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T.V. AND RADIO'S FAVORITE!

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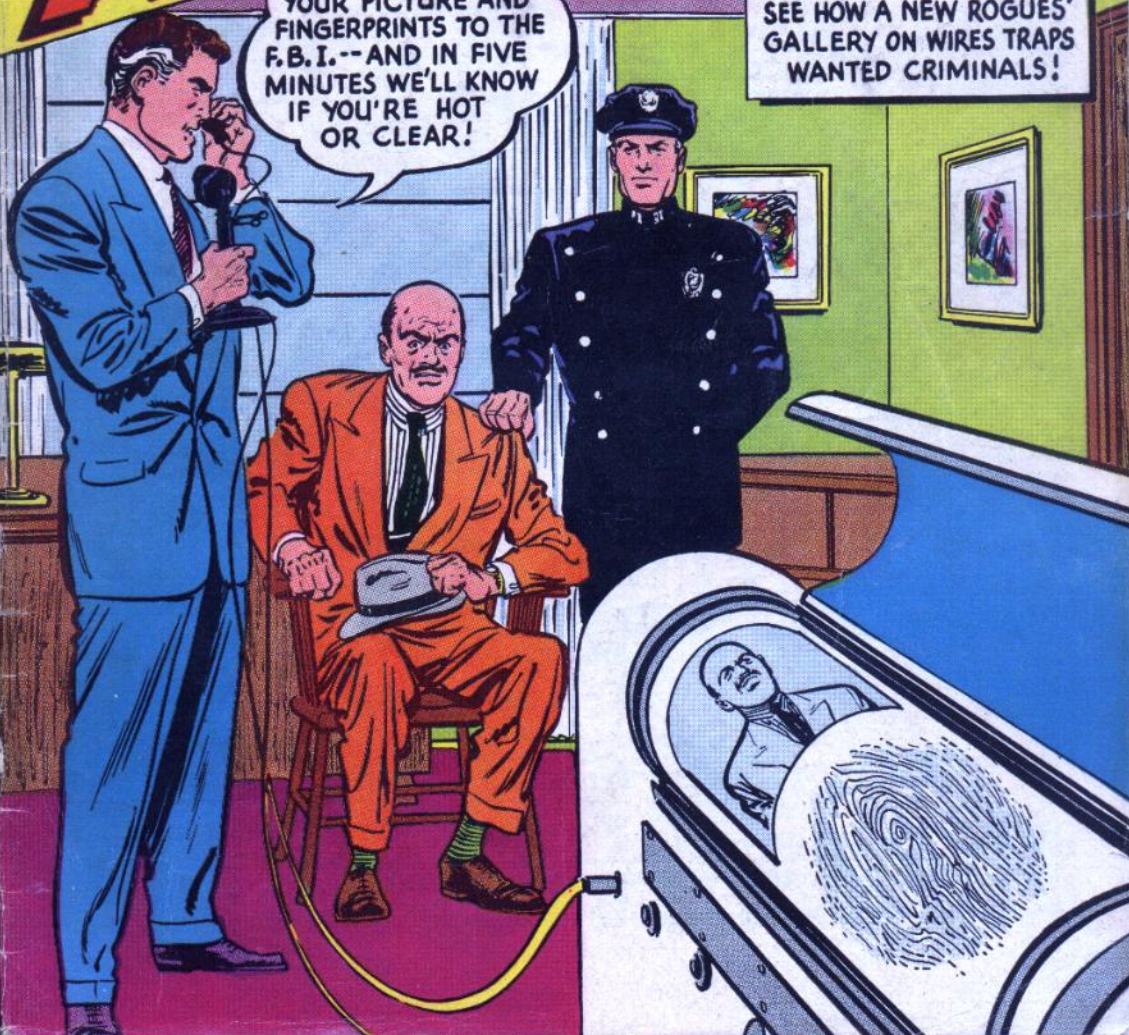


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MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WE'RE TRANSMITTING YOUR PICTURE AND FINGERPRINTS TO THE F. B. I. -- AND IN FIVE MINUTES WE'LL KNOW IF YOU'RE HOT OR CLEAR!

Featuring
"I PHONED IN A KILLER!"
SEE HOW A NEW ROGUES' GALLERY ON WIRES TRAPS WANTED CRIMINALS!



SUPERBOY says: "Don't Give FIRE A Place to Start!"



GREAT SCOTT! SMOKE-- FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SMALLVILLE TEEN-AGE CLUB!



GOSH, SUPERBOY! WE WERE JUST GOING TO HAVE A MEETING TO PLAN A COMMUNITY PROJECT... WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

YOU MUST HAVE LEFT THOSE OILY RAGS IN THE CLOSET AFTER PAINTING THE PLACE LAST MONTH--AND SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION STARTED A FIRE!



YOU SHOULD HAVE THROWN THOSE RAGS AWAY --OR PUT THEM IN A COVERED METAL CONTAINER!

YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERBOY! IT SAYS SO RIGHT HERE ON THIS LIST I GOT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

- DON'T GIVE MATCHES TO CHILDREN
- DON'T OVERLOAD ELECTRIC OUTLETS
- DON'T USE FRAYED ELECTRIC CORDS
- REMOVE ALL "JUNK" FROM CLOSETS
- NOBODY SHOULD EVER SMOKE IN BED
- WATCH ALL OUTDOOR FIRES CAREFULLY
- PUT OILY RAGS IN COVERED METAL CONTAINERS
- DON'T GIVE FIRE A PLACE TO START!



HOW ABOUT THIS FOR OUR PROJECT--FIRE PREVENTION. WE CAN MAKE UP LITTLE SKITS AND LET THE WHOLE TOWN GET HEP TO THE RULES!

SWELL! LET'S GET STARTED!



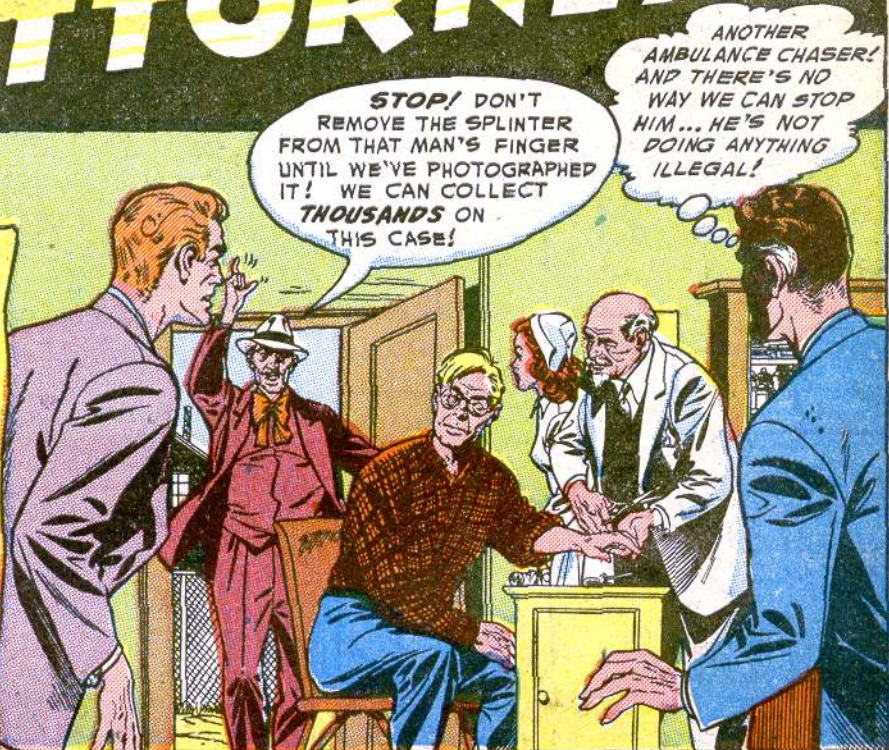
YOU, TOO, CAN HELP PREVENT FIRES BY TELLING YOUR PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO OBEY THE RULES--AND BY OBEYING THEM YOURSELVES!

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YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

REMEMBER HOW THE OLD GAME OF AMBULANCE CHASING WORKED? WHENEVER SOME CITIZEN HAD A MINOR MISHAP, A CROOKED LAWYER WOULD TURN UP FROM NOWHERE AND TRY TO MAKE A BIG CASE OF IT. WELL, JUST RECENTLY, A MODERN RING OF AMBULANCE CHASERS SPRANG UP IN THIS CITY-- AND, AS YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF, IT WAS NO EASY MATTER FOR MY DEPARTMENT TO HALT THE OPERATIONS OF THESE MEN WHOM WE REFERRED TO AS...

The
HUMAN VULTURES!



STOP! DON'T REMOVE THE SPLINTER FROM THAT MAN'S FINGER UNTIL WE'VE PHOTOGRAPHED IT! WE CAN COLLECT THOUSANDS ON THIS CASE!

ANOTHER AMBULANCE CHASER! AND THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN STOP HIM... HE'S NOT DOING ANYTHING ILLEGAL!

ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 3, 1953, A MAN NAMED HAROLD DENNING STEPPED BEFORE AN AUTOMATIC COFFEE DISPENSER IN THE SERVE YOURSELF CAFE, LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF MAIN AND 14TH STREET...

A MUSICIAN, DENNING'S MIND WAS PREOCCUPIED IN MEMORIZING A PARTICULAR TUNE, WHEN SUDDENLY, IT HAPPENED...

Y-I-I-I!! MY HAND!

THAT MAN... HE'S SCALDED HIMSELF!

O-OH!





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THAT WAS CARELESS OF ME! I--I JUST WASN'T THINKING!

IT MUST BE QUITE PAINFUL... BUT YOUR HAND DOESN'T APPEAR TOO BADLY BURNED! I HAVE SOME SALVE IN MY OFFICE THAT'LL HEAL IT!

NORMALLY, THE INCIDENT WOULD HAVE ENDED RIGHT THERE-- BUT THIS TIME, AS MY DEPARTMENT LATER LEARNED, IT WAS FOLLOWED BY AN UNUSUAL PHONE CALL...

...THAT'S RIGHT, MR. BLACKWELL, IT JUST HAPPENED! I DON'T THINK THE GUY WILL BE LEAVING FOR AWHILE... THE BOSS IS GONNA TREAT HIS HAND!

GOOD... I'LL BE RIGHT OVER, BAKER! OF COURSE, YOU'LL BE REWARDED FOR YOUR ALERTNESS!

SEVEN MINUTES LATER, A FOXY-LOOKING MAN IN HIS EARLY FORTIES BUSTLED INTO THE CAFE...

AM I TOO LATE, BAKER?

NOPE! THE BOSS BROUGHT HIM A MEAL ON THE HOUSE! GEE... A DOUBLE SAWBUCK! THANKS, MR. BLACKWELL!

ERNEST BLACKWELL, A PRACTICING LAWYER, LOST NO TIME IN MAKING THE CONTACT...

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, MR. BLACKWELL, BUT IT WAS ALL MY FAULT! I DON'T NEED AN ATTORNEY!

NOW-NOW... THESE THINGS MUST BE LOOKED INTO, MR. DENNING! IF AN INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT THE RESTAURANT WAS NEGLIGENT IN SOME WAY, YOU SHOULD BE COMPENSATED!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW COULD THEY BE BLAMED!

THAT'S WHAT I MUST DISCOVER AS YOUR LAWYER! MR. DENNING, YOU SAID THAT YOU PLAYED THE TRUMPET! WELL, SUPPOSING THIS INJURY TO YOUR HAND SHOULD INTERFERE WITH YOUR CAREER?

GOSH... I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! WHAT COULD I DO?... HOW WOULD I EARN MY LIVING?

EXACTLY! THEREFORE, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOUR CASE FREE OF CHARGE, MR. DENNING! I FEEL IT'S MY DUTY, AS A LAWYER!

IT WAS ONE MORNING SEVERAL WEEKS LATER THAT I READ THE RESULTS OF BLACKWELL'S INVESTIGATION...

BLACKWELL WON ANOTHER OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT, HARRINGTON - THIS TIME WITH THE **SERVE YOURSELF CAFE!** ODD... HE SEEMS TO AVERAGE ABOUT ONE A WEEK!



THAT CHARACTER'S CERTAINLY JOHNNY-ON-THE-SPOT WHEN ACCIDENTS OCCUR, D.A.! HE MUST HAVE A SIXTH SENSE!

PERHAPS... BUT NOT LONG AGO, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THIS CITY WERE PLAGUED BY SEVERAL UNETHICAL LAWYERS WHOM WE REFER TO AS **AMBULANCE CHASERS!** TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ACCIDENT AT THE **HIGGINS DEPARTMENT STORE.**



"WHEN AN UNFORTUNATE WOMAN LOST HER FOOTING ON THE ESCALATOR..."



