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GO AHEAD--  
FIRE AT ME! ALL  
MY EQUIPMENT IS  
GUARANTEED!

OKAY! THEN  
WE'LL RENT 4 OF  
THOSE BULLET-PROOF  
VESTS-- BESIDES THAT  
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3 TOMMY-  
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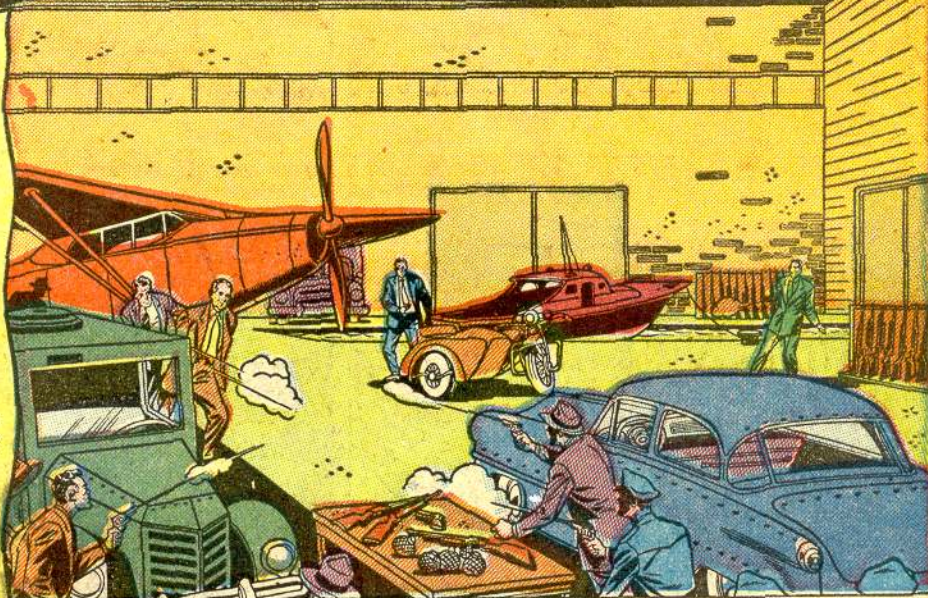
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**YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:**

SOMETIMES A CRIME WAVE SEEMS TO HAVE NOTHING OF THE "UNUSUAL" ABOUT IT. APPARENTLY, EVERYTHING FOLLOWS A FAMILIAR, ESTABLISHED PATTERN: THE PLANNING, THE EXECUTION OF A JOB, THEN THE GET-AWAY. BUT SUDDENLY, SOMETHING SEEMINGLY SIMPLE AND UNIMPORTANT OCCURS, AND WE BECOME AWARE OF A BRAND NEW GANGLAND

GIMMICK LURKING IN THE BACKGROUND, AND THEN THE REAL FIGHT IS ON! THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT OCCURRED IN THE CASE OF...

**"THIS CRIME FOR HIRE!"**



"ON MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, OF THIS YEAR, WE CLOSED THE BOOKS ON A SENSATIONAL CRIME CASE THAT, AT ITS FIRST OUTBREAK, APPEARED TO BE JUST ANOTHER BANK ROBBERY..."

TOM! LOOK! THOSE MEN RUNNING FROM THE BANK...

YEAH! I SEE THEM! LET'S GO!

WHERE'S YOUR MANNERS, MONK? DON'T 'CHA KNOW THAT'S A COP CAR BEHIND US--- WANTIN' US TO STOP?

I'M VERY SORRY, MR. OFFICER--- BUT I GOT AN APPOINTMENT SOMEWHERE ELSE!





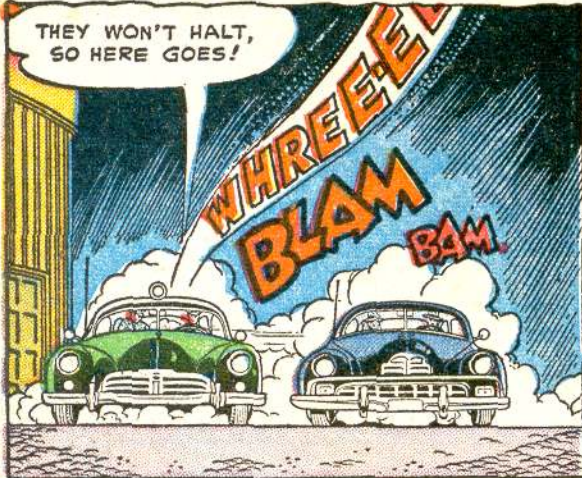
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"WHEN THE GETAWAY CAR REFUSED TO STOP, OFFICER THOMAS HAMMOND OPENED FIRE..."

THEY WON'T HALT, SO HERE GOES!

WHREEE!  
BLAM BAM.



BIG SURPRISE, COPPER! WE'RE BULLET-PROOF!

YEAH--THEY'VE HAD THEIR TURN! BLAST 'EM, DUKE!



THEY GOT OUR TIRES, JERRY! WATCH THE LAMP POST!

TAT-TAT-TAT!  
SCREEEE



"TEN MINUTES LATER... HARRINGTON AND I ARRIVED AT THE SCENE..."

I CAN'T BE SURE, MR. D.A., BUT IT MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE WHO OWNS A BULLET-PROOF SEDAN!

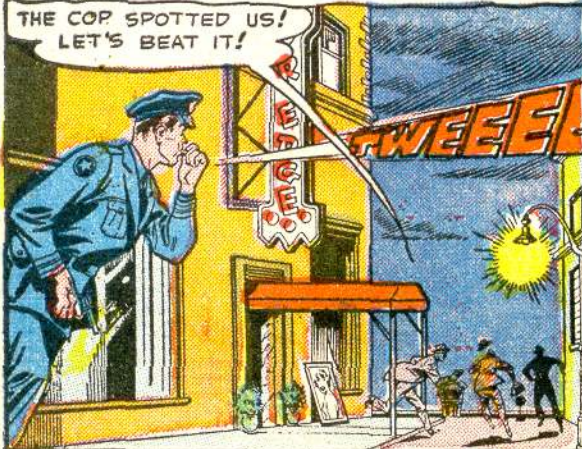
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL PUT OUT AN ALERT! TURN IN YOUR REPORT AT HEADQUARTERS! THAT'S ABOUT ALL, FOR NOW!



"ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, THREE MEN STROLLED INTO THE SWANK RIVER-EDGE CLUB, HELD UP THE MANAGEMENT FOR \$10,000, AND FLED..."

THE COP SPOTTED US! LET'S BEAT IT!

TWEEEE!



"LEAPING INTO A WAITING LAUNCH, THE CROOKS SPED ACROSS THE RIVER..."

WE'LL MAKE IT NOW! WE'RE OUT OF PISTOL RANGE!

A GOOD IDEA USIN' THIS SPEED BOAT! THEM COPS DON'T STAND A CHANCE!

BLAM BAM



**"ANOTHER CRIME, INVOLVING A THIRD GANG, OCCURRED AT THE AIRPORT ON THE NIGHT OF THE 15TH..."**



WE HAD THIS LAYOUT WELL CASED! THERE'S A LOT OF PRETTY JEWELS IN THAT STRONG BOX, STRAIGHT FROM HOLLAND! HAND IT OVER!

YOU WON'T GET OUT OF THIS AIRPORT ALIVE! EVERY GATE IS GUARDED!



SAYS YOU! MAYBE THIS'LL KEEP YOU QUIET!

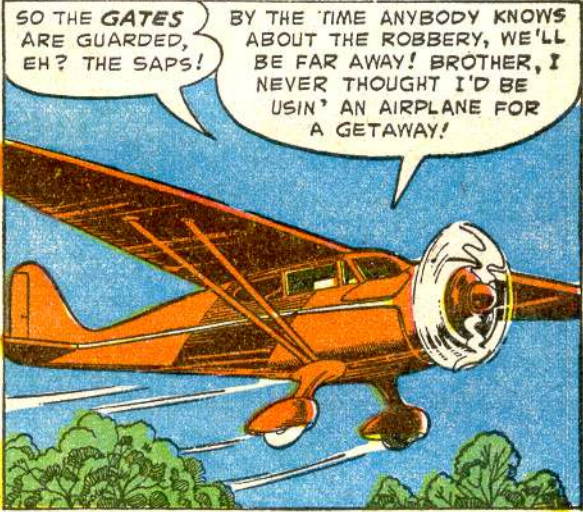
DON'T DO THAT...

SHUT UP, OR YOU'LL GET THE SAME!



YOU GET IT?

YEAH! GET MOVIN'!



SO THE GATES ARE GUARDED, EH? THE SAPS!

BY THE TIME ANYBODY KNOWS ABOUT THE ROBBERY, WE'LL BE FAR AWAY! BROTHER, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE USIN' AN AIRPLANE FOR A GETAWAY!

**"ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, A TELEPHONE CALL TO MY OFFICE SUMMONED ME TO THE AIRPORT..."**



I SEE! THE GATE GUARDS WERE ALERTED, BUT NEITHER THEY NOR YOU EVER EXPECTED THAT CROOKS HAD A PLANE WAITING!

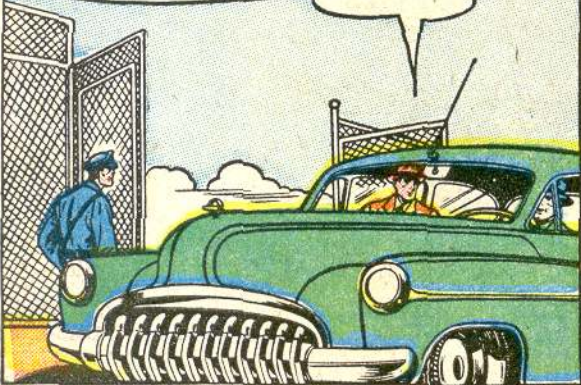
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. D.A.! THEY SURE CAUGHT US OFF-GUARD!



THREE DIFFERENT GANGS--- THREE DIFFERENT--- AND SUCCESSFUL--- GETAWAYS! CRIME MUST BE ROLLING IN MONEY, HARRINGTON! CROOKS CAN AFFORD BULLET-PROOF CARS, SPEED LAUNCHES, AND NOW, AIRPLANES!

THEY'RE GOING ULTRA-BIG SHOT ON US, CHIEF!

WHATEVER THE CASE, HARRINGTON, WE'LL HAVE TO DO **SOMETHING**, AND DO IT SOON! THE PUBLIC DOESN'T WANT EXCUSES OR ALIBIS--- IT WANTS CRIME STAMPED OUT! AND WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE THE ANGLES FAST!



