOW, CHIEF! WITH THIS MACHINE, EVERY BILL OF FIVE DOLLARS AND OVER THAT'S STOLEN FROM BANKS WILL BE HOT MONEY!





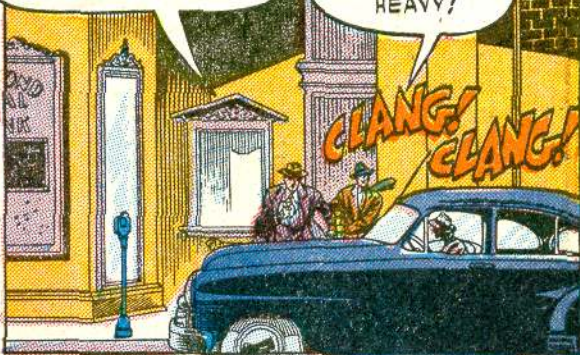
RIGHT, HARRINGTON! WITH THE LAST OF THE ILLEGAL MONEY CHANGERS BEHIND BARS, BANK THIEVES WILL FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE NOW TO DISPOSE OF EVEN SMALL DENOMINATIONS OF HOT MONEY!



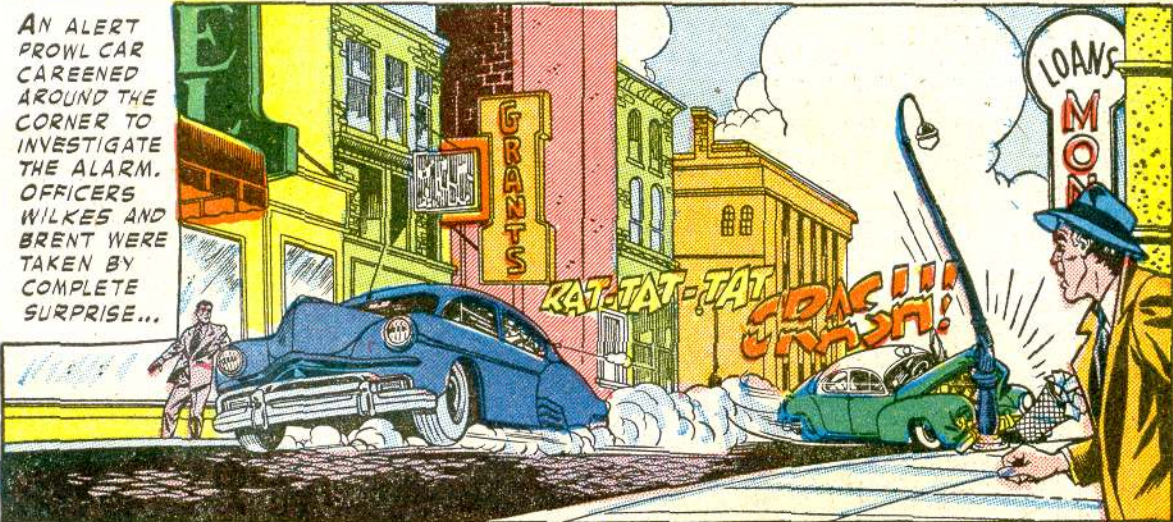
IT WAS JUST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS LATER WHEN AN EVENT OCCURRED WHICH WAS FATED TO BRING ABOUT THE FIRST TEST OF THE MASTER KEY SYSTEM ...

STEP IT UP! THIS PLACE WILL BE CREEPING WITH COPS ANY MINUTE!

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'M MOVING AS FAST AS I CAN! THIS CASH IS HEAVY!



AN ALERT PROWL CAR CAREENED AROUND THE CORNER TO INVESTIGATE THE ALARM. OFFICERS WILKES AND BRENT WERE TAKEN BY COMPLETE SURPRISE...



MINUTES LATER, HARRINGTON AND I WERE AT THE CRIME SCENE ...

YOU'RE RIGHT, CHIEF! NITRO WAS POURED INTO A DRILLED HOLE JUST UNDER THE TUMBLERS FOR THE EXPLOSION! A TYPICAL EDDIE LYONS TRICK!

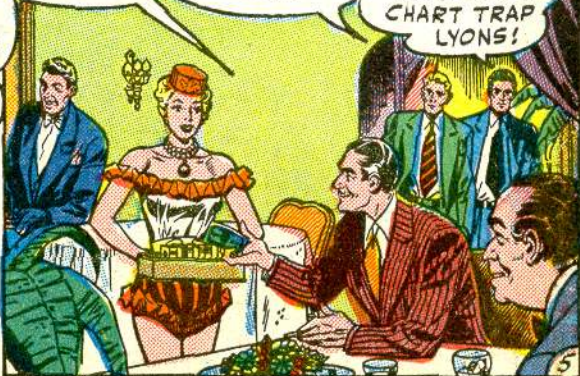
YES, HARRINGTON! AND THESE ALARM WIRES WERE SEVERED BY A BLOW TORCH! THIS JOB HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF EDDIE'S WORK, AND THIS TIME THE REGISTERED SMALL BILLS CAN GIVE US THE PROOF WE NEED!

IT WAS NEARLY 2 A.M. WHEN A DETECTIVE REPORTED LYONS' PRESENCE AT A DOWNTOWN CLUB ...

KEEP THE CHANGE, HONEY!

THERE'S THE LITTLE WEASEL. CHIEF! I'D LIKE TO...

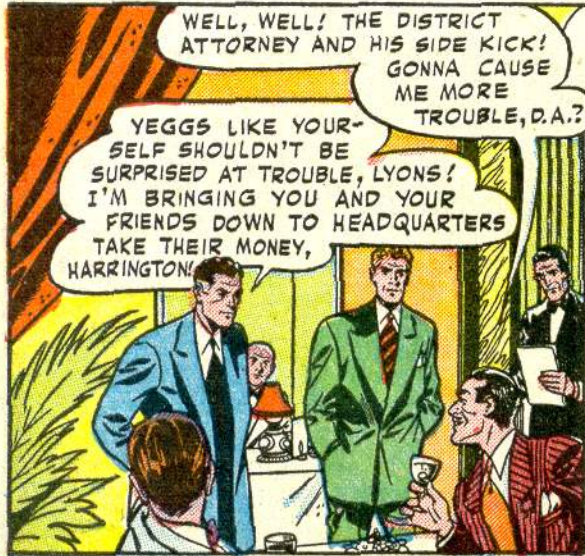
STEADY, HARRINGTON! WE'LL LET THE MASTER KEY CHART TRAP LYONS!







# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



WELL, WELL! THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND HIS SIDE KICK! GONNA CAUSE ME MORE TROUBLE, D.A.?

YEGGS LIKE YOURSELF SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED AT TROUBLE, LYONS! I'M BRINGING YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS TAKE THEIR MONEY, HARRINGTON!

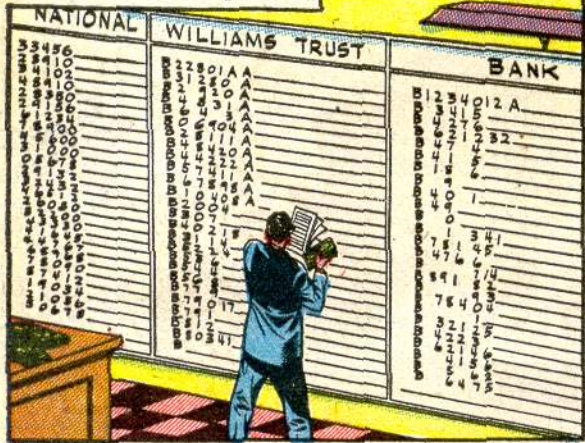


HERE'S A ROLL OF TEN DOLLAR BILLS, COPPER! BIGGEST I'VE GOT!

AND HERE'S MY WAD OF LITTLE FIVE BUCK GREEN-BACKS! HA, HA!

JUST A COUPLE OF FRESH CHARACTERS, EH!

LATER, AT THE POLICE LABORATORY. I CHECKED THE SMALL BILLS AGAINST THE MASTER KEY CHART FROM THE BANK...



AND SHORTLY...

SUSPICIOUS! YOU WISE GUY COPS ARE ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS!

BROTHER, THIS TIME YOU'RE IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE, LYONS!

HARRINGTON! COME HERE!

AFTER BEING POSITIVE, CERTAIN WE HAD ENSNARED LYONS AT LAST, I WAS DUMFOUNDED WHEN...

HARRINGTON! THESE BILLS DON'T MATCH! THE BANK MICRO-PHOTOS DON'T LIST ANY OF LYONS' SMALL BILLS!

GREAT SCOTT!



HE'S TRICKED US! SOMEHOW HE MUST HAVE TRICKED US! WELLS! I WANT AN INK TEST MADE OF THESE BILLS! LET'S DETERMINE IF IN SOME WAY LYONS HAS PRINTED OVER THE GENUINE SERIAL NUMBERS!

RIGHT, D.A.!







# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



DESPERATELY, I SOUGHT A CLUE FROM THE BILLS WITHOUT SUCCESS...

INK CONTENT IS GENUINE, D.A.! IT'S EXACTLY LIKE THAT USED IN THE GOVERNMENT PRINT PLANT!

I SEE! HARRINGTON, BRING OUT THE ENLARGER! I'M GOING OVER EVERY INCH OF A BILL SYSTEM-ATICALLY! WE'VE GOT TO TRY EVERYTHING!



THE MONEY'S GRADE A, HARRINGTON! NOT A FLAW! HOW? HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY GET IT OUT OF THE BANK WITHOUT ITS SERIAL NUMBER BEING ON THE LIST SENT TO US?

WOW! YOU'VE GOT ME, CHIEF!



HERE'S YOUR MONEY BACK, LYONS! YOU'RE RELEASED!

IT'S ABOUT TIME! WHY DON'T YOU STOP HOUNDING INNOCENT CITIZENS, D.A.? C'MON! LET'S GO, BOYS!



FINALLY, AFTER HOURS OF INTENSIVE STUDY...

IT HURTS, HARRINGTON! BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!

YEAH, GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!



I'M STUMPED, CHIEF! LYONS' TRADEMARK IS AT THE SCENE OF EVERY BANK HEIST IN TOWN! AND YET...

YES, HARRINGTON! HE'S OUR MAN ALL RIGHT! BUT HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY SUSPECT THAT EVEN SMALL BILLS WERE SERIALIZED AND DANGEROUS TO SPEND? WE'LL NEED ALL OUR WITS TO BREAK THIS CASE!

THAT EVENING, HARRINGTON AND I WERE UNAWARE OF WHAT WAS OCCURRING IN EDDIE LYONS' SWANK MID-TOWN APARTMENT...

