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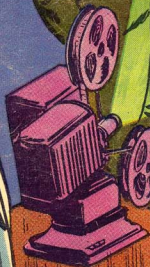
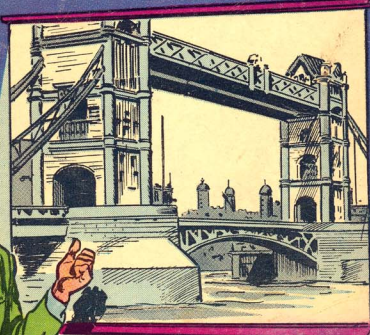
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# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Featuring  
"MR. D.A. GOES TO  
SCOTLAND YARD!"

YES, MY LORD --  
THIS PICTURE OF THE  
FAMOUS TOWER BRIDGE  
CONTAINS A CLUE THAT  
WILL PROVE THE  
DEFENDANT *NOT*  
GUILTY!





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## YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

THIS WAS THE MOST UNSCRUPULOUS CRIME I'D EVER COME ACROSS IN MY LONG CAREER. FOR IT FED UPON THOSE IN OUR SOCIETY WHO WERE NOT REALLY CRIMINALS... BUT LOST PEOPLE LIVING IN A LONELY WORLD! AND AS THESE POOR CITIZENS BECAME "TARGETS" FOR A RUTHLESS UNDERWORLD GANG, MY OFFICE FOUND IT NEAR-IMPOSSIBLE TO CRACK...

## THE MISSING PERSONS RACKET



WE CAUGHT HIM, SIR!... THE THIEF WHO TRIED TO ROB YOUR APARTMENT!

YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN, D.A.-- NO ONE'S BEEN IN MY APARTMENT ALL DAY!

WHAT? BUT THE D.A. AND I WERE EYE-WITNESSES TO THE ROBBERY!

THIS MOST AMAZING CASE HAD ITS BEGINNING LAST MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, WHEN ONE JOHN BRADFORD GREETED HIS LANDLORD UPON RETURNING HOME FROM WORK EARLY...

GOOD EVENING, MR. BRADFORD! YOUR BROTHER ARRIVED FROM ST. PAUL TODAY! I LET HIM INTO YOUR APARTMENT TO WAIT FOR YOU!

WHAT? I DON'T HAVE A BROTHER!



THE STARTLED MAN HURRIED DOWN THE HALLWAY, SNAPPED OPEN THE DOOR OF HIS APARTMENT AND SURPRISED HIS "BROTHER"...



BRADFORD!  
WHO ARE YOU?  
WHAT DO YOU...  
A THIEF!

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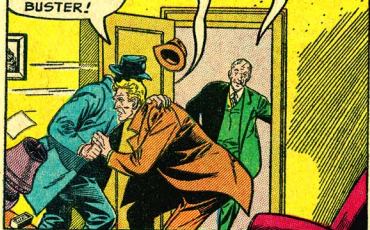


THE INTRUDER LUNGED FORWARD--AND A MOMENT LATER, THE TWO MEN WERE LOCKED IN BATTLE...

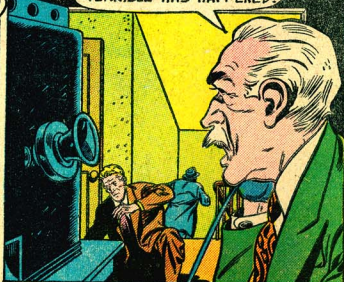
STOP! YOU'RE NOT LEAVING HERE UNTIL YOU RETURN MY MONEY!

A ROBBERY! I'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE!

OUTA MY WAY, BUSTER!



OPERATOR! CONNECT ME WITH THE POLICE AT ONCE! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED!



HARRINGTON AND I HEARD THE POLICE BULLETIN AS WE DROVE FROM MY OFFICE AT 5:07 P.M. ...

CARS 7 AND 9... PROCEED TO CULVER STREET... ROBBERY REPORTED THERE!

HMM... LET'S CHECK ON THAT, HARRINGTON! WE'RE RIGHT IN THE VICINITY!

OKAY, CHIEF!



THE SHOCKED LANDLORD WELCOMED OUR ARRIVAL AND ESCORTED US DIRECTLY TO BRADFORD'S QUARTERS ...

YES... WHAT IS IT?

THIS IS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MR. BRADFORD! TELL HIM JUST WHAT HAPPENED!

WE'RE HERE TO CHECK A ROBBERY REPORT, SIR! WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US THE DETAILS?



ROBBERY? I... ER... HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, D.A.!

WHAT? BUT MR. BRADFORD-- I SAW YOU FIGHTING THE THIEF! AND YOUR ROOM... IT WAS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN! WHY ARE YOU LYING?

STRANGELY ENOUGH, THIS WAS ONE OF THREE SIMILAR CASES THAT HAD MYSTIFIED MY OFFICE DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS. IN EACH CASE, THE SUPPOSED VICTIM DENIED A REPORTED CRIME--

--SO THIS TIME, I DECIDED TO TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORNS...

I THINK THIS DISPUTE CAN BE EASILY SETTLED IF YOU'LL ALLOW US TO LOOK OVER YOUR QUARTERS, MR. BRADFORD! AFTER ALL, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE!

INDEED NOT! DO COME IN, GENTLEMEN!



**BUT WHEN WE STEPPED INSIDE...**

HMPH-- BEATS ME! THIS PLACE WAS ONE BIG MESS, NOT TEN MINUTES AGO!

THE LANDLORD'S HAVING HALLUCINATIONS, D.A.! AS YOU CAN OBVIOUSLY SEE, THE ROOM IS IN PERFECT ORDER!

NOT TO THE TRAINED EYE, BRADFORD!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN USING THE UNDER-SURFACE OF YOUR RUG FOR A FILING CABINET! AND THESE COUCH CUSHIONS, DEPLETED OF THEIR STUFFING, SUGGEST THIS PLACE WAS RANSACKED!

NONSENSE! SO A FEW LETTERS SLIPPED BENEATH THE RUG... AND THOSE CUSHIONS HAVE BEEN IN BAD CONDITION FOR MONTHS!

STOP IT, BRADFORD! THIS MATERIAL WAS SLIT WITH A KNIFE JUST RECENTLY! YOU'VE DONE A FAST PICK-UP JOB IN THIS ROOM, AND I'LL PROVE IT! CHECK THAT VACUUM CLEANER, HARRINGTON!

RIGHT, CHIEF... HEY! BRADFORD'S MAKING A BREAK FOR IT!



**THE DESPERATE MAN DARTED TOWARD THE WINDOW AND MADE A FRANTIC LUNGE FOR FREEDOM...**

SORRY, D.A., BUT I CAN'T STAY AROUND ANY LONGER!

HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING ... THERE'S NO FIRE-ESCAPE OUT THERE! CALL AN AMBULANCE, HARRINGTON... HE'LL NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT AFTER THAT ONE-STORY PLUNGE!



**BRADFORD ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY--SO THAT HARRINGTON AND I WERE ABLE TO QUESTION HIM AS THE AMBULANCE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE...**

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, BRADFORD? WHY DID YOU TRY TO COVER UP THAT THEFT IN YOUR APARTMENT?

I--I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY, D.A.!

HERE'S THE STRETCHER CREW, CHIEF!



THIS IS AN OPEN-AND-SHUT CASE, D.A.! BRADFORD DIDN'T REPORT THAT ROBBERY BECAUSE HE'S A CRIMINAL! THE PUBLICITY WOULD HAVE FINGERED HIM FOR SOME POLICE DEPARTMENT!

THAT'S POSSIBLE, HARRINGTON... BUT I DOUBT IT! BRADFORD DIDN'T STRIKE ME AS THE CRIMINAL TYPE!

WHAT'S MORE, THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE'VE RUN INTO SUCH A SITUATION RECENTLY! WHY DOES THE VICTIM DENY WHAT EYE-WITNESSES ARE WILLING TO SWEAR TO? WHY, HARRINGTON?

BEATS ME, CHIEF! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER HEARD OF A GUY BEING ROBBED... AND SEEMING TO LIKE IT!





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Yes, it was incredible. I ran a fingerprint check on Bradford, hoping to uncover a lead-- and when the report came in, the following morning...

Well, I was right in a way, Chief! Bradford has a record with the police department... as a missing person!

What? Then that explains why he didn't want to acknowledge the theft... he was afraid of being identified and found!



I guess that's it, Chief! His real name is Joe Burns... he disappeared from his home in Carterville over a year ago!

Harrington, I've just had a shocking thought. Do you suppose the victims of those other two cases were missing persons, too?



I don't follow you, Chief!

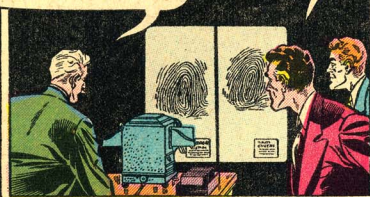
What if these missing persons were targets for a criminal gang-- targets because some clever thieves realized their victims wouldn't dare report the thefts?



Fingerprints of the two people in question were obtained-- and we learned the grim truth before noon that day...

There's no doubt about it, D.A.! The fingerprints you brought me this morning check with those of Alice Winters and Bart Givens... two missing people!

I was afraid of that, Harrington!



What does it all mean, Chief? We can't arrest these missing persons for not reporting a crime!