"AT THE TIME, WE WERE UNAWARE OF A SPRAWLING WAREHOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE--- AN EDIFICE FULL OF AWESOME EQUIPMENT THAT EVENTUALLY WAS TO GIVE US OUR ANSWERS.

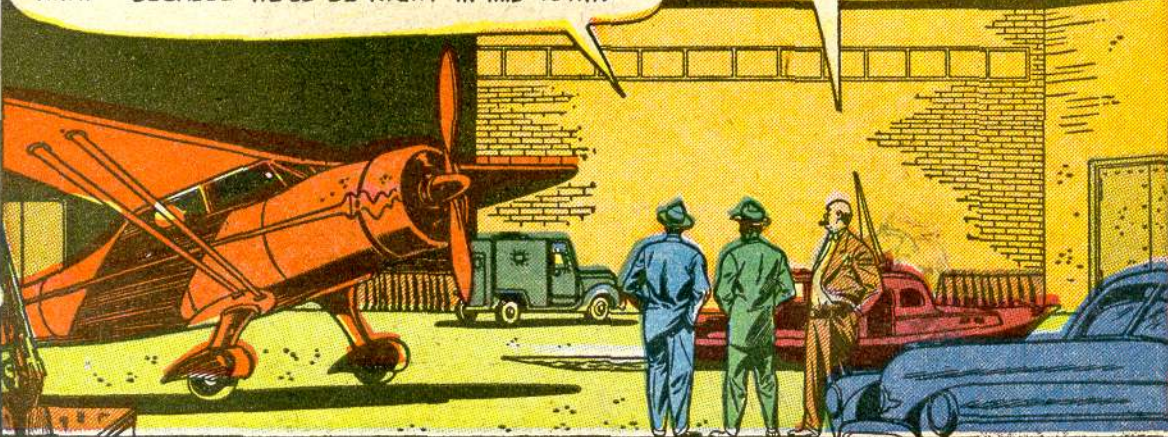
YEAH, I'M STUFFY DUNCAN! WHO SENT YOU?

DUKE SUMMERVILLE! YOU RENTED HIM A BULLET-PROOF SEDAN! WE NEED SOME HELP ON OUR JOB--- AND THE DUKE RECOMMENDED YOU!



WE'VE GOT A CINCH DEAL! HOLDING UP A PAYROLL MESSENGER! WE NEED A GOOD GET-AWAY--- BECAUSE WE'LL BE RIGHT IN MID-TOWN!

I THINK I CAN HELP YOU! TAKE A LOOK OUT HERE!



MOST GANGS CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOBS THEY PULL, SO I RENT THE STUFF OUT TO THEM ON A SPLIT-PROFIT BASIS! TO PROTECT MY INTERESTS, I TAKE SOME CASH IN ADVANCE!

SAY, AIN'T THAT THE CAR YOU LET DUKE USE FOR HIS BANK JOB?

YEAH---FOR FIVE G'S! IT WAS WORTH IT! DUKE MADE A CLEAN ESCAPE! BUT I'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOUR MID-TOWN JOB! C'MON OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE... I'LL SHOW YOU...





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THIS IS JUST WHAT YOU NEED! AN **ARMORED CAR!**

HEY! THIS IS TERRIFIC, DUNCAN! HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR RENTING IT OUT?

LIKE I SAID, A SPLIT PROFIT DEAL--- FIFTY PERCENT!

THAT'S TOO MUCH!

NO---IT'S WORTH THE PRICE! WE'LL TAKE IT!

GUARANTEED CAR SERVICE

"ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, A PAYROLL MESSENGER-- RALPH MENDELL--- WAS ACCOSTED BY TWO UNIFORMED MEN..."

GIVE US THE BRIEF CASE, BUSTER! AND DON'T MAKE A YAP!

WAIT A MINUTE! I---

YOU HEARD HIM! AN' WE MEAN BUSINESS!

"RELUCTANTLY--- BUT AT GUNPOINT--- MENDELL HANDED OVER THE PAYROLL, AND THEN..."

"A DRAGNET WAS THROWN AROUND THE AREA, AT ONCE, BUT THE TWO CROOKS ALREADY HAD CLIMBED INTO THE WAITING VEHICLE, AND..."

HE'S GOT THE COPS AFTER US! C'MON!

THAT ARMORED CAR GAG BETTER WORK OR WE'RE A COUPLE OF DEAD PIGEONS!

TWEEEEE

WE WERE GOING TO THE BANK ON ALBERT STREET, OFFICER! ANYTHING WRONG?

YES! THERE'S BEEN A HOLD-UP! YOU BOYS HAD BETTER CIRCLE AROUND!

GUARANTEED ARMORED CAR SERVICE

"THE DARING SCHEME ACTUALLY WORKED--- AND THAT NIGHT, I HAD THE PAYROLL MESSENGER AT MY OFFICE, WHERE WE WENT THROUGH A FILE OF POLICE CIRCULARS..."

"THEN, PATROLMAN ALBERT DICKINSON STUDIED THE PHOTOGRAPHS..."

WAIT! THESE ARE THE TWO MEN WHO ROBBED ME! THEY WORE UNIFORMS, BUT I'D RECOGNIZE THEM ANYWHERE!

THE CREARY BROTHERS... JOE AND FRANK!

IT'S THEM, D.A.! BUT LIKE I SAID, DURING THE EXCITEMENT, IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME TO CHECK ON THEM! LATER, I FOUND OUT THERE'S NO SUCH OUTFIT AS THE GUARANTEED ARMORED CAR SERVICE. IT WAS A PHONY! I CAME UP TO REPORT AT ONCE!

THANKS, DICKINSON! THAT'S ALL, FOR NOW!



SO-- THE CREARY BROTHERS PULLED THE PAYROLL JOB! NOW WHAT? DO WE PUT OUT AN ALARM FOR THEM?

IT'S NOT JUST THE CREARY BROTHERS I WANT, HARRINGTON! THEY'RE SECOND-RATE HOODLUMS WHO PULL SMALL-TIME JOBS, AS A RULE! IT'S JUST THAT I...I WAS WONDERING...



... I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THE BULLET-PROOF CAR, THE SPEED LAUNCH, THE AIRPLANE---AND NOW, THE ARMORED CAR USED BY THE CREARY BROTHERS!

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, CHIEF---THE CROOKS ARE GOING BIG--SHOT ON US!



THE CREARY BROTHERS ARE TWO-BIT CROOKS, HARRINGTON! HOW COULD THEY AFFORD AN ARMORED CAR ON A JOB?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, CHIEF. HOW COULD THEY? ARMORED CARS AREN'T EXACTLY CHEAP!



THEY COULD'VE RENTED IT! AND MAYBE THE BULLET-PROOF CAR, THE SPEED LAUNCH AND THE AIRPLANE WERE RENTED, TOO!

YOU MEAN THERE'S SOMEONE OR SOME SORT OF SYNDICATE BACKING THESE CROOKS WITH EXPENSIVE CRIME EQUIPMENT?



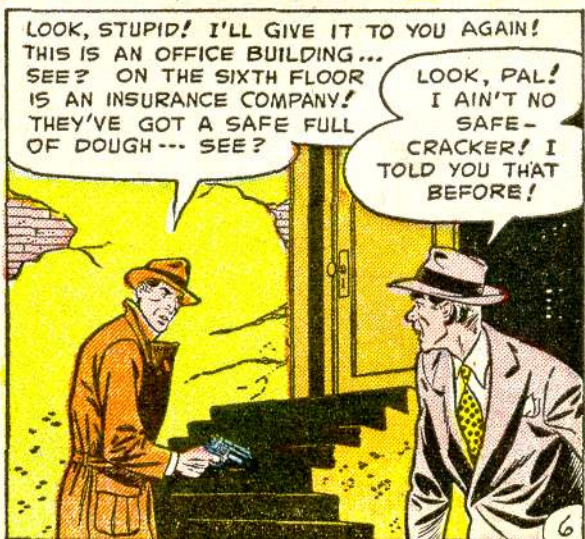
PRECISELY, HARRINGTON! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE GUILTY PERSON OR PERSONS AND FIND OUT WHERE THAT EQUIPMENT IS STORED! IF WE SMASH THEM, WE WILL AUTOMATICALLY STOP THE OTHERS!

SURE---THAT'S IF WE FIND THEM! AND THAT JOB DOESN'T LOOK TOO EASY RIGHT NOW!

**AND, AS IN MANY PREVIOUS CASES, WE FOUND OURSELVES LOOKING FOR THE NEEDLE IN THE HAYSTACK--- WITH UTTERLY NOTHING TO GO ON! THEN, ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 6th...**



OKAY! SO NOW WE'RE IN! NOW WHATTA WE DO?



LOOK, STUPID! I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU AGAIN! THIS IS AN OFFICE BUILDING... SEE? ON THE SIXTH FLOOR IS AN INSURANCE COMPANY! THEY'VE GOT A SAFE FULL OF DOUGH--- SEE?

LOOK, PAL! I AIN'T NO SAFE-CRACKER! I TOLD YOU THAT BEFORE!



NEITHER AM I! OUR JOB IS TO START A FIRE---REMEMBER? THE OTHER BOYS OUTSIDE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE SAFE! WHY THEY WANT A FIRE, I DON'T KNOW! BUT WE'LL GIVE IT TO 'EM--- A BIG PRETTY FIRE! GOT THE GASOLINE?

I WAS HIRED FOR ONE THING--- TO CARRY A CAN OF GAS! AN' YOU ASK IF I GOT THE GAS!

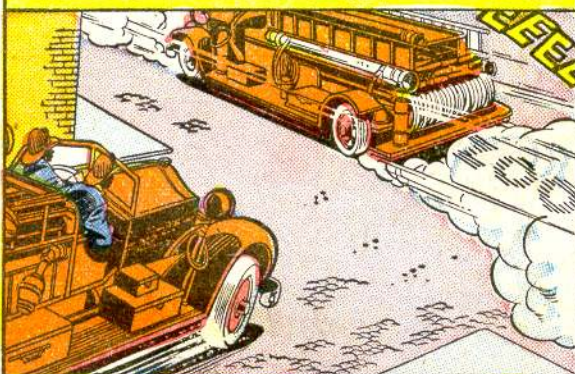


"MOMENTS LATER, THE LOWER FLOORS OF THE BUILDING WERE ABLAZE! FIRE ENGINES RACED THROUGH THE STREETS, SIRENS SCREAMING..."

**WHREEE-EEEEEE  
CLANG! CLANG!**



"ON ELM AND HACKETT AVENUES, A HOOK-AND-LADDER SUDDENLY JOINED THE PROCESSION..."



"BUT, ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, AN UNUSUAL DRAMA WAS OCCURRING..."

WHAT A DEAL! WE RENT A FIRE TRUCK, START A FIRE, AND PLAY FIREMEN! THE RESULT--- ABOUT 50 GRAND FOR US! THIS IS IT! NOW LET'S CLEAR OUT OF HERE!