HA, HA, HA, HO, HO! WE'VE SURE GOT THE D.A. AS BAMBOOZLED AS A ROOKIE COP! HE'LL BE READY FOR THE LAUGHING ACADEMY AFTER THIS NEXT JOB!

YEAH, EDDIE! BUT SUFFERING GREENBACKS! ARE WE GONNA PULL ANOTHER JOB RIGHT OFF?





**TOMORROW, YOU LUCKY LADS! WE'VE GOT TO STRIKE HARD WHILE THE IRON'S HOT! NO TELLING HOW LONG THIS BEA-U-T-I-FUL SET-UP WILL LAST! NOW, HERE'S HOW WE'LL HANDLE THE WILLIAMS TRUST COMPANY!**



**THE NEXT EVENING...**

**I'VE BURNED THROUGH THE FRAME-WORK AND SEVERED THE ALARM WIRES!**

**OKAY! START CUTTING THROUGH THE DOOR! SNAP IT UP!**



**AND MINUTES LATER, INSIDE...**

**YEOW! THAT SPECIAL NITRO CHARGE OF YOURS ALWAYS DOES THE TRICK, EDDIE!**

**SHUT UP! GRAB THE CASH!**



**SO ONCE AGAIN MY DEPARTMENT SWEEPED DOWN UPON EDDIE LYONS. A FEW DAYS LATER...**

**YOU LOSING YOUR MARBLES, D.A.! THAT'S DOUGH I SAVED UP! I GOT NO STOLEN BANK CASH!**

**SURE, YOU'RE JUST A LILY-WHITE CITIZEN, LYONS! BUT IT'S STRANGE THAT EVERY RECENT BANK JOB HAS YOUR TRADE-MARK STAMPED ON IT!**



**BUT ONCE AGAIN MY DEPARTMENT HIT A STONE WALL...**

**IT'S USELESS, D.A.! THESE BILLS HAVE PASSED INK, ENGRAVING AND-THREAD TESTS! THEY'VE NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH!**

**AND AGAIN NOT ONE SERIAL NUMBER MATCHES THE BANK LIST! IT'S FANTASTIC!**



**D.A., YOU'RE SURE ASKING FOR TROUBLE! YOU PULL ME IN ONCE MORE ON A PHONY GUESS AND I'M GETTING A LAWYER! I'VE GOT MY RIGHTS!**

**YES, LYONS! AND THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BEND EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT YOU DO GET WHAT'S RIGHTFULLY YOURS!**





NEXT DAY, HARRINGTON AND I DESPERATELY CHECKED THE OPERATION OF OUR MASTER KEY CHART, SEEKING A CLUE...

YES, D.A., PARKER HERE, HAS DONE A FINE JOB USING YOUR SPECIAL MICRO-CAMERA ON SMALL BILLS! IS ANYTHING WRONG?

WE'RE NOT SURE! WE'RE JUST FOLLOWING PARKER FROM BANK TO BANK AS HE RECORDS NEW MONEY DEPOSITS TO DOUBLE CHECK OUR SYSTEM!

GOSH, CHIEF! THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A WEAK LINK IN THE SYSTEM!

NO, HARRINGTON!

HARRINGTON, WHEN THE MECHANICS OF AN OPERATION ARE PERFECT, THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER TO TROUBLE... THE HUMAN FACTOR! I'M TAKING A GAMBLE!



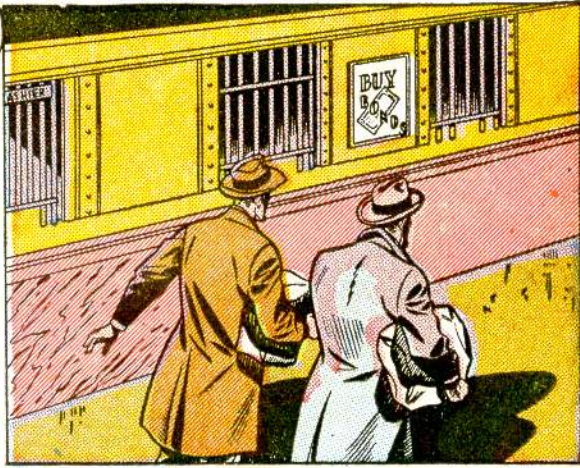
THAT AFTERNOON, I CALLED A FRIEND OF MINE AT F. B. I. HEADQUARTERS...

OF COURSE I REALIZE IT'S AN UNUSUAL REQUEST, TOM! BUT, BELIEVE ME, IT'S URGENT!

ALL RIGHT, D.A.! I'LL ARRANGE IT! AND GOOD LUCK!



NEXT DAY, SPECIAL PARCELS WERE DELIVERED TO THE BANKS STILL NOT ROBBED IN OUR CITY...



OUR WAIT WAS SHORT. ON DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, THE WEST SIDE BANK WAS STRUCK...

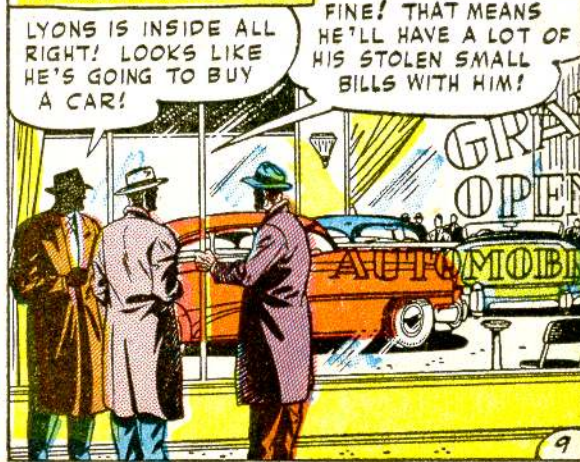
HA, HA, WE'VE GOT THE CITY BY THE THROAT!



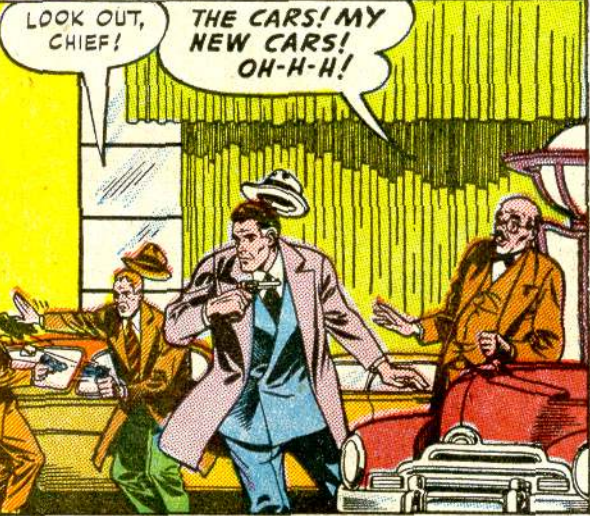
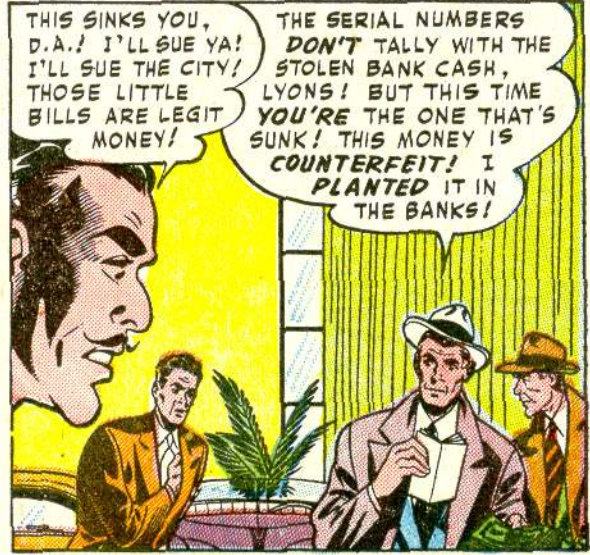
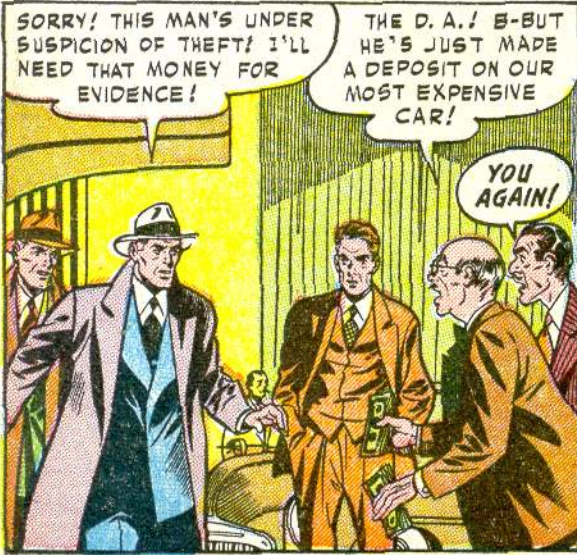
THIS TIME WE PLAYED OUR CARDS CAREFULLY. WE WAITED UNTIL LYONS WAS SPOTTED SPENDING IMPORTANT MONEY AND...

LYONS IS INSIDE ALL RIGHT! LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO BUY A CAR!

FINE! THAT MEANS HE'LL HAVE A LOT OF HIS STOLEN SMALL BILLS WITH HIM!









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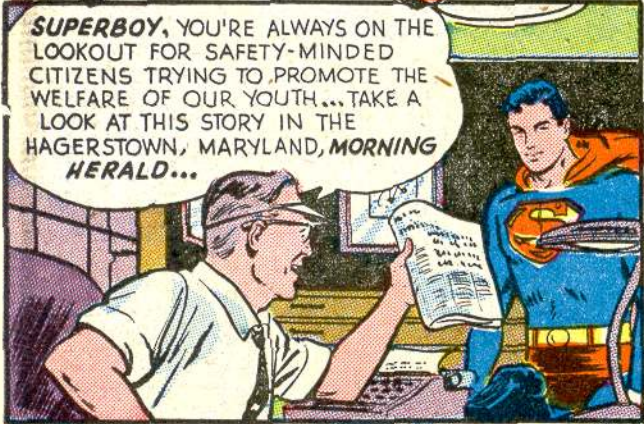


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HMMM... A NEW KIND OF ORGANIZED SPORT FOR JUNIORS... YES, I THINK I'LL GET A BOX SEAT FOR THIS...

NET  
FOUR AIR RIFLE CLUBS TO HOLD SEASON'S FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

SOARING TO THE HAGERSTOWN "Y", WHERE THE SHOOT IS GOING ON, THE BOY OF STEEL MEETS TOM CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT OF THE CIVITAN CLUB...



I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SPARKED THIS AIR RIFLE CLUB IDEA, MR. CAMPBELL... TELL ME MORE ABOUT IT...