H-HELP!

MOMMY...

"LUCKILY, A MAN BEHIND HER MANAGED TO BREAK HER FALL, SAVING HER FROM SERIOUS INJURY..."



GOT HER!

OH-H... THANK YOU!

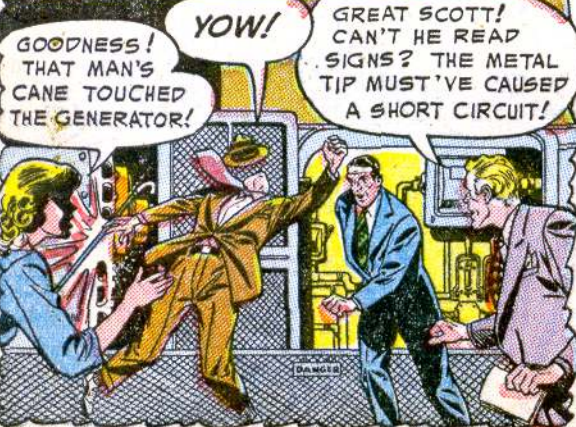
"BUT WHEN AN UNSAVORY LAWYER HEARD OF THE CASE, HE SNAPPED AT IT IMMEDIATELY-- AND FOR A VERY GOOD REASON..."



MY CLIENT HAS DEVELOPED A DEFINITE **PHOBIA**-- A FEAR OF ESCALATORS-- DUE TO THE ACCIDENT! WE DEMAND COMPENSATION, OR WE'LL DRAG YOU PEOPLE THROUGH THE COURTS!

THEY HAVEN'T A LEG TO STAND ON-- BUT THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY MIGHT RUIN US! WE'D BETTER MAKE A SETTLEMENT!

"IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, A MAN TOURING THE ATKINS ELECTRIC COMPANY WON A SETTLEMENT FROM THEM, EVEN THOUGH THE FAULT WAS ENTIRELY HIS OWN..."



GOODNESS! THAT MAN'S CANE TOUCHED THE GENERATOR!

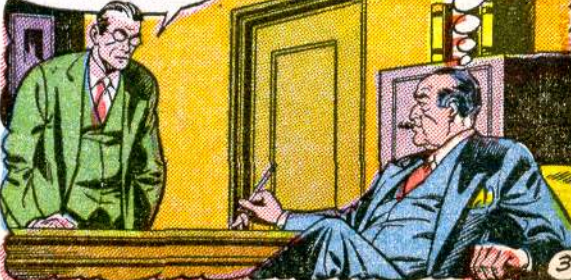
YOW!

GREAT SCOTT! CAN'T HE READ SIGNS? THE METAL TIP MUST'VE CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT!

"ONCE AGAIN, A LAWYER FORCED A GOOD-WILL SETTLEMENT..."

WE CAN MAKE TROUBLE FOR YOU! YOUR WARNING SIGNS WEREN'T BIG ENOUGH! THIS PLACE WILL BE KNOWN AS A DEATH TRAP IF YOU DON'T SETTLE WITH MY CLIENT!

HMPH! DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC AS WE DO, IT'S IMPORTANT THEY DON'T THINK WE'RE LAX WITH OUR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS! GUESS WE'D BETTER SETTLE!



"YES, THESE UNETHICAL LAWYERS HAVE BEGUN POPPING UP EVERYWHERE-- SOMETIMES UNDER THE MOST RIDICULOUS CIRCUMSTANCES..."

GULP! I F-FEEL DIZZY!

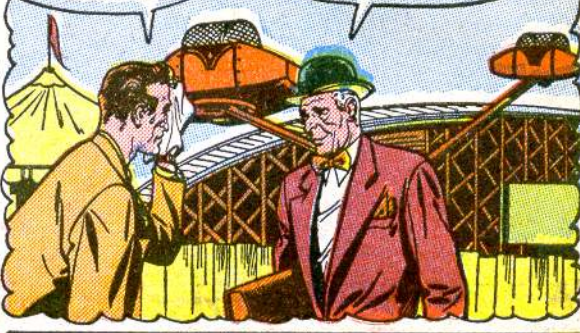
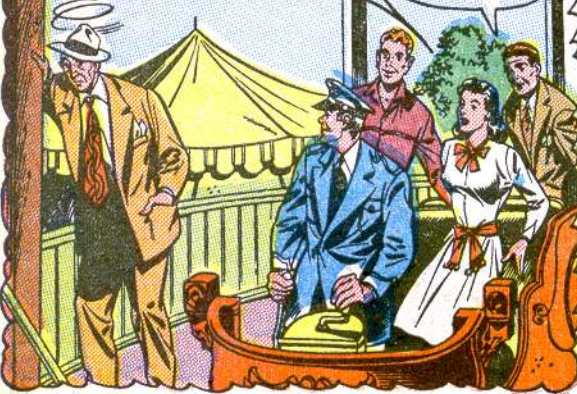
GRACIOUS! THE RIDE HAS MADE THAT POOR MAN SICK!

OH, OH... ANOTHER DAREDEVIL WHO COULDN'T TAKE IT!

"AND WITHIN MINUTES..."

G-GOSH... EVEN IF YOU ARE A LAWYER, I'VE GOT NO CASE! AFTER ALL, NO ONE FORCED ME ON THAT ROLLER COASTER!

THAT DOESN'T MATTER! PERHAPS THEIR MACHINERY WAS FAULTY... PERHAPS THEY WERE RUNNING THE COASTER TOO FAST! NO, SIR-- YOU NEED LEGAL HELP!



AMAZING, CHIEF-- BUT HOW IN THUNDER DO THESE LAWYERS FIND THEIR CLIENTS SO FAST?

SIMPLE, HARRINGTON! SUCH LAWYERS, OPERATING ON THE FRINGE OF THE LAW, HAVE TIPSTERS... EVERYDAY CITIZENS WHO PHONE THEM THE MOMENT AN ACCIDENT OCCURS!

JUST LIKE A LEGALIZED SPY RING, EH, CHIEF?

EXACTLY... AND IT'S HIGH TIME WE LAUNCHED A FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF THIS RACKET! PERHAPS THESE LAWYERS AREN'T DOING ANYTHING ILLEGAL-- BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY HAVE SOME OF THEM **DISBARRED**, FOR VIOLATING THE ETHICS OF THEIR PROFESSION!



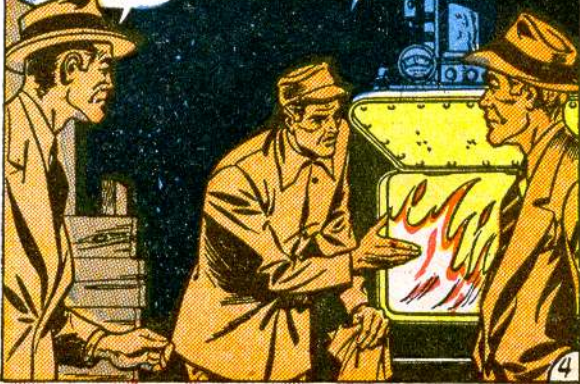
SO NEXT DAY, HARRINGTON AND I BEGAN CHECKING ON FORMER CLIENTS OF THESE SHREWD OPERATORS...

MR. PARKER, IN 1952 YOU COLLECTED \$1,000 FROM THE JASON BUS LINES FOR A FALL! WE'D LIKE TO KNOW JUST HOW YOU HIT ON THAT AMOUNT!

DON'T ASK ME... MY LAWYER FIGURED IT OUT! BESIDES, I ONLY GOT \$150 OUT OF IT!

\$150?? GOOD GRIEF-- WHY DIDN'T YOU DEMAND MORE FROM YOUR ATTORNEY?

BECAUSE I DIDN'T EXPECT TO GET ANYTHING! SO WHY SHOULD I COMPLAIN?... \$150 IS BETTER THAN NOTHING!



AND EVERY PERSON WE INVESTIGATED HAD THE SAME ATTITUDE...

YOU SEE, SIR, I JUST TOOK \$50 OUT OF THE \$800 - SETTLEMENT, BECAUSE I FIGURED IT WAS MY FAULT ANYHOW! THOSE LAWYERS SURE ARE CLEVER!

MMM... YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!



WELL, CHIEF -- NOT MUCH OF AN ARGUMENT THERE! THE VICTIMS ARE ALL CONTENT WITH LETTING THE LAWYERS TAKE THE LION'S SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENTS, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING!

YES, HARRINGTON, NOW LET'S INVESTIGATE THINGS FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE FIRMS THEMSELVES!

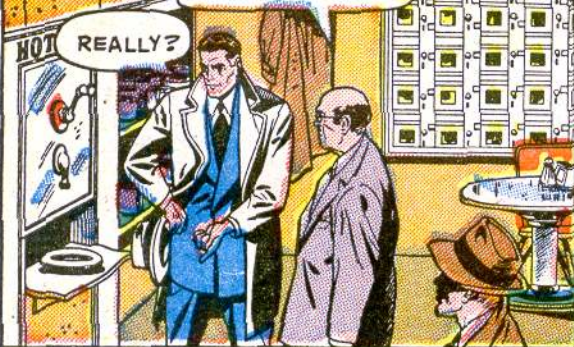


SHORTLY, AT THE SERVE YOURSELF CAFE...

OF COURSE, D. A. -- YOU'RE RIGHT! WE DON'T LIKE TO TEMPT PEOPLE WITH OVERGENEROUS SETTLEMENTS... BUT IN THIS CASE, THERE WAS A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY OF NEGLIGENCE!

YES... THE WASHER ON THE COFFEE UNIT WAS SLIGHTLY LOOSE-- SO BY SOME FLUKE, IT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED THE ACCIDENT!

I SEE... AND SINCE THERE WAS THE SLIGHTEST POSSIBILITY OF DOUBT, YOUR COMPANY FELT OBLIGATED TO SETTLE! THANK YOU... YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL!



REALLY?



LATER, I CAME TO A SERIOUS CONCLUSION...

HARRINGTON, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO TACKLE THIS HEADACHE--FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF AN ACCIDENT VICTIM HIMSELF... AND YOU'RE ELECTED!

YES... WE'LL GIVE YOU A FALSE HOME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS-- MAKE YOU APPEAR LIKE AN AVERAGE CITIZEN! THEN... WE'LL MAKE AN ACCIDENT! YOU'LL BE DISGUISED, OF COURSE!

ME, CHIEF?

GREAT IDEA! WHEN DO WE START, CHIEF?



FROM INSURANCE COMPANY RECORDS, WE FIRST CHOSE THE SCENE OF A FORMER ACCIDENT SETTLEMENT CASE--AND THERE, THE FOLLOWING DAY, MY ASSISTANT WENT INTO HIS ACT...

OOPS!
OUCH!

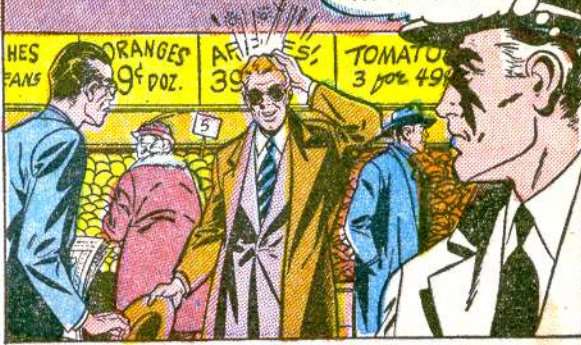
GOODNESS!



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?

OH, SURE-- IT WAS MY FAULT! I JUST WASN'T LOOKING!

HMM... NOBODY BUT THE MANAGER SEEMS CONCERNED, AND IT'S UNLIKELY THAT HE HIMSELF IS A TIPSTER TO UNSAVORY ATTORNEYS!



NEXT, HARRINGTON TESTED HIS ACTING ABILITY AT INTERCITY AIRPORT...

HEY! LOOK OUT, MISTER!

GOSH, BUDDY--YOU COULD'VE BEEN BADLY HURT! VISITORS AREN'T ALLOWED IN HERE!

I--I KNOW... I JUST NOTICED THE WARNING SIGN! SORRY... IT WAS ALL MY FAULT!



AFTER SEVERAL MORE FEIGNED ACCIDENTS, WE CALLED IT A DAY. OUR NEXT MOVE WAS TO AWAIT RESULTS...