It's the crime itself I'm afraid of, Harrington! Don't you think it rather odd that **three** missing persons should all be victimized?



You mean, you're convinced this is the work of some gang, Chief?

Exactly, Harrington! The three cases are all too similar! Some cunning criminal has struck on a ruthless scheme to single out missing persons and victimize them!





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THAT WAS THE CONCLUSION I REACHED--WHICH LED ME TO DEVISE A PLAN THAT I SET INTO MOTION AT ONCE, UTILIZING MY ASSISTANT AS THE KEY FIGURE...

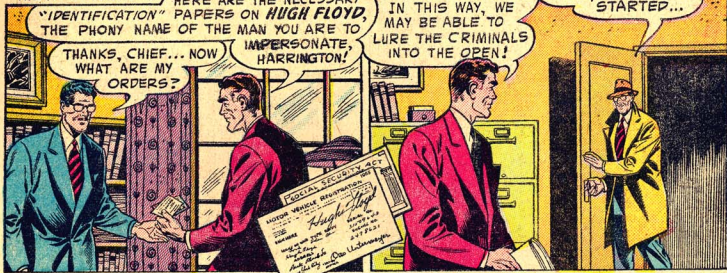
HERE ARE THE NECESSARY "IDENTIFICATION" PAPERS ON **HUGH FLOYD**, THE PHONY NAME OF THE MAN YOU ARE TO IMPERSONATE, HARRINGTON!

THANKS, CHIEF... NOW WHAT ARE MY ORDERS?

IMPERSONATE, HARRINGTON!

YOU'RE TO FOLLOW THE FAMILIAR PATTERN EMPLOYED BY MOST MISSING PERSONS... IN THIS WAY, WE MAY BE ABLE TO LURE THE CRIMINALS INTO THE OPEN!

I GET IT, D.A.--I'M GOING TO BE THE BAIT FOR OUR LITTLE TRAP! WELL, LET'S GET STARTED...

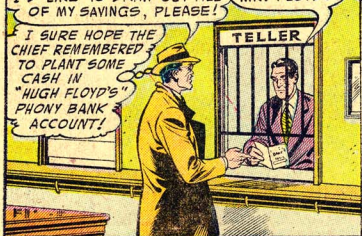


JUST ONE HOUR LATER, HARRINGTON ENTERED THE CITY BANK--AND FROM THAT MOMENT ON, HE WAS UNDER THE CONSTANT SCRUTINY OF MY DEPARTMENT...

I'D LIKE TO DRAW OUT ALL OF MY SAVINGS, PLEASE!

OF COURSE, MR. FLOYD!

I SURE HOPE THE CHIEF REMEMBERED TO PLANT SOME CASH IN "HUGH FLOYD'S" PHONY BANK ACCOUNT!



AFTER WITHDRAWING \$7,000 FROM THE BANK, "HUGH FLOYD" TRAVELED TO THE OTHER END OF TOWN, WHERE...

FIFTY A MONTH? I'LL TAKE IT!

IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU WITH US, MR. DUNSTON!



HARRINGTON GOT THE ROOM, ALL RIGHT, D.A.! BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE TOOK IT UNDER STILL ANOTHER ALIAS-- "DUNSTON"!

BECAUSE THAT'S ACTUALLY WHAT A MISSING PERSON WOULD DO, DETECTIVE BAKER! HARRINGTON MUST PLAY HIS PART TO THE LETTER IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED!

IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, HARRINGTON--ALIAS HUGH FLOYD, ALIAS GEORGE DUNSTON--LED A SHELTERED LIFE...

THERE GOES THAT MR. DUNSTON! HE'S A REAL STRANGE ONE... NEVER DOES ANYTHING BUT SIT IN HIS ROOM ALL DAY!

HMPH... I'D SUSPECT HIM OF BEING A CRIMINAL, EXCEPT HE HARDLY LOOKS THE PART!





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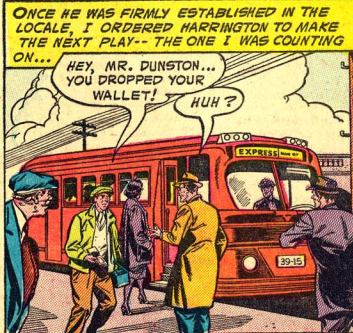


EVERY PERSON THAT HARRINGTON CAME IN CONTACT WITH WAS PHOTOGRAPHED SECRETLY BY MY AGENTS-- FOR AMONG THEM MIGHT POSSIBLY BE AN AGENT OF THE INFAMOUS MISSING PERSONS GANG...



SAY, DUNSTON... HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BOWLING TEAM?

NOT INTERESTED!



ONCE HE WAS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN THE LOCALE, I ORDERED HARRINGTON TO MAKE THE NEXT PLAY-- THE ONE I WAS COUNTING ON...

HEY, MR. DUNSTON... YOU DROPPED YOUR WALLET!

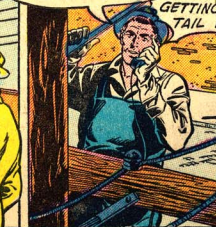
HUH?

WAIT A MINUTE... THIS WALLET BELONGS TO A GUY NAMED HUGH FLOYD!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS... IT'S MINE! GIVE IT TO ME!



D.A. TO AGENT MARSHALL... HARRINGTON MADE HIS FIRST FALSE IDENTITY PLANT ON THE BOOTBLACK! I WANT YOU TO WATCH THAT MAN NIGHT AND DAY!



AGENT MARSHALL ON THE STREET... I SAW IT, D.A.! I'M GETTING ON HIS TAIL NOW!

YOU SEE, WE REALIZED THAT THE GANG COULDN'T POSSIBLY OBTAIN THE CAREFULLY GUARDED NAMES FROM LEGITIMATE MISSING PERSONS BUREAUS, SO WE SOUGHT TO DISCOVER THEIR METHOD THROUGH THIS TRAP WITH HARRINGTON...



AS A TYPICAL MISSING PERSON IN HIDING, HE HOPED TO LURE THEIR AGENTS INTO THE OPEN BY CONSTANTLY CASTING SUSPICION ON HIMSELF...



HUGH FLOYD? BUT THE REGISTERED LETTER WAS FOR GEORGE DUNSTON!

HUH? I'M SORRY, MAILMAN... I MADE A MISTAKE!

HEY, FLOYD!

K-HUH???

AND BEFORE LONG...



THAT'S HIM-- GET HIS PICTURE!





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**THE INCIDENT WITH THE SIDEWALK PHOTOGRAPHER WAS THE ONE I GAVE MY FULL ATTENTION TO-- BECAUSE IT HAD THE MAKINGS OF OUR FIRST GOOD LEAD...**

A MAN SNAPPING HARRINGTON'S PICTURE DOESN'T GIVE US MUCH TO GO ON, P.A.!

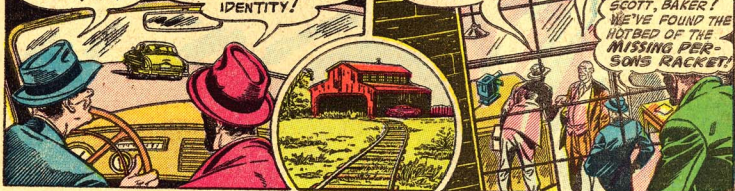
NO-- BUT REMEMBER, BAKER, HARRINGTON WAS POINTED OUT TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER BY THE BOOTBLACK, WHO WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE BAITED WITH A FALSE IDENTITY!

**WE TRAILED THE SUSPECT TO AN ABANDONED TROLLEY-CAR BARN, WHERE BAKER AND I CLIMBED TO A POINT OF VANTAGE...**

HERE'S A SHOT OF HUGH FLOYD--THE GUY WE FIGURE FOR A POSSIBLE MISSING PERSON, BOSS!

HAVE THE FILM DEVELOPED, AND WE'LL RUN AN IDENTIFICATION SCREENING AT ONCE!

GREAT! SCOTT, BAKER! WE'VE FOUND THE HOTBED OF THE MISSING PERSONS RACKET!



**IN STUNNED SILENCE, WE WATCHED THE WHEELS OF THE INCREDIBLE UNDERWORLD ORGANIZATION START MOVING...**

NOPE! THAT CHARACTER FLOYD DOESN'T CHECK WITH ANY OF THE MISSING PERSONS IN OUR "HOT" FILE, BOSS!

HMM... HE COULD BE WEARING A DISGUISE! HAVE ONE OF THE TOUCH-UP BOYS ETCH OUT FLOYD'S MUSTACHE AND GLASSES!

**THIS FORESIGHT ON THE PART OF THE GANG BOSS WAS TO PLUNGE ME INTO ONE OF MY MOST DIFFICULT SITUATIONS--FOR JUST AS THEY BEGAN STUDYING THE ALTERED PHOTO...**

HEY... I'VE SEEN THAT GUY SOMEWHERE BEFORE, BOSS!

SO HAVE I! HE'S HARRINGTON, THE D.A.'S ASSISTANT!

P.A.! THIS OLD ROOF... IT'S CAVING IN!



**IT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE BREAK FOR US! IN SECONDS, BAKER AND I PLUMMETED RIGHT INTO THE UNDERWORLD NEST...**

IT'S THE D.A. HIMSELF! GRAB THEM, MEN... THE POLICE ARE ON TO OUR LITTLE RACKET!