LET'S ROLL, BOYS! WE GOTTA DELIVER THIS THING BACK TO THE WAREHOUSE!

I ALWAYS WANTED TO RIDE A FIRE ENGINE! HAW, HAW!



"HARRINGTON AND I WERE HEADED FOR THE FIRE, WHEN..."

FIRE MUST BE OVER, CHIEF! ONE OF THE ENGINES IS ALREADY HEADED HOME!

HARRINGTON--- FOLLOW THAT ENGINE! DON'T LOSE TRACK OF IT! I'LL RADIO HEADQUARTERS WHILE WE'RE ENROUTE!



MOMENTS LATER, WITH HER SIRENS QUIETED, THE ENGINE ROLLED INTO THE WAREHOUSE...

IT CAME OFF BEAUTIFULLY, DUNCAN!

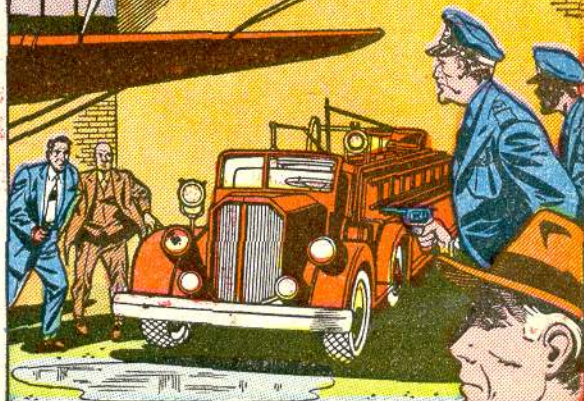
NEVER MIND THE CHATTER! JUST GIVE ME MY CUT!

YOU'LL GET YOUR "CUT," DUNCAN!... FROM US..!



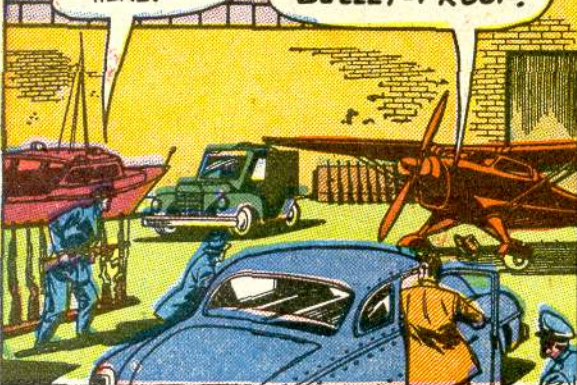
THE D.A.!

WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE?



MY PISTOL JAMMED! BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF GUNS TO CHOOSE FROM HERE!

HARRINGTON--- LET'S GET INTO THIS CAR... AND RUSH THEM! REMEMBER--- IT'S BULLET-PROOF!



"SUDDENLY, WE WERE IN THE CAR, RACING DOWN THE MAZE OF AISLEWAYS..."

WE CAN'T HIT THE D.A.!! HE'S IN THE CAR!



THEY'RE STYMIED, CHIEF! I THINK--THEY'RE ABOUT READY TO CALL IT QUITS! JUST A COUPLE OF THEM ARE SHOOTING NOW!

OUR BOYS ARE MOVING UP BEHIND US, HARRINGTON---LIKE THE INFANTRY FOLLOWING THE TANKS INTO ACTION!



"AND SUDDENLY, IT WAS ALL OVER..."

OKAY, D.A.!! THEY GIVE UP!

DON'T SHOOT! WE DROPPED OUR GUNS!

SOME RAT SQUEALED! THE D.A. COULD'VE NEVER FOUND THIS PLACE!



YOUR FIRE ENGINE "SQUEALED," DUNCAN! IT GAVE YOU AWAY! FIRE ENGINES USE THEIR SIRENS GOING TO A FIRE--- AND THEIR BELLS WHEN RETURNING FROM A FIRE! THOSE GOONS DIDN'T KNOW THAT---AND THEY SOUNDED THE SIRENS ON THEIR WAY FROM THE FIRE! THAT TIPPED US OFF, AND WE FOLLOWED THEM!



# CASEY

## THE COP

HENRY  
BOLTINOFF

OKAY, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO THE STATION HOUSE!

OH-OH.

SARGE, CASEY REPORTING. I HAVE A PRISONER. CAN YOU SEND SOME ONE DOWN TO TAKE HIM IN?

WHAT'S THE MATTER? IS HE TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO HANDLE?

NO, SIR. IT'S JUST THAT IT'S TWELVE O'CLOCK - I GO TO LUNCH!

END

# Ride a Bike - it's Fun!



**DOUBLE THE FUN - WITH A BENDIX\* COASTER BRAKE**

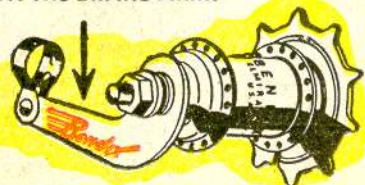
WHY? Because it's built by the people who know most about braking—the same people who make the brakes for your family car. Ask Dad—he knows!

WHEN YOU ORDER YOUR BIKE SAY  
**"Bendix Coaster Brake"**  
 Your dealer will do the rest.

\*REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

**LOOK FOR THE NAME ON THE BRAKE ARM!**

- PEDALS EASIER
- COASTS FARTHER
- STOPS QUICKER
- LASTS LONGER



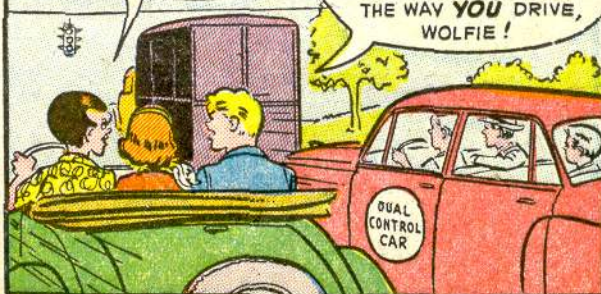
# Buzzy asks: How **SAFE** is YOUR DRIVING?

IT TOOK SOME NEAT TALKING TO PERSUADE SUSIE TO RIDE TO THE BEACH IN MY JALOPPY INSTEAD OF BUZZY'S! NOW I'LL SHOW HER SOME **SLICK** DRIVING!



HEY, BUZZY, LOOK AT THAT SILLY KID --- HE'S TAKING THAT HIGH SCHOOL TRAINING COURSE!

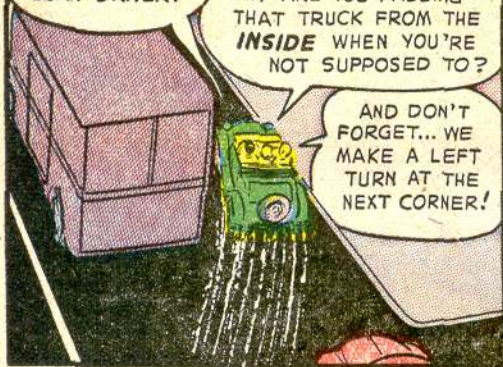
WHAT'S SO SILLY ABOUT IT? I THINK IT'S A SWELL WAY OF LEARNING HOW TO DRIVE PROPERLY, AND THAT MEANS **NOT** THE WAY YOU DRIVE, WOLFIE!



IZZAT SO? I'M A NATURAL-BORN DRIVER!

BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO OBEY THE RULES! WHY ARE YOU PASSING THAT TRUCK FROM THE **INSIDE** WHEN YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO?

AND DON'T FORGET... WE MAKE A LEFT TURN AT THE NEXT CORNER!

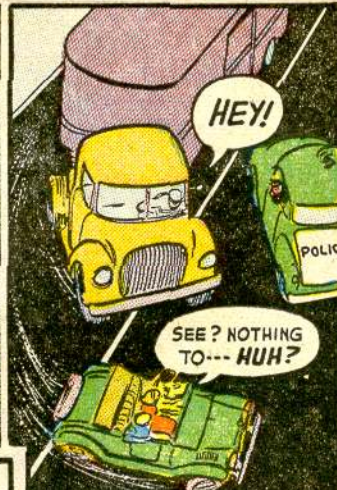


TAKE IT EASY... LITTLE OL' WOLFIE HAS **EVERYTHING** UNDER CONTROL!



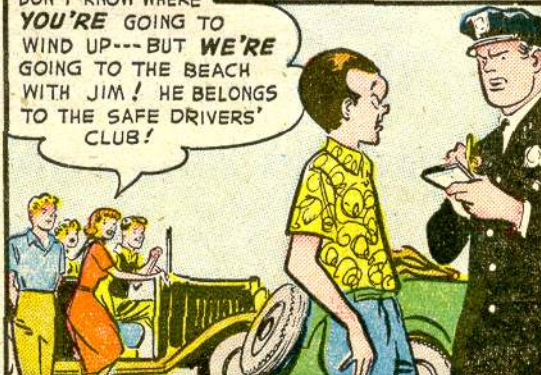
HEY!

SEE? NOTHING TO--- HUH?



WHY, YA LITTLE PIP-SQUEAK, I OUGHTA BREAK YA IN TWO!

'BYE, WOLFIE! WE DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO WIND UP--- BUT WE'RE GOING TO THE BEACH WITH JIM! HE BELONGS TO THE SAFE DRIVERS' CLUB!





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YOU WON'T GET ME, D.A.! I'LL KILL YOU FIRST!



### YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

THE CRIMINALS YOU WILL READ ABOUT IN THIS CASE-HISTORY WERE AS RUTHLESS AS ANY WE HAVE EVER BROUGHT TO JUSTICE! THEY TRADED ON THE TRAGEDIES OF OTHERS... CASHING IN ON "ACCIDENTAL" DEATHS, WHICH THEY THEMSELVES DIABOLICALLY PLOTTED! SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT THE TINY CLUE THAT BETRAYED THEM, AND PAVED THE WAY FOR US TO CRACK DOWN ON...



ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 11TH, LAST YEAR, FOUR MEN WORKED HASTILY ON A CUNNING MURDER SCHEME IN THE FOG-BOUND HILLS OF THE SUBURBAN TOWN OF GREEN HAVEN...

THEN ANOTHER TAPE WAS STRETCHED FROM THE HIGHWAY TO A CLIFF'S EDGE...

NOW... WE RUN THE WHITE TAPE OVER HERE... TOWARD THE CLIFF! THIS TAPE WILL LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THE WHITE LINE OF THE HIGHWAY... WHICH A DRIVER ALWAYS FOLLOWS IN A FOG!

## GANGLAND'S ~~RUBOUT~~ SQUAD!



THIS BLACK TAPE WILL COVER THE HIGHWAY'S WHITE LINE SO YOU CAN'T SEE IT IN THE FOG!