WELL, HARRINGTON, WE SHOULD KNOW BY TOMORROW IF WE'VE GIVEN FOOD FOR A LAW SUIT TO ANY TIPSTER!

RIGHT, CHIEF! I THINK I'LL TAKE A CAB... THIS STUNT-MAN STUFF CAN TIRE A FELLOW OUT!



ABRUPTLY...

CABBIE!
HUH--?



YES, IRONICALLY, HARRINGTON HAD BLUNDERED INTO AN ACTUAL PETTY ACCIDENT! WE COULDN'T SUPPRESS A CHUCKLE FROM THE SITUATION...

GEE, BUDDY--I DIDN'T HEAR YOU UNTIL YOUR HAND WAS ON THE DOOR! I'LL HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO MY COMPANY, AND--AND...WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?

HA, HA... HERE'S MY IDENTIFICATION, DRIVER! IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT... WITH MY NEW PARK GLASSES, I DIDN'T NOTICE THE CAB WAS MOVING!

HA, HA, HA!

I MUST BE GETTING ACCIDENT-HAPPY FROM FEIGNING SO MANY! I'VE EVEN GIVEN THE DRIVER MY **PHONY IDENTIFICATION!**

WE'LL STRAIGHTEN THAT UP LATER, HARRINGTON! HA, HA!

FRED JOHNSON-- 22 ELM DRIVE. OKAY, SIR!



AFTERWARD, HARRINGTON AND I WAITED FOR THREE HOURS AT THE ELM STREET ADDRESS--TILL FINALLY...

FROM MY PLACE OF CONCEALMENT, BLACKWELL'S NEXT WORDS ASTONISHED ME...

NOW, NOW-- YOU JUST LET ME HANDLE IT! PERHAPS WE'LL FIND SOMETHING!

GREAT SCOTT! HARRINGTON'S REAL ACCIDENT WAS THE ONE THAT WORKED!

MR. JOHNSON-- I'M MR. BLACKWELL, AN ATTORNEY! I'VE HEARD OF YOUR **SERIOUS ACCIDENT**, AND HAVE COME TO OFFER YOU LEGAL HELP!

YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN, MR. BLACKWELL! I WASN'T HURT, AND IT WAS **MY FAULT!**

CAN YOU BE **POSITIVE** IT WAS YOUR FAULT? THIS **AVON CAB COMPANY** CAN BE WRONG! I'LL INVESTIGATE WITHOUT A FEE-- IF I FIND THEY'RE AT FAULT, I'LL WIN A SETTLEMENT FOR US!

OH, I KNOW I'M AT FAULT!

WHAT--? THE **CAB COMPANY!**



AND AFTER BLACKWELL DEPARTED...

HARRINGTON, WE'RE GOING TO KEEP A 24-HOUR WATCH ON THAT MAN! THIS COULD BE A MEANS OF BREAKING THE RACKET WIDE OPEN!

RIGHT, CHIEF!

THUS, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, WE PICKED UP THE LAWYER'S TRAIL...

ONLY ONE TROUBLE, CHIEF... I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO PROVE HIM GUILTY OF A **CRIME!**

NEITHER DO I, HARRINGTON-- **FOR CERTAIN!**





THERE HE GOES... INTO THE COMPANY GARAGE! GUESS HE FIGURES IT'S TIME TO PUT HIS CLAIM UP TO THEM!

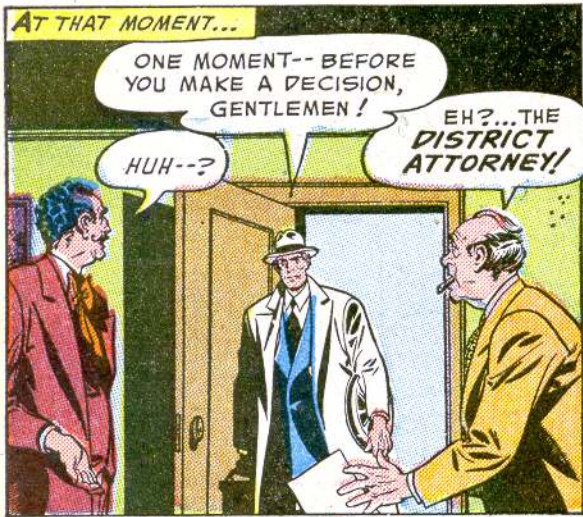
I EXPECT SO!



AND SURE ENOUGH, THE VERY NEXT DAY, HE HURRIED HARRINGTON TO THE COMPANY OFFICES...

NOW, GENTLEMEN, BE REASONABLE! MY CLIENT DOESN'T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE BY MAKING CITIZENS THINK YOUR CABS ARE DANGEROUS! ALL WE ASK IS A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT!

WELL...

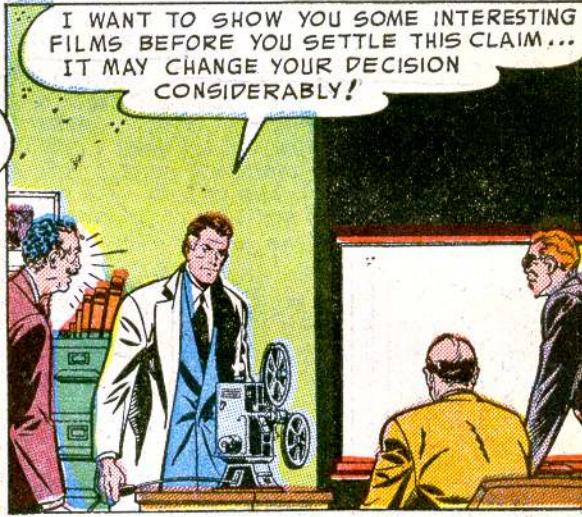


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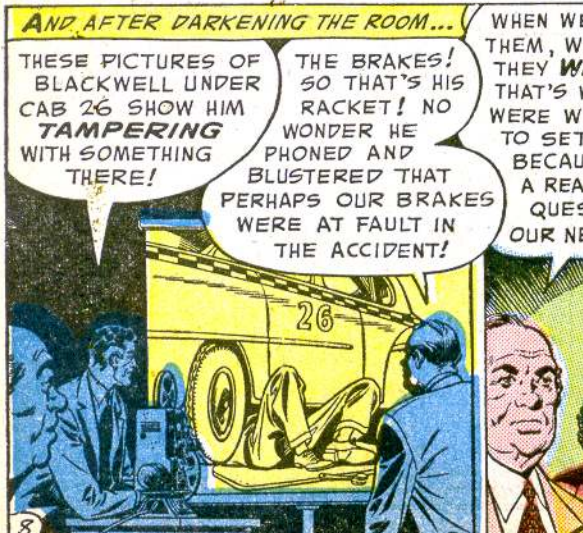
ONE MOMENT-- BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION, GENTLEMEN!

HUH--?

EH?...THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY!



I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOME INTERESTING FILMS BEFORE YOU SETTLE THIS CLAIM... IT MAY CHANGE YOUR DECISION CONSIDERABLY!



AND AFTER DARKENING THE ROOM...

THESE PICTURES OF BLACKWELL UNDER CAB 26 SHOW HIM TAMPERING WITH SOMETHING THERE!

THE BRAKES! SO THAT'S HIS RACKET! NO WONDER HE PHONED AND BLUSTERED THAT PERHAPS OUR BRAKES WERE AT FAULT IN THE ACCIDENT!

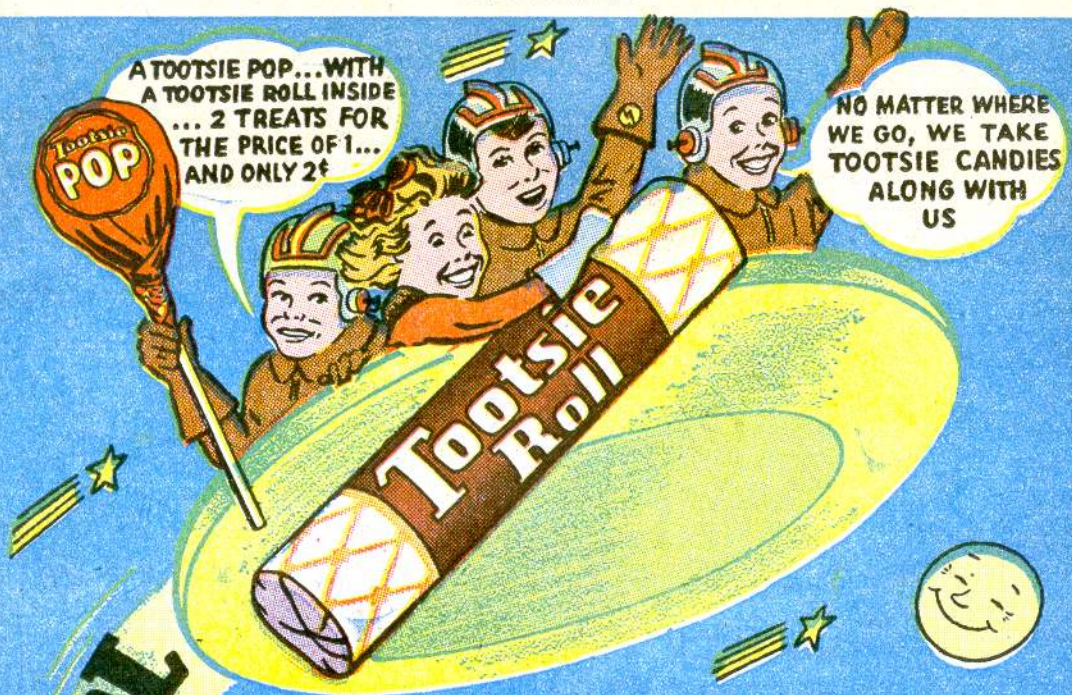
WHEN WE CHECKED THEM, WE FOUND THEY WERE BAD! THAT'S WHY WE WERE WILLING TO SETTLE... BECAUSE OF A REASONABLE QUESTION OF OUR NEGLIGENCE!

EXACTLY! AND THE BRAKES WERE BAD BECAUSE BLACKWELL TAMPERED WITH THEM--AS HE'S DONE WITH OTHER CASES HE FELT NEEDED FURTHER PRESSURE TO WIN!

YES, I SUSPECTED A CRIME IN THIS CASE BECAUSE OF THE FAULTY WASHER IN THAT COFFEE DISPENSER FROM A PREVIOUS CASE! BLACKWELL WAS TRIED, CONVICTED AND DISBARRED-- AS WERE ALL THE OTHER CROOKED LAWYERS WHO WORKED IN HIS RING, AND WHOM HE IMPLICATED IN HIS TESTIMONY!

A TOOTSIE POP... WITH
A TOOTSIE ROLL INSIDE
... 2 TREATS FOR
THE PRICE OF 1...
AND ONLY 2¢

NO MATTER WHERE
WE GO, WE TAKE
TOOTSIE CANDIES
ALONG WITH
US



Tootsie Rolls

AMERICA'S
FAVORITE CANDY

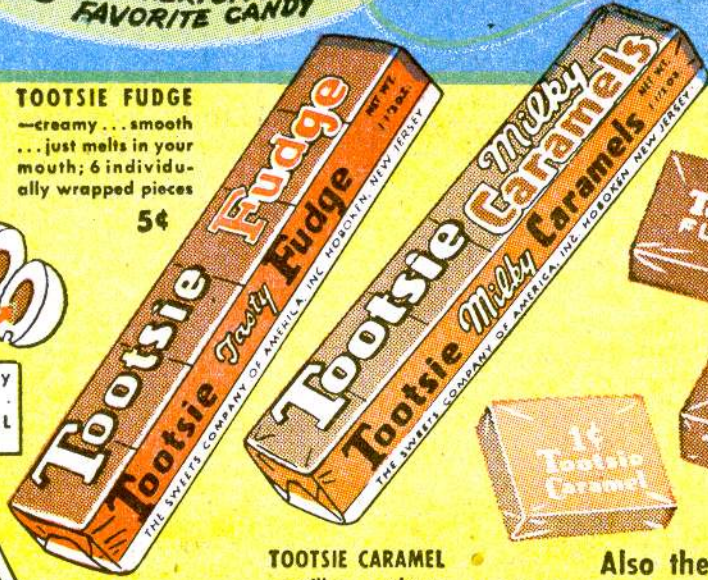
Tootsie Rolls ... everybody likes 'em 'cause they're so chocolaty ... so tasty ... and they last a long time too. Stay firm and fresh even on the hottest days. Get some TOOTSIE ROLLS today...at all candy counters. Still only 5¢



Delicious... chewy
... chocolaty ...
TOOTSIE ROLL
center.