**DAZED BY THE FALL, BAKER AND I WERE UNABLE TO DEFEND OURSELVES--AND WHEN WE REGAINED OUR SENSES, THE GANG WAS MAKING ELABORATE PREPARATIONS...**

BUT, BOSS, WHY ARE WE TAKING THE D.A. AND HIS PAL WITH US?

I'M GONNA TEACH THEM A LITTLE LESSON, EDDIE! THEY'RE GONNA LIVE JUST LONG ENOUGH TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT PLANT OF THEIRS... THE PHONY HUGH FLOYD!

WE'RE GONNA FINISH OFF THAT DOUBLE-CROSSER JUST BEFORE WE LEAVE TOWN! AND TO MAKE OUR VENGEANCE SWEET, THE D.A. IS GONNA PERSONALLY DRIVE US TO HIS APARTMENT! C'MON!



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IT WAS THE TIGHTEST SPOT I'D EVER BEEN IN! THE GANG LEADER HAD ME COMING... AND GOING!

HOW ARE YOU GONNA FIGURE YOUR WAY OUTA THIS ONE, D.A.? IF YOU TRY TO PULL ANYTHING BEHIND THE WHEEL, YOUR BOY IN THE BACK SEAT GETS IT-- AND IF YOU DON'T, HARRINGTON GETS HIS... HA, HA!

HE'S GIVING ME SOME CHOICE... HARRINGTON'S LIFE OR BAKER'S! CAN'T GIVE UP HOPE... I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING-- AND FAST!

IT WAS THEN THAT A SUDDEN THOUGHT STRUCK ME-- BUT IT DEMANDED ALL THE DEFTNESS AT MY COMMAND...

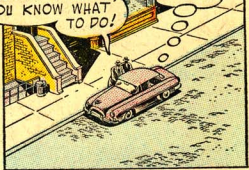
HEY, WHAT GIVES? THIS HEAP IS HEAVING LIKE A BRONCO!

IT'S JUST THE D.A.! HE'S SO SCARED, HE'S SHAKING IN HIS SHOES! HA, HA, HA!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, WE PULLED UP BEFORE HARRINGTON'S APARTMENT...

WE'LL GO UP AND TAKE CARE OF THE D.A.'S ASSISTANT! IF EITHER OF THESE CHARACTERS MAKES A MOVE, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

I DON'T DARE MAKE A MOVE... BAKER WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE! IF ONLY MY PLAN WORKS... IT'S GOT TO!



AND WHEN THE MISSING PERSONS GANG WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY...

AN INSTANT LATER, I BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF AS...

REST EASY, CHIEF! YOUR MESSAGE WAS FLASHED TO US TEN MINUTES AGO!

GOOD WORK, HARRINGTON! BAKER AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS BUNCH IN THE CAR!

WHAT?? A TRAP!

WAIT A MINUTE! LET ME IN ON ONE THING BEFORE THEY TAKE ME OFF, D.A.! HOW'D YOU TIP OFF THE POLICE? YOU WEREN'T OUT OF MY SIGHT FOR EVEN A SPLIT SECOND!

WHEN THE D.A. WAS DRIVING YOU OVER HERE, HE ROPE THE BRAKE OF THE CAR...

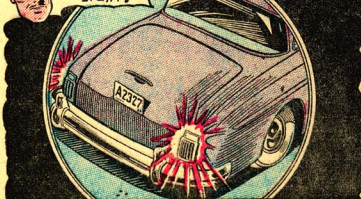


"...APPLYING JUST ENOUGH PRESSURE TO FLASH AN S.O.S. WITH THE REAR BRAKE LIGHT!"

...SO THAT'S WHY THE DRIVE HERE WAS SO JERKY!

I GUESS THIS BRINGS AN END TO THE MISSING PERSONS RACKET, CHIEF!

YES, HARRINGTON, ONE OF THE MOST VICIOUS RACKETS WE'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED! I WONDER IF CRIMINALS WILL EVER LEARN THAT THE ONLY PAYOFF FOR BEING CROOKED IS A LONG JAIL TERM?



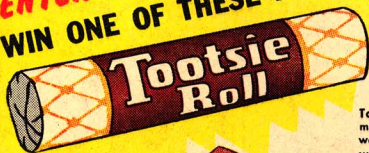
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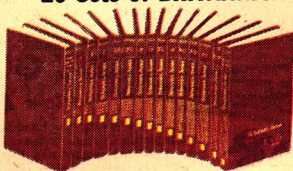
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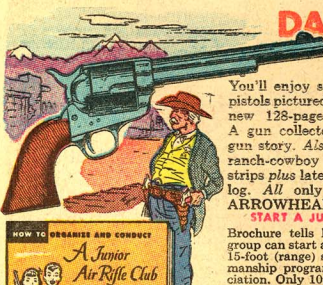


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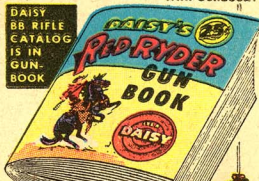
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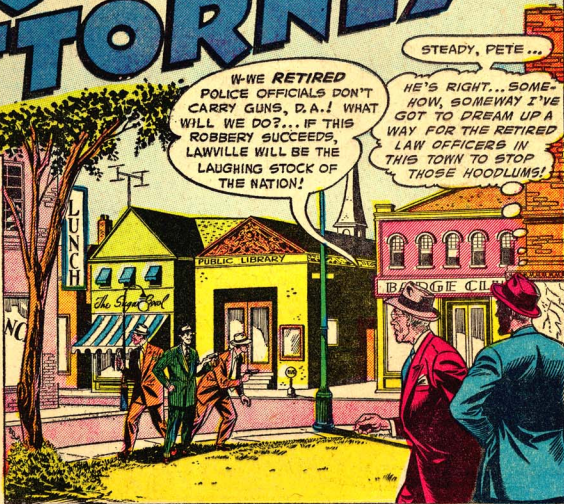


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IT WAS A LAW OFFICIAL'S DREAM COME TRUE! IMAGINE A TOWN WHERE THE LAW HAD NEVER BEEN BROKEN! YES, FANTASTIC AS THIS MAY SOUND, IT WAS TRUE! FOR, YOU SEE, EVERY CITIZEN IN LAWVILLE WAS A RETIRED JUDGE, DETECTIVE, PATROLMAN, SHERIFF, OR THE LIKE! SO IT WAS THAT UNTIL A BIG CITY HOODLUM PAID US A VISIT WE PROUDLY CALLED OUR COMMUNITY...

## THE TOWN WITHOUT A CRIME



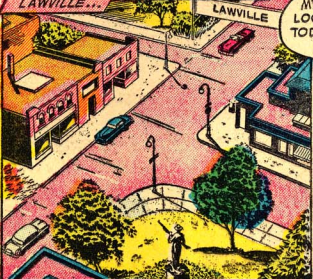
W-WE RETIRED POLICE OFFICIALS DON'T CARRY GUNS, D.A.! WHAT WILL WE DO?... IF THIS ROBBERY SUCCEEDS, LAWVILLE WILL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE NATION!

STEADY, PETE ...

HE'S RIGHT... SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY I'VE GOT TO DREAM UP A WAY FOR THE RETIRED LAW OFFICERS IN THIS TOWN TO STOP THOSE HOODLUMS!

ON ROUTE 24 SOUTH OF MY CITY, THERE IS PROBABLY THE MOST UNUSUAL TOWN IN THE COUNTRY... A TOWN NAMED LAWVILLE...

THE MILD, RELAXED-LOOKING TOWN GROCER IS TOM MASTERS...



MY, YOUR MELONS LOOK WONDERFUL TODAY, LIEUTENANT MASTERS!

YES, MRS. KENDALL, THEY'RE THE CHOICEST I COULD FIND!



PRECISE 12 GROCER



# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



**MASTERS LIVES A QUIET LIFE NOW... BUT NOT LONG AGO HE WAS A BOMB SQUAD EXPERT IN A NORTHERN CITY...**

YOU SAVED MY LIFE BY DISCOVERING THAT HOODLUM'S BOMB IN MY CAR, LIEUTENANT! I-- I HOPE YOU AREN'T HURT BADLY!

GUESS I'LL BE OKAY... GOOD THING I HEARD THE BOMB TICKING IN TIME TO WARN YOU!



**BECAUSE OF HIS INJURY, MASTERS TURNED IN HIS BADGE IN EXCHANGE FOR A LIFE PENSION. THEN THERE IS JUDGE JOHNSON... AGE RETIREMENT BROUGHT HIM TO LAWVILLE WHERE HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN'S ONLY BANK...**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVICE, JUDGE JOHNSON! I GUESS I CAN GET BY WITHOUT A BANK LOAN!

FINE! LIVING ON OUR PENSIONS, WE MUST BE CAREFUL OF DEBTS! WE'RE ALL FORTUNATE MR. D.A. PROPOSED THIS TOWN WHERE EX-LAW OFFICIALS CAN RETIRE ON SMALL INCOMES!



**AMAZING AS IT MAY APPEAR, JUST A YEAR BEFORE, THIS KINDLY BANK PRESIDENT HAD FACED ONE OF MY CITY'S MOST NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS...**

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, JUDGE JOHNSON! WHEN I GET OUT OF JAIL, I'LL FIX YOU GOOD!

TAKE THAT MAN BACK TO HIS CELL!