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**SOON, LIGHTS WERE SEEN FROM AN APPROACHING CAR...**

OLD MAN HENDERSON DRIVES UP THIS ROAD EVERY NIGHT AT EIGHT O'CLOCK! IT'S EIGHT NOW!

HERE COMES HIS CAR NOW! LET'S TAKE COVER!

**INNOCENTLY FOLLOWING THE FALSE WHITE LINE, THE CAR CREEPT THROUGH THE BILLINGWING FOG TO THE CLIFF'S EDGE, AND THEN...**

NO! ANH-H-H!

**THE GRIM PLOTTERS THEN REMOVED THE TELL-TALE TAPES AND RETURNED TO THE CITY, TO AN APARTMENT ON THE WEST SIDE...**

OKAY, CHUM! YOUR UNCLE IS DEAD! HE "ACCIDENTALLY" WENT OVER A CLIFF IN GREEN HAVEN!

GOOD! HERE'S THE OTHER HALF OF THE MONEY... \$10,000! BUT SINCE I'M THE SOLE BENEFICIARY OF HIS INSURANCE, I'M STILL AFRAID THEY'LL SUSPECT ME OF SOMETHING!

LOOK... THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT THE "ACCIDENT" THAT SMACKS OF MURDER! LOTS OF GUYS WITH BIG INSURANCE GET KNOCKED OFF! RELAX! THERE WERE NO SLIP-UPS!

OKAY... I WAS JUST WORRIED! BUT LIKE YOU SAY... IT WAS STRICTLY AN "ACCIDENT!"

**LATE THAT NIGHT, HARRINGTON AND I DROVE UP TO GREEN HAVEN AND EXAMINED THE SMASHED CAR WITH THE LOCAL POLICE...**

HENDERSON WAS A WEALTHY MAN! HE HAD \$50,000 WORTH OF INSURANCE... WITH A DOUBLE INDEMNITY CLAUSE--- MEANING, IF HE WERE KILLED ACCIDENTALLY, HIS BENEFICIARY WOULD GET TWICE THE AMOUNT... \$100,000!

THE WAY WE FIGURE IT, D.A., MR. HENDERSON GOT LOST IN THE FOG, RAN OFF THE ROAD, AND OVER THE CLIFF! THERE IS NO SIGN OF FOUL PLAY!

THAT'S THE WAY I FIGURE IT... ACCIDENTAL DEATH! TOO BAD!

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OUR DEPARTMENT DISMISSED HENDERSON'S DEATH AS ACCIDENTAL AND THE CASE WAS COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN. THEN, A WEEK LATER, IN THE "ACCIDENT" GANG'S HEADQUARTERS...

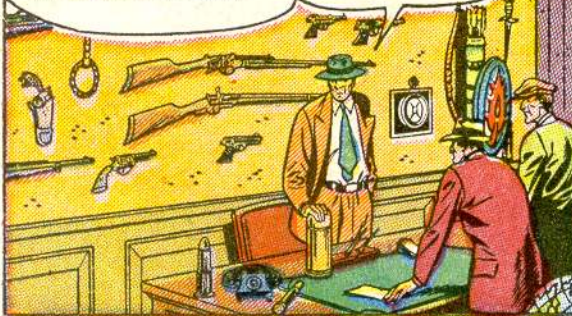
THE MAN YOU WANT KILLED "ACCIDENTALLY" CARRIES A LOT OF INSURANCE, WITH A DOUBLE INDEMNITY CLAUSE?

YES! I'VE SEEN THE POLICY! I'M THE SOLE BENEFICIARY!



THE VICTIM-TO-BE, A MR. GERALD CROWLEY, WAS AN AVID COLLECTOR OF FIREARMS, AND ON THE NIGHT OF THE 28<sup>th</sup>, WHEN HE WAS OUT OF TOWN, THREE MEN ENTERED HIS FLAT...

HERE'S THAT DUD 88 SHELL! HE ALWAYS KEEPS IT ON HIS DESK FOR A PAPERWEIGHT!



ON THE MORNING OF THE 29<sup>th</sup>, CROWLEY SAT IN HIS DEN MAKING A PHONE CALL TO HIS OFFICE ON HARRISON STREET, CASUALLY TAPPING THE NOW DANGEROUS 88 SHELL...

I'LL BE OVER AT TEN TO SIGN THE CONTRACTS MISS ELLIS, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO CANCEL MY OTHER APPOINTMENTS! I'M RUNNING UP TO ALBANY FOR A DAY OR TWO, AND...



GIVE US \$10,000 NOW, AND TELL US ALL YOU CAN ABOUT HIM! WE MUST KNOW ALL THE DETAILS IN ORDER TO PLAN A FOOL-PROOF, "ACCIDENTAL" DEATH!

HERE'S THE 10 GRAND! NOW, I'LL GIVE YOU A RUN-DOWN ON HIM...



YOU MEAN IT USED TO BE A DUD! AS OF NOW ... IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL LIVE BABY!

HURRY UP AN' FIX IT... AN' LET'S GET OUTA HERE!



SUDDENLY, THE SHELL EXPLODED WITH A DEAFENING ROAR...



**CROWLEY DIED IN THE BLAST, OF COURSE, AND THEN, LATER...**

MR. CROWLEY COLLECTED GUNS AND SHELLS! THE ONE ON HIS DESK HAS BEEN THERE SINCE WORLD WAR II! EVERYBODY THOUGHT IT WAS A DEACTIVATED SHELL, BUT...



AS COINCIDENTAL AS IT SOUNDS, CHIEF...CROWLEY **ALSO** CARRIED A LOT OF INSURANCE... WITH A **DOUBLE INDEMNITY** CLAUSE!



**WHO KNOWS HOW FAR THIS VICIOUS GANG MIGHT HAVE GONE WITH THEIR RUTHLESS RACKET HAD FATE NOT GIVEN US A STRANGE BREAK! ON THE FOLLOWING MONTH, A MAN NAMED ALBERT FERNE CONTACTED THE KILLERS, AND...**

NOW, MR. FERNE, TELL US ABOUT YOUR PARTNER... GIVE US ALL THE DETAILS...



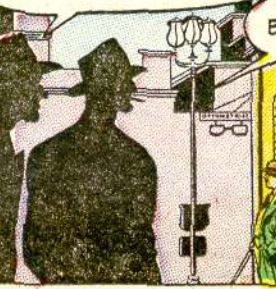
MY PARTNER, MR. RIIS, HAS VERY BAD EYESIGHT! WITHOUT HIS GLASSES, HE'S BLIND AS A BAT --- CAN SEE ONLY TWO FEET IN FRONT OF HIM. I THOUGHT THIS INFORMATION MIGHT PROVE QUITE VALUABLE TO YOU!



YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT **WILL** BE A BIG HELP IN PLANNING AN "ACCIDENTAL" DEATH FOR HIM!

**THE RUBOUT GANG BEGAN THEIR DEATH PLOT BY HAVING TWO OF THEIR MEMBERS SHADOW RIIS AND, ON FRIDAY, OCT. 2<sup>ND</sup>, THEY SAW HIM EMERGE FROM AN EYE DOCTOR'S OFFICE...**

HE JUST CAME OUT OF THE DOC'S OFFICE... AND LOOK! HE AIN'T GOT HIS GLASSES ON!



PROBABLY LEFT 'EM TO BE FIXED! THAT'S BETTER FOR US! WE WERE GOIN' TO KNOCK 'EM OFF, ACCIDENTALLY... BUT NOW... THE JOB'LL BE A CINCH!

**RIIS ENTERED A SUBWAY STATION AT MURRAY STREET, AND WAS WAITING ON THE PLATFORM AS THE TRAIN CAME IN --- THEN...**



NOW'S MY CHANCE! EVERYBODY'S LOOKIN' THE OTHER WAY... AN' HERE COMES THE TRAIN...

**RIIS NEVER HAD A CHANCE...** DON'T WORRY! EVERYBODY KNOWS HE COULDN'T SEE WITHOUT HIS GLASSES. THEY'LL THINK HE FELL IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN!

THE TRAIN GOT HIM! C'MON! WE'RE CLEARIN' OUT OF HERE!



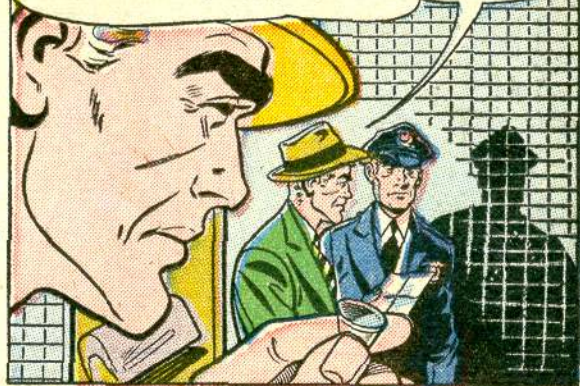


**AT THE SUBWAY STATION, WE MADE A ROUTINE CHECK OF THE VICTIM'S EFFECTS...**

HERE ARE THE DEAD MAN'S BELONGINGS, CHIEF! AND LOOK... THIS THING IS GETTING MONOTONOUS! HE CARRIED INSURANCE ... WITH A DOUBLE INDEMNITY CLAUSE!



BUT AGAIN IT WAS STRICTLY AN ACCIDENT! SEEMS THAT RIIS WASN'T WEARING HIS GLASSES... AND HE COULDN'T SEE A HOUSE IN FRONT OF HIM WITHOUT THEM! HE PROBABLY WALKED OUT IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN ... POOR GUY!



SO HE DIDN'T WEAR HIS GLASSES... AND PROBABLY DIDN'T SEE THE PLATFORM'S EDGE, EH? HARRINGTON, WE'VE GOT SOME THINGS TO CHECK ON! THIS LITTLE SUCTION CUP HAS PUT A NEW LIGHT ON THE MYSTERY ... COME ON!



**LATER, WE LAUNCHED A WHISPERING CAMPAIGN ALONG THE UNDERWORLD GRAPEVINE...**

THE D.A.'S GOT EVIDENCE THAT'LL CRACK THE "ACCIDENT GANG!!"

IMAGINE IT... A SMALL RUBBER SUCTION CUP!

WHATON EARTH'S THAT FOR?

IT'S THE EVIDENCE... THE EVIDENCE THAT'LL SQUASH THE GANG!



**THAT SAME NIGHT, I BECAME A DECOY... AND JUST AS I'D HOPED, THE RUSE LED THE GANG RIGHT TO ME...**

WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU, D.A.! WE WANT THAT SUCTION CUP! WE KNOW YOU HAVE IT... WE KNOW IT WAS ON RIIS!

YOU DO, EH? THANKS, BOYS... THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!



