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FEW OF YOU MAY REALIZE THAT AS YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY IT IS NOT ONLY MY DUTY TO PROSECUTE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST SOCIETY BUT TO DEFEND ALSO TO THE FULL LIMIT OF THE LAW THOSE WHOM I BELIEVE INNOCENT! THUS, IN THE CASE OF EDDIE CULLEN, I USED EVERY POWER OF MY OFFICE TO FREE HIM FROM A TANGLED WEB OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE! I BELIEVED THIS EX-CONVICT WAS INNOCENT AS I BECAME...

**"MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER!"**



C-COME BACK, D.A.! WHY RISK YOUR NECK TO PROVE CULLEN ISN'T A THIEF? THE EVIDENCE IS ALL AGAINST HIM!



CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, HARRINGTON! AND IT IS MY DUTY TO DEFEND PERSONS WHOM I CONSIDER INNOCENT!

EDWARD VINCENT CULLEN WAS JUST ANOTHER CONVICTED THIEF! HOWEVER, THE CITIZENS OF MY CITY WERE STIRRED WHEN HE RECEIVED A LIGHT SENTENCE DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE...

EDDIE PAID HIS DEBT TO SOCIETY AND WAS RELEASED JUST LAST MARCH! AS HE STEPPED THROUGH THE GATES OF STATE PRISON, HE MADE A SILENT VOW...

IMAGINE... TWELVE MONTHS FOR THAT TWO-TIME LOSER! WHY... THEY SHOULD HAVE GIVEN HIM TWENTY YEARS!

OF COURSE! CULLEN'S AN HABITUAL CRIMINAL! BEFORE WE KNOW IT, HE'LL BE FREE AGAIN TO ROB US!

SO LONG, EDDIE! YOU GOT OFF LUCKY THIS TIME... DON'T TRY IT AGAIN!

I WON'T! I'M GOING STRAIGHT IF IT KILLS ME! I'LL GET A JOB... AND WORK HARD... AND PROVE THIS TIME... I'M A GOOD CITIZEN! ALL I ASK IS A CHANCE!



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**"A CHANCE"... THAT'S ALL THIS YOUTH WANTED FROM SOCIETY! BUT PEOPLE DID NOT FORGET OR FORGIVE HIS PAST MISTAKES ...**

CULLEN ...THE CRIMINAL! YOU'VE GOT A NERVE ASKING ME FOR A JOB!

BUT, SIR... IF YOU'LL JUST CHECK MY PRISON WORK PAPERS! I'VE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN PACKING AND SHIPPING...



THEN TAKE YOUR CONVICT PAPERS AND SHIP YOURSELF OUT OF HERE! HA, HA...

WHY DOESN'T HE GET OUT OF TOWN? NOBODY WILL HIRE THAT CROOK!



**YES, EDDIE COULD HAVE RUN... FROM HIMSELF! HOWEVER, HE STUCK TO HIS GUNS AND FOUGHT PUBLIC RESENTMENT WITH ALL THAT HE HAD... DETERMINATION!**



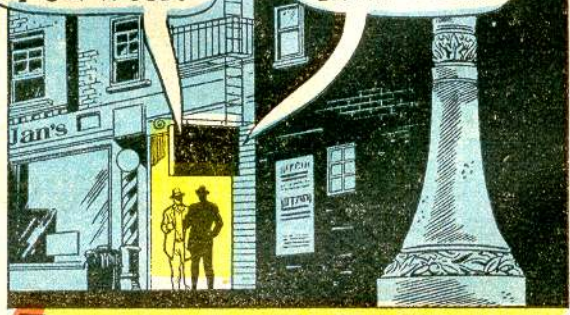
NONE OF YOUR BACK TALK, YOU CHEAP THIEF! KEEP OUT OF MY PLACE! I WOULDN'T FEED YOU IF YOU WERE STARVING!

P-PLEASE... YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET ROUGH ABOUT IT!

**BROKEN IN SPIRIT AND HUNGRY, THE EX-CONVICT WANDERED TO HIS OLD NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE SOUTH SIDE SEEKING HELP! HE FOUND IT... AT A PRICE...**

GOSH, MARTY, I SURE APPRECIATE THE LOAN! I'LL PAY YA BACK WHEN I GET A JOB!

NO TROUBLE AT ALL, PAL! ME AND THE BOYS ARE GLAD TO EXTEND YOU A LITTLE CASH...



...JUST AS SOON AS YOU GET SMART AND PLAY BALL WITH US! WE NEED YOUR TALENTS, EDDIE, YOU'RE A GOOD "CASE" MAN! WANT TO THROW IN?

HUH? I'M...NOT THAT HUNGRY, MARTY! THANKS JUST THE SAME!



**EDDIE TURNED HIS BACK ON TEMPTATION... SWALLOWED WHAT LITTLE PRIDE HE HAD LEFT AND TAILED ON TO A SOUP LINE FOR A FREE HANDOUT...**

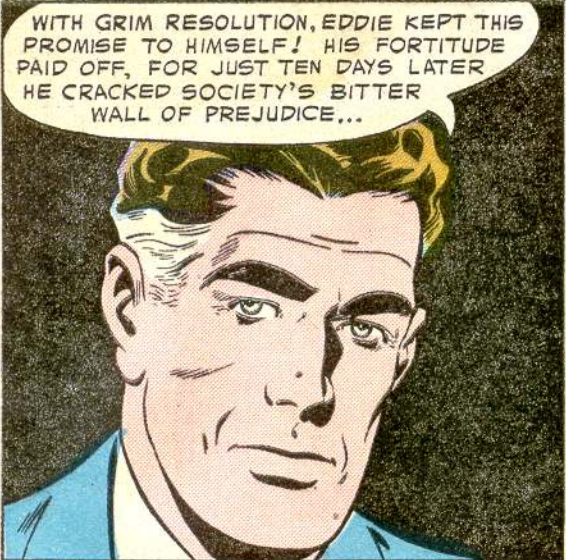


I'M NOT GOIN' CROOKED... NO MATTER WHAT! IF I HAVE TO STARVE IN THE STREETS... BEG... I WON'T GO BACK TO A LIFE OF CRIME!

SOUP KITCHEN



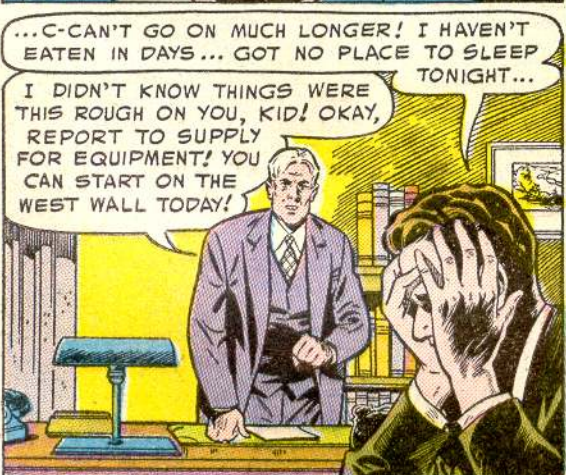
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WITH GRIM RESOLUTION, EDDIE KEPT THIS PROMISE TO HIMSELF! HIS FORTITUDE PAID OFF, FOR JUST TEN DAYS LATER HE CRACKED SOCIETY'S BITTER WALL OF PREJUDICE...



I DUNNO... HIRING AN EX-CON IS PRETTY RISKY, CULLEN! ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE HAD WINDOW CLEANING EXPERIENCE?  
IT WAS ONE OF MY JOBS BEFORE I WENT TO PRISON, MR. MERCER! PLEASE...YOU'VE GOTTA GIVE ME THIS CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF! I'M BREAKIN' UP INSIDE...

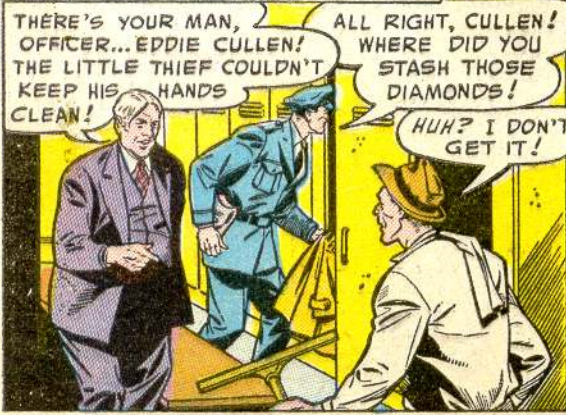


...C-CAN'T GO ON MUCH LONGER! I HAVEN'T EATEN IN DAYS... GOT NO PLACE TO SLEEP TONIGHT...  
I DIDN'T KNOW THINGS WERE THIS ROUGH ON YOU, KID! OKAY, REPORT TO SUPPLY FOR EQUIPMENT! YOU CAN START ON THE WEST WALL TODAY!

*SUPERINTENDENT MERCER GAVE EDDIE AN ADVANCE IN SALARY! NOW, WITH A JOB AND MONEY, THE EX-CONVICT FOUGHT TO GAIN THE PUBLIC RESPECT THAT HAD BEEN DENIED HIM...*



**B**UT CULLEN'S "HONEST" CAREER CAME TO A CATASTROPHIC END ON APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>, AT EXACTLY 12:16 PM WHEN HE REPORTED TO THE LOCKER ROOM FOR LUNCH JUST AFTER A NOON AIR RAID TEST...



THERE'S YOUR MAN, OFFICER... EDDIE CULLEN! THE LITTLE THIEF COULDN'T KEEP HIS HANDS CLEAN!  
ALL RIGHT, CULLEN! WHERE DID YOU STASH THOSE DIAMONDS!  
HUH? I DON'T GET IT!



STOP LYING, CROOK! YOU WERE WORKING THE CITY DIAMOND EXCHANGE WINDOWS WHEN THE ROBBERY HAPPENED!  
ROBBERY? I-I DIDN'T PULL IT... HONEST!  
YOU BETTER COME ALONG TO THE PRE-CINCT WITH US, CULLEN!

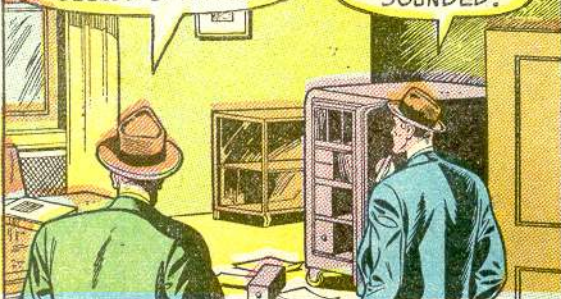
**W**ITHIN AN HOUR HARRINGTON AND I WERE AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...

LOOKS LIKE THIS IS AN OPEN-AND-SHUT CASE, CHIEF! THE LAB BOYS HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THAT THE FOOTPRINT BEFORE THE SAFE CAME FROM CULLEN'S SHOE!

AND THIS WAS THE WINDOW EDDIE TESTIFIED HE WAS WORKING... THE ONE HE SAID WAS LOCKED WHEN THE AIR RAID ALARM SOUNDED!

THAT'S RIGHT, CHIEF! CULLEN'S USING THAT TO ALIBI FOR THE FOUR MINUTES HE CAN'T ACCOUNT FOR! HUMPH...WHAT A LAUGH!

I'M GOING TO MAKE A DRY RUN ON EDDIE'S MOVEMENTS DURING THE TIME OF THE ROBBERY, HARRINGTON. TIME ME!



I DON'T GET IT, CHIEF! WHY GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE? THE PUNK IS OBVIOUSLY GUILTY!

YES... ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, HARRINGTON! NOW BEAR WITH ME! START TIMING **NOW!**

**I**N EDDIE'S STATEMENT, HE HAD CLAIMED THAT HE HAD INCHED HIS WAY ALONG THE LEDGE AFTER BEING LOCKED OUT! I DUPLICATED HIS MOVEMENTS...



G-GOSH, D.A.! I WANT TO ESTABLISH THE EXACT TIME IT WILL TAKE TO WALK THIS LEDGE AND ENTER THE ADJOINING OFFICE, HARRINGTON! WHEN I TAKE THE CORNER, GO OUT IN THE CORRIDOR!