**YES, HUNDREDS OF EX-POLICE OFFICIALS NOW LIVE IN LAWVILLE! MY OLD FRIEND, PETE DRAKE, IS ONE OF THEM...**

THERE I WAS IN THE POLICE LABORATORY MIXING AND TESTING MY CHEMICALS! IF I COULDN'T PROVE THE HOODLUMS HAD WALKED ON A FLAGSTONE TERRACE AT THE MURDER SCENE, THE D.A.'S CASE WAS SHOT...



WELL, BY MORNING I HAD PROVEN IT AND THE D.A.'S SUSPECT WAS PLUNKED SMACK IN ONE OF THESE ESCAPE-PROOF JAIL CELLS YOU DESIGNED, SHERIFF POTTER!

HA, HA! YOU SURE WON'T EVER FORGET YOU WERE AN EXPERT POLICE LAB TECHNICIAN, PETE!



**SO IT WAS THAT BECAUSE OF MY CLOSE CONNECTION WITH LAWVILLE I PLANNED TO VACATION THERE LAST JULY 23...**

YES, HARRINGTON, WORKING HAND IN GLOVE AS WE DO ALL YEAR IT WILL DO US BOTH GOOD TO SEPARATE FOR A WHILE!

RIGHT, CHIEF! I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE AS MUCH FUN TALKING OVER THE POLICE TRICKS YOUR OLD FRIEND PETE DRAKE TAUGHT YOU AS I WILL FISHING!



LAWVILLE--PROPOSED BY MR. D. FOR RETIRED OFFICERS OF THE L.



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LAWVILLE WAS THE MOST SATISFYING PROJECT I HAD EVER SUPPORTED! MY HEART WAS LIGHT AS I BEGAN THE HOUR-LONG DRIVE...

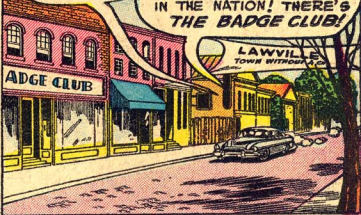
HUNDREDS OF EX-POLICE OFFICIALS FROM ALL OVER THE NATION LIVING IN PEACE AND QUIET... WONDERFUL! NO WONDER THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CRIME THERE!



BUT AT THIS PRECISE MOMENT, FORTY MILES AWAY...

HA, HA! "THE TOWN WITHOUT A CRIME," THEY CALL LAWVILLE! WHAT A GAG, FLASHY!

WE'RE SURE GOING TO CHANGE THAT SLOGAN, JOEY! WE'RE ONLY GOING TO PULL ONE CRIME IN TOWN... BUT IT'LL BE THE BIGGEST JOB IN THE NATION! THERE'S THE BADGE CLUB!



"F-FLASHY" FLOYD REARDON... H-HERE!

THAT'S RIGHT, GRANDPA! NOW ALL YOU HAS-BEEN POLICE LISSEN TO ME... AND LISSEN CLOSE!

NOW THEN... YOU BROKEN-DOWN LAW BOYS ARE GOING TO PLAY A LITTLE GAME WITH US! REMEMBER HOW YOU USED TO WAIT US OUT TILL WE SLIPPED UP AND YOU COULD PUT THE PINCH ON? WELL, THIS IS A WAITING GAME, TOO... ONLY DIFFERENT!



YOU CHEAP HOODLUM, REARDON!

WELL, WELL, CAPTAIN PETE DRAKE, PRECINCT 43 UPTOWN! I HEAR THEY STUCK YOU IN THE POLICE LAB WHEN YOU GOT TOO OLD TO POUND A BEAT... HEY! WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?

THAT IS A MODEL ESCAPE-PROOF CELL, I INVENTED, REARDON! AND YOU CAN BET YOUR LAST BULLET YOU'LL END UP IN A REAL ONE!

IT WAS AN HOUR LATER WHEN I REACHED LAWVILLE AND SOUGHT OUT PETE DRAKE AT THE BADGE CLUB...

D.A.! HELLO, PETE, BOYS! SAY... DID I INTERRUPT SOMETHING SERIOUS? THE DOOR WAS OPEN, SO I JUST CAME IN... ANYTHING WRONG?

G-GREAT SCOTT! PETE'S POLICE BADGE... UPSIDE DOWN!





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**ACTING INSTINCTIVELY, I SLAMMED TOWARD THE ONE PLACE OF CONCEALMENT IN THE DIRECTION PETE'S EYES WERE LOOKING...**

SOMEBODY HIDING HERE... PETE WAS USING OUR OLD POLICE DANGER SIGNAL ALL RIGHT!

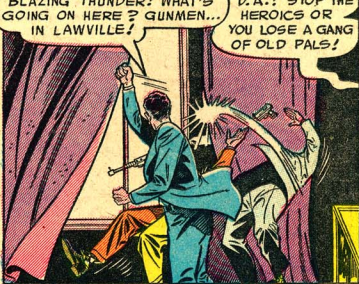
GO TO IT, D.A.!

**OOF**



**I RIPPED THE CURTAIN FREE OF THE LURKING HOODLUMS AND... ALL RIGHT, BLAZING THUNDER! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? GUNMEN... IN LAWVILLE!**

D.A.! STOP THE HEROICS OR YOU LOSE A GANG OF OLD PALS!



**I WHEELED ABOUT AND HELPLESSLY DROPPED MY ARMS TO MY SIDES AS...**

YOU LOSE, D.A.... ANOTHER MOVE AND I START TARGET PRACTICE!

"F-FLASHY" FLOYD REARDON!

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO, PETE?

WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, D.A.! THERE'S NO MONEY HERE!

CRAZY LIKE THE FOX WHO WENT TO COLLEGE, GRAMP! IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES I'M SNATCHING ONE MILLION IRON MEN RIGHT OUT OF LAWVILLE!

H-HE KEEPS LOOKING AT HIS WATCH AND THAT LUNCH ROOM ACROSS THE STREET AND BLABBING ABOUT STEAKING A MILLION BUCKS!



LUNCH ROOM! THAT'S THE 'STOP-OVER LUNCH'... HMM...

IMAGINE...A MILLION DOLLARS IN LAWVILLE!

WHAT...? PETE...THE FEDERAL RESERVE SHIPMENT FROM CENTERVILLE GOES THROUGH HERE EVERY MONTH ENROUTE TO MY CITY! LAWVILLE'S A SAFE ROUTE TO TAKE AND THE GUARDS ALWAYS STOP FOR LUNCH ACROSS THE STREET!

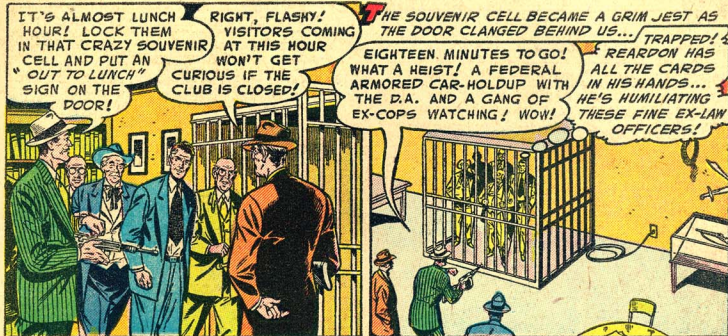
S-SUFFERING GOSH! THE ARMORED CAR... I--I FORGOT ABOUT THAT!

BOYS, WE'RE PULLING THE MILLION-DOLLAR PLUM RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER THE NOSES OF A THOUSAND EX-LAWMEN! THE GUARDS WILL BE OFF-GUARD... BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY'RE SAFE WITH SO MANY FORMER POLICE ABOUT!





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IT'S ALMOST LUNCH HOUR! LOCK THEM IN THAT CRAZY SOUVENIR CELL AND PUT AN "OUT TO LUNCH" SIGN ON THE DOOR!

RIGHT, FLASHY! VISITORS COMING AT THIS HOUR WON'T GET CURIOUS IF THE CLUB IS CLOSED!

THE SOUVENIR CELL BECAME A GRIM JEST AS THE DOOR CLANGED BEHIND US... TRAPPED! EIGHTEEN MINUTES TO GO! WHAT A HEIST! A FEDERAL ARMORED CAR-HOLDUP WITH THE D.A. AND A GANG OF EX-COPS WATCHING! WOW!

REARDON HAS ALL THE CARDS IN HIS HANDS... HE'S HUMILIATING THESE FINE EX-LAW OFFICERS!

DESPERATELY, MY MIND WHIRLED FOR A SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM! WITH ME WERE SOME OF THE GREATEST POLICE BRAINS IN THE COUNTRY! WE HAD TO DO SOMETHING... SOMETHING...

A WEALTH OF CRIME-FIGHTING EXPERTS LOCKED UP BY SOME CHEAP GANGSTERS... IF THEY COULD ONLY UTILIZE THEIR TALENTS AND TRAINING!

SUDDENLY, MY EYE CAUGHT A RELIC OF FORMER CRIME-FIGHTING DAYS ON THE CLUB WALL, AND.../ GREAT THUNDER!

(WHISPER) KENT... AS A FORMER POLICE PSYCHOLOGIST COULD YOU UTILIZE SOME OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO DISTRACT THOSE CRIMINALS... MAKE THEM LOOK THE OTHER WAY FOR JUST THIRTY SECONDS?



EX-TEXAS SHERIFF POTTER

EX-BOMB SQUAD EXPERT MASTERS

EX-POLICE PSYCHOLOGIST KENT

EX-POLICE LAB TECHNICIAN PETE DRAKE



WHY... I CAN TRY, D.A....