OKAY, HARRINGTON!

WE'RE HERE, CHIEF!

HUH...? COPS!



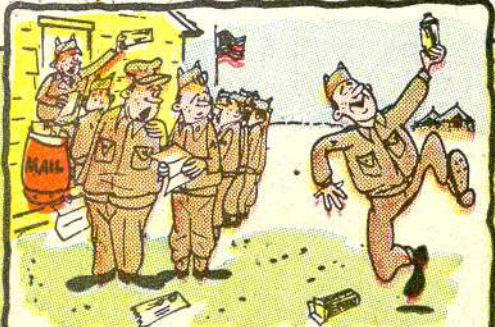


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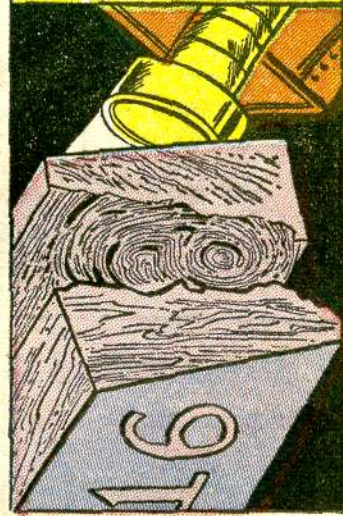
**A VACCINE**  
 is not ready for 1953. But there is hope for the future.

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION  
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# TRACKING CRIME!

**M**OST AUTO THIEVES DO NOT REALIZE THAT THE SERIAL NUMBERS ON GUNS, AUTOS OR MACHINES, WHICH THEY HAVE ILLEGALLY FILED OFF OR CHANGED, CAN BE READ BY A SPECIAL METALLURGICAL PROCESS!

**T**HIS IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE WHEN THE ORIGINAL NUMBERS WERE IMPRESSED INTO THE METAL, THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF THE METAL DIRECTLY BENEATH THE AREA OF PRESSURE UNDERWENT CHANGES WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT OUT!

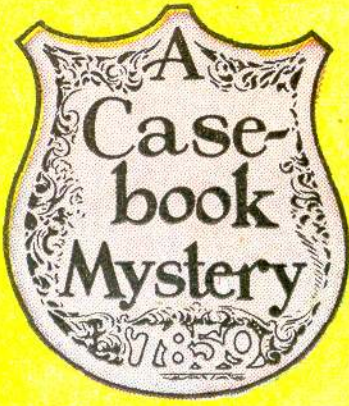


**A**NOTHER AID IN CRIME DETECTION, THE INVISIBLE LAUNDRY MARK, HAS NOW BECOME A MATTER OF GENERAL PRACTICE IN MANY LAUNDRIES. SUCH A MARK IS NOT VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE AND CAN BE SEEN ONLY WHEN EXPOSED TO THE ULTRA-VIOLET RAY!

**T**HE MARK IS A SYMBOL WHICH IDENTIFIES IT WITH A PARTICULAR LAUNDRY. MANY POLICE AGENCIES HAVE ON FILE THOUSANDS OF SUCH LAUNDRY MARKS AND THE ISSUING LAUNDRIES!

**B**y RELATING THE INVISIBLE MARK TO THE PROPER LAUNDRY, IT IS OFTEN POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY CERTAIN GARMENTS, IN SPITE OF CAREFUL WASHING BY THE CRIMINAL!





# The Case Of The PILFERED PAINTING!

Test YOUR Wits Against a Criminal!

**A**S JOHN BERRY, AN UN-SUCCESSFUL ARTIST, MOUNTS THE STEPS TO THE ATTIC STUDIO HE SHARES WITH ANOTHER POOR ARTIST, DEREK MATCHETT,



SOMEONE'S IN THE STUDIO!

I'M ONLY THE JANITOR, LADY-- I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE OF THEM PAINTED IT!

AS I TOLD YOU, LADY-- TWO ARTISTS SHARE THIS STUDIO. I COULDN'T TELL YOU WHICH ONE PAINTED IT! THEY'RE FUNNY GUYS--THEY DON'T SIGN THEIR PAINTINGS!



IT'S SUPERB! I SEE HE'S PAINTED THE SAME SCENE HALF A DOZEN TIMES. WELL, I'D NOT ONLY BE WILLING TO PAY \$1000 FOR THIS PARTICULAR VERSION OF 'THE FOUNTAIN IN THE PARK' BUT I COULD GET HIM COMMISSIONS FROM ALL OF MY FRIENDS!

IT'S DEREK'S PAINTING--THE LUCKY STIFF! HIS FAVORITE SCENE, AND HE'S FINALLY HIT THE JACKPOT!

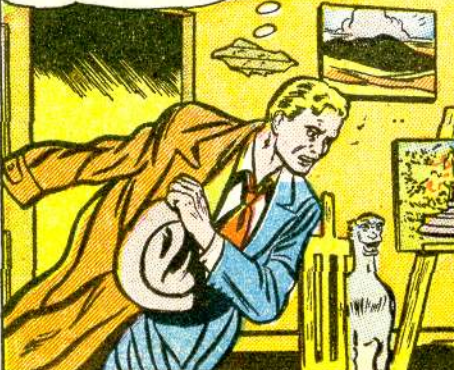


THIS IS MY CARD! KINDLY GIVE IT TO THE PAINTER WHO DID THIS OIL! IF HE'S WILLING TO SELL, HAVE HIM BRING IT TO ME! I'LL BE AT HOME FROM 3 O'CLOCK ON!



OKAY, LADY!

\$1000--AND COMMISSIONS FROM ALL HER FRIENDS! DEREK'S FAME AND FORTUNE WILL BE MADE! WHY COULDN'T IT BE ME?... WAIT A MINUTE--DEREK DOESN'T SIGN HIS PAINTINGS! I--I WONDER--?



WHY NOT?... I'M SICK OF STARVING IN THIS ATTIC... NO ONE KNOWS DEREK PAINTED IT!... AND WITH HIM DEAD--WHO'S TO SAY I DIDN'T PAINT IT?...



LET'S SEE NOW... DEREK TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE'LL BE OUT PAINTING ALL MORNING! HE SAID HE WOULDN'T BE BACK TILL 12!...I-I MUST PLAN THIS CAREFULLY! FIRST, I MUST MAKE SOME NOISE AND ATTRACT THE JANITOR!



WHAT'S GOING ON UP HERE? AH--I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE WAS UP HERE! I CAME UP TO SEE WHO WAS MAKING THAT RACKET! BY THE WAY, MR. BERRY, WHICH ONE OF YOU PAINTED THAT PICTURE OF **THE FOUNTAIN IN THE PARK**?

I DID! WHY DO YOU ASK?



A RICH LADY WAS UP HERE! SHE WANTS TO BUY IT! HERE'S HER CARD! SHE SAYS SHE'LL BE HOME AFTER 3 O'CLOCK!

WHY, THIS IS GREAT NEWS!



I'LL BE AT HER HOME AT **EXACTLY** 3 O'CLOCK! LET ME SEE, IT'S 10 A.M. NOW--THAT GIVES ME FIVE HOURS TO DO A LITTLE PAINTING AT STONY BROOK!

ALWAYS PAINTING, ALWAYS PAINTING--!



ER-- BY THE WAY-- I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY TAKING CARE OF ANOTHER BUILDING DOWN THE STREET BETWEEN 12 AND 5, BUT DEREK WILL BE BACK HERE AT 1 O'CLOCK. WOULD YOU PLEASE DROP BY AND TELL HIM THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT ME?

SURE, SURE...



IN THAT WAY, MY FRIEND, WHILE I'M SUPPOSEDLY FAR AWAY AT STONY BROOK, PAINTING, YOU'LL COME UP HERE AND FIND DEREK'S BODY! I'LL HAVE AN AIR-TIGHT ALIBI!



THEN, SOON AFTER...

SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOW TO WAIT FOR DEREK!



AND, A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE NOON HOUR...



HERE HE COMES!



ARGHHH!



THE MURDERER ACTS SWIFTLY, AND SHORTLY...

IT'S WORKING LIKE A CHARM! AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE OF SUICIDE! NOW I'LL SNEAK OUT TO STONY BROOK, DO A LITTLE PAINTING, AND THEN KEEP MY APPOINTMENT WITH THAT RICH ADMIRER OF MY WORK!  
HA, HA!



FOUR HOURS LATER...

\$1000 SHE GAVE ME! AND I'M TO COME BACK TOMORROW TO MEET SOME OF HER RICH FRIENDS WHO ALSO WANT PICTURES! HA, HA-- WHO WAS THE IDIOT WHO SAID, 'CRIME DOESN'T PAY?'



OH-OH--THE COPS ARE HERE ALREADY! BUT I HAVEN'T ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! I'VE COVERED MY TRACKS PERFECTLY, AND MADE NO SLIP-UPS!... I MUST REMEMBER TO ACT GRIEF-STRIKEN!



AND AFTER BERRY "LEARNS" THE SHOCKING NEWS...

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY REASON WHY HE SHOULD WANT TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE, BERRY?

W-WELL, HE WAS ACTING RATHER DEPRESSED LATELY--NOT SELLING ANYTHING, YOU KNOW-- BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D DO A THING LIKE THIS!



BY THE WAY, THE JANITOR TELLS ME YOU HAD A STROKE OF GOOD FORTUNE TODAY! SOLD YOUR PAINTING OF 'THE FOUNTAIN IN THE PARK' TO THE WEALTHY MRS. TYNDALL?

YES... TOO BAD DEREK COULDN'T HAVE HELD OUT-- I WOULD'VE BEEN GLAD TO STAKE THE POOR GUY! THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR, AREN'T THEY?

HOW ABOUT IT, READER? DOES JOHN BERRY GET AWAY WITH HIS COLD-BLOODED MURDER, AND THE BRAZEN THEFT OF ANOTHER MAN'S WORK? GO OVER THE FACTS OF THIS CASE AGAIN BEFORE YOU READ THE NEXT PAGE!



# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



I NOTICE THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF SKETCHES AND PAINTINGS OF 'THE FOUNTAIN IN THE PARK' AROUND! ARE THEY ALL YOURS?

YES--IT WAS A FAVORITE SCENE OF MINE! YOU CAN SEE THEY'RE ALL DONE IN DIFFERENT WAYS!



YES, I SEE! BY THE WAY, BERRY, IS THAT EQUIPMENT ON THE FLOOR YOURS?

NO, IT'S POOR DEREK'S! HIS EASEL-- AND THE PAINTING HE MUST HAVE DONE THIS MORNING!



EXACTLY, JOHN BERRY-- AND THAT IS WHY I'M HOLDING YOU ON SUSPICION OF THE MURDER OF DEREK MATCHETT!