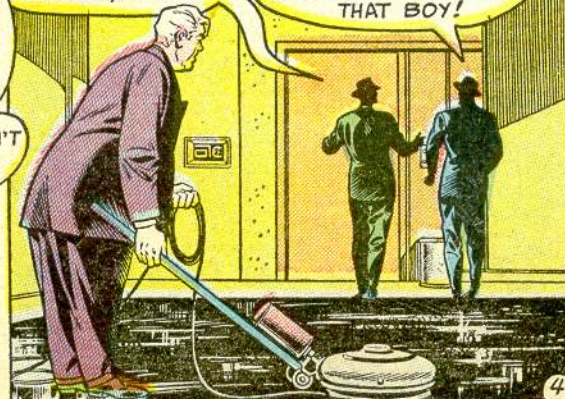
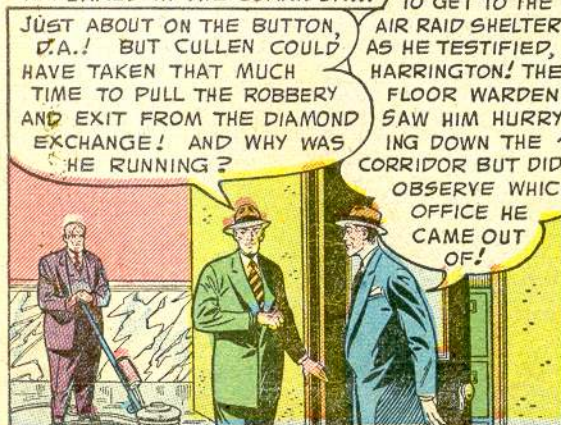
**T**HREE MINUTES AND 57 SECONDS LATER, I APPEARED IN THE CORRIDOR...

JUST ABOUT ON THE BUTTON, D.A.! BUT CULLEN COULD HAVE TAKEN THAT MUCH TIME TO PULL THE ROBBERY AND EXIT FROM THE DIAMOND EXCHANGE! AND WHY WAS HE RUNNING?

TO GET TO THE AIR RAID SHELTER AS HE TESTIFIED, HARRINGTON! THE FLOOR WARDEN SAW HIM HURRYING DOWN THE CORRIDOR BUT DIDN'T OBSERVE WHICH OFFICE HE CAME OUT OF!

YOU STILL CAN'T EXPLAIN AWAY CULLEN'S FOOTPRINT BEFORE THE SAFE AND THE LOCKED WINDOW, CHIEF!

NO... BUT PERHAPS AN INTERVIEW WITH EDDIE WILL CLARIFY THINGS! COME ON, HARRINGTON, I WANT TO TALK TO THAT BOY!





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WE WENT DIRECTLY TO PRECINCT #17 WHERE THE SUSPECTED THIEF WAS BEING HELD...

I'VE GONE OVER IT A THOUSAND TIMES IN MY MIND, D.A.! EVERYTHING HAPPENED SO FAST! I WAS OUTSIDE THE DIAMOND EXCHANGE WINDOW JOCKEYING WHEN...

IT'S NO USE, D.A.! ONCE A CON... ALWAYS A CON! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRY AND GO STRAIGHT!

EDDIE... WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU! TRY TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED AT NOON YESTERDAY!

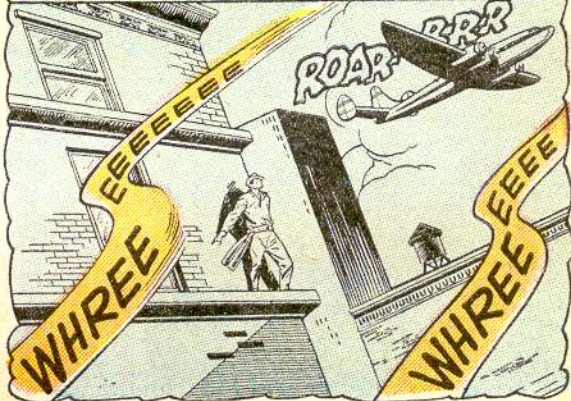


...THE AIR RAID SIRENS LET GO! I REMEMBERED THE BUILDING RULES IN CASE OF A TEST AND STARTED TO GO IN...

I'LL NEVER FORGET THOSE NEXT FEW MINUTES. I WAS PLENTY NERVOUS, WHAT WITH ALL THE NOISE OF THE SIRENS AND A PASSENGER PLANE COMING IN FOR A LANDING...



W-WHA... SOME FOOL LOCKED THE WINDOW ON ME! CAN'T SEE ANYONE INSIDE... THE BLIND'S DOWN! I GUESS THE ONLY THING IS TO GET TO THE NEXT OFFICE VIA THE LEDGE!



EDDIE... ARE YOU SURE THE BLIND OF THAT WINDOW WAS DOWN? AND ARE YOU POSITIVE YOU SAW THAT PASSENGER PLANE LANDING?

SURE, D.A.... BUT 'WHAT'S THE USE? I'VE GOT NO DEFENSE...NOTHIN' TO PROVE I'M INNOCENT!

IF A PASSENGER SAW YOU ON THE LEDGE, IT WOULD PRODUCE A WITNESS FOR YOUR DEFENSE, EDDIE!

SO WHAT? IT COSTS A BUNDLE OF MONEY TO RUN DOWN PEOPLE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! AND I'D HAVE TO PAY THEIR FARE TO COME HERE AND TESTIFY FOR ME! I'M A POOR GUY, D.A.!

THEN THE STATE WILL PAY THE EXPENSE, EDDIE! YOU SEE, IT'S ALSO MY DUTY TO DEFEND TO THE LIMIT OF THE LAW ANY PERSON I BELIEVE INNOCENT! COME ON, HARRINGTON!

YOU'RE GONNA DEFEND THIS PUNK, CHIEF?





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LATER, AS WE REACHED THE OFFICE...

I'M GOING TO ENLIST THE AID OF INSPECTOR EMERY THORNTON OF SCOTLAND YARD TO PROVE CULLEN INNOCENT!

THORNTON... THE FAMOUS DETECTIVE?

YES, HARRINGTON! TEN YEARS AGO, HE APPREHENDED A KILLER BY PROVING THROUGH SCIENTIFIC TESTS THAT THE FOOTPRINTS ON A LINOLEUM FLOOR WERE MADE BY A **HEAVIER** MAN THAN THE ACCUSED!

A-AND YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVE THAT PERHAPS **SOME-BODY ELSE** WORE CULLEN'S SHOES TO COMMIT THE CRIME?



SCOTLAND YARD ON THE PHONE, CHIEF! LISTEN, HARRINGTON! YOUR JOB IS TO GET OUT TO CITY AIRPORT! FIND OUT WHAT PLANES LANDED AT NOON YESTERDAY! I WANT A LIST OF THE PASSENGERS... NAMES, ADDRESSES!

**M**Y PLAN TO PROVE A MAN INNOCENT WENT INTO HIGH GEAR. INSPECTOR THORNTON ARRIVED WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS!

I'VE CHECKED ALL BUT THREE PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT 12 THAT LANDED AT NOON THE DAY OF THE CRIME, CHIEF! SO FAR NOBODY NOTICED A MAN WALKING A LEDGE OF THE GRAYSON BUILDING AS IT FLEW BY!

KEEP WORKING! CHECK THE REMAINING THREE! ASK THEM TO THINK HARD... A MAN'S FREEDOM MAY DEPEND UPON IT! HERE'S INSPECTOR THORNTON NOW!



LATER, INSPECTOR THORNTON AND I BURNED THE MIDNIGHT OIL IN THE POLICE LABORATORY...

HMM...

CHIEF!

BE RIGHT WITH YOU, HARRINGTON!

C-CHIEF, I LOCATED A WOMAN WHO SAYS SHE DID SEE A MAN ON A PLANE FLEW OVER! B-BUT SHE'S FLOWN BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO!

GREAT WORK, HARRINGTON! WRITE OUT A VOUCHER AT CITY EXPENSE AND FLY THAT WOMAN HERE AT ONCE!







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AT 3:05 IN THE AFTERNOON, INSPECTOR THORNTON COMPLETED HIS COMPLICATED TESTS, AND...

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MY TESTS SHOW YOUR SUSPICIONS TO BE CORRECT... THE MAN WHO TROD THIS LINOLEUM DEFINITELY WEIGHED OVER 200 LBS.!

AND THE ACCUSED, EDDIE CULLEN, WEIGHS LESS THAN 150! INSPECTOR... CAN YOU BE SURE?

I'LL TESTIFY TO IT IN A COURT OF LAW! SEE HERE... THE SHOE IMPRINT TO THE RIGHT WITH 200-LB. WEIGHTS IN IT LEFT HEAVIER LEATHER TEXTURE LINES THAN EDDIE CULLEN'S!

TREMENDOUS!



WE'RE HALF WAY HOME, INSPECTOR! I'VE GOT TO CONTACT HARRINGTON... HE MAY BE BRINGING IN AN AIRBORNE EYE-WITNESS!

BARRELS OF GOOD LUCK TO YOU! YOU'RE DOING A SMASH-UP JOB OF IT ALL!

SHORTLY, I TENSELY QUESTIONED ONE MISS VERA ROGERS...

YES, YES, I'M SURE OF IT! JUST BEFORE WE LANDED I LOOKED OUT OF THE PLANE WINDOW AND SAW A MAN WAY UP ON A BUILDING LEDGE! I REMEMBER IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT HOW FRIGHTENING IT WAS AT THE TIME!

NOW, MISS ROGERS, THINK CAREFULLY... JUST WHERE ON THE LEDGE WAS THIS MAN? WAS HE WASHING WINDOWS?

W-WHY, NO... HE WAS SORT OF... EDGING HIS WAY ALONG THE LEDGE!

HARRINGTON... WE'VE GOT OUR CASE! THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISS ROGERS! PLEASE DON'T LEAVE TOWN! I'LL CONTACT YOU AT YOUR HOTEL!



YES, WE HAD PROVEN ONE MAN INNOCENT... NOW WE HAD TO FIND ANOTHER MAN GUILTY!

LATER... LET'S CHECK OUR FACTS, HARRINGTON! THE GUILTY PARTY WEIGHS 200 LBS. OR OVER... HE HAD ACCESS TO THE SAFE'S COMBINATION... AND HE COULD ROAM THE BUILDING WITHOUT BEING SUSPECTED!

GEE, CHIEF, IT SURE POINTS TO AN IN-SIDE JOB!

YES, HARRINGTON, SOMEONE WHO HAD FREE ACCESS TO THE BUILDING AND COULD OPERATE DURING AN AIR RAID WITHOUT BEING BOTHERED BY WARDENS... THUNDERATION! HARRINGTON, I MIGHT HAVE THE ANSWER!



**A**T 1 PM THAT AFTERNOON I HAD HARRINGTON CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GRAYSON BUILDING, MR. CARL MERCER...

MR. MERCER! IN ONE HOUR WE'RE GOING TO SEARCH THIS BUILDING FOR THE STOLEN GEMS! WE'D LIKE YOU TO HELP US!

WHY, CERTAINLY... I'M ALWAYS GLAD TO AID THE AUTHORITIES! GOODNESS! I CERTAINLY HOPE YOU FIND THE DIAMONDS!



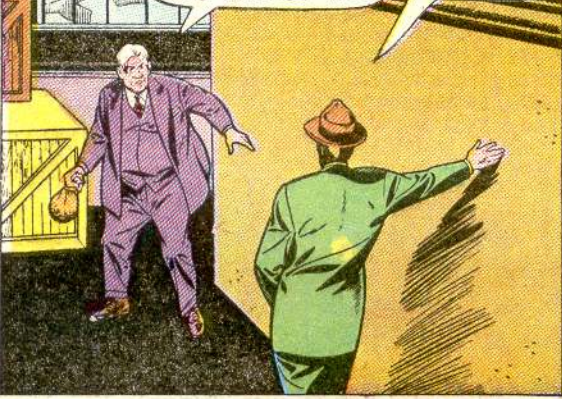
**A**S HARRINGTON PRETENDED TO LEAVE...

ONE HOUR! GREAT HANNAH! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST... GOOD THING THEY CAME TO ME FIRST!



**T**HEN... ALL RIGHT, MERCER! GAME'S UP! WHAT...? IT-IT'S YOU? I WON'T LET YOU ARREST ME!

WE'VE CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED!



**A** MOMENT LATER, MERCER HURTLIED INTO THE ALLEY WHERE I WAS WAITING AMID A SHOWER OF GEMS...

THE PRECAUTION OF POSTING MYSELF HERE FOR A POSSIBLE ESCAPE ATTEMPT CERTAINLY PRODUCED RESULTS! EASY, MERCER! IT'S ALL OVER!