TOOTSIE POPS
Assorted Flavors ...
Chocolate, cherry,
orange, pineapple,
grape. 2¢

TOOTSIE FUDGE
—creamy ... smooth
... just melts in your
mouth; 6 individually
wrapped pieces
5¢



TOOTSIE CARAMEL
—milky ... chewy
... just delicious. 6
individually
wrapped pieces—5¢

Also these
delicious TOOTSIE candies
for only 1¢ each

ADVENTURES OF THE DUBBLE BUBBLE KIDS



Scraps & Paper!

SOME YEARS AGO, A PACKAGE ARRIVED AT THE CHAPMAN HOME IN MARSHFIELD, MASS. MRS. CHAPMAN OPENED IT BY CUTTING THE STRING! *THE DEAFENING EXPLOSION THAT FOLLOWED ROCKED THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD!*



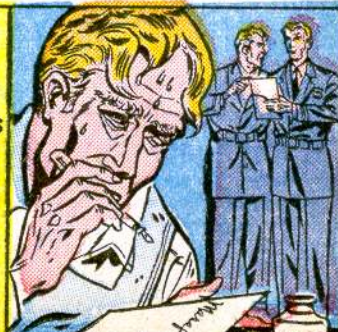
WHEN THEY FOUND HER BODY, POLICE ALSO FOUND IN THE DEMOLISHED HOUSE, BITS OF THE WRAPPING PAPER, AND WERE ABLE TO PIECE TOGETHER THE ADDRESS! THE BOMB CONTAINER, MADE FROM A PIECE OF ELM, HAD BEEN FILLED WITH TNT AND WAS DETONATED WITH A HOMEMADE FIRING PIN MADE OF A SPRING AND A WAGON BOLT!



THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD WAS SPELLED "MARSFILLD", WHICH SUGGESTED SOMEONE OF SWEDISH ORIGIN... IN SWEDISH, MARSH IS PRONOUNCED MARS! IN THE TOWN ITSELF, ONLY ONE PERSON FITTED THIS CATEGORY, A MAN NAMED MARG- USON, WHO WAS KNOWN TO HAVE QUARRELLED WITH CHAPMAN!



WHEN ASKED TO WRITE MARSHFIELD, HE SPELLED IT "MARSFILLD"... ALSO, IN HIS HOME, WAS FOUND A WELL-STOCKED WORKSHOP, TNT AND THE SAWDUST SHAVINGS OF WHITE ELM! HE STILL DENIED HIS GUILT, BUT FURTHER ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT HIS HANDWRITING WAS THE SAME AS ON THE PACKAGE AND EVEN MATCHED HIS FOUNTAIN PEN! THE JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY OF MURDER!



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FICTION STORIES STRESS THE INGENUITY OF THE UNDERWORLD IN ITS WILY WAYS OF COMMITTING CRIMES! ACTUALLY, THE LAW IS WAY AHEAD OF THE HOODS WHEN IT COMES TO CLEVER GIMMICKS! AS PROOF, I URGE YOU TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE CASE WHICH REACHED ITS INCREDIBLE CLIMAX WHEN...

"I PHONED IN A KILLER!"

BUT, CHIEF--EVEN IF WE SUSPECT THIS HOOD OF BEING WANTED BY THE F. B. I., WE CAN'T POSSIBLY HOLD HIM WITHOUT PROOF!

WE'LL HAVE THAT PROOF, AFTER I **PHONE IN** HIS PHOTO AND FINGER-PRINTS!

DID YOU SAY, **PHONE IN?** HA, HA... ARE YOU KIDDING?

STRANGELY ENOUGH, THIS CASE BEGAN IN THE REAR OF AN ELM STREET WAREHOUSE...

HA, HA... IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, THIS PLACE'LL GO UP LIKE A PAPER HOUSE!

AND IN THE FURIOUS FIRE THAT FOLLOWED,

SAY, CHIEF--TAKE A LOOK AT THAT BLACK SMOKE! THIS IS BEGINNING TO LOOK MORE AND MORE LIKE A **DELIBERATE FIRE!**

I'M SURE OF IT! BETTER CONTACT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY!



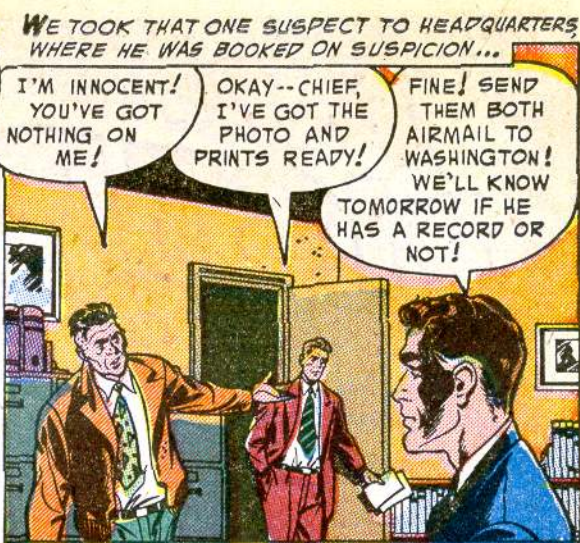


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AND WHEN HARRINGTON AND I ARRIVED, MINUTES LATER... SCAN THE CROWD, HARRINGTON! FIREBUGS USUALLY HANG AROUND TO ENJOY THE SPECTACLE THEY'VE CREATED!

I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, CHIEF! THAT GUY OVER THERE LOOKS SUSPICIOUS!

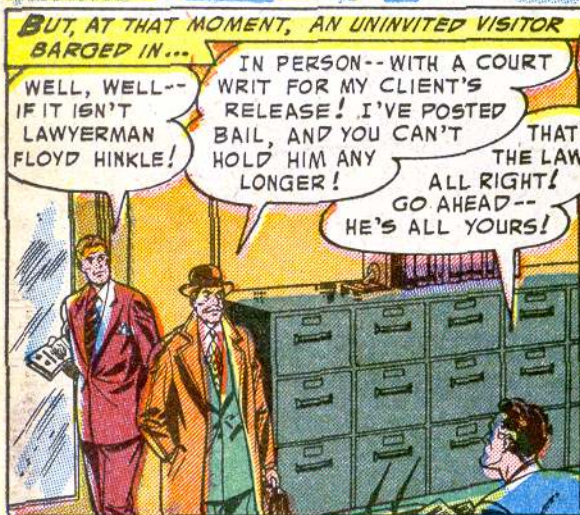


WE TOOK THAT ONE SUSPECT TO HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE WAS BOOKED ON SUSPICION...

I'M INNOCENT! YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME!

OKAY--CHIEF, I'VE GOT THE PHOTO AND PRINTS READY!

FINE! SEND THEM BOTH AIRMAIL TO WASHINGTON! WE'LL KNOW TOMORROW IF HE HAS A RECORD OR NOT!

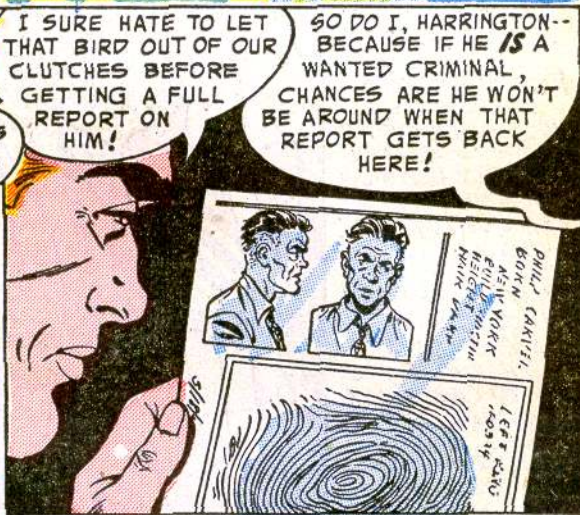


BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, AN UNINVITED VISITOR BARGED IN...

WELL, WELL-- IF IT ISN'T LAWYERMAN FLOYD HINKLE!

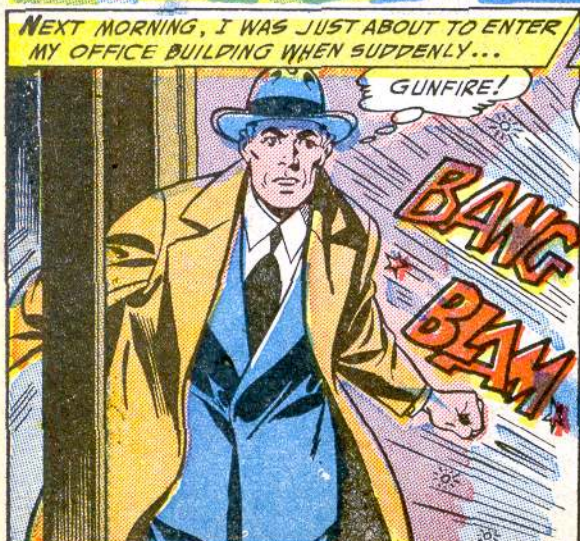
IN PERSON--WITH A COURT WRIT FOR MY CLIENT'S RELEASE! I'VE POSTED BAIL, AND YOU CAN'T HOLD HIM ANY LONGER!

THAT'S THE LAW, ALL RIGHT! GO AHEAD-- HE'S ALL YOURS!



I SURE HATE TO LET THAT BIRD OUT OF OUR CLUTCHES BEFORE GETTING A FULL REPORT ON HIM!

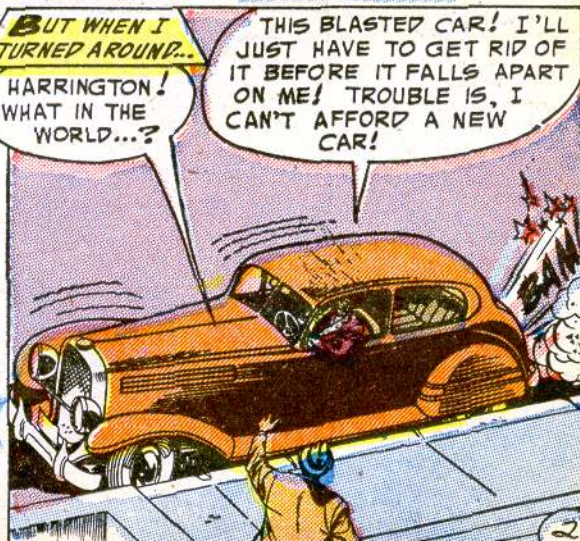
SO DO I, HARRINGTON-- BECAUSE IF HE IS A WANTED CRIMINAL, CHANCES ARE HE WON'T BE AROUND WHEN THAT REPORT GETS BACK HERE!



NEXT MORNING, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ENTER MY OFFICE BUILDING WHEN SUDDENLY...

GUNFIRE!

BANG
BLAM



BUT WHEN I TURNED AROUND...

HARRINGTON! WHAT IN THE WORLD...?

THIS BLASTED CAR! I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET RID OF IT BEFORE IT FALLS APART ON ME! TROUBLE IS, I CAN'T AFFORD A NEW CAR!

AFTERWARD, WHEN HARRINGTON AND I ENTERED MY OFFICE, THERE WAS BAD NEWS AWAITING US...

AIR MAIL FROM WASHINGTON, CHIEF! THAT FIREBUG SUSPECT IS WANTED IN EIGHT STATES! LT. CLARK SENT A POLICEMAN DOWN WITH A WARRANT, BUT HE SKIPPED TOWN!

JUST AS I FEARED, MISS MILLER!

WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO TAKE SO LONG TO GET THIS INFORMATION?

THAT'S JUST IT, HARRINGTON-- IT DOESN'T! NOT IF WE HAVE A **FASTPHOTO SYSTEM**, LIKE **HAWTHORNE CITY** HAS!

FASTPHOTO SYSTEM? WHAT'S THAT?



YOU'LL LEARN ALL ABOUT IT WHEN I TRY TO TALK THE CITY COUNCIL INTO BUYING ONE FOR THE DEPARTMENT! LET'S GO!

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AN HOUR LATER, I PINNED UP THE ADVERTISING MATTER, AND WENT INTO A HARD-HITTING SALES TALK...



MR. D.A. ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL US THAT WITH THAT **FASTPHOTO SYSTEM**, YOU CAN ACTUALLY **PHONE IN** A SUSPECT'S PICTURE AND PRINTS TO ANOTHER AGENCY, LIKE THE F. B. I., AND GET AN ANSWER-- ALL IN 10 MINUTES?

THAT'S RIGHT, MAYOR!