WHA-AT--! BUT-- ON WHAT GROUNDS!



LOOK FOR YOURSELF! AS YOU SAID YOURSELF THIS IS THE PAINTING DEREK MADE THIS MORNING! AMAZING COINCIDENCE, ISN'T IT, THAT HE SHOULD BE PAINTING YOUR FAVORITE SCENE WITH A STYLE IDENTICAL TO YOURS!

I--I DIDN'T N-NOTICE IT WHEN H-HE C-CAME BACK--!



I--I SAW AN EASY WAY TO WIN FAME AND FORTUNE! I--I DESERVE ANYTHING I GET!

WHAT JOHN BERRY "GOT" WAS A VERDICT OF GUILTY AND A SENTENCE OF DEATH IN CRIMINAL COURT ON JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>. AN APPEAL BY HIS LAWYER FAILED, AND BERRY WAS EXECUTED ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>.

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## THE CRIME FILE

### DREAM INTO NIGHTMARE

In these days of the housing boom, this story is very apropos. It began in April of 1950 when a chap named Hubert Glover, who owned a bulldozer, was hired by a realtor to level some land in Oceanside, Long Island. In lieu of cash, Glover received a tract measuring 60 x 100 feet, when the job was done. The thought of being a man of property caused his chest to swell, and noting the swift rise of homes about him, Glover decided to erect his own house.

A magazine furnished the blueprint and plans. Thereafter, Glover scurried around the housing developments rising in the community and helped himself to the necessary materials. Each night, he loaded a borrowed truck with lumber, bags of cement, tile, everything down to the last nail. Deciding on a streamlined kitchen, he acquired a range, refrigerator, enameled tubs, and even stole the kitchen sink.

Six weeks after he had begun to steal his house piecemeal, Glover was ready to begin actual construction by digging the foundation. But one night when some landscaping caught his eye, he realized how it would enhance the beauty of his domicile, and forthwith collected his truck and an accomplice named Patrick Blewitt to fetch it.

Later that night, Glover and Blewitt were skimming along Merrick Road, the shrubbery stored in the rear of the borrowed truck when police sirens shattered their serenity. Unable to outrace the approaching squad car, Glover swerved the vehicle off the road and into the bushes, leaped with Blewitt for cover.

It took some investigating on the part of the police, but not long after, they picked up the fugitives. Aware of the gravity of his crime, Glover readily confessed in the hope of winning clemency. But appalled police explained that they hadn't given pursuit because of the thefts. No, Glover had been driving without rear lights, but now with his admission to the reported robberies, Glover was juggled.

Thus, Glover's dream house collapsed. The stolen building materials were reclaimed by their owners, and after a brief trial during which Glover and Blewitt pleaded guilty to grand larceny, they were sentenced to indeterminate terms at Sing Sing.

### DIP-SY DOODLE

In this country, pickpockets are a raffish lot, who usually work alone, but in London, where tradition is observed and upheld for centuries, they belong to an organization, which goes back a couple of hundred years. Members pay dues not only to operate the society but for their own self-protection. If one of them is pinched, the society retains counsel and posts his bail bond. Other functions of the association include training novices for professional careers, and assigning areas of operation to avoid any threat of competition. These territorial boundaries are rigidly respected.

Some Chicago "cannons"—prominent pickpockets—attempted to emulate their British colleagues a short while ago. Business was

brisk in their Dearborn Street office until police clamped down.

A dictionary of underworld slang, recently published, claimed that the word, dip—meaning pickpocket—was out of date. But police deny this, saying it is still in use. Other terms are: poke, or swag, meaning the purse; "Loner dip," one who works alone; skill, a pickpocket's accomplice; "sidekick," an inside breast pocket, where the victim, or "mark," usually keeps his wallet.

Most dips work from the side or behind their marks, but some veterans prefer to face them at close range, disconcerting them, while maneuvering to relieve them of their cash. How the phrase describing this operation originated nobody knows, but even today it is known as "kissing the dog."

## FINEST OF FINEST

Police departments of most cities are efficient corps of crime-busters, but one which is hailed as the finest of the finest is that of Greenwich, Conn. A 90-man force protects what is perhaps the nation's wealthiest community—50 square miles of property valued at \$177,000,000.

Crackling efficiency marks Chief John M. Gleason's department. Twenty-four hours a day, prowling cars patrol the palatial estates. A trim, 40-foot motor launch is anchored on a dock, ready to race to any trouble spot on Greenwich's many miles of waterfront. Headquarters is ultra-modern, from decor to equipment, with a basement pistol range, crime laboratory, pastel green-colored cells, some of which have showers.

But don't be deluded. Chief Gleason's staff means business at all times. In a "ready room" are Thompson submachine guns, Lyle-guns, rifles, gas guns, and shot guns. Close by are fully-equipped ambulances to assist the victims.

Rigorous tests await the candidate for patrolman. There are oral and written exams, clinical observation by a Yale psychiatrist. Once accepted, the rookie attends a two-months' lecture and laboratory course, whose instructors include lawyers from the state bar association, state troopers, and FBI agents.

His superior is listed among the foremost police officers of the country. Chief Gleason

joined the force 23 years ago as a patrolman. His studies at Harvard University in traffic safety won him a scholarship for advanced training at Northwestern University. After that, he enrolled at the FBI Academy in Washington. Today, he lectures there, at New York University, Yale and Fordham.

## HOSS THIEVES, BEWARE

Announcement was made in Walpole, N. H., of the election of a new president to the Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers of Gardens, Fruit Trees, and Clothes Lines. The organization was founded in 1816.

## BLOTTER JOTTINGS

TOKYO: That crime does not pay was proved by police, who reported that, after examining the fruits of a day's work by noted criminals, pickpockets and petty thieves averaged 10 cents; burglars, 13 cents.

LOS ANGELES: Accused of passing bad checks, a local yokel retained a lawyer, who dropped the case when his advance retainer was returned from the bank, marked: "Insufficient funds."

PROVIDENCE: An inventor perfected a burglar alarm, which emits the recorded shrieks of movie stars.

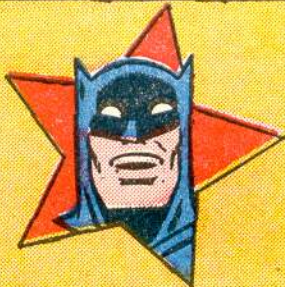
WALLA WALLA, Wash.: A thief forced his way into a monument show room, robbed it of two tombstones.

ST. PAUL, Minn.: Police were surprised when someone reported the theft of 25 dozen frogs.

WICHITA, Kan.: A one-day moratorium on traffic tickets was declared. Police, instead, distributed red-lettered cards to erring motorists which simply stated: "SHAME ON YOU."

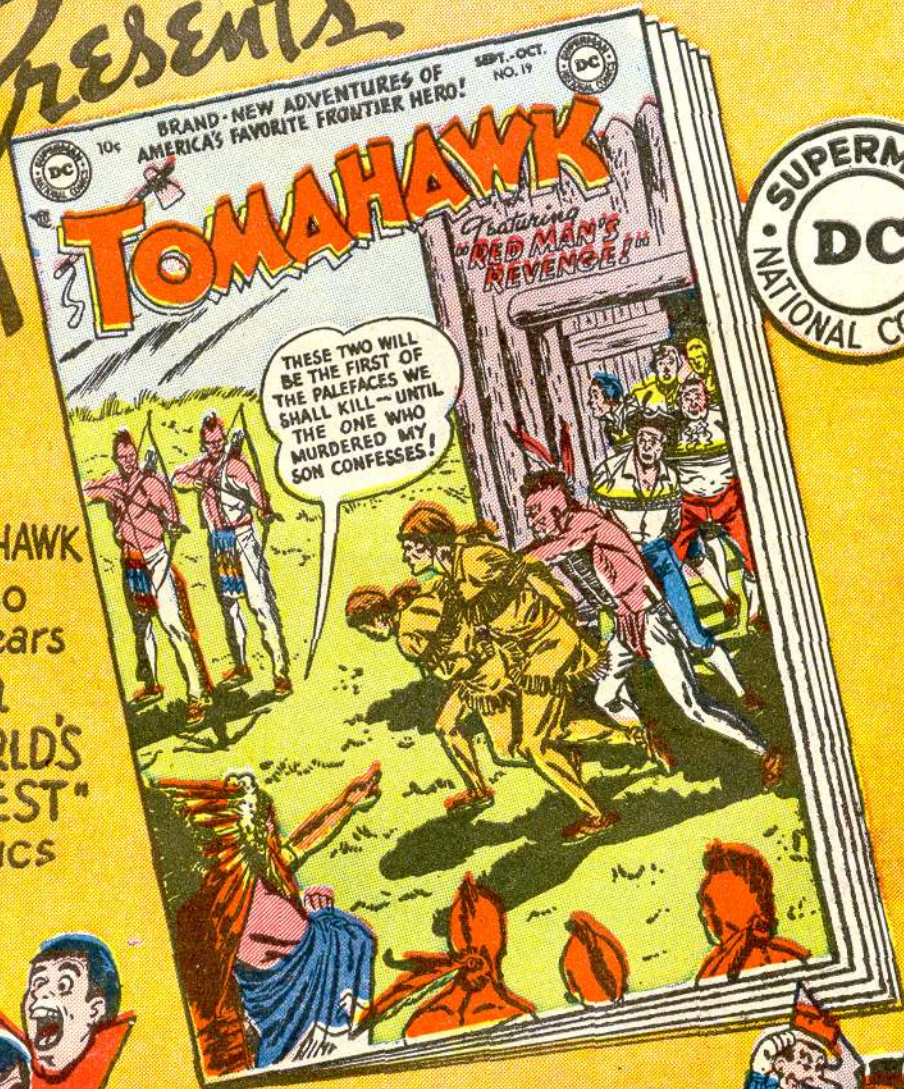
JERSEY CITY, N. J.: A professional fortune-teller urged police to help her recover her stolen automobile . . . and crystal ball.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.: During a hot day, when the temperature often rose to above 80, a thief, with an eye to the future, stole three cases of snow suits and jackets from the automobile of a traveling salesman.



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## YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

THE CRIMINAL AND HIS GUN ARE UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST DANGEROUS TEAM PITTED AGAINST SOCIETY. TO SMASH THIS COMBINATION, AND MAKE THE PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HOODLUMS, THE REGISTRATION AND RECORDED SALE OF ALL FIREARMS HAS LONG BEEN A NATIONAL LAW. THUS IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT CRIMINALS SEEKING NEW SOURCES FOR THEIR POWER WOULD EVENTUALLY STUMBLE UPON THE UN-TAPPED ARSENAL WHICH I REFER TO IN MY FILES AS ...