**A**ND AFTERWARD, AS WE HAD THE CANNY SUPERINTENDENT REENACT HIS CRIME...

YES, WHEN THE OFFICE EMPTIED FOR THE AIR RAID, I LOCKED THE WINDOW WITH CULLEN OUTSIDE! THEN I MOVED TO THE SAFE AND OPENED IT WITH THE COMBINATION I HAD PREVIOUSLY STOLEN...

AND AFTER LOOTING THE SAFE YOU PUT THE GEMS IN THE WAX CONTAINER OF THIS WAXING MACHINE WHICH YOU WERE USING! IRONICALLY, THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR YOUR UNDOING, MERCER... YOUR FOOTPRINT IMPRESSION ON THE FRESHLY WAXED FLOOR HELPED TRAP YOU!

**L**ATER, EDDIE CULLEN WAS THE MOST GRATEFUL MAN I HAD EVER SEEN...

EDDIE... THIS CASE COST OUR CITY TREASURY A PRETTY PENNY... BUT WE WERE GLAD TO DO IT!

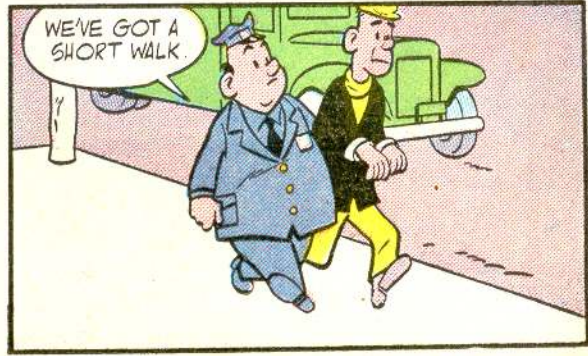
ALL I CAN SAY IS... THANKS, MR. D. A... THANKS!



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LEARN THE RIGHT WAY TO USE AND CARE FOR A CAMPING KNIFE...




THAT'S IT, ALLERGY! ALWAYS WHITTLE AWAY FROM YOURSELF-- NEVER TOWARD YOU!

LEARN HOW TO CHOOSE THE SPOT FOR A FIRE-- HOW TO BUILD IT AND HOW TO PUT IT OUT...



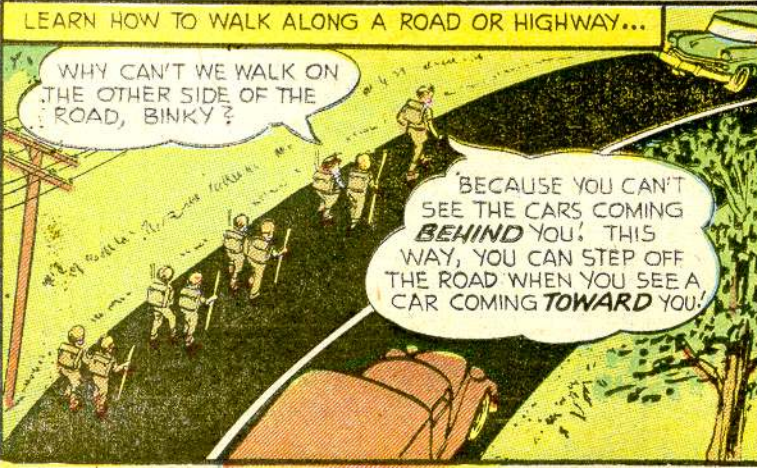
THERE! WE'VE BUILT A SAFE FIRE AWAY FROM TREES AND TALL GRASS! AND WHEN WE LEAVE, WE'LL MAKE SURE IT'S COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED AND DEAD!

LEARN HOW TO DRESS PROPERLY FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY...




NO WONDER BINKY MADE SURE WE WERE WEARING THE RIGHT SHOES AND CLOTHES TO COVER US UP! THEY HELP PROTECT US AGAINST POISON IVY AND INSECTS AND THESE THORNY BUSHES!

LEARN HOW TO WALK ALONG A ROAD OR HIGHWAY...



WHY CAN'T WE WALK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD, BINKY?

BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE THE CARS COMING BEHIND YOU! THIS WAY, YOU CAN STEP OFF THE ROAD WHEN YOU SEE A CAR COMING TOWARD YOU!



YOU SHOULD ALSO LEARN FIRST, HOW TO COOK SOMETHING SIMPLE, AND HOW TO TIE A FEW BASIC KNOTS! KNOWING THE PROPER SKILLS AND THE PROPER SAFETY MEASURES WILL MAKE YOUR CAMPING TRIP A HAPPY ONE!



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**Y**OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

**M**OST OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT A FORTHCOMING SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE, "THE MARTIAN WAR." WHILE IT IS AN EXCITING FILM, FEW PERSONS ARE AWARE OF THE DRAMATIC BEHIND-THE-SCENES CRIME CONNECTED WITH ITS PRODUCTION! ONLY ON A MOVIE LOT COULD IT HAVE BEEN PLOTTED, AND ONLY ON A MOVIE LOT COULD I HAVE FOUND THE UNIQUE CLUE THAT FINALLY BROKE THE CASE OF...

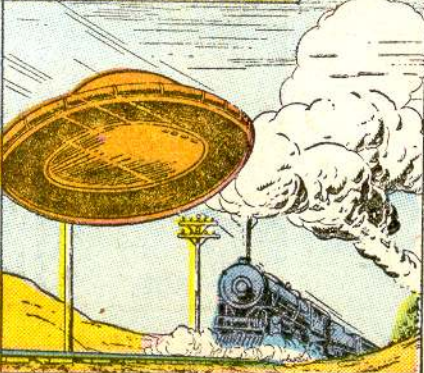
**THE MOVIE THAT WAS HELD FOR RANSOM**

DON'T LET ANYBODY LEAVE THROUGH THAT GATE! SOMEONE INSIDE HAS JUST "KIDNAPPED" A MOVIE!



**T**HIS WAS A BIZARRE CASE FROM THE START! HAD YOU BEEN PRESENT ON THE SCENE THAT AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER SIXTH, YOU WOULD HAVE WITNESSED A FANTASTIC SIGHT...

... A FLYING SAUCER CRASHING HEAD-ON INTO A SPEEDING EXPRESS TRAIN!



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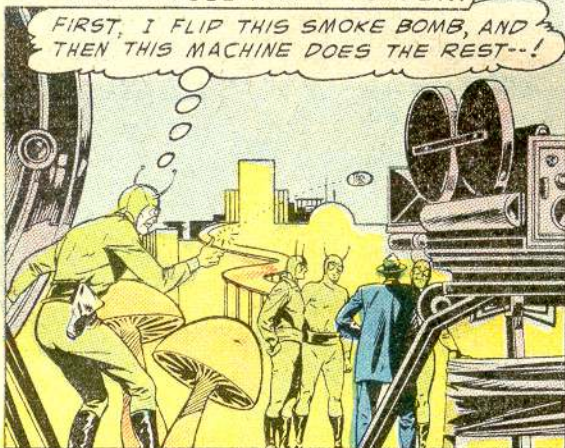
THAT WAS WONDERFUL! IT COST \$300,000 TO SHOOT THIS SCENE, BUT IT WAS WORTH EVERY PENNY OF IT!

YES, THIS CASE BEGAN ON "THE MARTIAN WAR" MOVIE SET WITH A ROBOT-CONTROLLED "FLYING SAUCER"...

GUARD, HURRY THESE FILM CANS TO THE PROCESSING LAB! HERE THEY ARE, MR. ELTON! THREE DIFFERENT ANGLES, PHOTOGRAPHED THAT SCENE! WE'LL PICK THE MOST EFFECTIVE ONE FOR THE FINAL MOVIE!



NO ONE NOTICED A "MARTIAN" EXTRA EDGING TOWARD A HUGE WIND MACHINE...



FIRST, I FLIP THIS SMOKE BOMB, AND THEN THIS MACHINE DOES THE REST--!



COUGH-COUGH! CAN'T-SEE-- COUGH-COUGH!--

COUGH COUGH

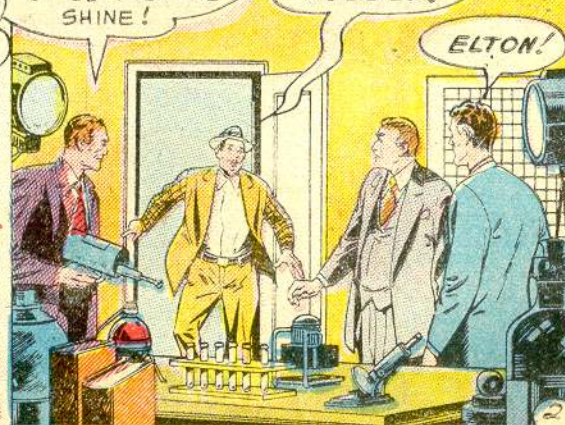
I'LL TAKE IT, BUSTER!

FORTUNATELY, HARRINGTON AND I WERE NEARBY, AS TECHNICAL ADVISERS FOR A TRAINING FILM BEING MADE FOR ROOKIE POLICEMEN...

THE PROP MAN WILL HAVE TO BE READY FOR THE POLICE LAB SCENE? SPRAY THAT SHINY EQUIPMENT FIRST! TOO MUCH REFLECTION ON THE CAMERA LENS!

THE SPRAY IS A MIXTURE OF CARBONA AND LIQUID WAX! IT'LL KILL THE SHINE!

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY! I'VE BEEN ROBBED!



ELTON!

ELTON EXPLAINED QUICKLY, AND AS A PERSONAL FAVOR ASKED ME TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION...

BUT WHERE? THERE ARE THREE HUGE SETS ON THE "MARTIAN WAR" LOT, AS YOU SEE BY THESE MODELS--THE FLYING SAUCER, MARTIAN CANAL, AND THE OBSERVATORY SETS! WE COULD SEARCH FOR DAYS AND NEVER FIND THOSE FILM CANS!

LET'S DO SOME QUESTIONING, HARRINGTON!

THE STUDIO GUARDS AT ALL GATES SWEAR NOBODY GOT PAST THEM!

GOOD! THAT MEANS THE FILM CANS ARE **STILL ON THE LOT**, HIDDEN SOMEWHERE BY THE THIEF!



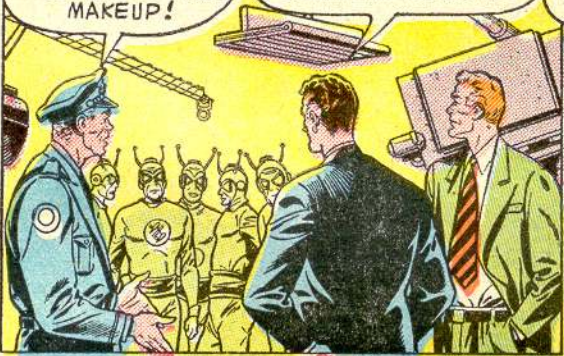
BUT I CAN'T IDENTIFY THE THIEF! THERE ARE 50 "MARTIANS" ON THE LOT, AND THEY ALL WEAR THE SAME RUBBEROID FACE MAKEUP!

HARRINGTON... CHECK EVERY EXTRA'S FINGERPRINTS! ONE OF THEM MAY HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD!

SOON AFTER, ELTON RUSHED UP WITH WHAT I EXPECTED...

**MR. D.A.!** LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN MY OFFICE! A **RANSOM NOTE!**

NO STAMP OR POSTMARK! IT WASN'T MAILED--SO THE CROOK PUT IT THERE RIGHT AFTER HE HID THE FILM CANS!



HE WANTS \$50,000 FOR THE FILM! TO RE-SHOOT THAT SCENE WOULD COST ANOTHER \$300,000! IT'D BE CHEAPER TO PAY!

IT'S NEVER "**CHEAPER**" WHEN YOU COOPERATE WITH A CRIMINAL!

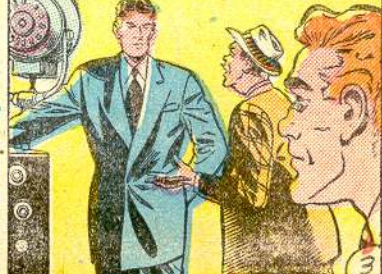
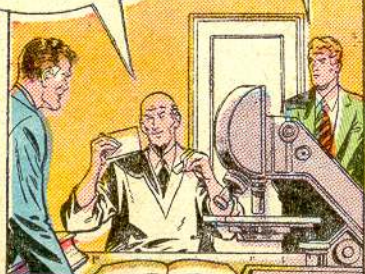
LATER, I HAD THE NOTE EXAMINED AT THE POLICE LAB...

NOTHING IMPORTANT ON THE NOTE ITSELF -- BUT THE ENVELOPE HAS GREASE SPOTS ON IT!