FRANKLY, I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WHAT'S MORE, WE CAN'T SPEND \$5,000 OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY EVERY TIME SOME HAIRBRAINED INVENTOR COMES UP WITH A BRAND NEW IDEA! SORRY, MR. D.A.!

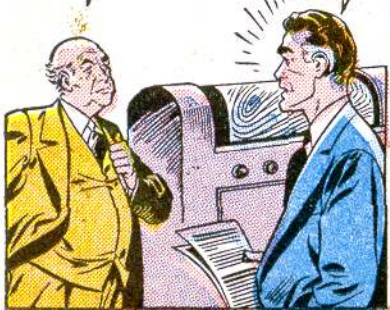
HEAVY-HEARTED, HARRINGTON AND I RETURNED TO HEAD-QUARTERS, WHERE...

SUSPECT IN A DOWNTOWN ROBBERY! WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH ON HIM, THOUGH!

BUT... BUT...

HARRINGTON-- THAT PRISONER WITH THE SCAR ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK, AND BLONDE HAIR... THAT DESCRIPTION RINGS A BELL SOMEWHERE!

WHAT'S HE IN FOR, OFFICER?





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WELL, I'M SURE **SOMEONE** HAS! AIRMAIL HIS PHOTO AND PRINTS TO THE F. B. I. AT ONCE! AND LOCK HIM UP FOR THE NIGHT!

RIGHT, CHIEF!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

OH-OH... THAT MAN HINKLE IS HERE AGAIN!

THAT'S RIGHT-- WITH A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS TO RELEASE MY CLIENT!

WAIT A MINUTE, HINKLE! THE P.A. SUSPECTS HE MAY BE WANTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE! GIVE US TILL TOMORROW TO GET A LINE ON HIM!

NO DICE, HARRINGTON! ALL YOU GET IS THE CUSTOMARY HALF-HOUR TO CLEAR HIM OUT OF HERE!



WHAT A SPOT! I WAS SURE THE HOOD FITTED THE DESCRIPTION OF A WANTED KILLER, BUT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH TIME TO CHECK. SUDDENLY, I GOT AN IDEA...

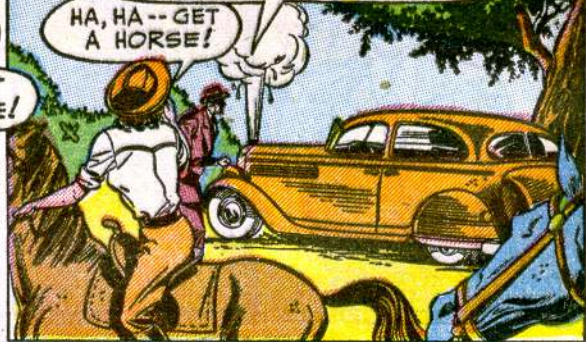
HARRINGTON HOPPED INTO HIS BUGGY AND HEADED FOR HAWTHORNE CITY-- BUT, TWO MILES SHORT OF HIS DESTINATION...

LISTEN, HARRINGTON-- AS I TOLD YOU, HAWTHORNE CITY HAS A FASTPHOTO SYSTEM! TAKE THIS PICTURE AND THE PRINTS OUT THERE, AND PHONE THEM OUT ON A GENERAL CALL! I'LL STALL HINKLE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE... BUT HURRY!

RIGHT-- I'VE GOT MY CAR OUTSIDE!

BLAST THIS CAR OF MINE! NOW I'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME TO GET THE DOPE ON THAT HOOD!

HA, HA-- GET A HORSE!



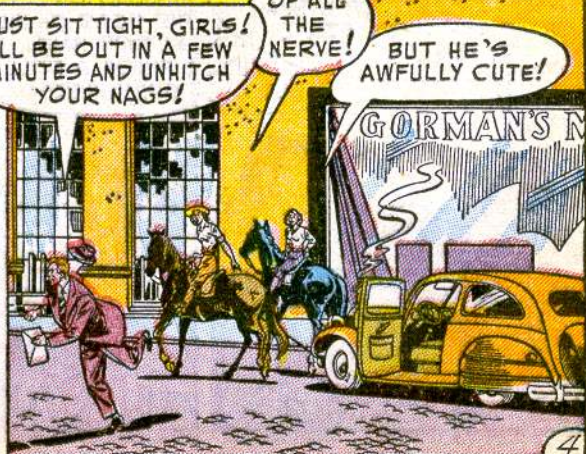
OH, YEAH? DON'T BE SO SMART, YOU TWO! IF I... WAIT A MINUTE! DID YOU SAY, GET A HORSE?

YES, BUT...

HARRINGTON CAN BE VERY PERSUASIVE WITH THE LADIES WHEN HE WANTS TO-- AND SO, 15 MINUTES LATER...

JUST SIT TIGHT, GIRLS! I'LL BE OUT IN A FEW MINUTES AND UNHITCH YOUR NAGS!

OF ALL THE NERVE! BUT HE'S AWFULLY CUTE!





SOON... WELL, WELL-- IF IT ISN'T HARRINGTON! WHAT ARE YOU DOING AROUND HERE?

MY CHIEF WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU'LL SEND THESE OUT OVER YOUR **FAST-PHOTO SYSTEM!**



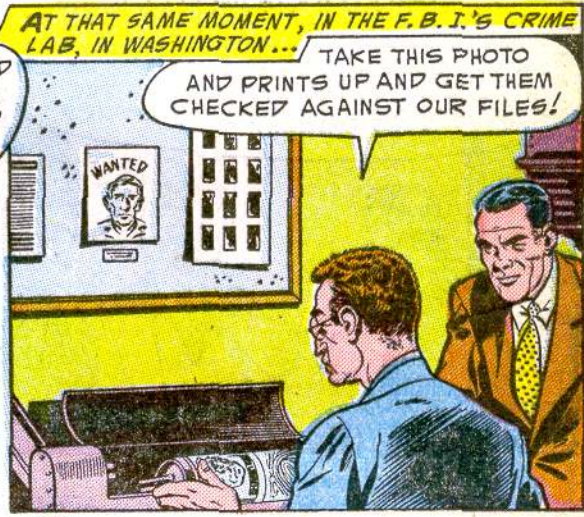
SURE THING! I SUPPOSE HE WANTS A GENERAL CALL, AS WELL AS A CONNECTION TO THE F. B. I.!

THIS IS LIKE MAGIC! THE **D.A.** WAS TELLING ME ABOUT IT!



GET IT, HARRINGTON? THIS UNIT IS HOOKED UP WITH THE PHONE, AND THE TRANSMISSION IS NOW GOING OUT!

THAT'S RIGHT! THE PHOTO AND PRINTS ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO **SOUND WAVES**, WHICH ARE TRANSFORMED BACK INTO PICTURES AND PRINTS BY THE RECEIVING UNITS!



AT THAT SAME MOMENT, IN THE F. B. I.'S CRIME LAB, IN WASHINGTON... TAKE THIS PHOTO AND PRINTS UP AND GET THEM CHECKED AGAINST OUR FILES!



AND EXACTLY NINE MINUTES, 34 SECONDS LATER...

THERE'S YOUR MAN, HARRINGTON --TED JENKINS, WANTED FOR MURDER BY THE F. B. I.!

NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING! HERE'S HOPING I GET THE DOPE TO THE **D.A.** ON TIME!



BUT, BACK IN MY OFFICE, AS THE PRECIOUS MINUTES SLIPPED BY...

OKAY, **D.A.**--TIMES UP! YOU HAVEN'T A LEGAL LEG TO KEEP MY CLIENT HERE ANOTHER MOMENT!

YOU WIN, HINKLE! GO ON, BEAT IT-- BOTH OF YOU!

SO LONG, **D.A.**! SEE YOU AROUND, I HOPE **NOT!**



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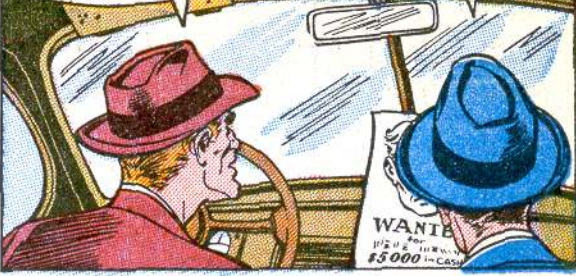


AT THAT INSTANT, HOWEVER, MY PHONE RANG, AND...
 HOLD EVERYTHING, CHIEF! THERE'S AN F. B. I. POSTER ON JENKINS -- GOT IT DIRECT FROM WASHINGTON!
 GREAT WORK, HARRINGTON! THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!



THUS, SOME TIME LATER, AS MY ASSISTANT AND I RUSHED CROSS-TOWN FOR A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL...

WHOOPIE, CHIEF! LOOK WHAT IT SAYS ON THIS POSTER! THERE'S A REWARD OF \$5,000 FOR CAPTURING THAT HOOP! HERE'S WHERE I GET MY NEW CAR -- AT LONG LAST!
 GLAD TO HEAR IT! AND I HOPE THIS CASE ALSO CONVINCES THE CITY COUNCIL TO BUY US THAT FASTPHOTO SYSTEM!



BUT AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SHORTLY AFTER...

YES, P.A. I'VE ALREADY HEARD HOW THAT FASTPHOTO SYSTEM ENABLED YOU TO CAPTURE A CRIMINAL! UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, OUR FINANCE DIRECTOR INFORMS US THAT OUR BUDGET IS STRAINED TO THE LIMIT, AND WE CAN'T POSSIBLY AFFORD ONE! SORRY!



SO, IT REMAINED FOR HARRINGTON, THE HERO OF THIS CASE, TO SAVE THE DAY FOR MY DEPARTMENT, WHEN...

ER -- CHIEF, I'VE BEEN THINKING... YOU KNOW, I'M KIND OF ATTACHED TO THAT OLD BUGGY OF MINE! I THINK -- MAYBE I'LL GET IT REPAIRED AND... UH... USE THIS REWARD MONEY TO BUY US A FASTPHOTO SYSTEM!