AS KENT CONCENTRATED ON THE HOODLUMS, I TURNED TO EX-SHERIFF POTTER...

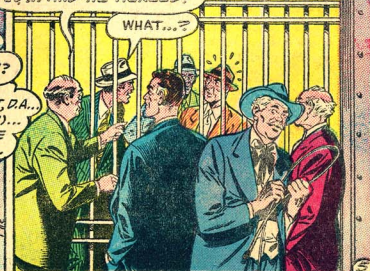
FLASHY, JOEY... YOU'RE BOTH FOOLS! YOU MEN ARE TOO NERVOUS TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS JOB! YOU'RE BOTH PLANNING TO DOUBLE-CROSS EACH OTHER...

IF YOU THINK I'M KIDDIN', LOOK IN JOEY'S POCKET! I SLIPPED HIM A NOTE PROMISING HIM FREEDOM FROM THE LAW IF HE RELEASED US... AND HE AGREED!



HUH? WHO ARE YOU KIDDIN'?

ALL RIGHT, D.A... (WHISPER)... I'LL GIVE IT A TRY...



WHAT...?

**THE HOODLUMS SWARMED ABOUT JOEY LIKE ANGRY VULTURES! AND AS THEY DID SO, SHERIFF POTTER ACTED WITH SPLIT-SECOND TIMING... I-I TELL YOU, HE'S CRAZY!**



**C'MON, C'MON... LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN YOUR POCKETS, JOEY!**

**PERFECT TOSS!**

**THEN... SEE... NOTHING!**



**YOU'RE A PRETTY SMART BOY, AREN'T YOU, BUSTER? WHEN THIS JOB IS OVER, I'LL PAY YOU OFF FOR THAT GAG!**

**(WHISPER) OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO UTILIZE YOUR SKILL!**

**MINUTES AFTER DESPERATE MINUTES, EX-BOMB SQUAD EXPERT MASTERS CALLED UPON HIS SPECIAL TRAINING OF YEARS BACK...**



**(WHISPER) I THINK I CAN MAKE IT... DON'T LET THEM SEE ME!**

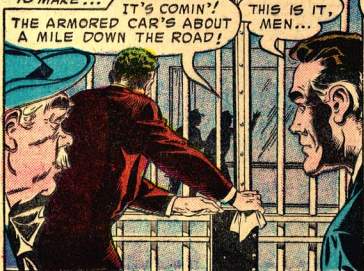
**(WHISPER) THEY DON'T SUSPECT A THING... BUT HURRY...**

**SIX MINUTES... JUST SIX MORE MINUTES AND WE WALK OUT SWEET AS APPLE PIE TO PICK OFF A MILLION BUCKS FROM THAT ARMORED CAR!**

**RIGHT, FLASHY! AN' THE LAST THING IN THE WORLD THEY EXPECT IS A ROBBERY IN THE TOWN WITHOUT A CRIME! HA, HA!**



**MASTER'S NIMBLE FINGERS RACED THE CLOCK AS HIS FORMER TRAINING ENABLED HIM TO PREPARE AN EXPLOSIVE ONLY AN EX-BOMB SQUAD EXPERT WOULD KNOW HOW TO MAKE...**



**IT'S COMIN'! THE ARMORED CAR'S ABOUT A MILE DOWN THE ROAD!**

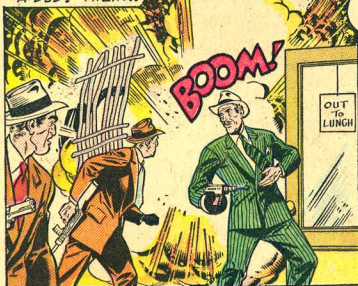
**THIS IS IT, MEN...**

**LOOKIT ALL THE BRAVE EX-LAWMEN! THEY'RE LIKE FRIGHTENED KIDS!**

**MOVE OUTSIDE, JOEY! REMEMBER... WALK SLOWLY! DON'T AROUSE SUSPICION! WE'LL JUMP THE GUARDS WHEN THEY ENTER THE LUNCH ROOM!**



"FLASHY" REARDON OPENED THE DOOR! FOR AN INSTANT, I THOUGHT OUR EXPLOSIVE WAS A DUD! THEN...



LET'S GO, OFFICERS... YOU'RE BACK IN HARNESS ONCE AGAIN!

OUTSIDE! OUTSIDE, JOEY, ROBERTS! THE ARMORED CAR'S PULLING UP! WE'LL HAVE TO RUSH IT OURSELVES! WE CAN'T LET THOSE OLD DUFFERS SPOIL THIS CHANCE!



QUICKLY, WE DISPOSED OF THE TWO THUGS...

THEY'RE PLANNING TO RUSH THE ARMORED CAR IN SPITE OF OUR BREAK-OUT! GOT TO STOP THEM... THOSE GUARDS MAY HAVE LEFT THE CAR ALREADY!

BUT OUTSIDE...

T-THE CRUMBS! THEY'RE TURNING AWAY! THEY HEARD THE GUN-FIRE! W-WE'RE SUNK!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, FLASHY! THOSE OLD GUYS HAVE BUSTED OUR JOB WIDE OPEN!



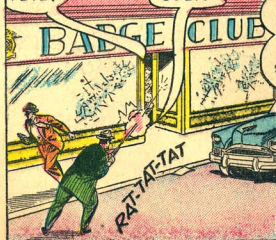
AS PETE DRAKE AND I STARTED IN PURSUIT OF THE REMAINING MOB MEMBERS...

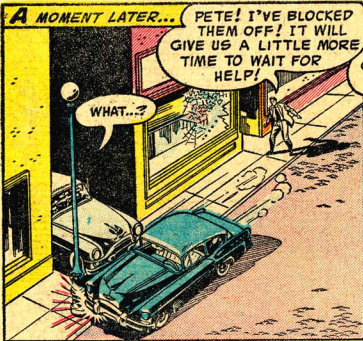
LOOK OUT, PETE! GET THE CAR STARTED! I'LL KEEP THEM BACK, JOEY!

W-WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY, D.A.! IF REARDON ESCAPES FROM A WHOLE TOWN OF EX-POLICE-MEN, THE NEWSPAPERS WILL MAKE A LAUGHING STOCK OUT OF US!

I KNOW, PETE... BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS HERE! I'M GOING TO BLOCK THE DRIVEWAY WITH MY CAR...

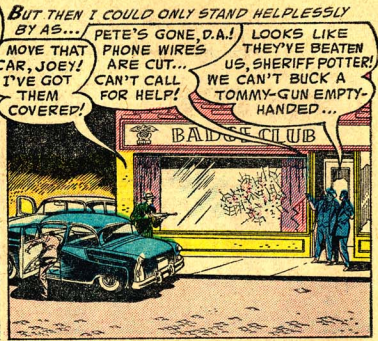
QUICKLY, I RUSHED TO WHERE MY CAR WAS PARKED AND RELEASED THE BRAKE...





**A MOMENT LATER...** PETE! I'VE BLOCKED THEM OFF! IT WILL GIVE US A LITTLE MORE TIME TO WAIT FOR HELP!

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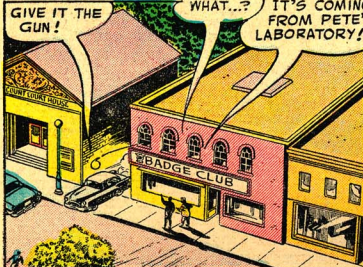


**BUT THEN I COULD ONLY STAND HELPLESSLY BY AS...** MOVE THAT CAR, JOEY! I'VE GOT THEM COVERED!

PETE'S GONE, D.A.! PHONE WIRES ARE CUT... CAN'T CALL FOR HELP!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE BEATEN US, SHERIFF POTTER! WE CAN'T BUCK A TOMMY-GUN EMPTY-HANDED ...

**THEN, AS THE TWO THUGS CLEARED THEIR ESCAPE PATH, A GLASS RETORT SAILED THROUGH THE AIR...**

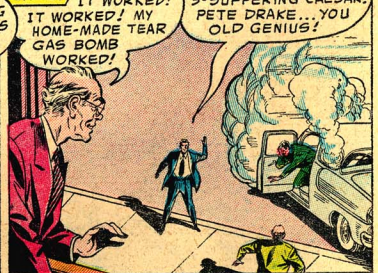


WHAT...?

IT'S COMING FROM PETE'S LABORATORY!

GIVE IT THE GUN!

**A BRUPTLY, REARDON AND HIS HENCHMEN WERE ENVELOPED IN A CLOUD OF SEARING TEAR GAS...**



IT WORKED! MY HOME-MADE TEAR GAS BOMB WORKED!

S-SUFFERING CAESAR! PETE DRAKE... YOU OLD GENIUS!

**AFTERWARD, THE FACES OF THE EX-LAW OFFICIALS WERE WREATHED IN SMILES...**

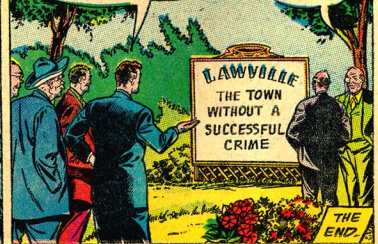


THUNDERATION! IT WAS JUST LIKE OLD TIMES!