GLAD TO, SUPERBOY... OUR LOCAL CIVITAN CLUB WANTED A PROJECT TO MAKE BETTER CITIZENS OF HAGERSTOWN YOUNGSTERS. SO WE FORMED FOUR AIR RIFLE CLUBS--THE CIVITAN EAGLES, COBRAS, PANTHERS AND BLACK HAWKS.

WE'VE MET WEEKLY, TRAINED 'EM TO HANDLE AND SHOOT AIR RIFLES PROPERLY AND SAFELY. MANY HAVE QUALIFIED FOR OFFICIAL NRA AWARDS, SINCE OUR CLUBS ARE CHARTERED BY THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.



SOUNDS LIKE A SWELL PROGRAM. LOOK... THE FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH IS STARTING. THIS OUGHT TO BE EXCITING.

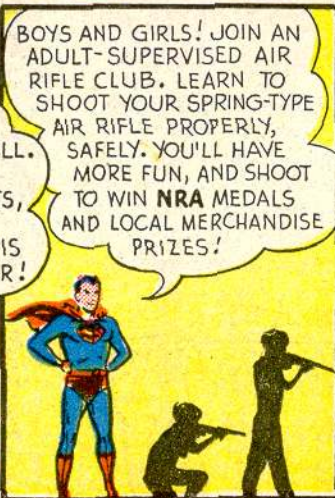
LATER, AFTER THE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS HAVE RECEIVED THEIR TROPHIES AND MERCHANDISE PRIZES...



MEET OUR NEW CITY-WIDE CHAMPION, YOUNG BILL REAMS!

CONGRATULATIONS, BILL! AND YOU, TOO, MR. CAMPBELL. YOU'VE REALLY STARTED SOMETHING NEW IN SPORTS, AND SHOWN HOW AIR RIFLE CLUB SHOOTING IS MORE FUN AND SAFER!

GOSH, HELLO, SUPERBOY!



BOYS AND GIRLS! JOIN AN ADULT-SUPERVISED AIR RIFLE CLUB. LEARN TO SHOOT YOUR SPRING-TYPE AIR RIFLE PROPERLY, SAFELY. YOU'LL HAVE MORE FUN, AND SHOOT TO WIN NRA MEDALS AND LOCAL MERCHANDISE PRIZES!



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**YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:**  
 MANY OF OUR CRIMES ARE SOLVED THROUGH STRANGE AND DEVIANT SOURCES. AN ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE... A CRIME-FICTION FAN HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD... AN AMATEUR SLEUTH IN SOME SMALL, UNHEARD-OF TOWN... ALL OF THESE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER. I THINK YOU'LL SEE EXACTLY WHAT I'M DRIVING AT WHEN YOU READ THIS CASE, IN WHICH WE TRACKED DOWN.

**THREE CLUES TO A KILLER!**

RETURNING FROM A LATE PARTY ON THE EVENING OF LAST JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, STATES WITNESS EDWARD SNIDER GINGERLY ALIGHTED FROM A MAIN STREET BUS AND PROCEEDED HOME...



ALL OF A SUDDEN...

YOU SHOULD'VE TAKEN MY ADVICE IN THAT LETTER I SENT YOU, SNIDER! I TOLD YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO GUYS WHO SQUEAL!







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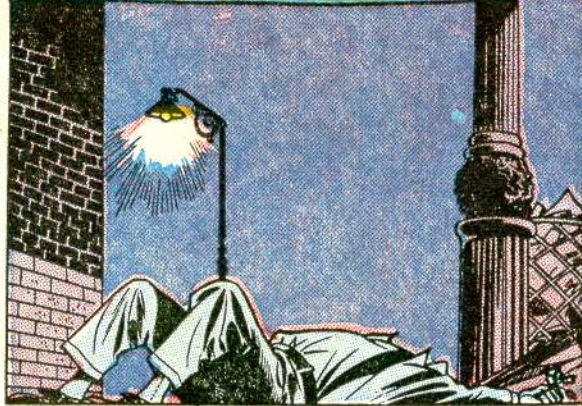
INSTINCTIVELY, THE YOUNG MAN LUNGED FORWARD IN AN ACT OF SELF PRESERVATION-- BUT...

THIS'LL CLAM YOU UP FOR KEEPS, WISE GUY!

N-NO... UGH!

**BLAM!  
BLAM!**

EDWARD CARLSNIDER, AGE 24, HAD RECENTLY GIVEN MY OFFICE AN INVALUABLE EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT ALLOWING US TO JAIL A NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE HAD RECEIVED GANGLAND'S BIGGEST "PAYOFF"...



I FIRST LEARNED OF THE MURDER WHEN I ARRIVED IN MY OFFICE AT 9 A.M. THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

THIS KILLER MUST BE CAUGHT AT ONCE, HARRINGTON! AS LONG AS THE LIVES OF DECENT CITIZENS ARE IN DANGER EVERY TIME THEY STEP FORTH WITH VITAL INFORMATION, THIS CITY ISN'T SAFE! WE'LL INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY!

...DON'T YOU REMEMBER? YOU'VE ACCEPTED CAPTAIN WHITE'S INVITATION TO SERVE AS GUEST EDITOR OF HQ, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S WEEKLY MAGAZINE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO START TODAY!

GREAT SCOTT-- THAT'S RIGHT! I PROMISED HIM TWO HOURS OF MY TIME EACH DAY FOR THE NEXT WEEK!

GO AHEAD, D.A.-- I CAN START THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION! I'LL HAVE A REPORT ON YOUR DESK BY THE TIME YOU GET BACK!

VERY WELL, HARRINGTON! REMEMBER... I WANT EVERY AVAILABLE MAN PUT ON THIS CASE! IF WE'LL TURN THIS CITY INSIDE OUT TO FIND THAT GUNMAN!



BUT, CHIEF...



A HALF HOUR LATER, I REPORTED AT THE EDITORIAL OFFICES OF HQ-- AND WAITING TO GREET ME THERE WAS A FAMILIAR OLD FACE...

POP RYAN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE RETIRED BY NOW!

MIGHT AS WELL HAVE RETIRED, FOR ALL THE GOOD I'M DOING THE FORCE ON THIS EDITING ASSIGNMENT, D.A.! JUST CAN'T GET USED TO BEING A PENCIL PUSHER AFTER 30 YEARS AS A REGULAR COP!

REALLY? I SHOULD THINK THIS WOULD BE EXCITING WORK, POP!

HMPH! YOU CAN'T CATCH CROOKS OR RAID GAMING ROOMS WHEN YOU'RE SITTING BEHIND A DESK! KINDA MAKES ME FEEL USELESS, D.A.! WELL-- C'MON... I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND!

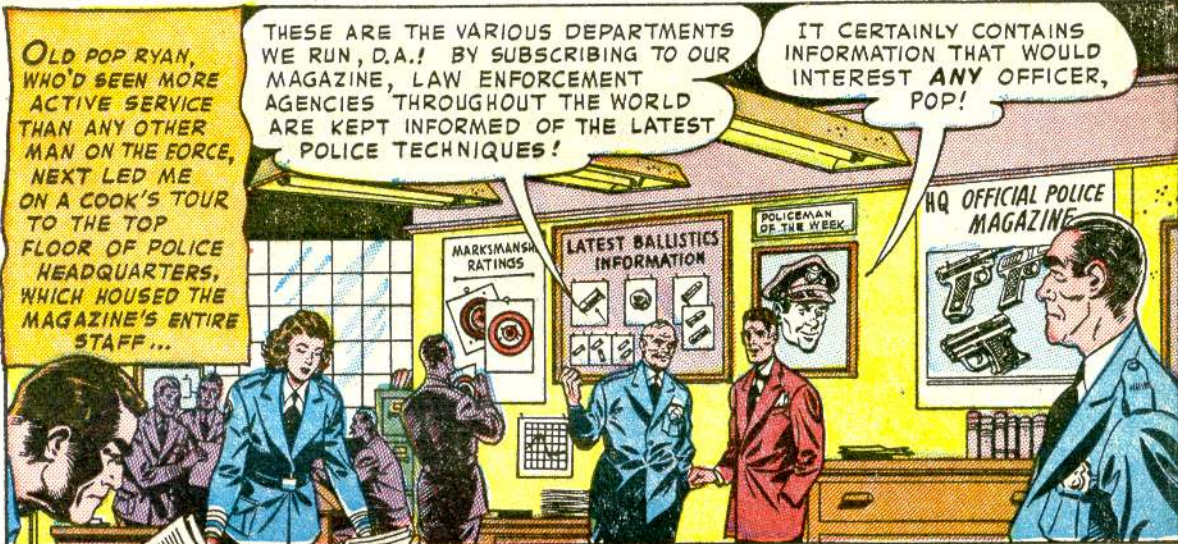




OLD POP RYAN, WHO'D SEEN MORE ACTIVE SERVICE THAN ANY OTHER MAN ON THE FORCE, NEXT LED ME ON A COOK'S TOUR TO THE TOP FLOOR OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WHICH HOUSED THE MAGAZINE'S ENTIRE STAFF...

THESE ARE THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WE RUN, D.A.! BY SUBSCRIBING TO OUR MAGAZINE, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE KEPT INFORMED OF THE LATEST POLICE TECHNIQUES!

IT CERTAINLY CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT WOULD INTEREST ANY OFFICER, POP!

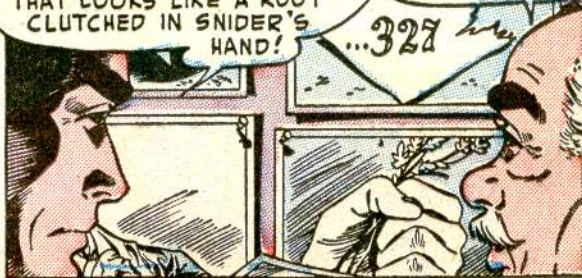


NOW OVER THERE IS OUR PHOTO BOARD! THE LATEST PICTURES TAKEN ARE TACKLED THERE TO BE SIFTED! THOSE PARTICULAR SHOTS ARE OF THE KILLING THAT OCCURRED LAST NIGHT!

YOU MEAN, YOUNG SNIDER? SAY... YOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS CERTAINLY WORK FAST!

HMM... I'LL BET THIS WOULD MAKE A GOOD **FEATURE** STORY! THE CLUES ARE INTERESTING ENOUGH... A TORN PIECE OF PAPER WITH THE NUMBER 327, A STRANGE HEELPRINT IN THE NEARBY DIRT, AND SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE A ROOT CLUTCHED IN SNIDER'S HAND!