THE END

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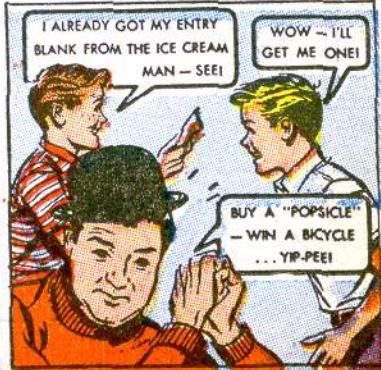
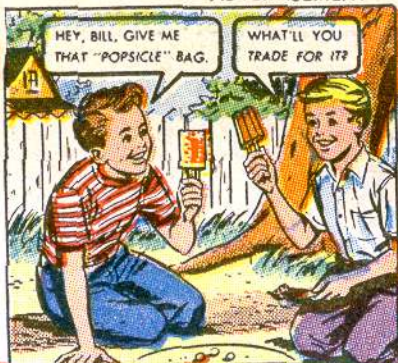
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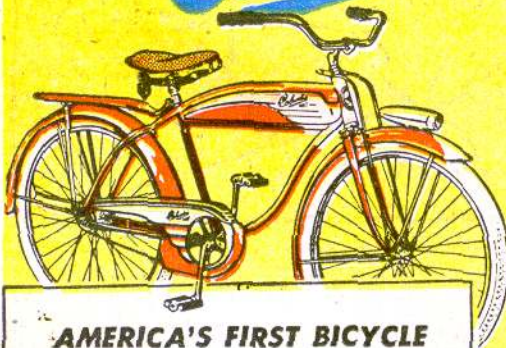
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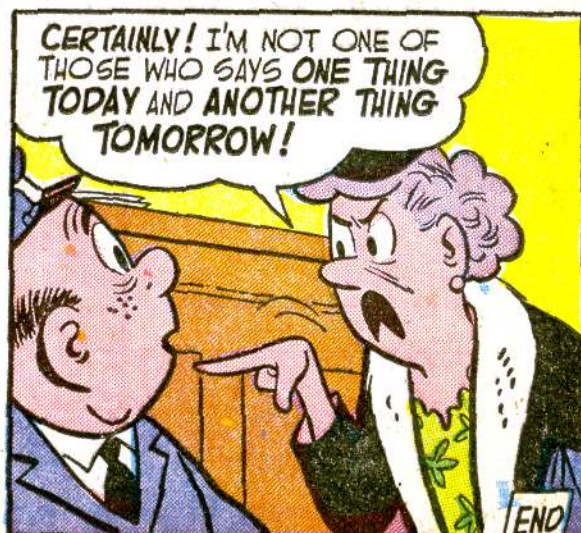
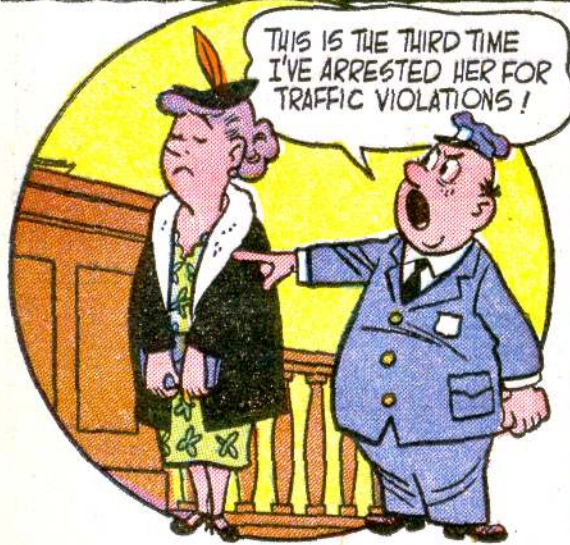
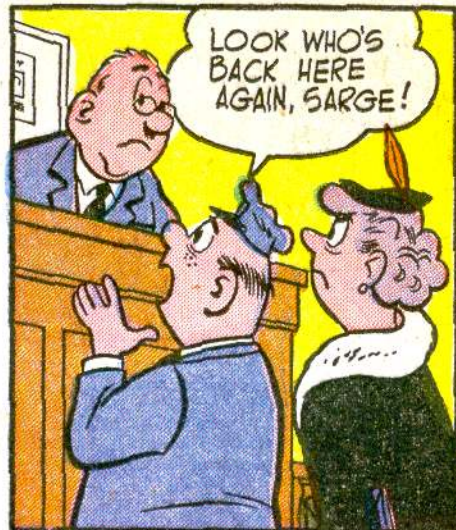
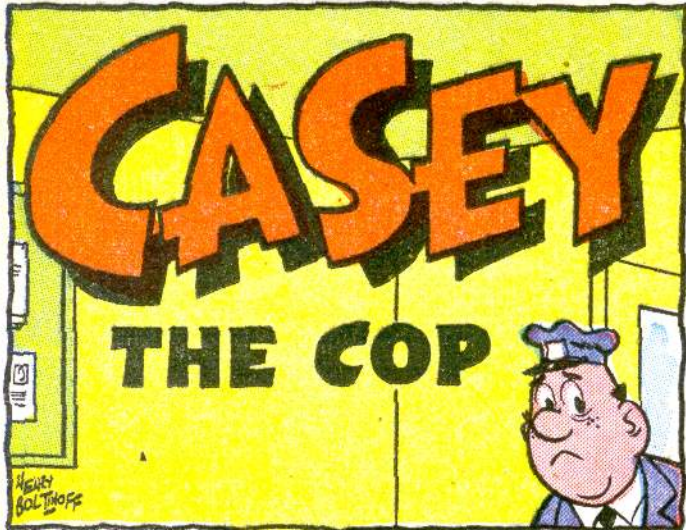
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IT MUST BE SWELL, HAVING MONEY TO TRAVEL LIKE THIS! I GUESS IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME. I'LL ALWAYS BE JUST A STEWARD!

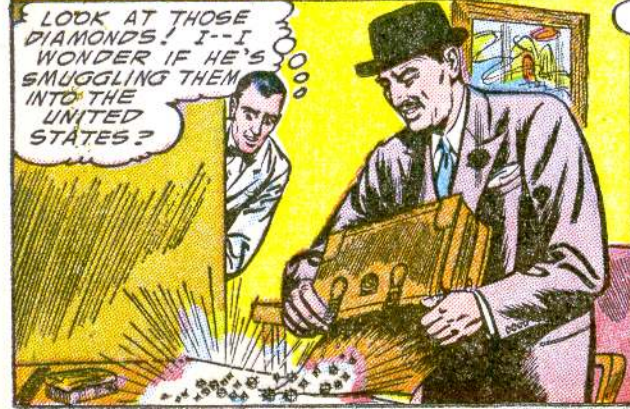


THERE'S THE PASSENGER NOW! I WONDER WHAT HE DOES FOR A LIVING?

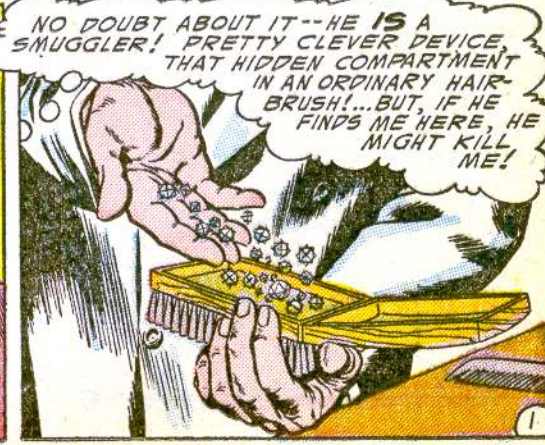


THE ENVIOUS MAN'S EYES OPEN WIDE, AS ...

LOOK AT THOSE DIAMONDS! I--I WONDER IF HE'S SMUGGLING THEM INTO THE UNITED STATES?



NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--HE IS A SMUGGLER! PRETTY CLEVER DEVICE, THAT HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN AN ORDINARY HAIR-BRUSH!... BUT, IF HE FINDS ME HERE, HE MIGHT KILL ME!



CONFIDENT OF HIS HIDING PLACE, THE UNSUSPECTING SMUGGLER LEAVES THE HAIRBRUSH IN PLAIN VIEW ON THE DRESSER TOP, AND AFTER HE STEPS OUT...

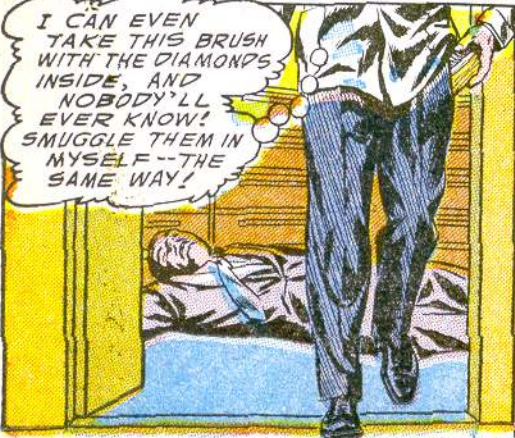
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT HAIRBRUSH--?

OH-H-H...

WHITE DIAMONDS-- WORTH A FORTUNE! I WONDER IF HE'D NOTICE IT IF I STOLE JUST A COUPLE?



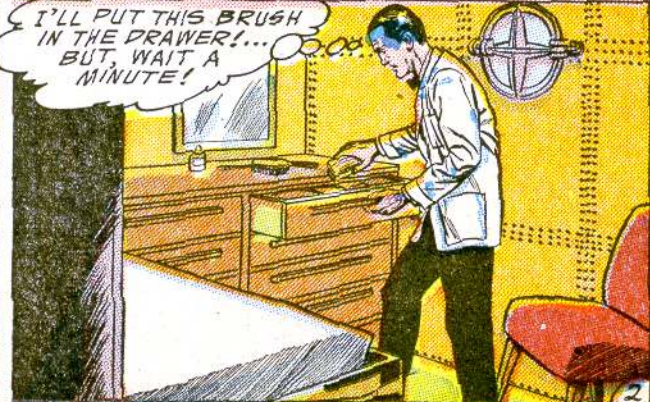
HE--HE'S--**DEAD!** WHAT'LL I DO NOW?... BUT WAIT... WHY AM I WORRYING? WHY SHOULD ANYONE SUSPECT ME?

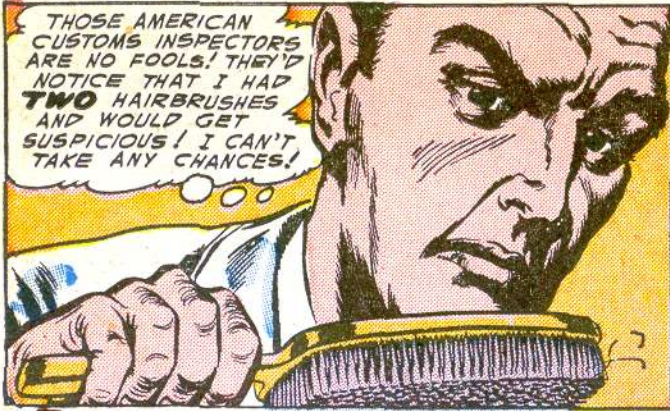


I CAN EVEN TAKE THIS BRUSH WITH THE DIAMONDS INSIDE, AND NOBODY'LL EVER KNOW! SMUGGLE THEM IN MYSELF--THE SAME WAY!

LATER, IN THE STEWARD'S SMALL BELOW-DECKS ROOM...

I'LL PUT THIS BRUSH IN THE DRAWER!... BUT, WAIT A MINUTE!





THOSE AMERICAN CUSTOMS INSPECTORS ARE NO FOOLS! THEY'D NOTICE THAT I HAD TWO HAIRBRUSHES AND WOULD GET SUSPICIOUS! I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!



THERE, THAT DOES IT! I CAN KEEP MY HAIR NEAT WITH A COMB! BETTER NOT TAKE THE CHANCE OF USING THE BRUSH WITH THE DIAMONDS!



FIVE DAYS LATER, THE SHIP DOCKS. AFTER THE PASSENGERS DISEMBARK, THE CREW BEGINS GOING ASHORE...

I'VE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! CUSTOMS INSPECTORS NEVER EXAMINE ONE'S PERSONAL EFFECTS THOROUGHLY UNLESS THEY'RE SUSPICIOUS-- AND THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT ME OR MY BAGGAGE TO MAKE THEM SUSPICIOUS!



OKAY-- THANK YOU!

I HEAR A DIAMOND SMUGGLER, GEORGE CLEMENTIS, WAS FOUND MURDERED IN HIS STATE-ROOM!

YES, AND THERE WAS NOT A GEM ON HIM OR IN HIS ROOM!



ARE THESE ALL YOUR PERSONAL EFFECTS, STEWARD?

YES, INSPECTOR, I ALWAYS TRAVEL LIGHT!



OKAY--BUT WAIT A MINUTE! THERE'S SOMETHING ODD HERE!

HUH?

THE CUSTOMS INSPECTOR NOTICED "SOMETHING ODD" ABOUT THE STEWARD'S PERSONAL EFFECTS! DID YOU, TOO? IF NOT, CHECK THE FACTS AGAIN FOR A POSSIBLE CLUE TO A SUSPICION OF SMUGGLING BEFORE YOU READ THE NEXT PAGE!



MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



WITH PRACTICED FINGERS, THE AGENT SWIFTLY PROBES FOR A HIDDEN SPRING IN THE HAIRBRUSH...

JUST AS I SUSPECTED-- A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN THIS HAIRBRUSH-- FILLED WITH GEMS!

HOW--HOW DID YOU KNOW? IT'S AN ORDINARY HAIRBRUSH--

YES, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING-- THERE ISN'T A SINGLE, SOLITARY HAIR IN ITS BRISTLES! AND HAIRBRUSHES THAT ARE NOT USED FOR BRUSHING HAIR, USUALLY SERVE ANOTHER PURPOSE!



SMUGGLING IS A SERIOUS CRIME, STEWARD, BUT MURDER IS EVEN MORE SERIOUS!

WAIT A MINUTE! YOU CAN'T PIN A MURDER RAP ON ME!

DON'T COUNT ON THAT! CLEMENTIS WAS SUSPECTED OF TRYING TO SMUGGLE DIAMONDS-- BUT WHEN HIS ROOM WAS SEARCHED, NOTHING WAS FOUND! IF IT TURNS OUT, YOU WERE THE STEWARD IN CHARGE OF HIS STATEROOM--

I--I WAS! I GUESS YOU'VE GOT ME! YES, I--I DID IT!