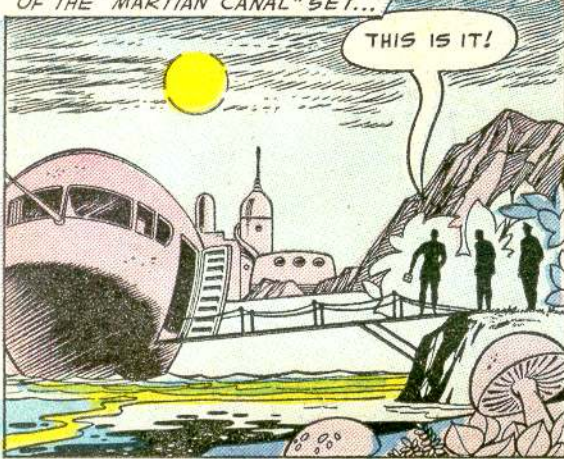
CHIEF, THAT COULD MEAN OUR MAN IS A MECHANIC, A GREASE MONKEY!

ELTON, WE'LL PREPARE A PACKAGE WITH THE RANSOM ALLEGEDLY IN IT. WHEN THE ROBBER SHOWS UP FOR IT, WE'LL CLOSE IN!

IT'D BETTER WORK! THE NOTE SAYS IF WE TRY ANY DOUBLE-CROSS, HE'LL DESTROY THE FILM!



**THE RANSOM NOTE INSTRUCTIONS SAID THE MONEY WAS TO BE LEFT ON THE GANGPLANK OF THE "MARTIAN CANAL" SET...**



THIS IS IT!

**I HAD STUDIO POLICE HIDE ABOUT THE SET, WATCHING ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS, THEN WE SETTLED DOWN FOR A LONG WAIT...**



IT'S PAST THE TIME, CHIEF! MAYBE HE GOT SUSPICIOUS -- MAYBE HE WON'T SHOW UP!



HOLY SMOKE! CHIEF-- LOOK! IT'S HIM-- IN A SKIN-DIVER'S OUTFIT!

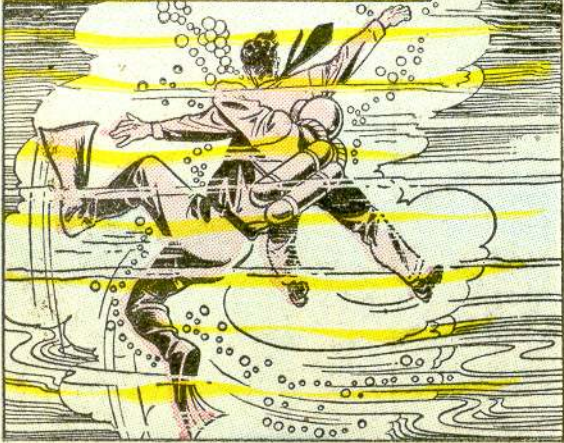
THE WATER TANK-- THAT'S THE ONE PLACE WE DIDN'T EXPECT HIM--!



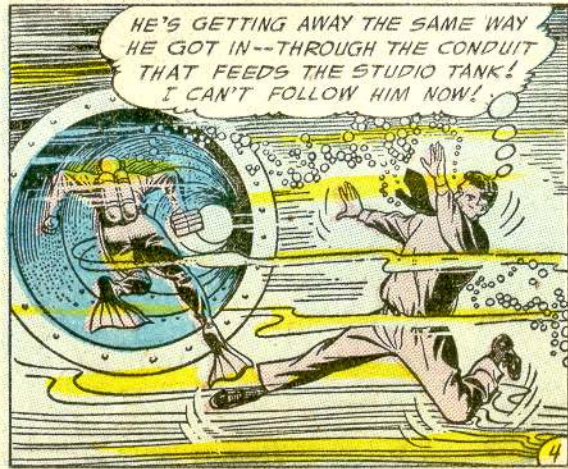
THERE HE GOES!

STAY PUT, HARRINGTON! I'M GOING AFTER HIM!

**BUT HE WAS WAITING FOR ME! HE KNEW I HAD NO OXYGEN TANK (AS HE HAD, AND THAT I'D BE WEAKENED BY THE LACK OF AIR...**



**HE KNEW WHEN I HAD ENOUGH! SUDDENLY, HE LET ME GO AND COMPLETED HIS ESCAPE!**



HE'S GETTING AWAY THE SAME WAY HE GOT IN-- THROUGH THE CONDUIT THAT FEEDS THE STUDIO TANK! I CAN'T FOLLOW HIM NOW!



AS SOON AS I'D CHANGED MY CLOTHES, WE WENT TO ELTON'S OFFICE...

I KNOW YOU DID YOUR BEST, D.A., BUT WHEN HE SEES THE PAPER INSTEAD OF MONEY, HE'LL DESTROY THOSE FILMS! GOODBYE \$300,000!

BR-R-RING



I'M GIVING YOU ONE MORE CHANCE, ELTON! YOU WANT THE FILM, I WANT MONEY-- SO LET'S DO BUSINESS! BUT NO TRICKS THIS TIME, OR ELSE!!

D.A.! IT'S HIM--



ALL RIGHT! I AGREE! WHERE DO I LEAVE THE MONEY?

ELTON, LISTEN TO ME--

I HAVEN'T CHOSEN A PLACE! I'LL CALL YOU AT EXACTLY NINE O'CLOCK TOMORROW NIGHT AND GIVE YOU FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS! CLICK



SORRY, D.A., BUT I HAD TO AGREE -- TO PROTECT MY INVESTMENT! THIS IS NO REFLECTION ON YOUR ABILITY, UNDERSTAND...

"REFLECTION-- THAT'S IT! ELTON, I WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME!"

THE NEXT DAY, BUSINESS WAS RESUMED AS ELTON REHEARSED ANOTHER SCENE OF HIS MOVIE...

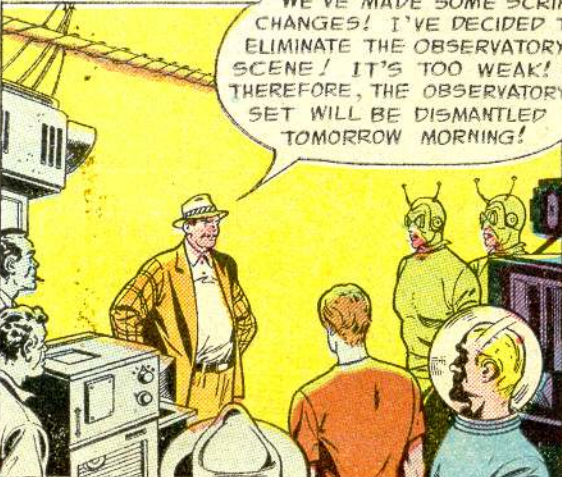
NOW, YOU MARCH THE EARTHMAN OFF THE BOAT... SLOWLY... THAT'S FINE!



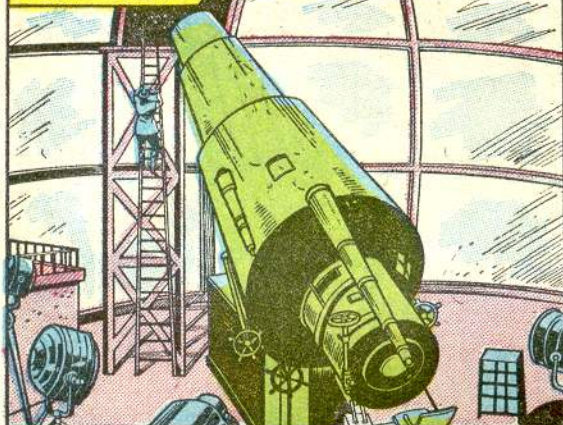
THEN, AT THE END OF THE DAY, ELTON MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT...

WE'VE MADE SOME SCRIPT CHANGES! I'VE DECIDED TO ELIMINATE THE OBSERVATORY SCENE! IT'S TOO WEAK! THEREFORE, THE OBSERVATORY SET WILL BE DISMANTLED TOMORROW MORNING!

COME ON, HARRINGTON! LET'S GO TO WORK!



THAT NIGHT, A MAN WARILY ENTERED THE OBSERVATORY SET AND BEGAN CLIMBING THE LADDER THAT LED UP TO THE PROP TELESCOPE...



SWIFTLY, HE UNSCREWED THE LENS AND, REACHING INSIDE THE TELESCOPE BARREL, WITHDREW SOMETHING...



THEN, AS HE DESCENDED... I KNEW YOU'D THANKS FOR FINDING THE CANS FOR US! HAVE TO RECOVER THE CANS BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT A PROP MAN WOULD FIND THEM WHILE DISMANTLING THE SET! THAT'S WHY I HAD ELTON MAKE THAT **FAKE** ANNOUNCEMENT!

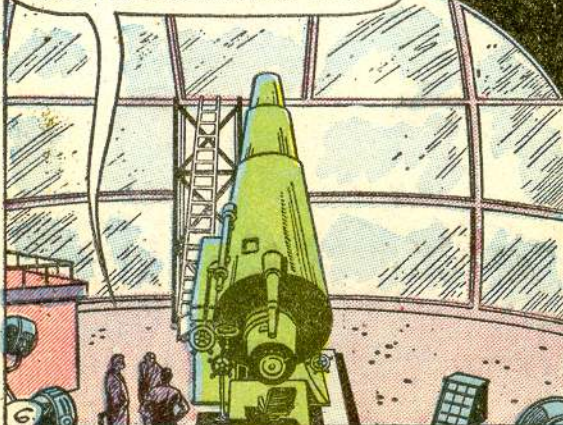


HOW--HOW'D YOU KNOW I HID 'EM SOMEWHERE ON THIS SET?

BY THE GREASE SPOTS ON THE RANDOM NOTE ENVELOPE! ANALYSIS SHOWED IT WAS THE LIQUID WAX MIXTURE SPRAYED ON PROPS TO KILL REFLECTIONS!



I KNEW YOUR HANDS PICKED UP WAX WHEN YOU HID THE FILM CANS--AND OF ALL THE SETS, THE ONE WITH GLEAMING SURFACES WAS THE OBSERVATORY SET!



OUR JOB DONE, WE HAD MORE WORK WAITING...

NOW, HARRINGTON, WE CAN FINISH THAT POLICE MOVIE WE STARTED!

BEFORE YOU FACE THE CAMERAS AGAIN, I'M GOING TO SPRAY YOU--BECAUSE YOU CERTAINLY SHINE, MR. D.A.--YOU SHINE AS BRIGHT AS A POLICE BADGE!



THE END.

To the **BOYS and GIRLS**  
of America

THIS FAMOUS  
SYMBOL  
IS YOUR



# GUARANTEE

OF THE *BEST* IN COMICS READING

For Example



**ALL SUPERMAN-DC COMICS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CODE AUTHORITY!**

# STRANGE LAWS

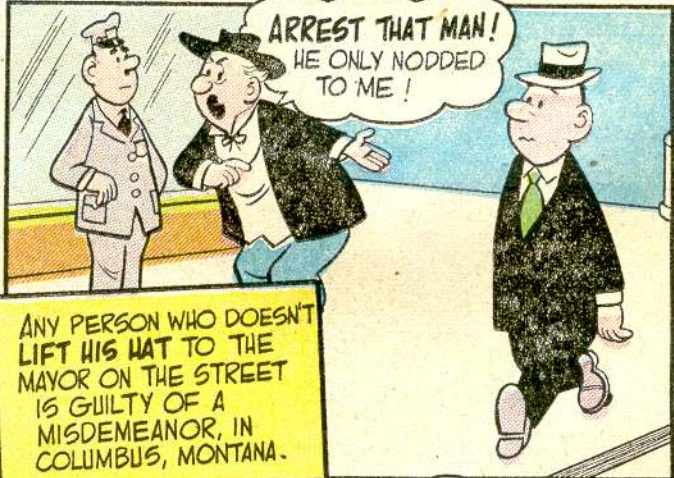


BUT I DON'T LIKE CHEESE!

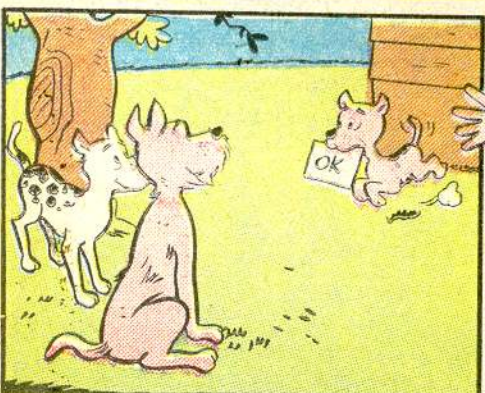
WISCONSIN BOARDING HOUSES, CLUBS, HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS, MUST SERVE WITH EVERY MEAL, COSTING 25¢ OR MORE, NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF AN OUNCE OF CHEESE.