YOU'VE CERTAINLY GOT A NOSE FOR NEWS, D.A.! AND SINCE IT'S YOUR IDEA, I'M GOING TO ASSIGN YOU TO WRITE THE ARTICLE!



I WORKED ON THE STORY UNTIL NOON, THEN RETURNED TO MY OFFICE, WHERE I RECEIVED A VERBAL REPORT FROM HARRINGTON. IT WASN'T ENCOURAGING...

BUT AFTER HOURS OF LABORIOUS INVESTIGATION, WE HADN'T MADE A BIT OF PROGRESS. AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, WHEN I REPORTED ONCE AGAIN TO HQ...

NOT AN EYEWITNESS TO THE MURDER, CHIEF-- AND WE CAN'T MAKE SENSE OUT OF THE CLUES!

THEN WE'LL HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH, HARRINGTON! SEARCH THE SEWERS IN THE VICINITY FOR THE MURDER WEAPON-- AND START QUESTIONING ALL CAB DRIVERS IN THE AREA!

MY, THIS WAS FAST WORK, POP! I IMAGINE YOU'LL SCOOP EVERY MAGAZINE IN THE COUNTRY!

I'VE GOT YOU TO THANK FOR IT, D.A.! IT WAS YOUR IDEA-- AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WROTE IT!







# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



WITHIN A WEEK, ISSUES CONTAINING MY STORY OF THE SNIDER MURDER WERE FLOODING THE MAELS, ENROUTE TO SUBSCRIBERS ALL OVER THE GLOBE...

BLIMEY! THAT WAS A NASTY BIT O' MURDER, WASN'T IT, ALF?

RIGHTO--THOUGH I'LL BET A SHILLING THEY CATCH THE BLIGHTER!



托力方角

BUT THE BEST REACTION CAME FROM THE SHERIFF OF A LITTLE COWTOWN OUT WEST...

THUNDERATION! THIS HEEL MARK OF A STAR FOUND AT THE SNIDER MURDER BACK EAST, JOE... IT'S THE SAME KIND O' PRINT A MEMBER O' THE BURKE GANG USED TO LEAVE WHEN HE PULLED A RUSTLIN' JOB!

BETTER LET 'EM KNOW, JEB! MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP 'EM!



AND AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, IN A PRIVATE DETECTIVE'S OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO...

START IT OFF, "DEAR EDITOR: IN REFERENCE TO CLOSE-UP PHOTO OF SNIDER'S HAND IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE, BELIEVE ROOT-LIKE MATTER HE IS CLUTCHING TO BE NEW CHINESE HERB PREPARATION CALLED 'TALA FANGO', SOLD EXTENSIVELY IN THIS CITY'S CHINATOWN DISTRICT AS A CURE FOR CERTAIN AILMENTS OF THE SKIN."



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THE REPORTS OF THESE TWO ALERT LAW ENFORCERS REACHED POP RYAN'S DESK...

POP, THIS IS THE FIRST REAL BREAK WE'VE GOTTEN ON THE SNIDER CASE-- AND WE OWE IT ALL TO PRINTING THAT FEATURE IN HQ!

BUT, D.A.-- JUST HOW'S THIS GOING TO HELP YOU?



BECAUSE IF WE FIND THE MAN WHO USES THIS TALA FANGO STUFF, AND WHO ALSO HAS A STAR MARKING ON HIS HEEL, WE'LL HAVE THIS CASE THREE-QUARTERS LICKED! THE REST WILL BE EASY! I'M RETURNING TO MY OFFICE RIGHT NOW, TO CHECK OUR PHOTO FILES!





**HARRINGTON AND I SPENT THE ENTIRE EVENING GOING THROUGH OUR FILES ON THE BURKE GANG, TILL FINALLY...**

THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO MEMBERS OF THE GANG STILL AT LARGE, HARRINGTON! SINCE THE HEEL IMPRINT WAS THAT OF A LARGE MAN, I'D SAY WILLIE "THE HAT" HORTON WAS OUR MAN!

I'LL HAVE AN ALARM SENT OUT ON HIM RIGHT AWAY CHIEF!

**IT WAS A SHOT IN THE DARK, BUT WELL WORTH THE GAMBLE. HOWEVER, BY LATE MORNING...**

NOTHING, CHIEF! IF HORTON IS IN TOWN, HE'S SURE PICKED A GOOD PLACE TO HOLE UP IN!

PERHAPS WE'RE ON THE WRONG TRAIL, HARRINGTON! IF WE COULD ONLY PIECE THAT NUMBER ON THE TORN NOTATION PAPER INTO THE PICTURE, WE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING!

**PRESENTLY, IN MY OFFICE...**

THERE MUST BE SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS NUMBER! LET'S SEE... HOW COULD WE CONNECT THIS WITH SOMETHING WE KNOW ABOUT THE KILLER...? YOU GOT ME, CHIEF!



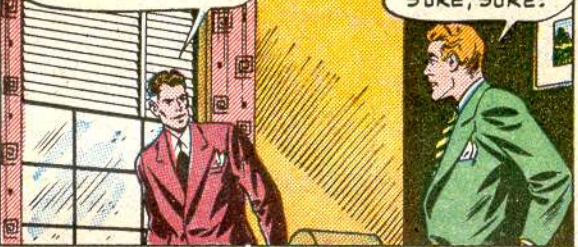
**WAIT A MINUTE... THE HERB PREPARATION... OF COURSE! IF THAT FRISCO LEAD WAS RIGHT... IF THE KILLER IS A USER OF HERB PREPARATIONS, THEN WE'VE GOT HIM! HARRINGTON-- GET ME A PHONE BOOK AT ONCE --- AND LET'S GO!**

HUH? OH, SURE, SURE!

**AS WE SPED SOUTHWARD TOWARD CHINATOWN, I SCANNED THE PHONE DIRECTORY ENTHUSIASTICALLY...**

I DON'T GET IT, CHIEF... WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

THE ONLY PLACE IN THIS CITY WHERE HERB PREPARATIONS ARE SOLD IS IN CHINATOWN, HARRINGTON! AND IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, WE CAN PIN-POINT THE STORE!



**AFTER CHECKING OFF SEVERAL HERB STORES, I DIRECTED THE DRIVER TO HOWE LING'S, ON DRAGON STREET, WHERE HARRINGTON AND I TOOK UP POSITIONS ACROSS THE STREET...**

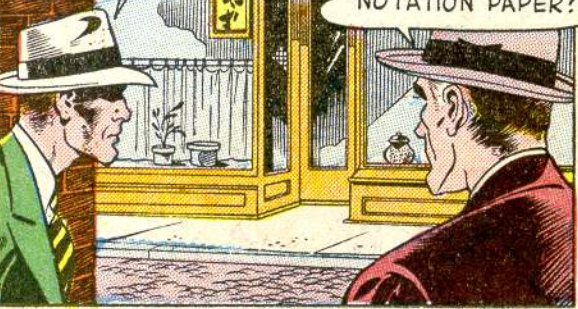
**HOURS LATER, AS WE CONTINUED OUR CONSTANT VIGIL OVER THE SHOP...**

NOW I GET IT, D.A.! WHEN THE KILLER LEFT FRISCO, HE MUST HAVE ASKED THE ADDRESS OF A HERB STORE IN THIS TOWN THAT SELLS THIS SPECIAL PREPARATION HE USES!

CORRECT, HARRINGTON... AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HOT ON HIS TRAIL! **HOWE LING'S** STORE IS AT 327 **DRAGON STREET--** THE SAME NUMBER AS ON THAT TORN PIECE OF NOTATION PAPER!

CHIEF! THAT GUY GOING IN NOW... HE LOOKS LIKE HORTON!

YES, HARRINGTON! LET'S MOVE IN -- AND BE CAREFUL! IF HE'S OUR MAN, HE'LL BE DANGEROUS!





WE SLIPPED ACROSS THE STREET AND ENTERED THE SHOP QUIETLY, BUT AS WE APPROACHED HORTON...

ABRUPTLY, THE PANICKY GUNMAN SPUN ABOUT AND RUSHED TOWARD THE REAR OF THE SHOP.

HORTON FLED OUT INTO THE BUSY CHINATOWN STREET, MAKING HIS PATH THROUGH A SEA OF HUMANITY...

H-HE'S SPOTTED US, CHIEF!

RUSH HIM, HARRINGTON!

LOOK OUT, CHIEF!

AFTER HIM, HARRINGTON... HE'S OUR MAN! THOSE HEEL IMPRINTS IN THE SAWDUST--- THEY'RE THE SAME ONES FOUND NEAR SNIDER!

請注意 (Please pay attention)

LOOK OUT! GET OUTTA MY WAY!



THE FRANTIC CHASE LED TO A NEARBY ORIENTAL SHRINE, UP A LONG FLIGHT OF STAIRS, WHERE...

SUDDENLY...

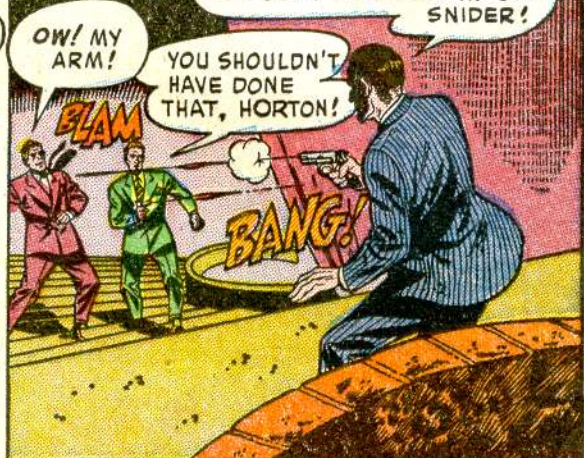
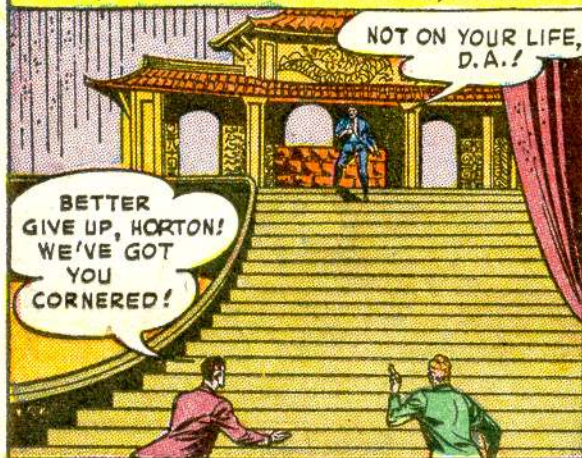
I'M NOT GONNA FRY IN ANY HOT SEAT FOR BUMPIN' OFF SNIDER!

NOT ON YOUR LIFE, D.A.!

BETTER GIVE UP, HORTON! WE'VE GOT YOU CORNERED!