STEWARD FRANK WATSON LEARNED THE HARD WAY THAT CRIME DOESN'T PAY! ON MAY 15th, HE WAS EXECUTED FOR MURDER! **THE END!**



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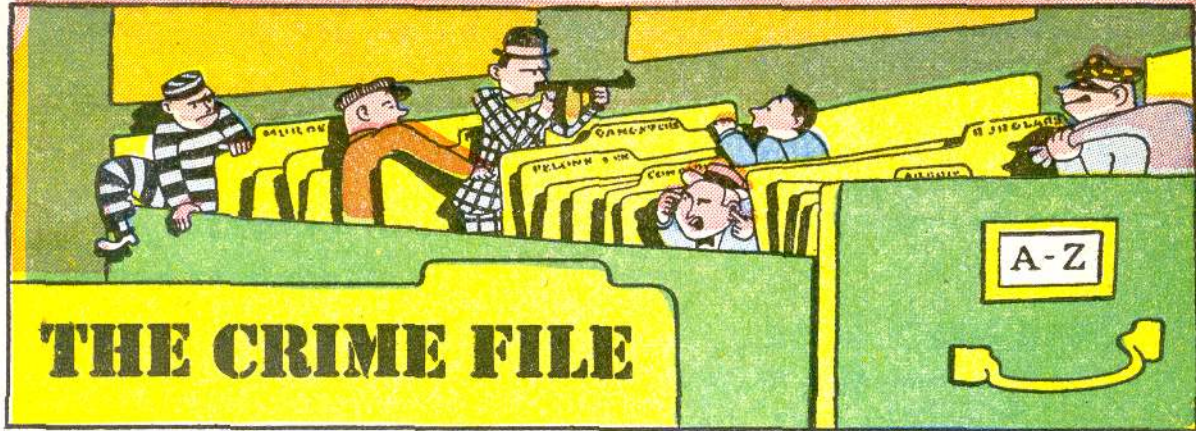
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STOP THE PRESSES!

A startling revelation has been made that will revolutionize detective fiction from here on in. Both the F.B.I. and the New York State Police Division, with an assist from the N. Y. C. Police Laboratory, have discovered to their chagrin (and slight embarrassment) that a long-used test is not as conclusive as they thought it was.

The paraffin test, whose purpose was to determine whether a slayer-suspect fired a gun, now has been found faulty. The method calls for pouring warm wax over a suspect's trigger finger. Guns that are fired leave small particles of nitrates. The wax concentrates these nitrates. When treated with a chemical known as diphenylamine, the minute, telltale particles turn blue.

The theory was fine, but in practice, it failed. For law officers were dismayed to learn that not only nitrates, but tobacco ashes and body fluids, when treated with the chemical, also turned blue, thus identifying wrong persons as murderers. Since it is now recognized that the test no longer is conclusive proof that a gun has been fired, all headquarters have been warned.

Radio, television, and comic book writers, please take note!

COFFEE AND—ASPIRINS

The impressionable young man liked to slip out of his St. Louis office, away from the dull chores, about 4 o'clock for coffee

and doughnuts. This afternoon, as he was about to fling open the door of the diner, he noticed a couple of men, their coat collars pulled up, hands menacingly stuck in their pockets, confronting the cashier. The young woman had a sheaf of fives and tens in her hand, receipts of a brisk lunch trade.

The young man, who had observed too many similar incidents on TV and in the movies, eased shut the door. Then, he wildly raced upstairs to his office, where he managed to pant out to the telephone operator that a robbery was in progress.

By the time he returned to the diner, he was in time to join the flying wedge of police smashing through the diner doorway. "Up with your hands!" they snapped, guns in hand.

The cashier and two suspicious characters obeyed promptly.

"What's going on here?" the cashier finally blurted out.

"Armed robbery, that's what!" the sergeant charged. "And these are the two yeggs!"

"But there must be some mistake," one of them said. "I wasn't after money. All I wanted was an aspirin."

"A what—," cried the sergeant.

"That's right," added the cashier, having regained her composure by this time. "These gentlemen were paying their checks when one of them asked me for an aspirin. I always keep a box in my cash register, but I must have misplaced it. I took out

all the money, and looked high and low, but—"! Her hands, which were fumbling in the till abruptly came up, clutching the box. "Why, here it is! Anybody care for an aspirin?"

The sergeant snatched the box. "I'll take 'em—all. And if I ever find the galoot who called in about this stickup, he'll need more than aspirin when I get through with him!"

BAD MAN'S BOOK

On July 26, Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York publishers, will offer a new book entitled "Cell 2455, Death Row," by Caryl Whittier Chessman. This is the author's first book, but it is doubtful whether he will be alive to enjoy its acclaim. For the Supreme Court now is considering his appeal as he languishes in San Quentin's death row, awaiting execution in the gas chamber for having been found guilty of 17 counts of robbery and kidnapping. The High Court already has refused him twice, and at this writing, indications are that his final attempt will fail.

A brilliant young man of 34, Chessman has written his own appeals and several writs of habeas corpus, which have impressed veteran jurists.

Informed that movie rights, bought by Hollywood producer Walter Wanger, and serialization rights in a national magazine will total about \$100,000, Chessman has arranged to send three children through school and, ultimately, college.

Although autobiographical, the book is not a plea for clemency, avers Chessman. "It wasn't written for that," he said recently. "I honestly believe I have a right to favorable consideration, because of legal rights. But I can't expect the Governor or anyone to save my life simply because I've written a book."

JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES

Fred Story of Winnett, Mont., is a one-man administration. Not only is he the deputy sheriff of this community, but he also lists himself as policeman, night marshal (making rounds until 2 A.M.), collector

of city licenses, county ambulance driver, electrician, and street repairman. He gave up his job as fire chief, because he didn't have the time.

What does he receive for his multi-duty job? \$250 a month.

DEATH'S DEGREES

Ever wonder how detectives can estimate how long a corpse has been dead? They take the body's temperature, subtract it from 98.6, which is normal, then multiply the result by 1.5 hours, roughly the time it takes for the temperature to drop one degree. An autopsy sets the time more accurately, but often, detectives, in trying to break a murder case, must know immediately.

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

WATERLOO, Neb.: It is illegal for a barber to eat onions between 7 A.M. and 7 P.M.

MELBOURNE, Australia: A worker who dislocates his jaw while yawning is entitled to full benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Act, ruled the Underwriters Council recently.

BALTIMORE, Md.: An irate husband was arrested for having punched a hypnotist he accused of causing his wife to yearn for the better things in life.

COMANCHE, Tex.: Reported missing from the County Court House was its 1,600-pound bell.

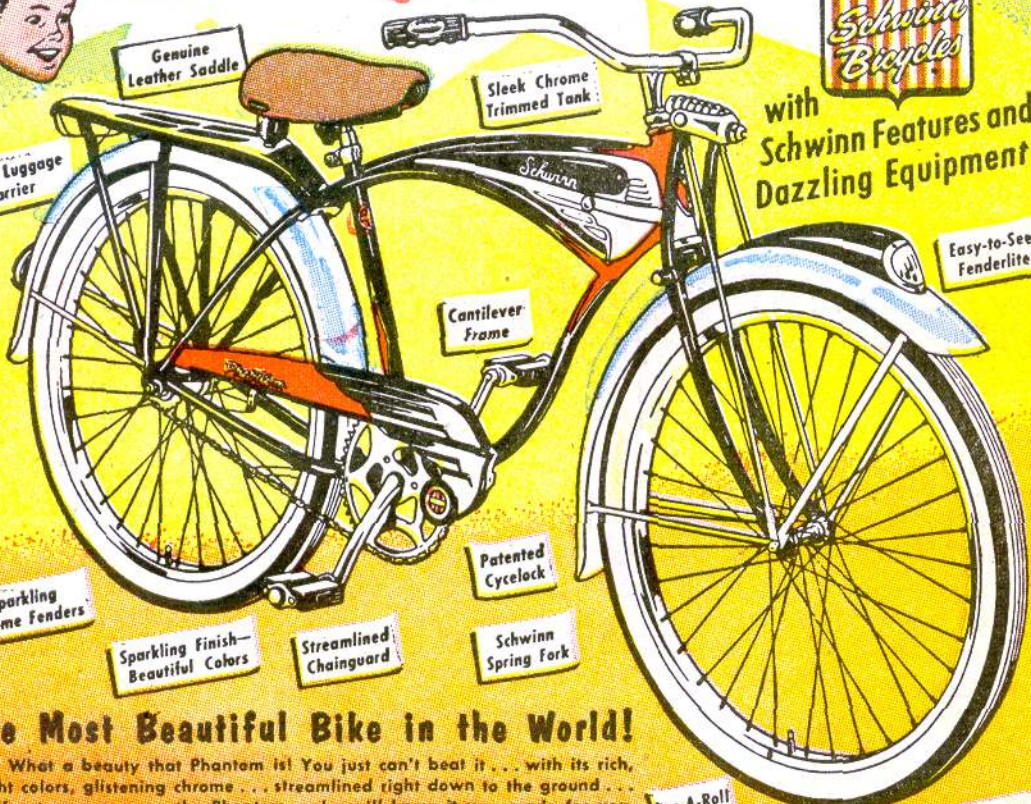
BROOKHAVEN, Mass.: A minister complained to police of the theft of 720 typewritten sermons.

CHICAGO: Spotting a thief dashing away from his dairy delivery truck, both hands laden with eggs and butter, the driver expertly hurled a bottle of milk, knocked him cold. He later identified himself as pitcher for his firm's team.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.: An elderly, unknown couple broke into the city pound, chose two dogs for themselves, set 200 others free.

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YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

NOTHING KEEPS A POLICE OFFICER AWAKE NIGHTS LIKE THAT STEEL OFFICE FILE CONTAINING THE CASES DESIGNATED, "UNSOLVED"! FORTUNATELY, MY FILE CONTAINS FEW SUCH CASES!... THIS IS THE STORY OF ONE OF THESE UNSOLVED CASES-- AND HOW IT LED US TO A GLAMOROUS MOVIE LOT WHERE WE BECAME INVOLVED IN ..

"The SECRET OF SOUND STAGE SEVEN!"



DON'T WORRY, FOLKS-- NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU! REMEMBER, THIS IS ONLY A MOVIE OF A CRIME, NOT A REAL ONE!

ON MAY 5th OF THIS YEAR, WE RE-OPENED THE UNSOLVED AUSTIN CHAPMAN MURDER CASE ON THE SOUND STAGE OF A MOVIE LOT...

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COOPERATING WITH MY OFFICE ON THIS VENTURE!

WE'RE GETTING WELL PAID TO DO IT, BUT WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

MY OFFICE IS WORKING WITH THIS STUDIO ON A SERIES OF SHORT FILMS TO BE TITLED **FAMOUS UNSOLVED MURDERS!** AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE, WE'RE USING AS CHARACTERS THE ACTUAL PEOPLE WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE SCENE OF THE ORIGINAL CRIME!



THIS FILM, AS YOU KNOW, CONCERNS THE MURDER OF AUSTIN CHAPMAN, WEALTHY ARCHITECT, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE LOBBY OF THE ULTRA-MODERN OWENS BUILDING ON PARK AVENUE! NOW, LISTEN CAREFULLY...



"CHAPMAN HAD WORKED LATE ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 14th TO CLEAR HIS DESK, AS HE WAS LEAVING ON A HONEYMOON THE NEXT DAY-- BUT WHEN HE REACHED THE LOBBY..."



BLAST THAT RAINSTORM! HERE, BOY, HERE'S A DOLLAR FOR YOU-- STAND OUTSIDE AND HAIL ME A CAB!

SURE THING, MISTER!

THAT LEFT FOUR OTHER PEOPLE IN THE LOBBY BESIDES AUSTIN CHAPMAN...

JOE BLUCHER, AN ORGAN GRINDER, WHO HAD STEPPED IN TO GET OUT OF THE RAIN!

NORA WESTLAKE, A NIGHTCLUB SINGER, WHO HAD JUST BEEN UP TO SEE HER AGENT!

JOHN PENNOCK, THE NIGHT ELEVATOR OPERATOR!

AND COUNT GRASSO, WHO HAD JUST VISITED A PUBLISHER ON THE 18th FLOOR TO ARRANGE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF HIS MEMOIRS!



YOU ALL REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED NEXT...

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS?

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT-- PROBABLY JUST A TEMPORARY POWER FAILURE!

BUT, IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THERE WAS A BLINDING FLASH, AND...

A-A-E-E-E!

SOMEONE'S BEEN HURT!



"AND MOMENTS LATER, WHEN THE POWER WAS RESTORED..."

THAT'S MR. CHAPMAN, AN ARCHITECT ON THE 10TH FLOOR! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

THIS MAN IS DEAD!

"AND THEN, JOHN PENNOCK NOTICED IT..."

L-LOOK, A--A SAP!* HE WAS HIT WITH IT!

BETTER CALL THE POLICE!

*EDITOR'S NOTE: "SAP," SLANG TERM FOR A SANDBAG, FILLED WITH SAND, AND USED BY GANGLAND AS A WEAPON.