HAVEN'T HAD SO MUCH FUN SINCE I RETIRED FIVE YEARS AGO!

I GUESS WE SHOWED THEM A THING OR THREE!

WELL, FELLOWS, I'M MIGHTY PROUD OF YOU ALL! YOU'VE CERTAINLY PROVEN EX-POLICEMEN NEVER LOSE THEIR TOUCH... AND LAWVILLE IS STILL THE TOWN WITHOUT A SUCCESSFUL CRIME!



THANKS TO YOU, D.A.

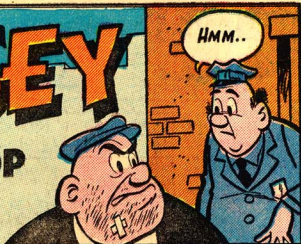
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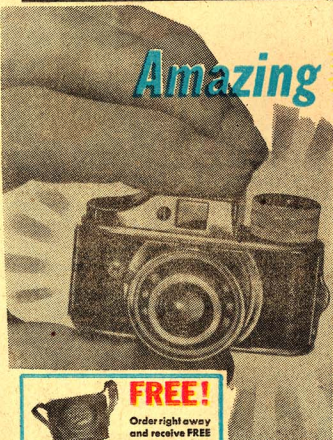
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WHAT KIND OF MEAT DOES AN ELEPHANT EAT?



NONE WHATEVER! ELEPHANTS ARE STRICTLY VEGETARIANS!

WHY WAS "POUND CAKE" GIVEN THAT NAME?



BECAUSE IN OLDEN DAYS THE RECIPES CALLED FOR A POUND OF EACH OF THE MAIN INGREDIENTS!

DOES TAR PAPER CONSIST OF TAR AND PAPER?



NO! TAR PAPER IS ACTUALLY **FELT** IMPREGNATED WITH ASPHALT!

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**FEARLESS FOSDICK**  
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GANGWAY, FOSDICK!!  
WE'RE BUSTIN' OUT!!



PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL SOON BE HERE!! I MUST LOOK MY BEST!!

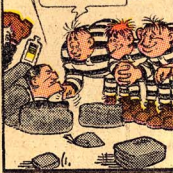
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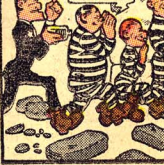
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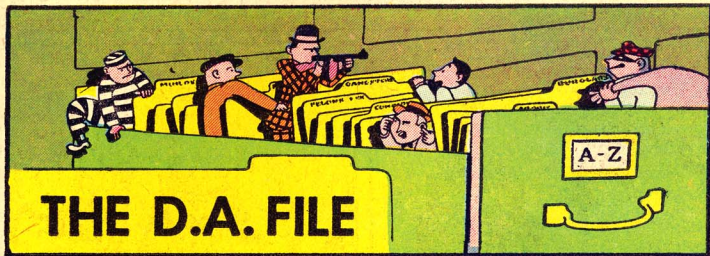
NATCHERLY!! YOU GOT WHAT WE BUSTED OUT FOR!! AMERICA'S FAVORITE HAIR-TONIC, WILDROOT CREAM-OIL—WHICH KEEPS HAIR NEAT AN' NATURAL—



ALSO REMOVES LOOSE, UGLY DANDRUFF, AND CONTAINS LANOLIN!! — GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL, CHARLIE!!

BUT DAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL!! MY NAME IS 74-1!!





### THIEF TRAPS

Deftly, the burglar jimmied open the lock of the store's back door. Smiling wryly, he inched open the door, then strode in confidently to begin his job of ransacking the safe, which glistened in the moonlight.

Abruptly, a voice cried out: "Stand where you are! Hands up!" And the thief found himself pinned by a crisscross of flashlight beams. Three policemen gravitated towards him, handcuffed him and sped him downtown to the precinct.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the American District Telegraph Co. (commonly known by its initials of ADT), another culprit has been caught in the act. For the burglar had unwittingly tipped his hand; as he worked on the lock, he had set off a hidden alarm, which was recorded at ADT's local headquarters. A dutiful operator then had swiftly alerted police to the threatened robbery.

What is the ADT? It is a private police organization which works with the FBI, local police and other enforcement agencies in almost 700 cities, safeguarding warehouses, banks, stores, factories, depots, docks, U. S. Treasury mints, gold bullion deposits at West Point and Fort Knox. One of its most vital assignments is protecting the secrets hoarded in nuclear-fission experimental buildings and the Atomic Energy Commission Building in the capital.

While ADT lists a variety of ingenious devices to trap the wary trespasser, it is constantly developing new gimmicks. The latest is a unique apparatus called the "Telapproach." Even as a safecracker approaches his target, the alarm is sounded at ADT offices because his presence interrupts a field of radio waves, which envelop the area. Another method that is now undergoing development concerns ultrasonic waves, whose invisible crisscross would sound an alarm when broken by a stranger.

"Magic eyes," electric-wired windowpanes, fake wires, and scores of other boobytraps are in ADT's grab-bag, whose canny contents have fooled crooks into calling the police down on themselves.

### DOG-PRINTS

To facilitate identification of dogs that are lost or stolen, the Canadian government has initiated a system of nose-printing. Prior to this, dogs were identified solely through their color markings and other characteristics.

The nose-print identification is based on the complex number of pores in the animal's nose, and the shape of the nose print. Mrs. Alva McColl, president of the Canadian Kennel Club, devised the method, which she urged the police to accept.

Canada is the only country in the world

that has adopted the system of identification officially.

### COOL CASHIER

How to foil a movie theatre thief? Ignore them! That is the policy of one New York box-office cashier, who, when threatened by a gun-brandishing bandit, simply asked: "How many, please?"

"Give me all the cash in your till," snapped the gunman.

"Orchestra, balcony or loge?" persisted the girl, innocently.

"Didn't you hear me?" growled the gunman, poking the pistol barrel through the grille.

"You'll have to speak louder, sir," she went on, sweetly.

"For the last time, lady. I warn you. Give me all the dough!" he rasped impatiently.

The girl glanced behind the menacing figure. "If you can't make up your mind, would you please step back? Here comes another customer," she said.

The would-be thief groaned with exasperation, turned, and fled.

### A CON'S CANTATA

Because of a record of 19 previous arrests, when he was arrested for stealing a cheap radio, Frank Grandstaff was given a life sentence as a habitual criminal. In leisure moments at Tennessee State Penitentiary, Grandstaff composed minor pieces of music. But after he read a book called "Big Spring," which related the story of Texas, Grandstaff became inspired. During the next few months, he composed a 70-page cantata in the privacy of his cell, tapping out the time on the stone floor, jotting down notes without a single instrument.

When they heard of Grandstaff's eloquent tribute, the citizens of Big Spring

urged Gov. Browning of Tennessee to allow the convict-composer to visit Big Spring to hear the first public performance of his work.

Flanked by a sheriff and a deputy, Grandstaff came to Big Spring, dressed in a borrowed tweed suit, and, after a restful night at the home of the book's author, attended the concert at the Municipal Auditorium. He listened raptly to the 30-man chorus sing his composition. At the final note, the audience applauded and cheered, demanded his appearance on the stage. Then, a horde of autograph-seekers descended on him.

Next day, Frank Grandstaff, flushed with happiness, returned to his solitary cell at Tennessee State Penitentiary, to resume his life sentence. He had something to remember—and something to look forward to. Perhaps another musical masterpiece.

### BLOTTER JOTTINGS

BELLVILLE, Ill.: At a dinner-dance to foster better relations between Scott Air Force Base and the community, a souvenir-hunter stole the stars from Major General Edward Underhill's overcoat.

COLUMBUS, Ohio: Two policemen leaped into their squad car to give chase to a fleeing fugitive, threw the car into second gear. Its backfire frightened the thief, who suddenly halted, threw up his hands in surrender.

CHICAGO: Arrested for having assaulted a customer, a restaurateur had the charge dismissed when he explained: "He ordered one hamburger, just one, then he used up a whole bottle of ketchup on it!"

VENTURA, Calif.: Arrested when he tried to cash a check made out to one George Taylor, a forger claimed that he had taken the name at random from a phone book, was unaware that George Taylor was chief of police!





# MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

**W**HEN THE EXTRA-ORDINARY ENGLISH MURDER CASE OF JOHN EDWARD MILLS FIRST CAME TO MY ATTENTION, I WAS INTENT ONLY UPON REPORTING IT AS AN IMPARTIAL OBSERVER FOR THE BENEFIT OF READERS ALL OVER THE WORLD. HOWEVER, I SOON FOUND MYSELF ENTANGLED IN A FANTASTIC SET OF CLUES THAT PROVOKED MY INTEREST TO THE POINT WHERE I BECAME AN UNOFFICIAL...

# D.A.

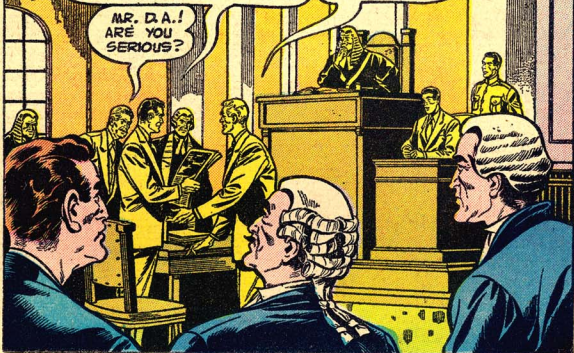
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# SCOTLAND YARD

IF IT PLEASERS THE COURT, I REQUEST SPECIAL PERMISSION TO SEEK TO PROVE THE DEFENDANT INNOCENT!