OW! MY ARM!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT, HORTON!



HARRINGTON'S BULLET REACHED ITS MARK! THE KILLER REELED BACKWARD AND TUMBLED INTO THE CHINESE WISHING WELL!

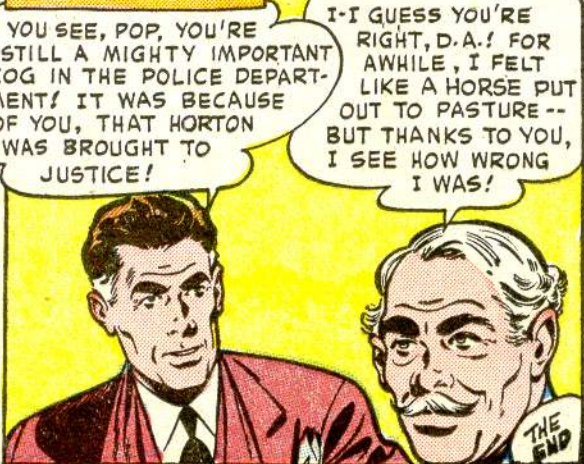
AND SO, AFTER GETTING MY ARM PATCHED UP AT THE HOSPITAL, I DROPPED IN TO THANK POP RYAN FOR HIS AID...

HE'S A GONER, CHIEF!

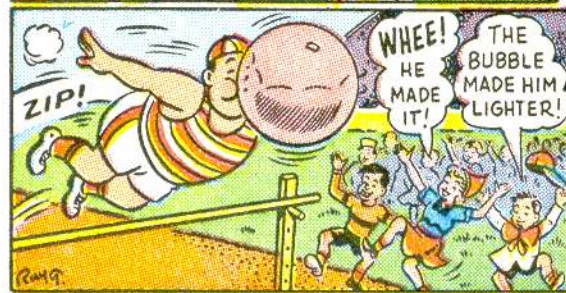
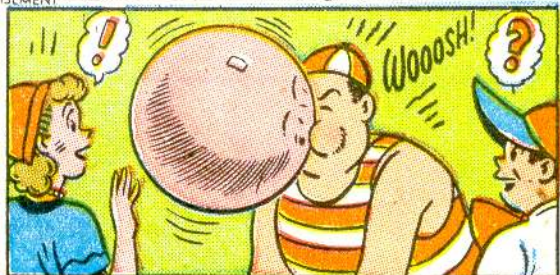
YES, HARRINGTON... HE'S SAVED THE STATE THE EXPENSE OF AN ELECTROCUTION!

YOU SEE, POP, YOU'RE STILL A MIGHTY IMPORTANT COG IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT! IT WAS BECAUSE OF YOU, THAT HORTON WAS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE!

I-I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, D.A.! FOR AWHILE, I FELT LIKE A HORSE PUT OUT TO PASTURE -- BUT THANKS TO YOU, I SEE HOW WRONG I WAS!







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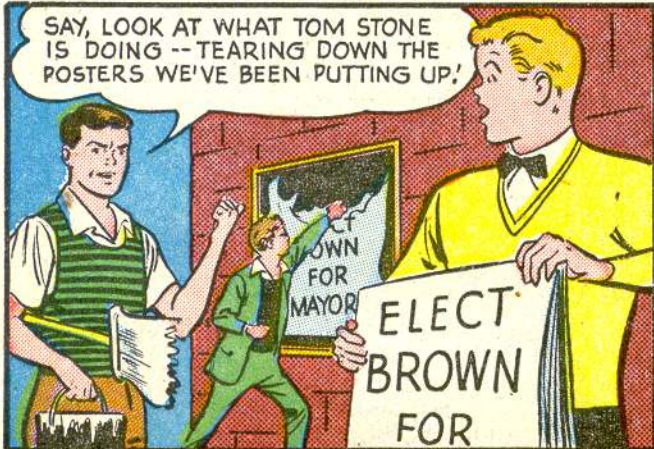
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SAY, LOOK AT WHAT TOM STONE IS DOING -- TEARING DOWN THE POSTERS WE'VE BEEN PUTTING UP!



WHAT'S THE IDEA, TOM?

MY DAD SAYS MAYOR GREEN IS THE BEST MAYOR FOR THIS TOWN--SO I'M AGAINST BROWN!

THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO TEAR DOWN THESE POSTERS!



HEY, FELLERS-- COME ON! THERE'S A CAMPAIGN RALLY DOWN THE STREET. MR. BROWN HIMSELF IS SPEAKING!



FURTHERMORE, MAYOR GREEN HAS NOT--

WAIT A MINUTE!



THAT'S NOT BEING FAIR! GIVE MR. BROWN A CHANCE TO SPEAK. WHETHER YOU'RE FOR HIM OR AGAINST HIM, THAT'S THE AMERICAN WAY OF DOING THINGS!

GOSH, THAT'S MY DAD--AND HE'S STICKING UP FOR MR. BROWN!

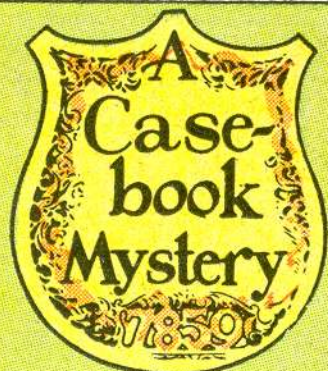
SEE WHAT I MEAN?



LATER...

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, TOM! WORK FOR YOUR FATHER'S CANDIDATE ALL YOU WANT TO-- BUT DON'T TEAR DOWN THE OTHER GUY WITHOUT GIVING HIM A CHANCE TO SPEAK!





# The **CASE** of the **Antique** **DISH!**

Test **YOUR Wits** Against a Criminal!

**IN AN ANTIQUE SHOP OF AN EASTERN CITY, THE OWNER SHOWS HIS NEW CLERK THE WARES...**



AND IN THIS CABINET, WE KEEP THE VERY RARE AND HENCE VERY VALUABLE, ART OBJECTS!

AH, YES... THERE'S A VERY FINE BERNARD PALISSY DISH!

**ONE MORE THING! ALTHOUGH I LIVE IN A ROOM BACK OF THE SHOP, I MUST SLEEP LATE BECAUSE OF MY HEALTH! SO YOU WILL HAVE TO OPEN UP MORNINGS! HERE IS THE KEY, SANDERS!**



YES, SIR! AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE, MR. HARRIS!

**A STUDENT OF THE ARTS, SANDERS WAS A STEADY VISITOR TO THE MUSEUM. ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON, WEEKS LATER...**



I VISITED QUITE A NUMBER OF DEALERS SEARCHING FOR A GENUINE PALISSY... NOW I MUST RETURN TO LONDON TOMORROW WITHOUT ONE! I WISH THIS DISH WAS FOR SALE... I'D PAY \$5,000 FOR IT!

WE HAVE ONE AT THE SHOP, BUT OLD MAN HARRIS' PRICE IS \$6,000!

I **COULD** ASK HIM TO VISIT THE SHOP AND THEY MIGHT STRIKE A BARGAIN... BUT WHAT WOULD I GET OUT OF IT? MM... I HAVE A BETTER IDEA...





ER, PARDON ME, SIR. I JUST OVERHEARD YOU SAYING YOU'D PAY \$5,000 FOR A GENUINE PALISSY DISH! I...I HAPPEN TO OWN ONE!

HOW WONDERFUL! BRING IT TO MY ROOM AT THE OSBORN HOTEL THIS EVENING AND I'LL GLADLY BUY IT! BUT NOT LATER THAN TONIGHT. I'M FLYING BACK TO LONDON IN THE MORNING. HERE IS MY CARD!



GETTING MY HANDS ON THAT DISH WILL BE SIMPLE! FIRST, I MUST CREATE AN ALIBI FOR MY WHEREABOUTS TONIGHT!



AHA! THIS LOOKS LIKE JUST THE PLACE TO SET MY LITTLE PLAN IN MOTION ...!



NOW THE IMPORTANT THING TO DO IS TO REMEMBER HIGHLIGHTS FROM EVERY SINGLE PICTURE ON THE BILL, AND WHAT THEY'RE ALL ABOUT ... JUST IN CASE I'M ASKED ...



THEN, IN THE TENSE SILENCE OF THE NIGHT...

IT'S NINE O'CLOCK! HE'S ALWAYS IN BED BY EIGHT, SO HE MUST BE FAST ASLEEP BY NOW!



GOT IT! ... NOW TO CLOSE THE CABINET QUIET...

SANDERS, IS THAT YOU..?



YOU WON'T TURN ME OVER TO THE POLICE, YOU OLD SKINFINT!



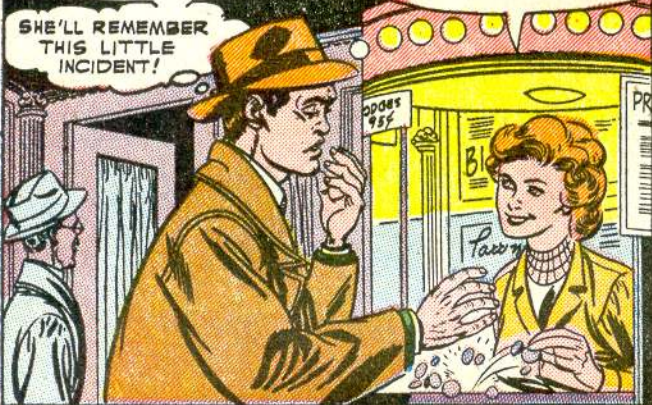


LEAVING HARRIS' BODY WHERE HE HAD FALLEN, AND PUTTING THE PRECIOUS PALISSY INTO HIS POCKET, SANDERS HURRIED BACK TO THE CAMEO THEATRE...

HOW CLUMSY OF ME, DROPPING MY CHANGE!

OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT! WE ALL HAVE OUR LITTLE ACCIDENTS!

SHE'LL REMEMBER THIS LITTLE INCIDENT!



ENTERING THE MOVIE, HE SOON SLIPPED OUT A SIDE DOOR...

NOW TO HURRY OVER TO THE OSBORN HOTEL, SELL THE DISH, THEN GET BACK HERE, MINGLE WITH THE AUDIENCE COMING OUT... AND INVITE THAT CASHIER TO A SODA!



SANDERS' PLAN PROCEEDED WITHOUT A HITCH! NEXT MORNING, HE "DISCOVERED" THE CRIME, AND AFTER CALLING THE POLICE, DETECTIVE HAROLDS ARRIVED...

...AND WHILE THE BURGLAR MURDERED MR. HARRIS, LAST NIGHT, YOU WERE AT THE CAMEO THEATRE, MR. SANDERS?