# WAR TROPHIES for CRIME!

OCCASIONALLY, CRIMINALS ELUDE POLICE DRAGNETS ONLY TO FALL PREY TO THE EVERYDAY FUNCTION OF LAW AND ORDER. SUCH WAS THE CASE OF JOEY "FINGERS" FALCON AND HIS GANG...

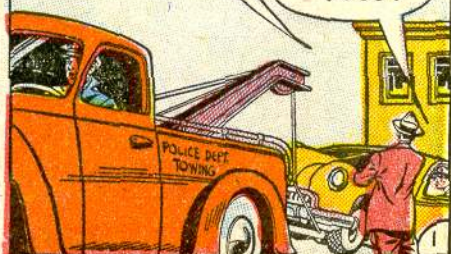
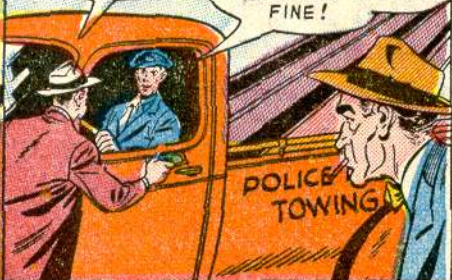
MOST HOODLUMS "ON-THE-RUN" WOULD HAVE AVOIDED TROUBLE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION...BUT THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FALCON GANG...

C'MON, BUDDY... GIVE US A BREAK! HERE'S A SAWBUCK FOR YOUR TROUBLE! JUST FORGET WE PARKED ILLEGALLY!

SORRY, MISTER... I'M JUST DOING MY JOB! YOU CAN FLASH YOUR MONEY AROUND AT THE 5th PRECINCT, WHEN YOU PAY THE FINE!

WE CAN'T CHANCE A RUN-IN WITH THE COPS! THAT CAR'S "HOT," AND WE GOT ALL OUR STUFF STASHED IN THE TRUNK! EDDIE... JUMP BEHIND THE WHEEL AND GET US OUT OF THIS MESS!

RIGHT, BOSS!



**ABRUPTLY, AS THE GANGSTER THREW THE GEARS INTO REVERSE...**

SNAP IT UP... GIVE HER THE GAS, EDDIE! WE AIN'T GOT ALL DAY!

I GOT IT DOWN TO THE FLOOR, FINGERS!

HEY! W-WHA...?

**WROOOM**

**WITH A DEAFENING CRACK, THE FRONT BUMPER GAVE UNDER THE STRAIN, AND...**

TAKE OFF---FAST! HEAD DOWN ELM STREET... THERE'S LESS TRAFFIC THERE!

GOTCHA!

**CRASH**

**RIP**

**IT WAS THEN THAT THE MOTIVE FOR THIS BRAZEN ACT BECAME APPARENT...**

G-GREAT SCOTT! THOSE MEN WERE CRIMINALS--- LOOKIT THE GUNS! I'D BETTER CALL HEADQUARTERS ON THE DOUBLE!

**SHORTLY, AS HARRINGTON AND I ARRIVED TO INVESTIGATE...**

YES... IT ADDS UP, HARRINGTON! FOR MONTHS, WE'VE KNOWN THAT "FINGERS" FALCON HAS BEEN SELLING **UNREGISTERED GUNS...** SUCH AS THESE---TO THE UNDERWORLD AT FANTASTIC PROFITS!

FROM THE TOW DRIVER'S DESCRIPTION OF THOSE THREE HOODS, I'D SAY IT WAS THE FALCON GANG, CHIEF!

REALIZING THAT MANY OF OUR CASES ARE SOLVED BY THE TRACING OF REGISTERED FIREARMS, CRIMINALS HAVE GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO OBTAIN THESE ILLEGAL WEAPONS, WHICH ARE SMUGGLED IN FROM ABROAD!

THE LOSS OF THESE GUNS SHOULD BE A BIG BLOW TO FALCON'S BUSINESS, CHIEF! YOUR RECENT CAMPAIGN TO CONFISCATE ILLEGAL WEAPONS MET WITH A LOT OF SUCCESS!

LET'S HOPE SO, HARRINGTON! UNREGISTERED FIREARMS IN THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS HAVE HAMPERED POLICE OPERATIONS TREMENDOUSLY!

HARRINGTON'S SUSPICION WAS CORRECT--- AS WE LATER LEARNED...

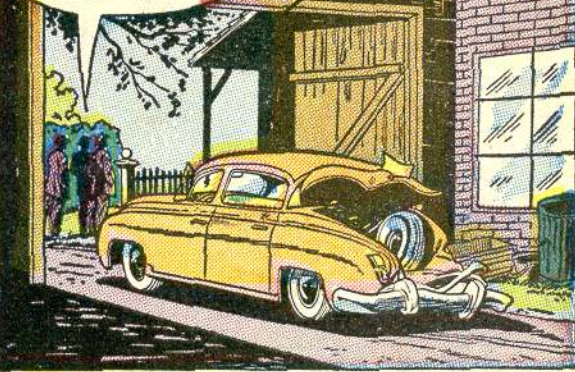
TWO OUT OF THE POT-FULL... ROUGH DEAL!

YEAH... IT'S A BAD SHUFFLE ALL RIGHT! LOOKS LIKE THIS LITTLE FRACAS WIPES US OUT OF BUSINESS, BOYS! OUR PAL OVERSEAS HAS SCRAPED THE BARREL CLEAN!



HAW! IT WAS STILL A NICE RACKET WHILE IT LASTED--- RECEIVING UNREGISTERED GERMAN WAR GUNS AND BLACK-MARKETING THEM HERE! THE D.A. WENT CRAZY TRYIN' TO TRACE THEM!

YEAH...SMUGGLING THEM IN WAS A CINCH--- BUT THE WAR'S OVER NOW!

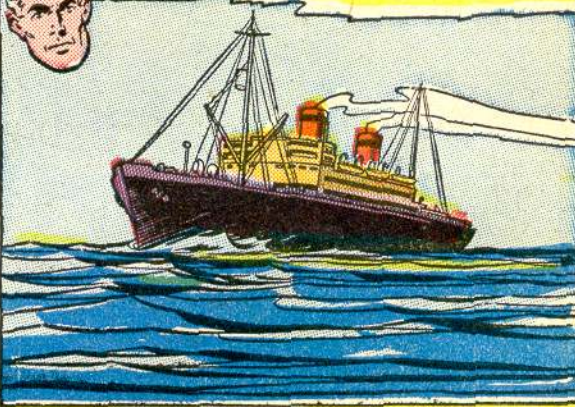


HEY... BOSS! YOU'RE SNAPPIN' YOUR FINGERS! GOT ANY IDEAS?

HAVE I? HA, HA..."FINGERS" ALWAYS COMES THROUGH IN A SQUEEZE! IT MAY BE A LITTLE TOUGHER TO GET OUR HANDS ON UNREGISTERED GUNS NOW--- BUT WE'RE BACK IN BUSINESS! AND TO THINK IT WAS RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES ALL THE TIME!



"AT THAT MOMENT, HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY, THE ARMY TRANSPORT GENERAL PIERCE WAS PREPARING TO DOCK WITH A SHIP-LOAD OF COMBAT VETERANS FROM KOREA..."



...AND AMONG THE PASSENGERS WAS PFC. JAMES ELLIOT, ONE OF MANY G.I.'S WHO WERE TO HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THIS CASE...

THEY'LL THROW THE BOOK AT YOU IF YOU'RE CAUGHT, JIMMY! WHY DON'T YOU TURN THAT ENEMY PISTOL IN LIKE THE OTHER BOYS ARE DOIN'? THEY'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU!

SURE... AFTER THEY FIX IT SO IT CAN'T SHOOT! BUT WHO WANTS A SOUVENIR PISTOL THAT DOESN'T WORK?



AFTERWARD, AS THE TROOPS FILED OFF THE SHIP...

PSST...THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, JIMMY!

SHH...THEY'LL NEVER SPOT IT--- I FIELD-STRIPPED THE GUN! REST EASY, WILL YOU, CHARLIE? WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES ONE PISTOL MAKE?

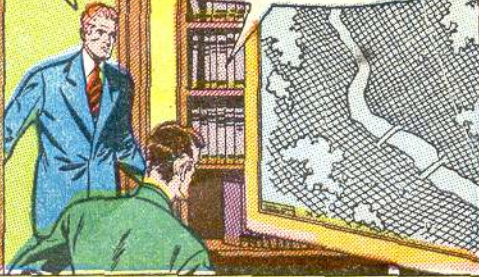


NOTICE  
ALL SOUVENIR  
WEAPONS  
MUST BE TURN  
IN

IT WAS NEARLY TWO MONTHS LATER, IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, THAT A SERIES OF STRANGE CRIMES BEGAN TO FLOOD MY OFFICE...

THREE MORE CASES OF BREAKING-AND-ENTERING REPORTED LAST NIGHT, CHIEF---THIS TIME IN THE SUBURB OF HOMESTEAD! BUT **NOTHING** WAS REPORTED STOLEN!

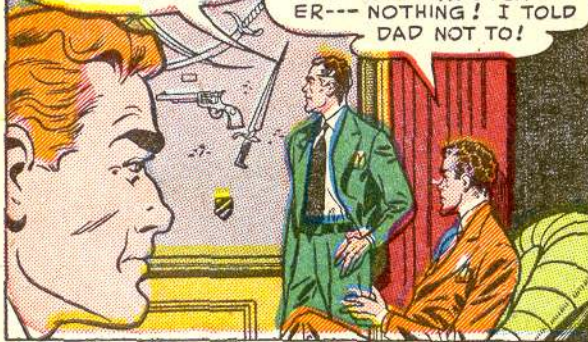
HMM...THEY FALL INTO THE SAME PATTERN AS THE OTHER JOBS, HARRINGTON! THIS CALLS FOR A PERSONAL INVESTIGATION... THERE MUST BE **SOME** MOTIVE BEHIND IT ALL!



THE NEXT HOME ON OUR LIST WAS THAT OF MR. & MRS. WILBUR ELLIOT. ALTHOUGH THEY WEREN'T HOME, THEIR SON JAMES... NOW AN EX-G.I. ... SUPPLIED US WITH THE NECESSARY INFORMATION...

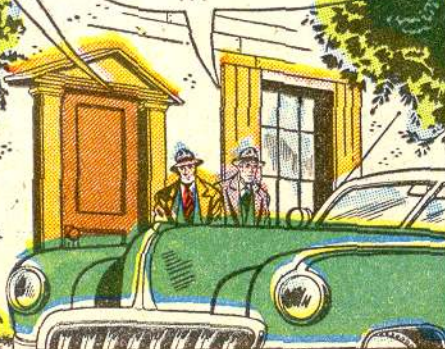
... AND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE POSITIVE NOTHING WAS STOLEN, JIMMY?