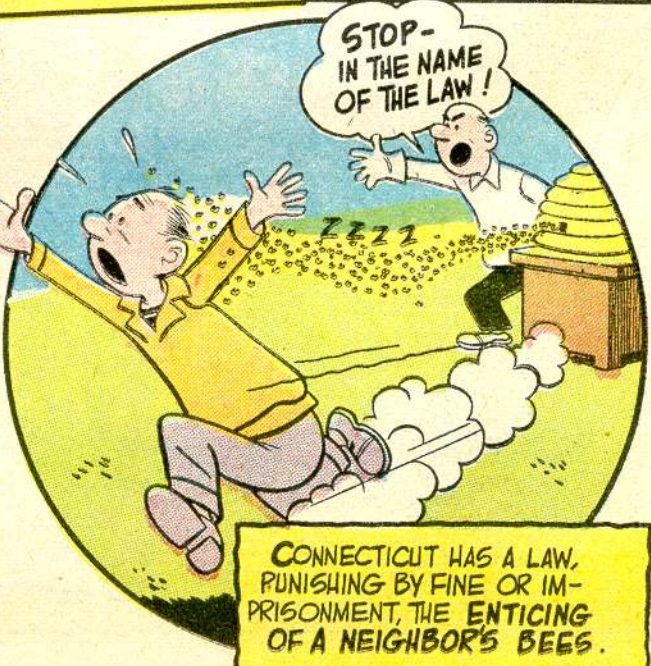
IN CALIFORNIA, IT IS A MISDEMEANOR TO SHOOT A BIRD OR MAMMAL - EXCEPT A WHALE - FROM AN AUTOMOBILE OR AIRPLANE.



ANY PERSON WHO DOESN'T LIFT HIS HAT TO THE MAYOR ON THE STREET IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, IN COLUMBUS, MONTANA.



THE LAW OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, DEFINES A NUISANCE AS FOLLOWS: WHEN 3 OR MORE DOGS CONGREGATE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT.



CONNECTICUT HAS A LAW, PUNISHING BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT, THE ENTICING OF A NEIGHBOR'S BEES.



**T**O MOST PEOPLE, PHOTOGRAPHY IS A FASCINATING HOBBY-- AND THE CAMERA A MEANS OF RECORDING FOREVER THE FACES OF THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS! BUT TO ME, SGT. TOM HUTTON, THE CAMERA IS A MECHANICAL BLOODHOUND USED TO TRAP CRIMINALS, BECAUSE...

# I AM A CAMERA COP



**I**N OUR FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, WE USE THE CAMERA IN MORE WAYS THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE. FOR EXAMPLE, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF WEALTHY OILMAN J.T. ROGERS, A TYPICAL CASE CONFRONTED US... BEFORE YOU START DIVIDING UP THE ESTATE, BETTER TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT J.T.'S WILL, WHICH I JUST FOUND IN HIS DESK! HE LEAVES EVERYTHING TO ME!



BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU WERE ONLY HIS SECRETARY-- WE'RE HIS RELATIVES!

**A** HANDWRITING EXPERT WAS CALLED IN, BUT... THE SIGNATURE ON THE WILL IS NOT A FORGERY! IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN MADE BY MR. ROGERS HIMSELF!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... I'M GOING TO CALL THE POLICE!

**A**ND THAT'S WHEN ONE OF MY CAMERAS-- THE EUSCOPE-- WENT INTO ACTION...

THIS DEVICE PHOTOGRAPHS EVEN MICROSCOPIC PARTICLES, ENLARGES THEM, THEN PROJECTS THEM ONTO THE GROUND-GLASS SCREEN AT THE VIEWING END! WE'LL SOON KNOW FOR SURE IF ROGERS WROTE THAT SIGNATURE!



**I**T TOOK ONLY MINUTES FOR THE EUSCOPE TO UNCOVER THE HIDDEN TRUTH...

WHERE DO THOSE SPECKS COME FROM, THE INK? NO, THEY ARE MICROSCOPIC CARBON PARTICLES-- AND THEY EXPLAIN HOW THE SECRETARY WAS ABLE TO DUPLICATE J.T.'S SIGNATURE SO PERFECTLY... BY TRACING IT WITH A PIECE OF CARBON PAPER!



ANOTHER CAMERA TECHNIQUE IS PHOTOMICROGRAPHY, WHICH COMBINES THE MICROSCOPE AND THE CAMERA. FOR INSTANCE, WHEN NIGHTCLUB OWNER HAL MURRAY WAS FOUND MURDERED...

...WAS THIS ORDINARY PAPER MATCHSTICK!

NO CLUE, HOWEVER SLENDER, CAN BE OVERLOOKED BY A SHUTTER-BUG SLEUTH--SO IMMEDIATELY, I HAD OUR ONLY SUSPECT HAILED IN FOR QUESTIONING...

WELL, IT LOOKS AS IF GANG CHIEF ED WALLACE FINALLY KEPT HIS THREAT TO KILL MURRAY, EH?

LOOKS LIKE IT--BUT WALLACE SURE COVERED HIS TRACKS. THE ONLY POSSIBLE CLUE WE COULD FIND...

NOW JUST LET ME HAVE THE BOOK OF MATCHES YOU'RE CARRYING IN YOUR POCKET RIGHT NOW!

SURE... WHY NOT? YOU CAN'T PIN ANYTHING ON ME! I WASN'T ANYWHERE NEAR THE SCENE OF THE CRIME THIS MORNING!



I PLACED BOTH THE BURNT MATCH AND THE STUB FROM WALLACE'S BOOK OF MATCHES INTO THE SPECIAL CAMERA, AND BEGAN TO FOCUS...

IT DIDN'T DISAPPOINT HIM--THE PROOF WAS RIGHT BEFORE HIS EYES...

IF I CAN PROVE THE MATCH WE FOUND AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME CAME FROM YOUR MATCHBOOK, WALLACE, YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!

HUH! I'D JUST LIKE TO SEE YOU PROVE THAT!

THE TWO UNITS MESH PERFECTLY! NO TWO MATCHES ARE EVER PULLED OUT OF A MATCHBOOK THE SAME WAY--BUT, AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS MATCH DEFINITELY CAME FROM YOUR BOOK!

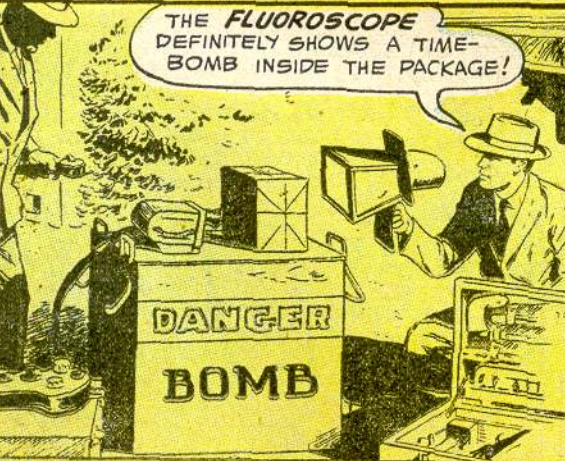
OKAY--YOU'VE GOT ME! I WAS THERE... I'LL CONFESS!



YES, EVERY POSSIBLE CAMERA DEVICE HAS BEEN ENLISTED IN THE CONSTANT WAR AGAINST CRIME...

THE FLUOROSCOPE DEFINITELY SHOWS A TIME-BOMB INSIDE THE PACKAGE!

THE INSPECTOGRAPH CAN BRING UP FINGERPRINTS ON EVERY POSSIBLE SURFACE!



THE SPECTROMETER, BY PHOTOGRAPHING LIQUIDS THROUGH THE SPECTRUM, CAN IDENTIFY THE FAINTEST TRACES OF POISON!

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IN FACT, PHOTOGRAPHY EVEN ENABLES US TO "FINGERPRINT" PRECIOUS GEMS! THAT'S SOMETHING JIM TRASK AND HIS GANG LEARNED EARLY LAST YEAR--

--WHEN THEY TRIED TO PEDDLE ALMOST A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF DIAMONDS TO A LOCAL IMPORTER...

IN PURCHASES OF THIS SIZE, MR. TRASK, IT IS OUR CUSTOM TO FIRST CHECK WITH THE POLICE! NOTHING PERSONAL, YOU UNDERSTAND!

OF COURSE.. GO RIGHT AHEAD, MR. BARNES!



PSST... SOUNDS LIKE HE'S ONTO US, BOSS! LET'S SCRAM OUTA HERE BEFORE THE COPS ARRIVE!

DON'T BE A FOOL--WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! THOSE DIAMONDS ARE PERFECT-- NOT A FLAW TO TELL THEM APART FROM ANY OTHER PERFECT DIAMONDS! RELAX!

**B**UT TRASK FOUND OUT QUITE DIFFERENTLY, THAT SAME AFTERNOON, WHEN HE WAS SUMMONED TO HEADQUARTERS...

BAD NEWS, TRASK! YOUR DIAMONDS MATCH PERFECTLY TO THE GEMS STOLEN FROM THREE DIFFERENT COLLECTIONS!

WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO KID? PERFECT DIAMONDS ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM EACH OTHER!

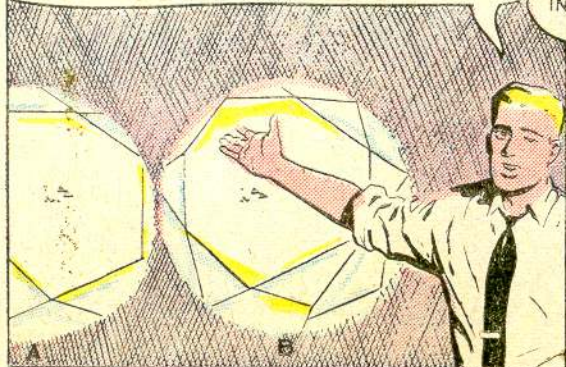


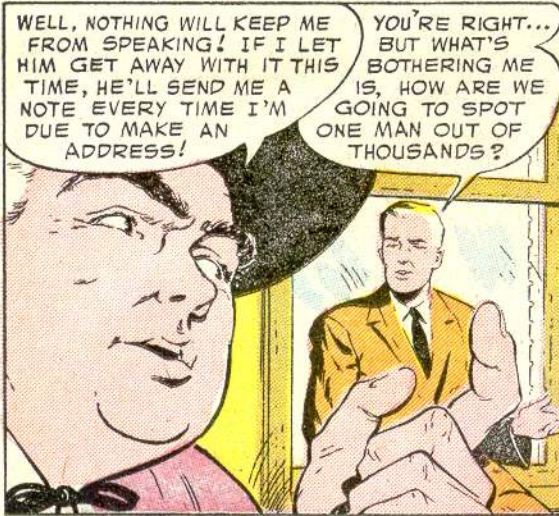
MAYBE AS FAR AS THE JEWELER'S GLASS IS CONCERNED--BUT THESE FLAWS ARE MICROSCOPIC! THEY DON'T AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE GEMS, BUT THEY DO ENABLE US TO "FINGERPRINT" VALUABLE COLLECTIONS--BECAUSE NO TWO FLAWS ARE EVER ALIKE!

**O**UR MOST DRAMATIC CASE, HOWEVER, INVOLVED THE RECEIPT OF A POISON-PEN LETTER BY A FAMOUS PUBLIC FIGURE...

AS YOU CAN READ, HE THREATENS TO SHOOT ME IF I DARE APPEAR IN MUNICIPAL HALL TONIGHT!

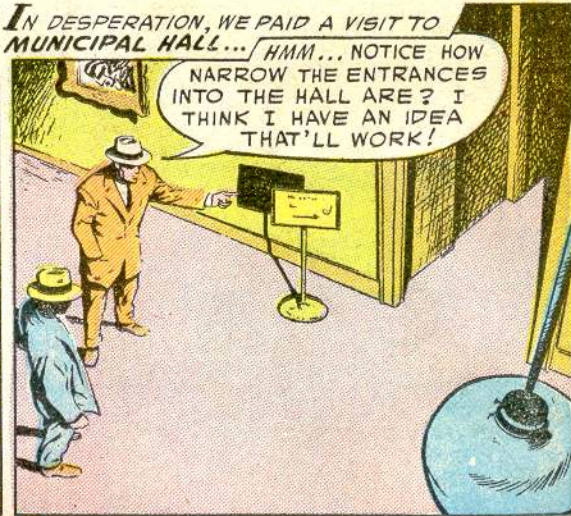
HMM... THERE'LL BE THOUSANDS IN THE AUDIENCE--AND ANY ONE OF THEM MIGHT BE THE MAN WITH THE GUN!