"WHEN I ARRIVED, IT SEEMED OBVIOUS WHAT HAD HAPPENED..."

APPARENTLY, MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SOMEONE THREW THAT SAP THROUGH THE WINDOW, STRIKING HIM ON THE HEAD!

THAT'S A TOUGH BREAK FOR THE POOR FELLOW! BUT I'M LUCKY IT DIDN'T HIT ME!

HMM!

"AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT? THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, TOO, UNTIL CHAPMAN'S WIDOW VISITED US AT THE OFFICE NEXT DAY..."

YOU MEAN, YOUR HUSBAND RECEIVED ALL THESE DEATH THREATS? WHY DIDN'T YOU NOTIFY US?

I WANTED TO, BUT AUSTIN SAID IT WAS PROBABLY THE WORK OF SOME HARMLESS CRANK! I-- (SOB) KNOW BETTER NOW!

HAD MY OFFICE BEEN CALLED IN ON THIS CASE EARLIER, WE MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED THIS CRIME, AND WE WOULD NOT BE HERE FILMING AN UNSOLVED CASE!

SO, IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE PEOPLE MORE CRIME CONSCIOUS, AND TO PREVENT SIMILAR CASES FROM OCCURRING, WE ARE COOPERATING IN THIS FILM SERIES! NOW, IF YOU'LL ALL COME THIS WAY, PLEASE...

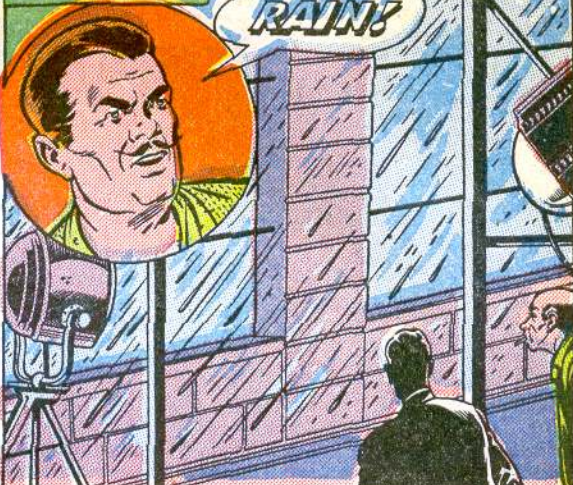
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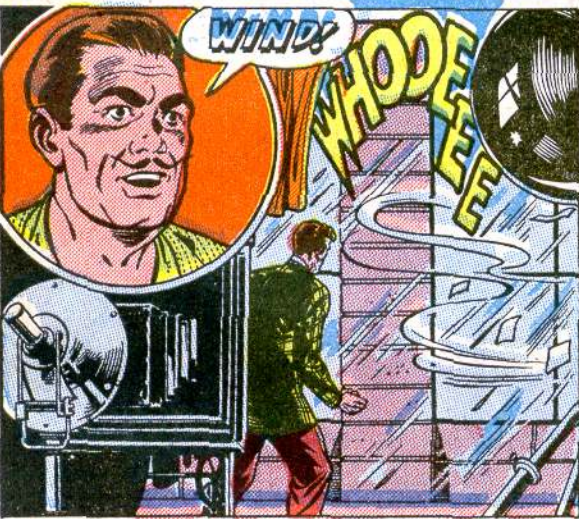
WHY, THIS IS AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF THE LOBBY IN WHICH CHAPMAN WAS KILLED!

YES! WILL YOU ALL KINDLY TAKE THE SAME POSITIONS YOU OCCUPIED ON THE FATEFUL DAY? WE'RE GOING TO RE-ENACT THE MURDER SCENE NOW!

THEN, AS PRACTISED TECHNICIANS WENT ABOUT THEIR TASKS...



RAIN!



WIND!

WHOOFFEE

THEN, WITH CLYDE JENKINS, AN ACTOR, PORTRAYING THE ROLE OF THE VICTIM, THE FILMED RE-ENACTMENT OF THE TRUE-LIFE DRAMA BEGAN...



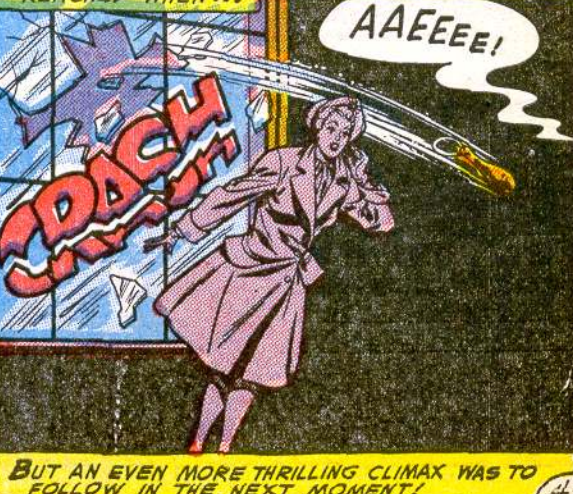
OKAY, JOE -- KILL THE LIGHTS AND THROW THE SWITCH ON THE LIGHTNING MACHINE!

HARRINGTON AND I COULD FEEL THE TENSION MOUNTING, AS...



J-JUST AS IT WAS T-THEN...

UNTIL THE NERVE-SHATTERING CLIMAX WAS REACHED WHEN...



AAEEEE!

CRASH

BUT AN EVEN MORE THRILLING CLIMAX WAS TO FOLLOW IN THE NEXT MOMENT!



MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



FOR, AS THE HUGE OVERHEAD ARC LIGHTS SUDDENLY BLINKED ON, A PROP MAN RAN ONTO THE SET, AND...

THE CURIOUS GROUP DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG FOR AN ANSWER...

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT'S THAT TECHNICIAN WHISPERING TO THE D.A.?

SEARCH ME!



FOLKS, IT WON'T BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THIS PHONEY FILMING! I'VE ALREADY FOUND OUT WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW WHEN I ARRANGED THIS FAKE PICTURE-- THE IDENTITY OF THE KILLER!

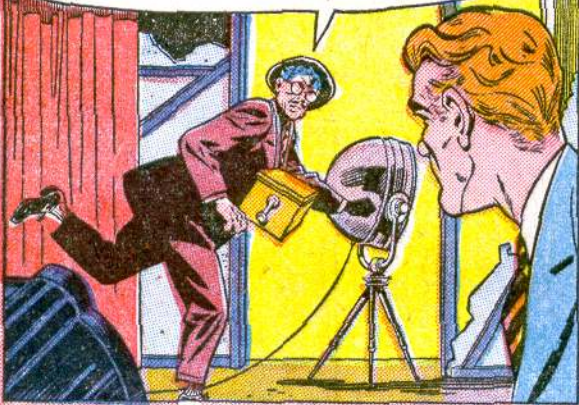


NO, YOU DON'T! CHAPMAN DESERVED TO DIE! HE JILTED MY DAUGHTER FOR THAT RICH DAME! I--I MADE SURE HE NEVER WENT ON HIS HONEYMOON!

BUT AS HARRINGTON MADE A GRAB FOR THE DEMENTED KILLER...

YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE, NEVER!

WATCH OUT, HARRINGTON!

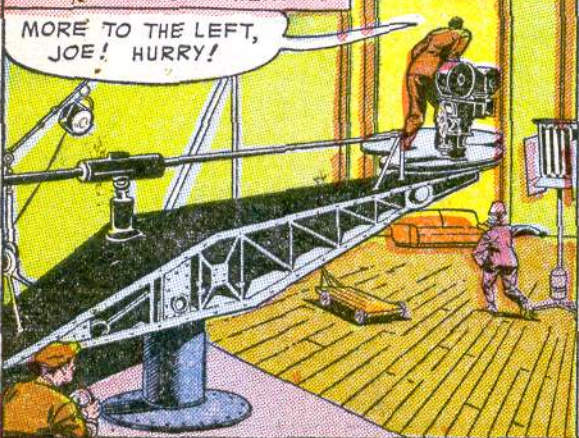


THE CONFESSED KILLER WAS HEADING FOR THE STUDIO YARD, AND I HAD GOOD REASONS, AS YOU'LL SOON SEE, FOR TRYING TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE GOT THERE...

BUT, WHEN I LEAPED...

MORE TO THE LEFT, JOE! HURRY!

BLAST IT!



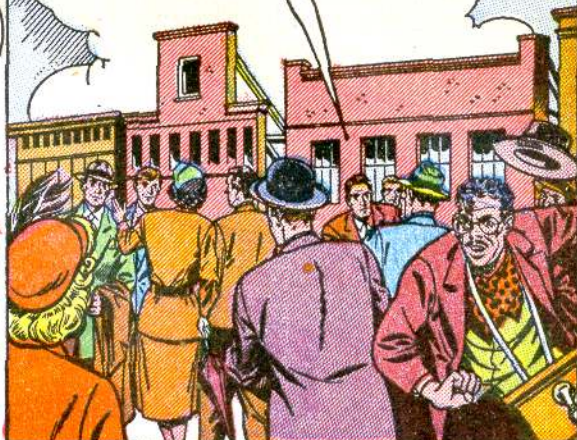
AND BY THE TIME HARRINGTON AND I REACHED THE EXTERIOR SET WHERE THE STUDIO WAS SHOOTING A BIG STREET SCENE...

THIS IS WHAT I WANTED TO PREVENT, HARRINGTON! IF HE EVER MINGLES WITH THAT MOB, WE'LL NEVER CATCH HIM!

I--ER--CAN'T THINK OF ANY WAY TO STOP HIM, CAN YOU?



HMM... YES, HARRINGTON, BUT ONLY **ONE WAY!**



THE SHOUTED WORD HAD THE EFFECT OF A STOPPED FILM, AS EVERY ACTOR ON THE SET FROZE...

NOT BAD, CHIEF-- THAT KILLER'S THE ONLY ONE MOVING ON THE WHOLE SET, AND CAN'T POSSIBLY LOSE HIMSELF NOW!



SHORTLY AFTER...

CHIEF, I KNOW THAT WHOLE MOVIE SET-UP WAS A BLUFF! BUT YOU KNEW THAT ONE OF THE FOUR PEOPLE IN THE LOBBY WAS THE KILLER! HOW?

BECAUSE, HARRINGTON, IT WAS RAINING ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER!

HUH? YOU SAY YOU KNEW BECAUSE IT WAS RAINING?

EXACTLY! IF THAT SAP OR SANDBAG HAD BEEN THROWN IN FROM THE OUTSIDE, IT WOULD'VE SOAKED UP A LOT OF RAIN! BUT IT WASN'T. HARRINGTON-- IT WAS **BONE DRY!** SO IT HAD TO BE AN INSIDE JOB. I DIDN'T KNOW WHO UNTIL HIS CONSCIENCE GAVE HIM AWAY!



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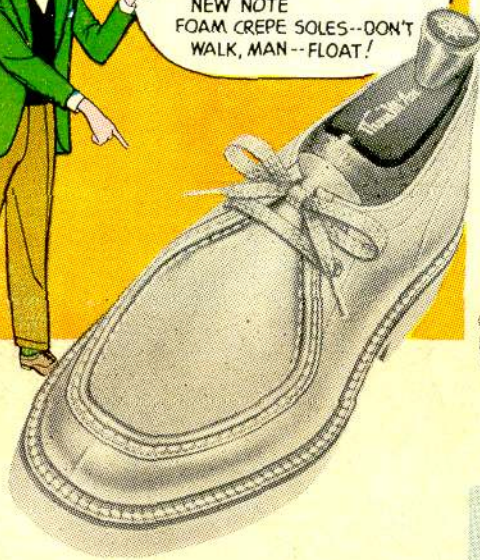
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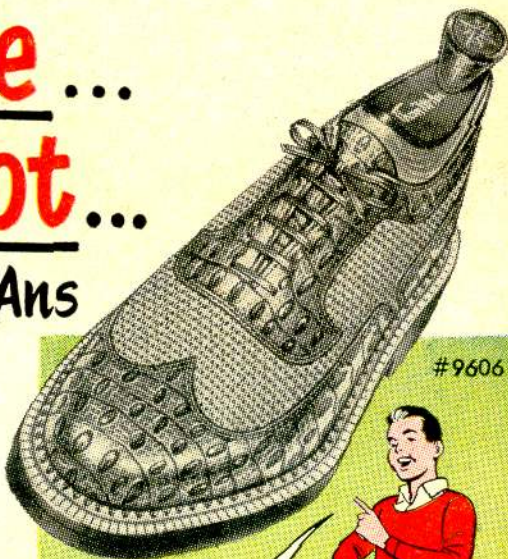
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