Y-YES, SIR... WE MADE SURE OF THAT! SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED THE POLICE... OVER--- ER--- NOTHING! I TOLD DAD NOT TO!



HUH! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HEARD OF A BURGLAR WHO **DOESN'T** ROB! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, CHIEF?

I DON'T KNOW, HARRINGTON! BUT ONE THING IS EVIDENT... EACH ONE OF THESE FAMILIES HAS A SON WHO'S AN EX-SOLDIER, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM KOREA! THAT FACT **COULD** HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!



FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS, HARRINGTON AND I QUESTIONED SOME 13 FAMILIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRIMES... AND EACH STORY WAS IDENTICAL.

WE'RE POSITIVE, MR. D.A.! MY WIFE HAS CHECKED THE ENTIRE HOUSE--- NOTHING OF ANY VALUE WAS STOLEN!

I SEE! WELL, THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION, MR. WELLS! GOODBYE, FRANKIE!

G-GOODBYE, SIR...



HE DID THE RIGHT THING, SON! ONLY WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF LAW ABIDING CITIZENS IS IT POSSIBLE TO SPEED THESE CASES TO A QUICK CLIMAX! I'M SURE WE'LL GET BEHIND IT ALL!

I... I WISH YOU LUCK, SIR!

SO LONG, KID!



THAT EVENING, AS WE TRIED TO FATHOM THE CASE, ITS FULL IMPACT WAS REALIZED AT THE ALTON FUR FACTORY, WHERE ...

U-UHH...!



**NEXT MORNING, WHILE PATROLMAN EDWARD RYAN LAY IN CRITICAL CONDITION AT CITY HOSPITAL, I RECEIVED THE BALLISTICS REPORT...**

RYAN WAS CUT DOWN WITH 25-CALIBER SLUGS, FOREIGN MAKE! I'D SAY IT WAS A MACHINE PISTOL... POSSIBLY CHINESE!

H-HUH? BUT THAT TYPE WEAPON IS USED ONLY IN... IN **KOREA, HARRINGTON--** BY OUR OPPONENTS!

THIS THING IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE! THE **FALCON GANG** RAN OUT OF SOUVENIR GUNS FROM **WORLD WAR II**, SO THEY STRUCK ON THE NOVEL IDEA OF STEALING THEM FROM HOME-COMING G.I.'S OF THIS PRESENT CONFLICT!

HEY! THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE RECENT BREAKING-AND-ENTERING JOBS! THEY WERE AFTER **SOUVENIR PISTOLS**... B-BUT WHY DIDN'T THOSE EX-G.I.S REPORT THEM STOLEN?

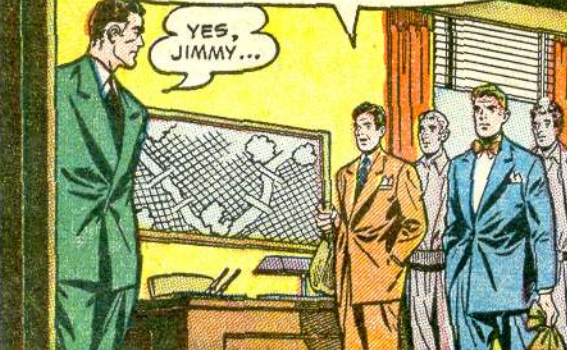
THAT'S SOMETHING I INTEND GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF RIGHT AWAY, HARRINGTON! WELL?... WHAT IS IT, MISS MILLER?

I'M GLAD YOU'RE FINALLY BACK, D.A.! YOU'VE GOT VISITORS... THEY'VE BEEN WAITING ALL MORNING!



**WHEN I ENTERED THE OFFICE, MY MIND WAS GREATLY RELIEVED. THE STRONG FAITH I HAD IN OUR VETERANS WAS JUSTIFIED AFTER ALL...**

SIR... WE DIDN'T TELL YOU EVERYTHING WHEN YOU VISITED OUR HOMES! THERE WAS SOMETHING STOLEN FROM EACH OF US--- A **SOUVENIR PISTOL!**



YES, JIMMY...

WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE GUNS, SO WE DIDN'T TELL OUR FOLKS THEY WERE MISSING! BUT WHEN WE READ ABOUT OFFICER RYAN... WELL--- WE REALIZED WHAT WE HAD TO DO! ALL RIGHT, BOYS...



HONEST, D.A.--- NONE OF US THOUGHT THE GUNS WERE STOLEN TO ARM HOODLUMS! WE WOULD'VE REPORTED IT RIGHT-OFF IF WE HAD!

YOU BOYS HAVE ACTED VERY COURAGEOUSLY, AND BRINGING FORTH THESE OTHER WEAPONS HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA--- ONE WHICH MIGHT HELP CATCH THE CULPRITS BEHIND THIS RACKET, IF YOU'RE ALL GAME!

SURE THING, D.A.!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US!

GOOD! NOW I'M GOING TO LET YOU TAKE YOUR GUNS BACK FOR AWHILE! AND I'D LIKE THE NAME OF THE SENIOR OFFICER OF YOUR VETERANS CLUB... WE'LL NEED HIS FULL COOPERATION!





"IF THE BAIT IS BIG ENOUGH, THE RAT WILL BITE!" THAT WAS THE ADAGE WITH WHICH I HOPED TO DRAW JOEY "FINGERS" FALCON INTO THE OPEN...

I'M A CINCH TO TAKE THE "BEST" AWARD! THIS BURP GUN I HOOKED OFF A KOREAN CAPTAIN IS IN PERFECT SHAPE! DON'T COUNT ON IT... THIS LITTLE MAUSER OF MINE'S A BEAUT!

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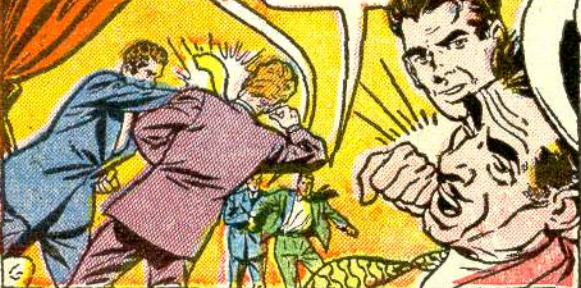
I LEFT ORDERS WITH THE VETERANS NOT TO INTERFERE, SINCE MY MEN WERE WAITING OUTSIDE FOR THE ARREST. BUT THE G.I.'S WERE ANXIOUS TO REDEEM THEMSELVES...

CHIEF! THOSE FOOL VETS... THEY'RE GOING TO TRY AND JUMP FALCON! STEADY, HARRINGTON...ANY ACTION WE TAKE NOW MIGHT ENDANGER THEIR LIVES! WE'VE GOT TO LET THEM GO THROUGH WITH IT!



BY THE TIME HARRINGTON AND I REACHED STREET LEVEL, THOSE SOLDIERS HAD THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND...

WOW, CHIEF! NO WONDER THEY PUSHED THE ENEMY ALL OVER KOREA! YES, HARRINGTON---WE'RE THE LAST PEOPLE ON EARTH WHO WANT TO FIGHT--- BUT WHEN IT COMES OUR WAY--- LOOK OUT! ALL RIGHT, MEN, THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH!

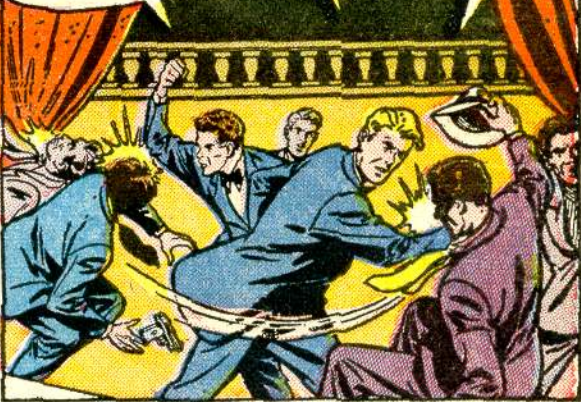


IT DIDN'T TAKE THE FALCON GANG LONG TO NIBBLE AT THE CHEESE...

HANDS UP--- EVERYONE! STAND WHERE YOU ARE AND NO ONE GETS HURT! ALL RIGHT, EDDIE... START STASHING THAT STUFF! HAW! IT SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG, BOSS! THEY GOT IT ALL LAID OUT FOR US!



ABRUPTLY... GERONIMO! YA-HOO! HIT IT, GANG! HUM...?



AND AS THE FALCON GANG WAS LED OFF TO JAIL, THE EX-G.I.'S INVITED US TO STAY ON FOR ANOTHER FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT--- ONE WHICH WAS SELECTED ESPECIALLY FOR US...

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, CHIEF? THOSE GUYS ARE DESTROYING THE PRIZED SOUVENIRS THAT THEY THOUGHT SO MUCH OF... IT'S A WONDERFUL GESTURE, HARRINGTON! LET'S HOPE THAT OTHER VETS WHO ARE IN POSSESSION OF UNAUTHORIZED SOUVENIR WEAPONS WILL FOLLOW SUIT! IT'S THE ONLY AMERICAN THING TO DO!



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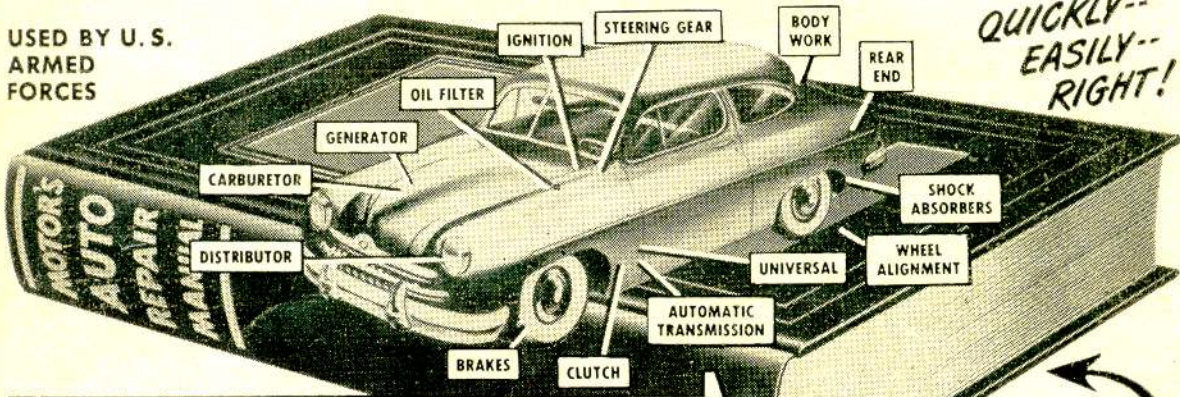
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