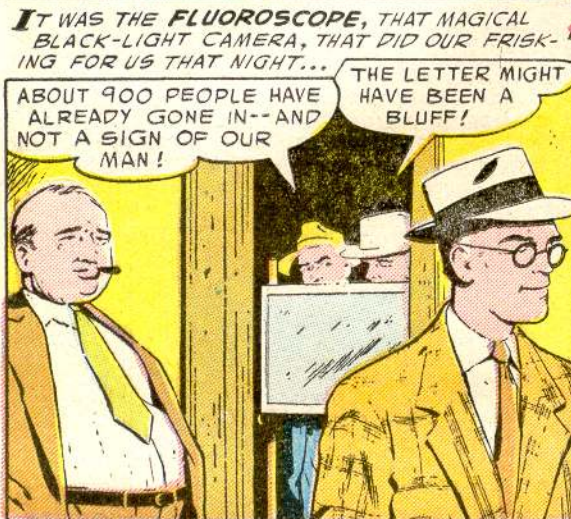
WELL, NOTHING WILL KEEP ME FROM SPEAKING! IF I LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT THIS TIME, HE'LL SEND ME A NOTE EVERY TIME I'M DUE TO MAKE AN ADDRESS!

YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT WHAT'S BOTHERING ME IS, HOW ARE WE GOING TO SPOT ONE MAN OUT OF THOUSANDS?



**IN DESPERATION, WE PAID A VISIT TO MUNICIPAL HALL...**

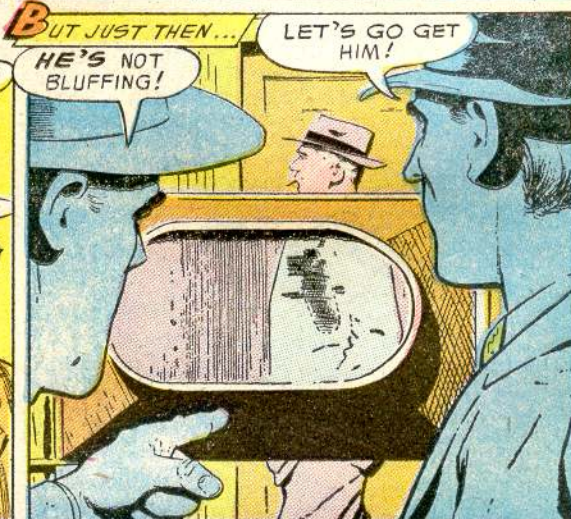
HMM... NOTICE HOW NARROW THE ENTRANCES INTO THE HALL ARE? I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA THAT'LL WORK!



**IT WAS THE FLUOROSCOPE, THAT MAGICAL BLACK-LIGHT CAMERA, THAT DID OUR FRISKING FOR US THAT NIGHT...**

ABOUT 900 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY GONE IN--AND NOT A SIGN OF OUR MAN!

THE LETTER MIGHT HAVE BEEN A BLUFF!



**B**UT JUST THEN... HE'S NOT BLUFFING!

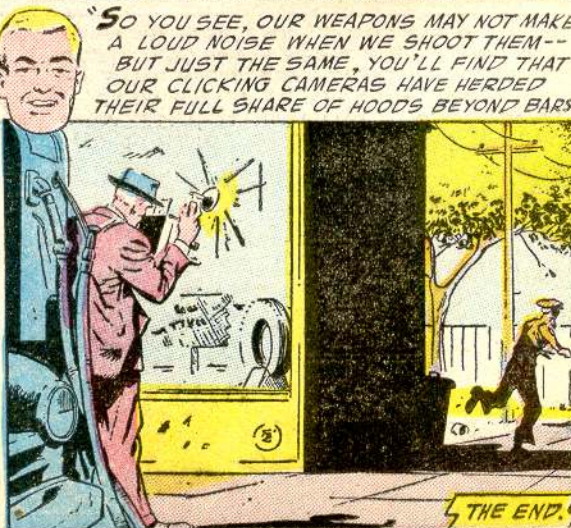
LET'S GO GET HIM!



**T**HE GUNMAN NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM...

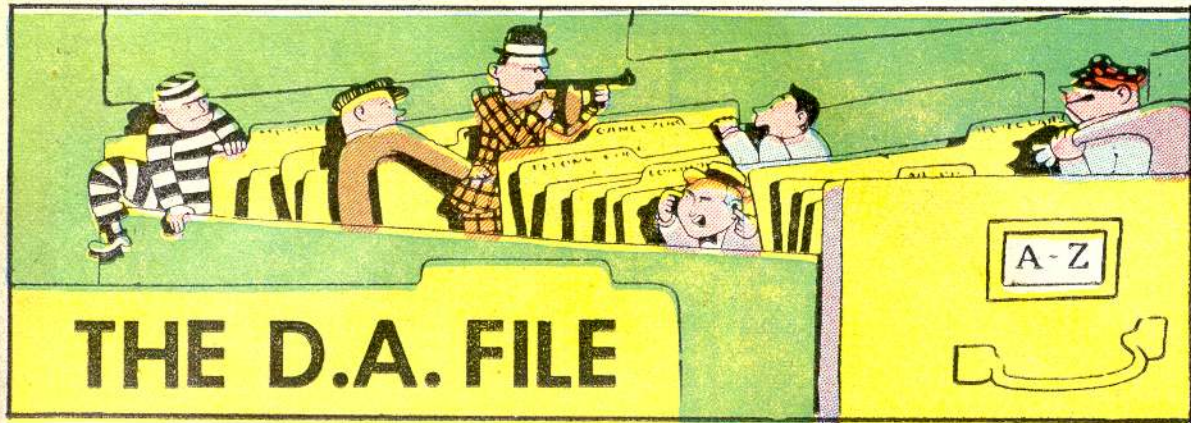
I'LL TAKE THAT GUN, MISTER!

YOU COPS MUST HAVE X-RAY EYES!



**"SO YOU SEE, OUR WEAPONS MAY NOT MAKE A LOUD NOISE WHEN WE SHOOT THEM-- BUT JUST THE SAME, YOU'LL FIND THAT OUR CLICKING CAMERAS HAVE HERDED THEIR FULL SHARE OF HOODS BEYOND BARS."**





## FRENCH FRAUD

**S**HORTLY after the end of the war, Pierre Monet convinced several Parisian financiers with a demonstration that he could make lead into gold. They presented him with a ton of lead and the \$150,000 necessary to buy the equipment to help him in his work. A year later, when Monet had achieved no singular success for them, but a lavish home, a Rolls-Royce and a Riviera vacation for himself, they had him arrested as a fraud.

But Monet protested his innocence and insisted that he had indeed told them the truth. A test was arranged at a bank on the Bourse. As a precautionary measure, Pierre Monet was searched thoroughly for any hidden device before he was allowed to approach the experimental piece of lead and his equipment. After making a few passes over the metal, he asked an assistant for a cigarette, then asked him to light it. A few more passes, and presto—! There was gold—gold flecks—in the lead, which he had softened electrically!

Backers and bankers were indeed astonished. Release from jail was swiftly ordered. Within the week, Monet was dressing himself in the splendid garments that had been returned to him prior to appearing at the Palais de Justice for the legal papers that would restore his freedom, when guards seized him and trundled him to the office of the Prefecture of Police.

There he was dismayed to find his assistant and various police officials. "You swindler!" cried the Chief. "Your assistant told us how you fooled everybody with the so-called test. That cigarette he gave you contained gold particles. While you softened the lead, you sprinkled it with the ashes! You may have duped some people once, but you couldn't get away with your trick again!"

Tried later, Monet was convicted and sentenced to jail for two years and eight months.

## A TOUCH OF COLOR

The New York Police Department is keeping up with the times, right behind color television. And the success of its newest gimmick is prompting departments throughout the country to do likewise.

The Rogues' Gallery is now in color. Police photographers believe that color gives more depth to photos of suspects, and brings up scars, marks and other identifying features more clearly. Instead of leafing through photos, witnesses now view the color transparencies through magnifying viewers.

## A DREAM OF A CASE

Harold Fass had a hard day at the office, and before he sank into slumber, he glanced up gratefully at his neighbor, Owen Morse, who had offered to drive him home. Some time later, as they skimmed along the park-

way, Fass, obviously having a nightmare, wildly swung out an arm, which landed on Morse's nose. The momentary loss of control of the wheel was enough to send the car careening off the road and into a gulch.

Not long afterwards, Fass received a bill from Morse, demanding re-payment for the damage done his car: a broken wheel, two wrecked springs, smashed radiator, and some other minor items.

When he refused to pay on the grounds that he had been asleep, and therefore not accountable for his action, Fass was hailed into court.

The judge deliberated for a short time, then rendered an opinion based on a 1951 decision of the Supreme Court of Missouri:

Fass did not have to pay because the accident was not caused by a conscious act of his own volition. Since a person cannot commit anything willfully while asleep, His Honor said, no legal liability exists for anything done in an unconscious state, like sleeping.

### SAN QUENTIN STORY

The library at San Quentin Prison has been issuing bulletins on its readership. Here are some of the statistics, as compiled by a civil service librarian who not long ago served at Columbia University and is now campaigning to make reading a popular prisoners' pastime:

The average reader borrows 100 books a year from the library, which now has 25,000 volumes.

Membership cards, once held by 489 men, are now issued to 3,226.

Most popular subject is History, with Travel and Biography tied for second place.

The rest are, in this order, Practical Art and Sciences, Literature, Language, Grammar, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion and Ethics bring up the rear.

No figures available on the popularity of fiction.

### PERFECT LETTER

Francis Leo Golden offers the following in his immensely enjoyable book, *Laughter Is Legal*:

A man in Somerville, New Jersey, when he received an eviction notice from his landlord, rushed to his lawyer's office.

"Under the rules of the Rent Control Act, you have certain rights," said the lawyer.

This is the note his client was advised to write to his landlord:

"Dear Sir:

I remain.

Yours truly,

John Deranden."

### BLOTTER JOTTINGS

HAMILTON, Ontario: Arrested for having stolen a pair of eyeglasses from a department store, a culprit claimed, "I took them only so I could see my way out of the store."

AKRON, Ohio: Raiding a small, untidy hotel room, police found a chair, a counterfeiting machine, and 17 men, who explained they had gathered to discuss current events.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.: According to a recent ruling of the State's Attorney General, jurors who sprout beards during overnight deliberations cannot be shaved at public expense.

HONG KONG: Admitting that he was a heavy rice-eater, a defendant drew a \$25 fine instead of a jail sentence by a magistrate who was loathe to feed him at public expense.

COLUMBUS, Ohio: Arrested for speeding, a man called his wife from a police precinct, asked her to rush down with his bail money, was startled to see her escorted into the station house by a policeman who had arrested her for speeding.



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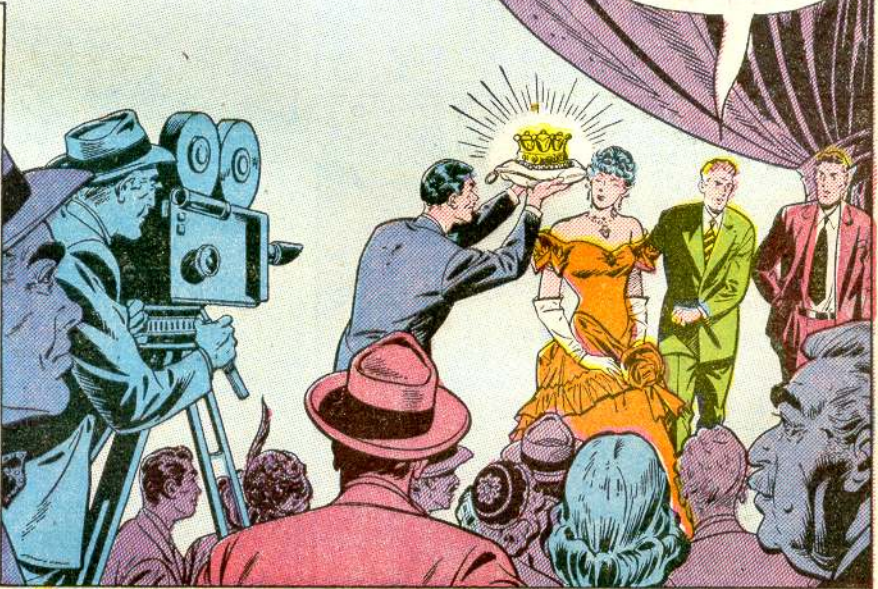
CHIEF, YOU MUST STOP THAT GIRL FROM BEING CROWNED THE JEWEL QUEEN! I'VE JUST FOUND EVIDENCE THAT THE CONTEST WAS FIXED!

## YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

EVERY YEAR, THOUSANDS OF PRETTY GIRLS FROM COAST TO COAST-- BLONDES, BRUNETTES, AND RED-HEADS-- ENTER BEAUTY CONTESTS IN THE HOPE THAT THE COVETED CROWNS WILL BRING THEM FAME AND FORTUNE. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THESE ARE LEGITIMATE. BUT THE CASE AT HAND CONCERNS A BEAUTY CONTEST THAT WAS NOT HONEST.

WHAT'S MORE, FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY MY OFFICE REVEALED THAT THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE CROOKED ANGLE BEHIND THE SCENES IN THIS CASE OF...

## THE FIXED JEWEL QUEEN CONTEST



EARLY THIS YEAR, WHEN THE JEWELERS' ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED THE PLANS FOR ITS CONTEST TO FIND A JEWEL QUEEN, THE IDEA CAUGHT ON LIKE WILDFIRE...

LOOK WHAT IT SAYS, AB -- THEY'RE GOIN' TO GIVE AWAY A WHOLE FREE TROUSSEAU TO THE WINNER!

GOSH, WE'RE ENGAGED, MANDY! LET'S GET A PHOTO MADE OF YOU AND SEND IT IN!

AND IN ANOTHER WALK OF LIFE...

I'VE BEEN READING ABOUT THE JEWEL QUEEN CONTEST, DEAR! TOO BAD YOU DON'T NEED THE PRIZES! YOU'D BE SURE TO WIN IT!

I'LL ENTER IT ANYWAY! IF I WIN, I'LL BE THE ENVY OF MY SET!

GIRLS-- IF YOU'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED, SEND YOUR PHOTO. MAYBE YOU'LL BE VOTED MISS JEWEL QUEEN of 1955. GET DETAILS at YOUR DEALER.





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THE THOUSANDS OF PHOTOS THAT CAME POURING IN WERE CAREFULLY SCANNED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES, AND SOON...

THESE ARE THE SIX GIRLS CHOSEN TO COMPETE FOR THE TITLE OF "MISS JEWEL QUEEN OF 1955," AND YOU, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WILL DECIDE ON THE BIG WINNER! VOTING WILL BEGIN IN TWO WEEKS! BALLOT BOXES CAN BE FOUND IN EVERY JEWELRY SHOP!



AND NOW LET'S CHANGE THE SCENE TO THE WESTSIDE ATHLETIC CLUB, WHERE AN EX-JEWEL THIEF BY THE NAME OF FLOYD JARMAN WAS KILLING TIME...

STOP BEING A CLOWN! YOU THINK THOSE PETTY PRIZES MEAN ANYTHING TO ME? I GOT BIGGER PLANS!

HEY, FLOYD... I JUST READ THAT YOUR GIRL MARTHA WAS ONE OF THE SIX PICKED TO COMPETE IN THAT JEWELRY CONTEST! YOU'RE IN FOR SOME NICE PRIZES IF SHE WINS!



TAKE A LOOK-- THE WINNER WILL PRESIDE AT THREE BIG AFFAIRS-- AND FOR EACH AFFAIR SHE'LL BE WEARING A FORTUNE IN JEWELRY! THAT'S WHAT I'M AFTER!

NOT BAD, FLOYD, NOT BAD AT ALL!



BUT THERE'RE TWO BIG IFS, FLOYD! FIRST, IF YOU'RE TO PULL THIS CAPER, YOUR GIRL MARTHA HAS GOT TO GET THE MOST VOTES! SECOND, YOU GOTTA GET YOUR HANDS ON THOSE JEWELS!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE IFS, PAL! I'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS THING. YOU WAIT AND SEE!



FLOYD JARMAN LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED TO ELECT HIS 'PRETTY FIANCEE'...

THIS COUNTERFEIT I PRINTED IS EXACTLY LIKE THE OFFICIAL BALLOT!

SURE... I'LL STUFF THE BALLOT BOXES IN A THOUSAND JEWELRY STORES AND MAKE SURE SHE GETS VOTED IN!



SURE ENOUGH, ONE MONTH LATER, WHEN ALL THE BALLOTS WERE COUNTED, MARTHA UNDERWOOD EMERGED AN OVERWHELMING WINNER AND WAS FLOWN IN TO TOWN...

HERE SHE IS, FOLKS, THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE, MARTHA UNDERWOOD-- "THE JEWEL QUEEN OF 1955!"



**MY OFFICE BECAME INVOLVED NEXT DAY WHEN...**

THE MORNING PAPER IS SURE TAKING US OVER THE COALS FOR NOT BREAKING UP THAT FENCE GANG, CHIEF!

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BREAK IT UP WHEN WE HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHO'S BEHIND IT?... I'LL GET IT, HARRINGTON!



**I PICKED UP THE PHONE...**

GOT A TIP FOR YUH, MR. D.A.... IF I WAS YOU I'D KEEP AN EYE ON THE ROCKS THAT JEWEL QUEEN IS GONNA WEAR!



**MY OFFICE GETS DOZENS OF UNDERWORLD TIPS EVERY WEEK BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO IGNORE ANY OF THEM--ESPECIALLY WHEN CLOSE TO A MILLION DOLLARS IN JEWELS ARE INVOLVED..**

IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IN THE LEAST IF AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO HEIST THOSE JEWELS, HARRINGTON!

SAME HERE! HOW ABOUT ASSIGNING ME TO THE CASE, CHIEF?



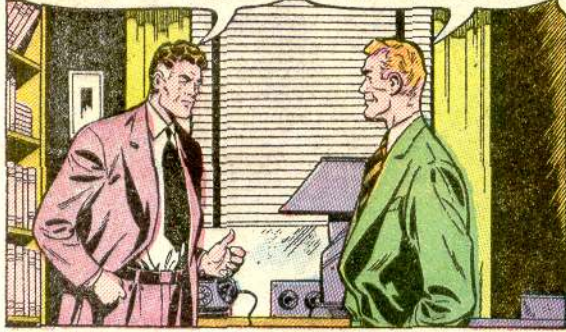
OKAY! BUT GET THIS... IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THOSE GEMS ON TOP OF OUR FAILURE TO CRACK THAT FENCE GANG, OUR OFFICE WILL BE IN FOR PLENTY OF TROUBLE!

TRUST ME, CHIEF! I WON'T TAKE MY EYES OFF THE GEMS FOR ONE MINUTE--NO MATTER HOW PRETTY THAT JEWEL QUEEN IS!

**NEXT DAY, HARRINGTON MET THE JEWEL QUEEN AND HER SCHEMING FIANCE, FLOYD JARMAN...**

AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A PEST OF MYSELF, MISS UNDERWOOD-- BUT I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE GEMS YOU'LL BE WEARING!

I'M JUST AS INTERESTED IN SEEING NO SCANDAL HAPPENS TO MY FIANCEE AS YOU ARE, MR. HARRINGTON, AND YOU CAN COUNT ON MY HELP!



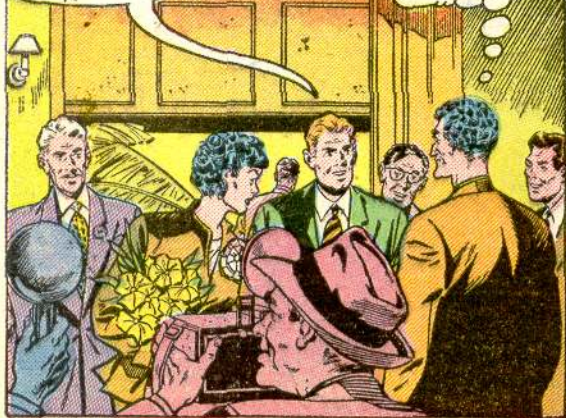
WHY, THANKS-- I'LL BE GLAD OF YOUR CO-OPERATION!

SURE, SURE... YOU'LL BE GETTING MORE COOPERATION FROM ME THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR!

**IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT HARRINGTON MADE TWO STARTLING DISCOVERIES--THAT MORE BALLOTS HAD BEEN CAST THAN WERE OFFICIALLY PRINTED, AND...**

I ALSO LEARNED THAT A LOCAL PAPER FIRM SOLD A BATCH OF OFFICIAL BALLOT PAPER TO FLOYD JARMAN! I LOOKED HIM UP IN OUR FILES, CHIEF-- AND HE'S GOT A RECORD FOR JEWEL ROBBERY! SHALL I COLLAR HIM?

NO, HARRINGTON! HE MAY LEAD US TO THE JEWEL FENCE! JUST KEEP A TAIL ON HIM FOR THE TIME BEING!



**FLOYD DEMONSTRATED HIS "COOPERATION" AN HOUR BEFORE THE OPENING DAY PARADE...**

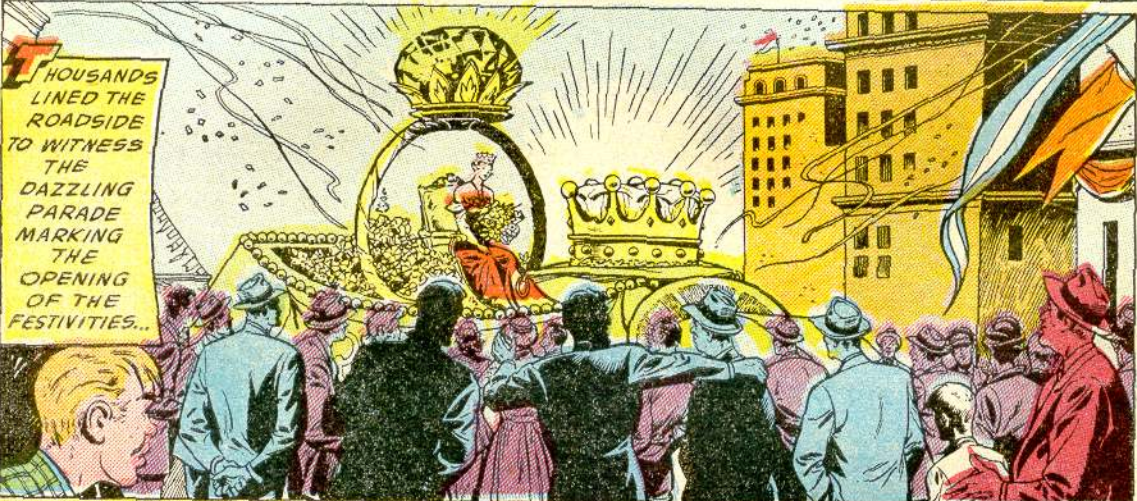
GOOD IDEA! MARTHA CAN SLIP IT ON WHEN SHE ENTERS THE FLOAT!

THIS IS THE PEARL NECKLACE THE JEWEL QUEEN WILL WEAR IN THE PARADE, MR. HARRINGTON! PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE WALLACE COMPANY WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH IT!

HERE, MR. HARRINGTON-- YOU CAN KEEP IT IN THIS STRONG BOX FOR SAFE-KEEPING WHILE MARTHA'S NOT WEARING IT!



**T**HOUSANDS LINED THE ROADSIDE TO WITNESS THE DAZZLING PARADE MARKING THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVITIES...



**BUT INSIDE THE FLOAT, UNOBSERVED BY THE ONLOOKERS...**

**AND, WHEN THE PARADE WAS OVER...**

I FEEL SORRY FOR ANYONE WHO TRIES TO GRAB THOSE JEWELS!

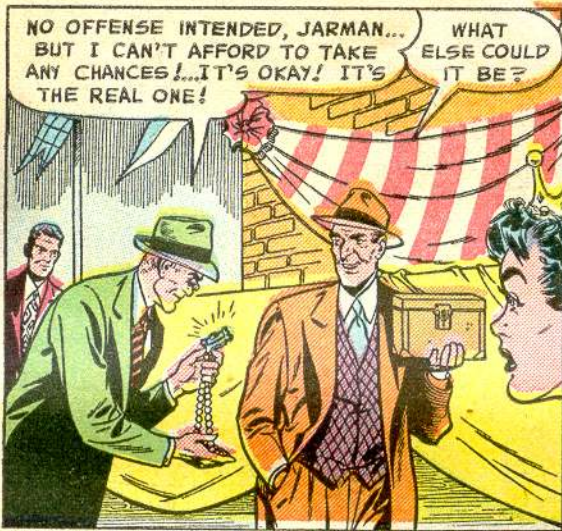
THEY'D BETTER NOT TRY!