YES, AND I CAN TELL YOU THE WHOLE PROGRAM. LET'S SEE... LARRY TRENT IN **THE BLACKMAILERS**, A COMEDY, A SHORT REEL ABOUT BOAT RACING, NEWSREEL AND EPISODE 5 OF A SERIAL, **DEALERS IN DEATH!**

ER...THE CASHIER MIGHT REMEMBER ME, IF YOU'D CARE TO TAKE A RIDE OVER THERE!

YES, I WAS JUST GOING TO SUGGEST THAT MYSELF!



SHORTLY AFTER...

SORRY, GENTLEMEN, THE THEATRE IS CLOSED AND MISS BATES DOES NOT COME TO WORK UNTIL NOON. MAYBE YOU'D LIKE HER HOME ADDRESS!

THAT'LL DO, THANKS!



AND AT MISS BATES' EAST SIDE APARTMENT, AFTER THE DETECTIVE EXPLAINED THE VISIT...

I SHOULD SAY I **DO** REMEMBER HIM! FIRST TIME, HE SPILLED HIS CHANGE, THEN HE WANTED TO BUY ME A SODA AFTER THE SHOW.

THERE! JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU! THAT CLEARS ME, DOESN'T IT, LIEUTENANT?



IF YOU WERE LIEUTENANT DETECTIVE HAROLDS, WOULD YOU LET SANDERS GO ON THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED? OR ARE YOU AWARE OF A TELLTALE CLUE THAT ENABLES YOU TO PIN THE RAP ON SANDERS? RECALL THE DETAILS OF THE CASE, AND DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSION... BEFORE LOOKING AT THE NEXT PAGE...





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I'D LIKE TO RE-CHECK YOUR STATEMENT, SANDERS! YOU SAID YOU WERE AT THE THEATRE AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER, AND THAT YOU REMEMBER EVERYTHING ON THE BILL!... HEY, TAXI!

THAT'S RIGHT! EVERYTHING!

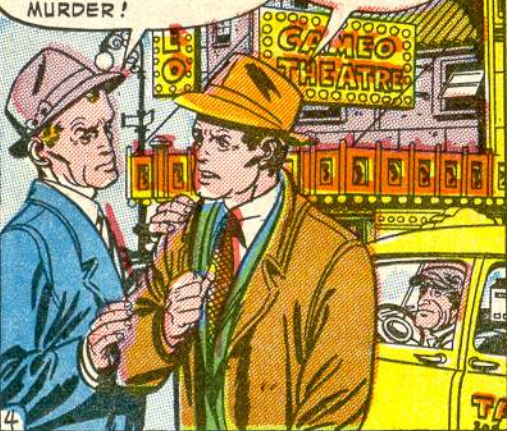
WE'LL RIDE BACK TO THAT MOVIE THEATRE, SANDERS, BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE FOR MYSELF WHETHER I SHOULD HOLD YOU FOR THE MURDER OF THOMAS HARRIS!

YOU'RE CRAZY!

NO, SANDERS... YOU'RE CRAZY TO THINK YOU COULD GET AWAY WITH MURDER!

BUT I PROVED I WAS AT THIS MOVIE LAST NIGHT!

NO... YOU PROVED YOU WEREN'T! THAT SERIAL YOU SAW IS NOT SHOWN EVENINGS! READ THE SIGN YOURSELF, SANDERS... IT PLAYS MATINEES ONLY! WHICH MEANS YOUR ALIBI HAS COLLAPSED!



the END

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## FACT OR FRAUD

Back in the early 1900s, one of the most popular international entertainers was Pierre Luteç. He had a unique memory, and among his feats, he could rattle off any date, name or place, statistic, bit of information, even the most trivial. If Luteç were alive today, no doubt he would have won the jackpot on every radio and television quiz program. That would have been indeed fortunate, because, although he had the answers for every question tossed at him by audiences, he could only throw up his hands in a futile gesture when pressed by creditors.

Ridden by debts, Luteç was further depressed when his act came to be greeted with skepticism. Audiences hooted and jeered at him as persistent rumors claimed him to be a fake, with accomplices planted in the theatres. Theatre managers were loathe to book him, and after a long period of unemployment, he decided to risk an experiment, which, if it proved unsuccessful, would destroy his entire career. In London, he presented himself to the British Anatomical Institute and challenged its distinguished members to determine whether he had a phenomenal memory, using all the scientific paraphernalia at their disposal.

After several suspense-filled days on the part of the British public who followed the tests in their daily newspapers, Luteç was given a clean bill of health. His brain, in the Institute's opinion, was extraordinary and unlike any pre-

viously examined. Managers vied for his act, and for the next year, Luteç played to jam-packed houses.

During the next dozen years, Luteç traveled throughout the world, performing in every leading theatre and cafe, and coincidentally, hauling himself up before the medical society of each city prior to an engagement. His phenomenal memory and unique brain were lauded by all. During this time, too, his debts dwindled as Luteç amassed new wealth from unknown sources.

When Luteç died in April of 1913 in Paris, the untold story was revealed. It seemed that to each of the 33 medical and anatomical societies he had visited for examination, Pierre Luteç had sold his brain, to be claimed at his death. In its anxiety to own his brain, each organization had not only paid, but had been forced to endorse his mental prowess.

## FARE AND SQUARE

A Manhattan cab driver by the name of Pete Giorno was sipping a cup of coffee and puffing his morning cigarette when he noticed a man slip behind the wheel of his taxi. Rather than run from the diner and give futile chase, Pete strode swiftly from the restaurant, flung open the door of his cab and hopped in, very much like a passenger. Then, casually, he gave directions. Moments later, the vehicle drew up alongside the curb of a police station. Pete hailed a couple of officers, who quickly nailed the taxi thief.



## CRIME QUIZ

How good a detective are you? Here are four questions, and if you can refrain from turning the answers upside down, you can mark them 25 points apiece and grade yourself accordingly.

1. You are summoned to examine a man, slain by a bullet in his stomach. Everything points to suicide, especially the automatic held in his right hand. Inspecting his hands, you find them to be clean and announce that the deceased was murdered. How come?

2. By examining a round bullet hole in a window pane, how can you tell from which side of the window the shot was fired?

3. An assault victim dies. What is the time limit for it to be regarded as murder? Suppose he dies as a result of injuries six months later? Or a year? Or five years later?

4. By mistake, a man drinks some poison and dies. Although you were aware of his error, you made no attempt to stop him. Are you guilty of murder?

## ANSWERS

1. Since stomach wounds cause great pain, the victim would have clutched his abdomen in reflex. His hands were clean, however, so they must have been held or tied behind his back. The gun was planted in his hand *after* he had died to give the appearance of suicide.

2. There will be a crater-like appearance, caused by small flakes of glass, on the side OPPOSITE from which the bullet entered.

3. The Penal Code reads as follows: "To make killing either murder or manslaughter, it is requisite that the party die within a year and a day after the stroke received or the cause of death administered; in the computation of which the whole of the day on which the act was done shall be reckoned the first."

4. No, but most states regard it as a felony and subscribe to a Penal Code similar to that of California, which holds: "Every person who deliberately aids, or advises, or encourages another to commit suicide, is guilty of a felony."

## DOWN AND OUT

Arraigned before Judge Joseph Gillis on an assault and battery charge, a defendant made a wild dash for the exit. When no one interfered or tried to block the accused's escape, His Honor, ex-football star of Detroit University, decided on some swift strategy. His black judicial robe trailing, he made an end run from the bench, cleared the dais, then plunged straight down the center aisle. A flying tackle brought down the fugitive with a crash.

## BLOTTER JOTTINGS

PASADENA, CALIF.: A parrot that had been taught to imitate a human-like cry of "Help, Pappy, Help," recently routed some prowlers in his owner's home when he shrilled his lines. Awakened from his night's sleep, the owner took note that a pair of burglars had fled, leaving their loot behind.

OKLAHOMA CITY: An irate woman told a court that when she offered to sell her set of false teeth to the defendant, he had tried them on for size, then refused to pay or return them.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.: Angered by his neighbor's dog's nightly howling, a suburbanite spent one night howling back, was arrested for disturbing the peace, fined \$10.

NEW YORK, N. Y.: Nimble-fingered thieves carted off two sample cases of 200 shoes from a parked car. The laugh was on the culprits, the victim told police, because all shoes were for the left foot only.

BOSTON, MASS.: The State Legislature was asked by a Representative to reverse the conviction of 20 men and women convicted and executed for witchcraft in Salem back in 1692.



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THAT PHANTOM DRIVER WON'T RIDE THIS HIGHWAY TONIGHT! EVERY ENTRANCE TO THIS ROAD HAS BEEN COMPLETELY BLOCKED!

SURE--SURE, CHIEF...B-BUT LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD OF YOU!

## YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

**T**HE AVERAGE CRIME CONFRONTING MY OFFICE IS USUALLY A CUT AND DRIED MATTER! RARELY DO WE RECEIVE A CASE THAT CAN'T BE CLASSIFIED IN A FILE CONTAINING 100 CASES EXACTLY LIKE IT! BUT ONCE IN AWHILE, WE ARE CATAPULTED INTO AN AFFAIR THAT IS TOTALLY UNLIKE ANY PREVIOUS ONE. A CASE-HISTORY IN POINT, AS MYSTIFYING AND TERRIFYING AS ANY I'VE EVER WORKED ON, IS THE POLICE-FILE RECORD WE CALLED...