MR. D.A.! ARE YOU SERIOUS?

CHIEF! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! TH-THE ENGLISH COURT HAS PRACTICALLY PROVEN MILLS GUILTY!



**T**HIS WORLD-FAMOUS CASE HAD ITS BEGINNING IN A CHEAD LONDON HOTEL ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> OF LAST YEAR...

THAT'S HIM... THE BLOKE WHOSE PICTURES IS IN ALL THE NEWS-PAPERS! HE CHECKED IN HERE LAST NIGHT WRINGING WET, HE DID!

ARE YOU JOHN EDWARD MILLS?

Y-YES... WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? WHO ARE YOU?

CHIEF INSPECTOR GRIMES, SCOTLAND YARD! YOU ARE SUSPECTED OF MURDERING SIR HARRY DUNSTON, MR. MILLS... IT IS MY DUTY TO ARREST YOU!

BUT... BUT I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!





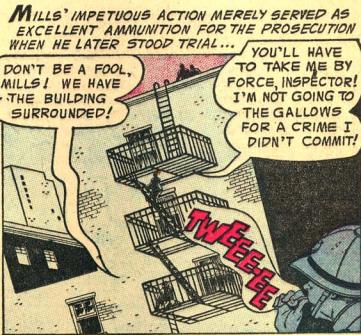
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I MUST WARN YOU THAT ANYTHING YOU SAY MAY BE TAKEN DOWN AS EVIDENCE AND USED AGAINST YOU, AND ... WHAT--?

N-NO! I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU! I HAVEN'T A CHANCE IN THE WORLD OF PROVING MY INNOCENCE!

**SLAM**



MILLS' IMPETUOUS ACTION MERELY SERVED AS EXCELLENT AMMUNITION FOR THE PROSECUTION WHEN HE LATER STOOD TRIAL...

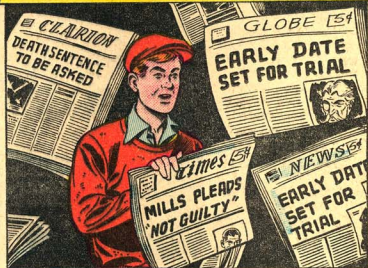
DON'T BE A FOOL, MILLS! WE HAVE THE BUILDING SURROUNDED!

YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME BY FORCE, INSPECTOR! I'M NOT GOING TO THE GALLOWES FOR A CRIME I DIDN'T COMMIT!

**TWEETEE**

THE SUSPECT WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY--THE HARD WAY...

THE CASE CAPTURED WORLD INTEREST, BECAUSE SIR HARRY DUNSTON WAS CONSIDERED A PIONEER OF THE BRITISH AVIATION INDUSTRY...



MEANWHILE, HERE IN AMERICA, I BEGAN FOLLOWING THE FACTS OF THE CASE CLOSELY...

GOSH, CHIEF, YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING THAT ENGLISH MURDER CASE FOR DAYS! HOW COME ALL THE CABLEGRAMS FROM SCOTLAND YARD?

BECAUSE OF THE VERY NATURE OF THE SIR HARRY DUNSTON CASE, IT HAS STIMULATED WORLD-WIDE INTEREST, HARRINGTON!

IT WAS A DARING MURDER, INVOLVING ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST HONORED CITIZENS AND A YOUNG AVIATION DESIGNER OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION! MOST UNUSUAL!

YES, I GUESS IT ISN'T A RUN-OF-THE-MILL CRIME! WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS FROM YOUR SCOTLAND YARD FRIEND-- CHIEF INSPECTOR GRIMES?



AN INVITATION, HARRINGTON! I'VE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO SIT IN ON THE TRIAL AND WRITE A COLUMN OF MY REFLECTIONS ON BRITISH JUSTICE IN ACTION FOR THE **INTERNATIONAL POLICE MAGAZINE!**

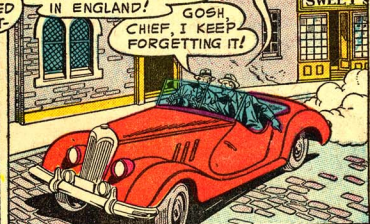
WOW, CHIEF, I GET IT! BY READING **YOUR** REPORT OF THE TRIAL, LAW OFFICIALS ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL GET THE MOST THOROUGH, DETAILED AND ACCURATE REPORTING POSSIBLE!

**THUS, ONE WEEK LATER, HARRINGTON AND I ARRIVED IN LONDON, AND AT ONCE FOUND OURSELVES ACTING LIKE TYPICAL TOURISTS...**

DRIVE THE CAR ON THE **LEFT** SIDE OF THE STREET, HARRINGTON... THAT'S THE WAY TRAFFIC RUNS HERE IN ENGLAND!

GOSH, CHIEF, I KEEP FORGETTING IT!

GREAT HANNAH!

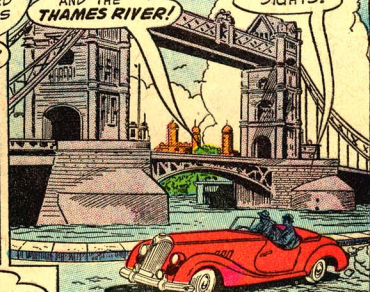
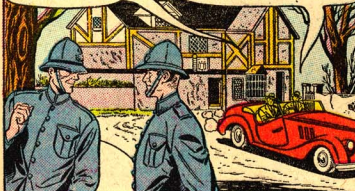


HA, HA... LOOK AT THOSE BRITISH **BOBBIES!** I WONDER HOW AMERICAN OFFICERS WOULD TAKE TO WEARING THOSE BIG HELMETS?

JUST A MATTER OF HABIT, I GUESS! OUR POLICE WOULD GET USED TO IT SOON ENOUGH! DON'T FORGET... OUR WORD "COP" ORIGINATED IN THIS COUNTRY, WHEN POLICEMEN USED TO WEAR **COPPER BADGES!**

SAY... THAT MUST BE THE FAMOUS **TOWER BRIDGE** AND THE **THAMES RIVER!**

RIGHT, HARRINGTON! PULL UP AND WE'LL TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE SIGHTS!



WHAT'S THAT BIG STRUCTURE BACK THERE... WHERE ALL THE PEOPLE ARE TAKING PICTURES?

THE **TOWER OF LONDON**, HARRINGTON -- ONE OF LONDON'S MOST COLORFUL STRUCTURES! NO ONE CONSIDERS HIS VISIT COMPLETE UNTIL HE'S FILMED **TOWER BRIDGE** FROM UP THERE!

**BUT OUR SIGHTSEEING IN LONDON WAS SHORT-LIVED, BECAUSE I HAD SOME GRIM POLICE WORK AWAITING ME AT SCOTLAND YARD...**

THEN, INSPECTOR GRIMES, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE EVIDENCE IS CONCLUSIVE AGAINST JOHN EDWARD MILLS, HE STILL PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE!

PRECISELY, MR. D.A.! IT DOESN'T MAKE A BIT OF SENSE! HE'S TELLING A **FANTASTIC** STORY!





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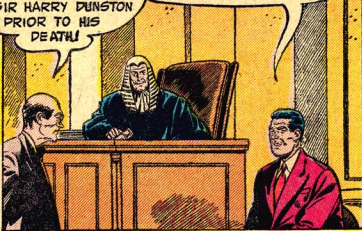
IF MILLS WERE TO PLEAD GUILTY, HE MIGHT RECEIVE LIFE IMPRISONMENT FROM THE COURT! BUT BY STUBBORNLY STICKING TO AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE STORY, HE'S SURE TO GET THE GALLOWES!

I SEE! I'LL BE MOST ANXIOUS TO HEAR THE TRIAL TESTIMONY!

NEXT DAY, I LISTENED TO JOHN EDWARD MILLS' "FANTASTIC" STORY IN COURT...

NOW, MR. MILLS, TELL THE JURY PRECISELY WHAT OCCURRED BETWEEN YOU AND SIR HARRY DUNSTON PRIOR TO HIS DEATH!

ON SATURDAY, THE DAY BEFORE HE WAS MURDERED, I VISITED HIM AT HIS LABORATORY IN THE AVIATION PLANT...



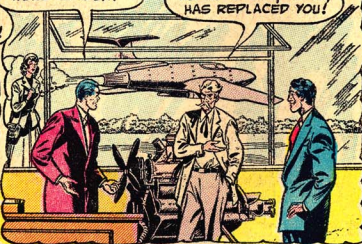
"I WAS ANGRY--AND WITH GOOD REASON..."

SIR HARRY... I'VE GOT TO SEE YOU! I WON'T BE TAKEN OFF THIS PROJECT FOR THE NEW JET ENGINE! IT ISN'T FAIR!

WHY, YOU FRESH WHIPPER-SNAPPER... YOU'LL DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!

I'VE SPENT MONTHS WORKING ON THE ENGINE! SOME OF THE NEW COMBUSTION THEORIES WERE MY IDEA!

PAH! YOU'RE UNRELIABLE! I DON'T WANT YOU AS AN ASSISTANT ON THIS VITAL, SECRET WORK! STONE, HERE, HAS REPLACED YOU!