DROP THE NECKLACE INTO THE STRONG BOX, MARTHA... SO MR. HARRINGTON CAN TAKE IT BACK TO THE JEWELRY FIRM!

JUST A MOMENT--I'D LIKE TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THAT BAUBLE BEFORE IT GOES BACK!



**HAD FLOYD ALREADY PLAYED HIS HAND? AND HARRINGTON SPOTTED A SWITCH?**



NO OFFENSE INTENDED, JARMAN... BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!...IT'S OKAY! IT'S THE REAL ONE!

WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE?



I'LL RETURN IT TO THE JEWELER'S NOW!

I'LL TAG ALONG... JUST IN CASE YOU RUN INTO ANY TROUBLE!

SOMETIME LATER, HARRINGTON AND JARMAN ENTERED THE JEWELRY SHOP TO RETURN THE PRECIOUS NECKLACE...

HARRINGTON LOOKED PROUD AS PUNCH WHEN HE CHECKED INTO THE OFFICE NEXT MORNING...



AH, OUR NECKLACE! I TRUST IT LOOKED WELL ON THE JEWEL QUEEN!

HMM...YES, YES-- IT CERTAINLY DID!



GOT IT BACK SAFE AND SOUND, CHIEF!

GOOD WORK, HARRINGTON! YOU CAN STAY ON THE JOB-- SHE'LL BE WEARING EVEN MORE VALUABLE JEWELS IN THE EVENTS TO COME!

BUT, UNKNOWN TO ME, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AN AMAZING SCENE WAS TAKING PLACE IN FLOYD JARMAN'S ROOM...

THREE DAYS LATER, THE JEWEL QUEEN PREPARED TO PRESIDE OVER THE SECOND EVENT TO BE HELD IN HER HONOR...



THE PEARL NECKLACE! YOU PULLED A SWITCH! B-BUT... I DON'T GET IT! HOW'D YOU PULL IT OFF RIGHT UNDER HARRINGTON'S NOSE?

HA, HA! THAT'S FOR ME TO KNOW-- AND YOU TO GUESS!



THIS IS THE EMERALD PIN YOU'LL WEAR TONIGHT, MISS JEWEL QUEEN! BE CAREFUL WITH IT-- IT'S WORTH ALMOST \$100,000!

I'LL LEAVE THE GUARDING OF IT TO YOU, MR. HARRINGTON!

**M**INUTES LATER, HARRINGTON FOUND HIMSELF IN AN UNACCUSTOMED ROLE...

GUARDING THAT JEWEL IS A LOT TOUGHER THAN I EXPECTED!



**A**ND, HOURS AFTER HARRINGTON RETURNED WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS THE GENUINE EMERALD PIN...

THE EMERALD! I GOTTA HAND IT TO YUH, FLOYD--YOU'RE SURE PULLING THE WOOL OVER THAT DUMB HARRINGTON'S EYES!

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET! WAIT'LL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT DIAMOND-STUDDED BROOCH SHE'S GOING TO WEAR AT THE MASQUERADE BALL ON SATURDAY! INCLUDING WHAT I'VE GOT--I'LL BE SET FOR LIFE!

HERE WERE ALMOST AS MANY DETECTIVES AT THE MASQUERADE PARTY WHICH COMPLETED THE CELEBRATION AS THERE WERE GUESTS... AND NO WONDER--THE BROOCH WORN BY THE JEWEL QUEEN WAS VALUED AT \$500,000...

I SURE WISH THIS PARTY WAS OVER! THE TENSION OF GUARDING THAT HALF-MILLION-DOLLAR BROOCH IS BEGINNING TO GET UNDER MY SKIN!

YOU'VE DONE PRETTY WELL SO FAR, MR. HARRINGTON!



**T**HAT SAME EVENING, AFTER HARRINGTON COMPLETED HIS LAST MISSION...

WELL, THAT'S THAT! THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP, JARMAN!

IT WAS A PLEASURE, MR. HARRINGTON!

**I**T WAS ABOUT 20 MINUTES LATER THAT ALERT RALPH MILLER, THE MANAGER, MADE THE AMAZING DISCOVERY...

THIS BROOCH IS A FAKE! CONTACT THE TWO OTHER JEWELRY FIRMS AND ASK THEM TO CHECK THE JEWELS RETURNED TO THEM! I'LL CALL THE D.A.!

YES, SIR!





SOON AS THE CALL CAME IN, I RUSHED DOWN TO CONTEST HEADQUARTERS AND INTO A SCENE OF UTTER CONFUSION...

ALL THE GEMS THAT THE JEWEL QUEEN WORE-- FAKES! DO YOU HEAR? FAKES WERE RETURNED! A SWITCH WAS PULLED!

IS THAT THE KIND OF PROTECTION YOU GAVE US?

WAIT A MINUTE-- ONE AT A TIME! WHERE'S HARRINGTON?

HOW SHOULD WE KNOW?

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THAT FLOYD JARMAN IS!

I'LL GET IT!



IT WAS HARRINGTON ON THE PHONE...

I REACHED HARRINGTON MINUTES LATER, AND...

ONCE INSIDE, I REALIZED THAT HARRINGTON HAD HIT THE JACKPOT...

HARRINGTON! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

YES, CHIEF! LISTEN TO ME... I'M ACROSS THE STREET FROM ACE LOANS ON STATE, CORNER ELM! GET DOWN HERE RIGHT AWAY!

CHIEF, REMEMBER THAT FENCE ORGANIZATION WE WERE TRYING TO GET A LINE ON? I'VE GOT A GOOD IDEA IT'S LOCATED IN THE REAR OF ACE LOANS!

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! LET'S GO!

COPS! BEAT IT!

NOT SO FAST!



AND, AFTER THE BRIEF STRUGGLE...

NO MORE--WE SURRENDER!

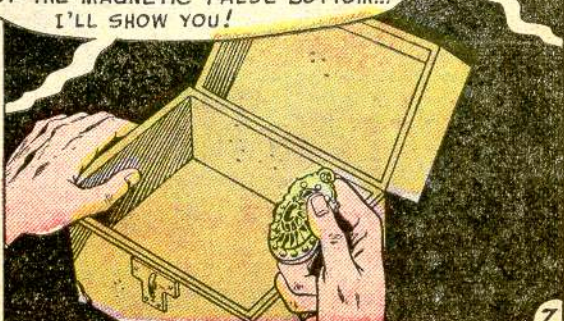
JARMAN!

RIGHT, CHIEF! AND LOOK-- THE JEWELS!

FOR ONCE, HARRINGTON DID THE EXPLAINING TO ME, INSTEAD OF VICE VERSA...

THIS IS THE GIMMICK HE USED TO SWITCH THE JEWELS, CHIEF! AFTER FIRST MAKING DUPLICATES OF THE TRINKETS THE QUEEN WORE, HE INSERTED THEM ON THE UNDER SIDE OF THE MAGNETIC FALSE BOTTOM... I'LL SHOW YOU!

GO AHEAD!



GET IT? THE REAL BRACELET FELL INTO THE HOLLOW BOTTOM WHEN FLOYD PRESSED THIS HIDDEN BUTTON-- AND THE FAKE BRACELET HELD TO THE UNDER-SIDE BY MAGNETISM, TURNED OVER ON TOP!

HMM! HOW'D YOU GET ON TO IT, HARRINGTON?

I HELD THE BOX THIS WAY! YET, WHEN I OPENED IT IN THE JEWELER'S, THE BRACELET WAS IN DEAD CENTER, INSTEAD OF HAVING ROLLED DOWN TO ONE END!

THAT MADE ME SUSPECT IT WAS BEING HELD IN PLACE BY A MAGNETIC BOTTOM ACTING ON THE METAL CLASP!



SO YOU KNEW IT WAS A FRAUD FROM THE BEGINNING! THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME IN ON IT?

BECAUSE I TOOK A BIG CHANCE LETTING JARMAN HANG ON TO THOSE JEWELS IN THE HOPE HE'D LEAD ME TO THE FENCE! IF ANYTHING WENT WRONG... WELL, I WANTED TO TAKE THE WHOLE RESPONSIBILITY MYSELF!

IT WAS PAINFUL TO INFORM MARTHA UNDERWOOD ABOUT HER FIANCEE...

I--ER-- I MAY AS WELL RETURN THE QUEEN'S CROWN! I'M NOT ENTITLED TO WEAR IT SINCE FLOYD STUFFED THE BALLOT BOXES!

I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, MARTHA!



ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I DID AFTER I SUSPECTED JARMAN WAS TO IMPOUND THOSE BALLOT BOXES! AND WHEN WE COUNTED THEM, WE LEARNED THAT YOU ACTUALLY HAD RECEIVED ENOUGH OFFICIAL BALLOTS TO HAVE WON HONESTLY!

YOU CERTAINLY THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING, HARRINGTON!

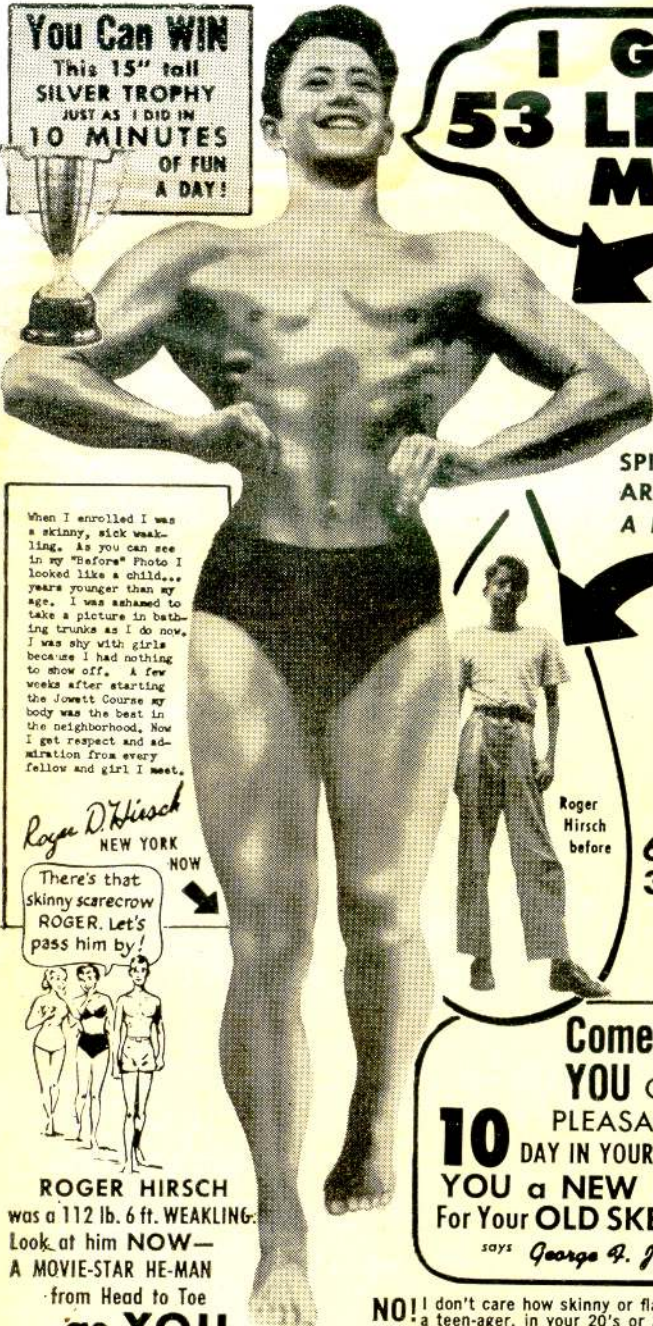
THAT'S THE WAY YOU TRAINED ME, CHIEF!

MR. HARRINGTON, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!



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is YOU ?**

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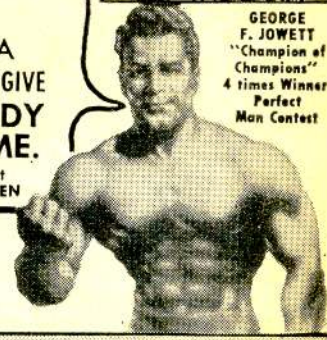
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