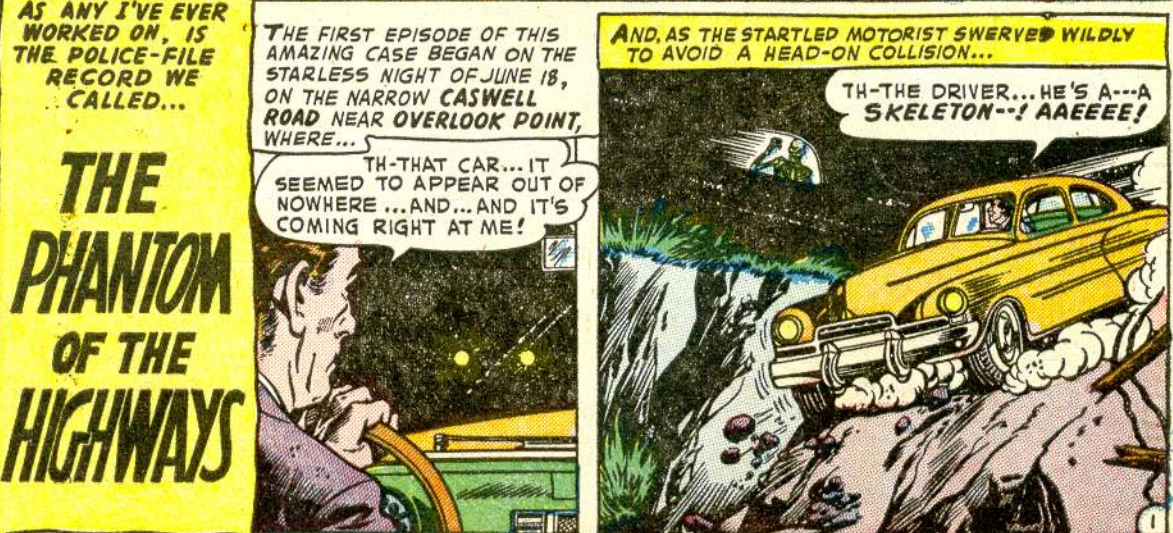
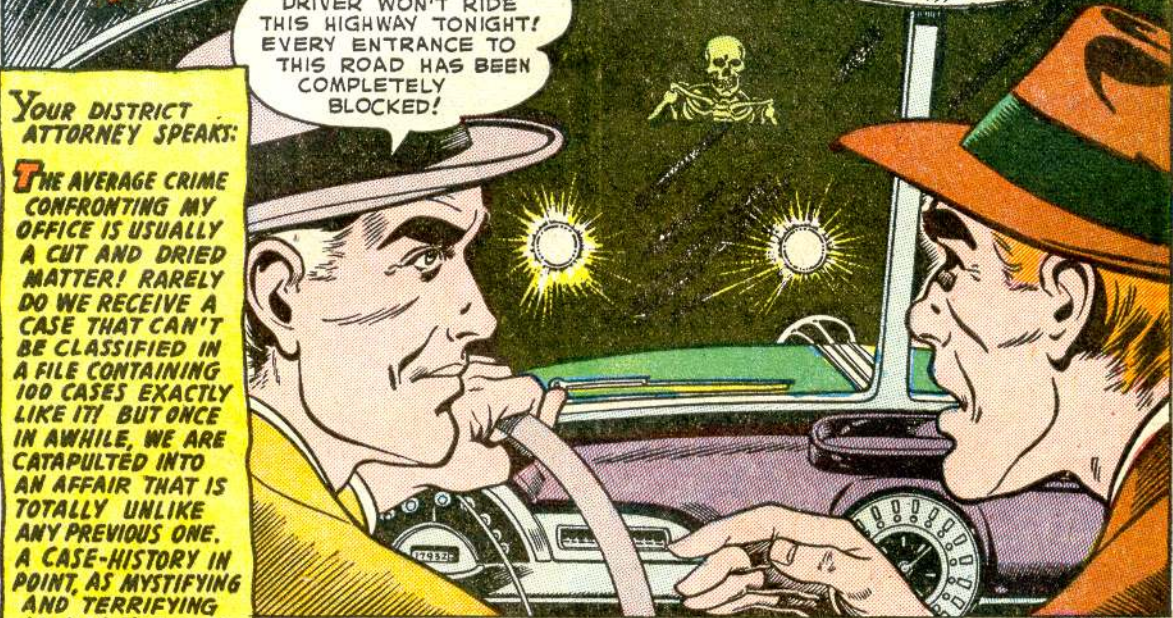
## THE PHANTOM OF THE HIGHWAYS

THE FIRST EPISODE OF THIS AMAZING CASE BEGAN ON THE STARLESS NIGHT OF JUNE 18, ON THE NARROW CASWELL ROAD NEAR OVERLOOK POINT, WHERE...

TH-THAT CAR...IT SEEMED TO APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE...AND...AND IT'S COMING RIGHT AT ME!

AND, AS THE STARTLED MOTORIST SWERVED WILDLY TO AVOID A HEAD-ON COLLISION...

TH-THE DRIVER...HE'S A---A SKELETON---! AAAAA!







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FORTUNATELY, THE MAN WAS NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED---AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY, WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED AND HEARD HIS STORY, I DIDN'T BELIEVE A WORD OF IT...

AN INSTANT LATER, I WAS READING WHAT PROVED TO BE ONLY THE FIRST OF MANY SIMILAR MESSAGES TO COME...



... AND... AND THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED... I WAS RUN OFF THE ROAD BY A DEMON!

POOR FELLOW... HE'S DELIRIOUS!

WAIT A MINUTE, CHIEF-- TAKE A LOOK AT THIS NOTE!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, CHIEF?

BAD NEWS, HARRINGTON! I'M AFRAID WE'RE DEALING WITH A **MONOMANIAC**... A PERSON WHO'S FANATICAL ON ONE SPECIAL SUBJECT! OUR MAN APPARENTLY HAS A TWISTED MIND ON THE SUBJECT OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS!



*John Morgan was fined only \$5. for speeding on Route 54-- this is what he really deserves. The Phantom Driver.*

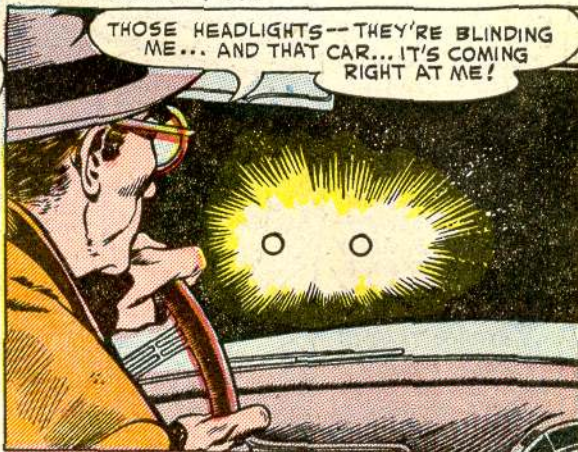
AND AS WE COMPLETED OUR INVESTIGATION...

ACCORDING TO THE VICTIM'S STORY, THAT PHANTOM CAR APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE!

HMM... THAT CHECKS WITH THESE TIRE TRACKS, WHICH SEEM TO APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE AND DISAPPEAR INTO NOWHERE! UNLIKE MOST CRANKS, THIS ONE IS DEVILISHLY CLEVER, I'M AFRAID!



THOSE WERE THE FACTS THAT OPENED THIS CASE. THEN, EXACTLY 11 DAYS LATER, ON A RAMP ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS...



THOSE HEADLIGHTS-- THEY'RE BLINDING ME... AND THAT CAR... IT'S COMING RIGHT AT ME!

SO ONCE AGAIN, A TERRIFIED MOTORIST SWERVED TO AVOID A COLLISION...



LUCKILY FOR THE DRIVER, HAROLD JAMISON, HIS CAR WAS SO LIGHT THAT THE RAILING BROKE THE BULK OF ITS IMPACT, AND WHEN HARRINGTON AND I ARRIVED, 30 MINUTES LATER...

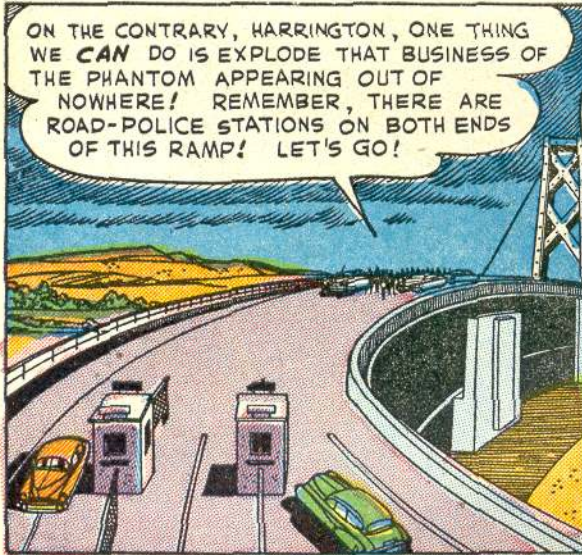
IT WAS HORRIBLE, MR.D.A.! THAT SKELETON--T-TRIED TO CRASH INTO ME! HE-HE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE, AND... AND... IF I HADN'T TURNED WHEN I DID...

YES, YES, MR. JAMISON-- JUST TAKE IT EASY! ER... IS THAT ANOTHER NOTE, HARRINGTON?

YEP... FROM OUR FRIEND THE **PHANTOM DRIVER**! THE REASON HE GIVES FOR GOING AFTER JAMISON IS BECAUSE HE FAILED TO HALT AT A STREET CORNER STOP-SIGN! GUESS WE'RE NO CLOSER TO A SOLUTION THAN THE LAST TIME, EH, CHIEF?







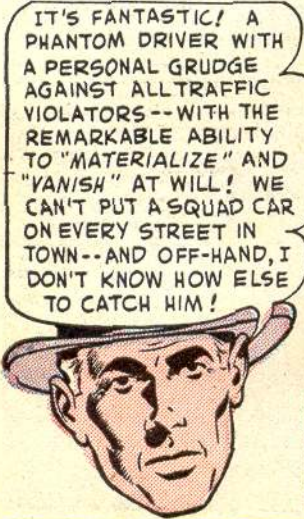
ON THE CONTRARY, HARRINGTON, ONE THING WE CAN DO IS EXPLODE THAT BUSINESS OF THE PHANTOM APPEARING OUT OF NOWHERE! REMEMBER, THERE ARE ROAD-POLICE STATIONS ON BOTH ENDS OF THIS RAMP! LET'S GO!



BUT 20 MINUTES LATER, MUCH TO OUR AMAZEMENT.

NO, MR. D.A., I CAN STATE DEFINITELY THAT NO SUCH CAR AS YOU DESCRIBE PASSED BY THIS STATION TONIGHT!

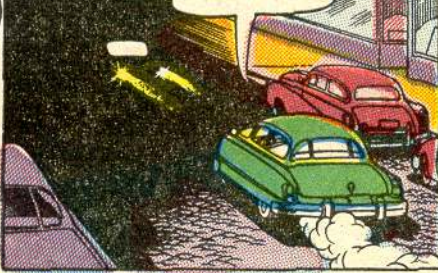
AND THE MAN IN THE STATION ON THE OTHER END OF THE RAMP SAID THE SAME THING! B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



IT'S FANTASTIC! A PHANTOM DRIVER WITH A PERSONAL GRUDGE AGAINST ALL TRAFFIC VIOLATORS--WITH THE REMARKABLE ABILITY TO "MATERIALIZE" AND "VANISH" AT WILL! WE CAN'T PUT A SQUAD CAR ON EVERY STREET IN TOWN--AND OFF-HAND, I DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE TO CATCH HIM!

THUS, DURING THE NEXT 60 DAYS, THE PHANTOM DRIVER STRUCK 13 TIMES MORE! THEN, ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 21ST, ON WASHINGTON STREET, IN THE HEART OF THE CITY...

WHERE DOES THAT CRAZY DRIVER THINK HE'S GOING? DON'T HE KNOW. YOW! HE'S COMING STRAIGHT AT ME!



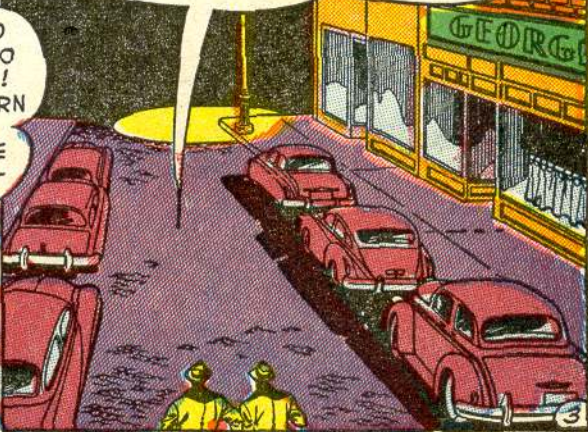
SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS HARRINGTON AND I MADE OUR INVESTIGATION...

WHAT'S THE USE? BY THE TIME WE ARRIVE, SOME POOR TRAFFIC VIOLATOR'S ALL BANGED UP, AND THE PHANTOM'S GONE BACK TO WHEREVER HE CAME FROM!

THAT'S HOW IT USUALLY IS WITH CRAZY CRANKS WHO TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS! THERE'S NO PATTERN OF CRIME WE CAN FOLLOW! HE'S LIABLE TO STRIKE ANYWHERE--OR AT ANY TIME!



BUT THIS TIME HE'S MADE A MISTAKE--- A BAD MISTAKE! BE AT THE OFFICE EARLY, HARRINGTON... I'VE GOT AN IDEA!







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IT WAS A LONG SHOT, BUT I HAD TO TAKE IT. NEXT MORNING, HARRINGTON AND I CHECKED IN AT THE TRAFFIC BUREAU, WHERE...

BLAKE, I WANT THE NAME OF AN INVETERATE TRAFFIC OFFENDER! ANYONE WILL DO, AS LONG AS HE HASN'T ALREADY MET THE PHANTOM ON THE ROAD!

ER--UH--YES, CHIEF!



HALF AN HOUR LATER, WE KNOCKED ON THE DOOR OF 237 FOX HILLS ROAD, AND...

YES, I'M THE ALBERT MARTIN WHO RECEIVED THOSE OVERTIME PARKING TICKETS! THAT'S WHY I'M NOT USING MY CAR ANYMORE! THE PHANTOM DRIVER'S OUT LOOKING FOR GUYS LIKE ME!

FINE! THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO START USING YOUR CAR--EVERY NIGHT--FROM NOW ON!



OH, NO--NOT ME! I'M NOT GOING TO BE A SITTING DUCK FOR THAT CRAZY GHOST RIDER!

BUT I'LL BE RIGHT AT YOUR SIDE! I PROMISE YOU FULL PROTECTION!



WELL... ALL RIGHT-- BUT I THINK I'M CRAZY FOR EVEN LISTENING TO YOU!

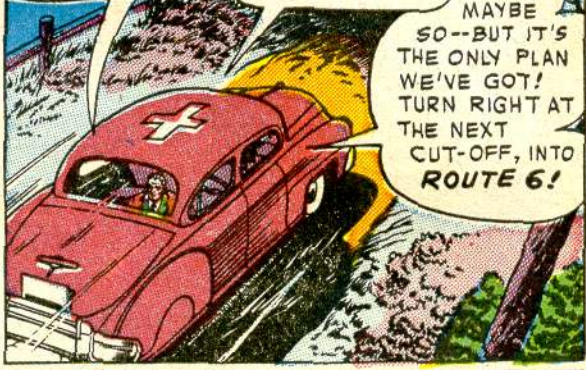
SWELL! WE START TONIGHT!



BUT THAT EVENING, AFTER CRUISING ABOUT FOR OVER TWO HOURS...

NO SIGN OF HIM ANYWHERE, CHIEF!

YEAH, MR. D.A.--LOOKS LIKE YOUR PLAN'S A TOTAL BUST!

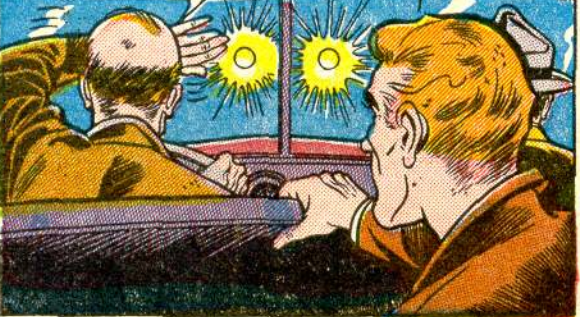


MAYBE SO--BUT IT'S THE ONLY PLAN WE'VE GOT! TURN RIGHT AT THE NEXT CUT-OFF, INTO ROUTE 6!

SUDDENLY...

THERE IT IS, CHIEF --- DEAD AHEAD! IT--IT CAME RIGHT OUT OF NOWHERE!

YEAH... AND THOSE HEADLIGHTS-- THEY'RE BLINDING ME! I---I TOLD YOU HE'D GET ME!



I---I MUST GET OUT OF THE WAY-- OR HE'LL CRASH INTO US!

DON'T TURN OFF--- LET HIM CRASH INTO US!

B-BUT, CHIEF---







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AND AS THE BLINDING HEADLIGHTS CAME CLOSER-- AND CLOSER...

YOU'LL GET US ALL KILLED!

BETTER SWERVE, CHIEF! THAT--THAT PHANTOM DOESN'T LOOK AS IF HE'S GOING TO!

THEN THAT MAKES TWO OF US!

HEY! DID YOU SEE THAT?

CHIEF! TH--THAT CAR WENT UP!

I KNOW, HARRINGTON... OUR PHANTOM CAR IS NOTHING MORE THAN A GLIDER PLANE!

NO WONDER IT SEEMED TO COME RIGHT OUT OF NOWHERE! BUT, D.A.-- IT'S GETTING AWAY!

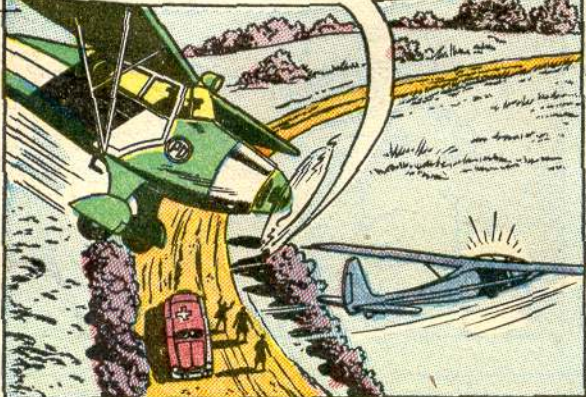
DON'T WORRY, HARRINGTON-- IT WON'T GET FAR!



WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWED BY A POLICE PATROL PLANE EVER SINCE WE STARTED OUT! THEY'LL FORCE THAT PHONY PHANTOM DOWN!

AND SURE ENOUGH, SOME MINUTES LATER...

THEY'RE LANDING IN HACKETT MEADOWS! LET'S GO!



PRESENTLY... YOU'RE RIGHT, CHIEF-- IT'S NOTHING BUT A GLIDER, FIXED UP WITH A PAIR OF HEADLIGHTS TO RESEMBLE AN AUTOMOBILE! BUT--WHAT ABOUT THE PHANTOM DRIVER?

WHAT AN OLD GAG! A PAINTED SKELETON SUIT-- ALWAYS A TERRIFIC HIT AT HALLOWE'EN PARTIES! GUESS YOU WERE RIGHT, CHIEF... HE'S A REAL LOCO!

YES-- EVERY YEAR, SOMEONE COMES ALONG WITH A SPECIAL PEEVE AGAINST SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE--AND DECIDES TO TAKE THE LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS! THIS ONE FELT THAT WAY ABOUT TRAFFIC VIOLATORS!



LET'S GO HAVE A TALK WITH HIM, HARRINGTON!





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AND WHY NOT? SPEEDERS, ROAD HOGS, DOUBLE PARKERS-- THEY OUGHTA BE RUN OFF THE ROAD FOR GOOD!

LET'S GO!

ER--BY THE WAY, CHIEF, WHAT WAS IT BACK ON WASHINGTON STREET THAT TIPPED YOU OFF THAT HE WAS USING THIS FLYING CRATE?



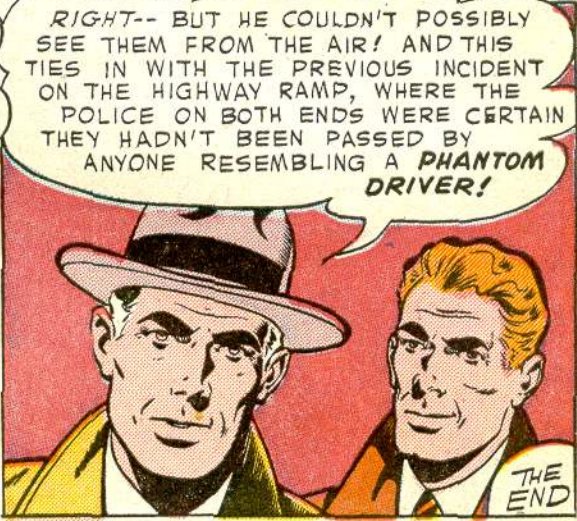
BECAUSE WASHINGTON STREET IS A **ONE-WAY THOROUGHFARE**, HARRINGTON-- AND THE PHANTOM WAS TRAVELING UP THE WRONG WAY!

I--I DON'T GET IT!



TELL ME... FEELING THE WAY HE DOES ABOUT TRAFFIC VIOLATORS, WOULD THE PHANTOM TURN INTO THE WRONG END OF A ONE-WAY STREET?

OH, OH--I GET IT NOW! IF HE'D BEEN ON THE **GROUND**, HE WOULD'VE NOTICED THE ONE-WAY SIGNS ON THE CORNER!



**RIGHT--** BUT HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY SEE THEM FROM THE AIR! AND THIS TIES IN WITH THE PREVIOUS INCIDENT ON THE HIGHWAY RAMP, WHERE THE POLICE ON BOTH ENDS WERE CERTAIN THEY HADN'T BEEN PASSED BY ANYONE RESEMBLING A **PHANTOM DRIVER!**

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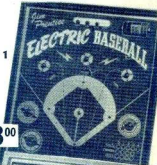
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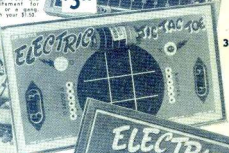


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