\*WILD WITH ANGER, I GRABBED SIR HARRY, AND...

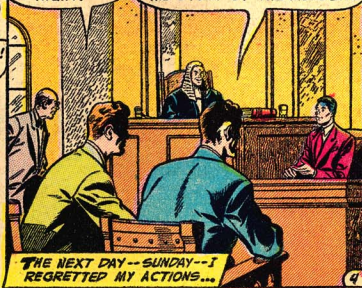
YOU'RE LYING! YOU'RE GETTING RID OF ME BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE WITH YOUR DAUGHTER, AND YOU WANT HER TO MARRY A MAN WITH MORE POSITION AND WEALTH THAN I HAVE!

GET OUT!  
GET OUT!

I SAY, THIS IS A BIT OF A BAD SHOW! BEST YOU LEAVE, MILLS!

WELL, THERE'S THE MOTIVE ALL RIGHT!

YES, HARRINGTON... BUT I'M ANXIOUS TO HEAR HIM TELL HIS STORY OF THE MURDER...



THE NEXT DAY--SUNDAY--I REGRETTED MY ACTIONS...



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"SIR HARRY WAS PLANNING A BOAT TRIP DOWN THE THAMES ON HIS YACHT, AND I WENT ABOARD WITH ALICE..."

I'M SO HAPPY YOU DECIDED TO APOLOGIZE, JOHN! FATHER'S ALONE IN HIS CABIN... I'LL WAIT WITH THE OTHERS ON DECK!

ALL RIGHT, DARLING! HE'S STUBBORN AND MONEY CRAZY... BUT HE IS YOUR FATHER--SO WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BURY THE HATCHET!



"THE VESSEL HEADED DOWNRIVER AS I ENTERED SIR HARRY'S CABIN..."

Y-YOU... HERE? GET OFF MY BOAT, MILLS!

SIR HARRY... PLEASE, BE REASONABLE! I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE JOB-- BUT I LOVE YOUR DAUGHTER AND INTEND TO MARRY HER!



"IT WAS THEN THAT IT HAPPENED--AS A GIANT, MASKED FIGURE SEEMED TO BOLT OUT OF NOWHERE, AND STRUCK ME HARD ON THE CHIN..."



WHA...?

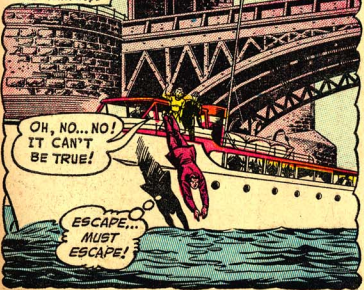
"WHEN I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS..."



J-JOHN! W-WHAT... HAVE YOU DONE?

I... I...

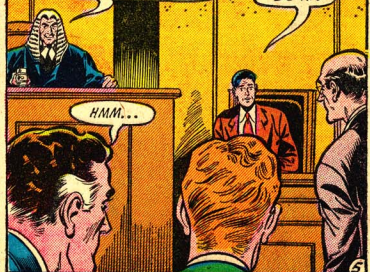
"REALIZING MY TERRIBLE POSITION, I BECAME PANIC-STRICKEN, AND COULD ONLY THINK OF ONE THING..."



OH, NO... NO! IT CAN'T BE TRUE!

ESCAPE... MUST ESCAPE!

"...AND THAT'S THE TRUTH! I DIDN'T KILL SIR HARRY-- A MASKED KILLER ASSAULTED US BOTH!"



COURT ADJOURNED!

HMM...



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THAT EVENING, AS I PREPARED THE MATERIAL FOR MY COLUMN...

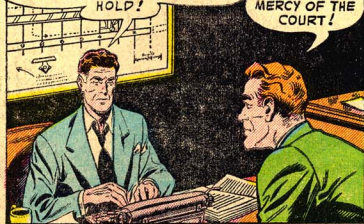
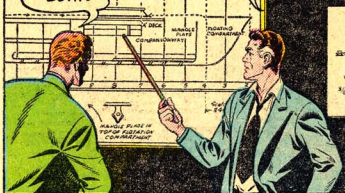
WELL, CHIEF, IT'S A FANTASTIC STORY ALL RIGHT! THE SHIP GUESTS CLAIM NOBODY BUT MILLS DIVED OFF THAT BOAT!

YES, HARRINGTON, AND WHEN THE POLICE SEARCHED THE VESSEL--THE MOMENT IT DOCKED--NO STRANGE, MASKED MAN WAS FOUND!

IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

THAT JOHN EDWARD MILLS WAS ALONE WITH SIR HARRY ON A BOAT IN THE RIVER--SO WHY IN THUNDER DOES HE STICK TO THAT MASKED KILLER STORY? IT WILL NEVER HOLD!

HE SHOULD THROW HIMSELF ON THE MERCY OF THE COURT!



HOUR AFTER HOUR, DAY AFTER DAY, I LISTENED AS THE EVIDENCE PILED UP AGAINST JOHN EDWARD MILLS...

YES, I'M POSITIVE ... NOBODY WAS WITH MR. MILLS WHEN HE DOVE OFF AND SWAM TO THE NEAR SHORE! I WAS FACING IN THAT DIRECTION AT THE TIME--BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR P. M.!

I SEARCHED THE BOAT FROM STEM TO STERN... NO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONS WERE ABOARD!

B--BUT YOU MUST BELIEVE ME!

HE WON'T CRACK... HE'S NOT CHANGING HIS STORY... YET HE SPEAKS LIKE HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!



MY TYPEWRITER HAMMERED OUT THE GRIM RECORD OF MILLS' "DEFENSE"--BUT HIS STUBBORN TESTIMONY OF INNOCENCE DISTURBED ME, TILL FINALLY I COULD STAND IT NO LONGER...

LATER, AS WE DUPLICATED THE MURDER CRUISE DOWN THE THAMES...

FOR TWO DAYS, I CRUISED THE RIVER, WHILE NEWSPAPERS THE WORLD OVER CONDEMNED MILLS IN THEIR HEADLINES...

ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY, THE MURDER MUST HAVE OCCURRED ABOUT HERE ...

GOSH, CHIEF, THIS IS LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK! ALL THE OTHER

JUST A FEW MINUTES AWAY FROM TOWER BRIDGE!

GUESTS WERE TOGETHER... ONLY MILLS COULD HAVE KILLED SIR HARRY DUNSTON!

HARRINGTON, GET YOUR COAT! WE'RE GOING TO HIRE A BOAT AND RE-RUN THE COURSE OF THAT MURDER BOAT! I WANT MY MATERIAL TO BE AUTHENTIC IN EVERY DETAIL!

RIGHT, CHIEF!



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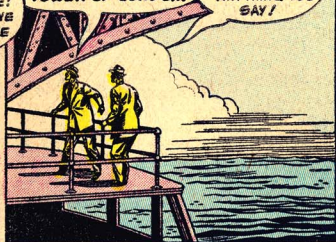
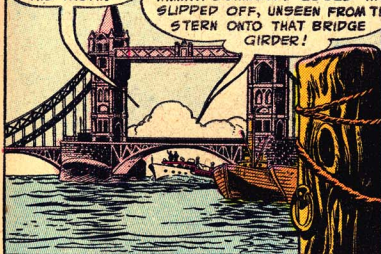
SO THAT, BY THE THIRD DAY OF MY RIVER INVESTIGATION...

GOSH, CHIEF, YOU'RE ABOUT THE ONLY PERSON WHO STILL THINKS MILLS MIGHT BE TELLING THE TRUTH!

A DESPERATE MAN--GAMBLING HIS LIFE ON A FANTASTIC STORY WHEN HE MIGHT WIN LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY CONFESSING... IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! HMM... SOMEBODY COULD HAVE SLIPPED OFF, UNSEEN FROM THE STERN ONTO THAT BRIDGE GIRDER!

BUT HOW COULD WE PROVE A THING LIKE THAT UNLESS... S-SUFFERING HANNAH! BRING US IN TO SHORE, HARRINGTON! WE'RE PAYING A VISIT TO THE TOWER OF LONDON!

HUH--? WELL--OKAY, CHIEF... ANYTHING YOU SAY!



BY MIDNIGHT, HARRINGTON HAD COMPLETED HIS GRUELING TASK...

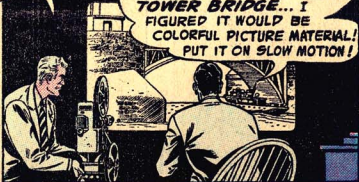
SHORTLY, AT THE RECEPTION DESK OF THE FAMED STRUCTURE...

W-WHY, YES, MR. D.A.-- I SUPPOSE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I COULD GIVE YOU A LIST OF THE TOURISTS WHO SIGNED OUR GUEST BOOK BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR P.M. JUNE 2nd!

FINE! HARRINGTON, GET THAT LIST AND TELEPHONE THEM AS I INSTRUCTED YOU! IT'S ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION, BUT WE'RE TAKING IT!

I GOT AN OZ OF EVERY PICTURE I COULD FOR THAT DAY, CHIEF! LUCKILY, ONE MAN RAN OFF A REEL FROM THE TOWER, BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR!

GOOD WORK! THERE...HE'S TAKEN A PICTURE OF SIR HARRY'S BOAT GOING UNDER TOWER BRIDGE... I FIGURED IT WOULD BE COLORFUL PICTURE MATERIAL! PUT IT ON SLOW MOTION!



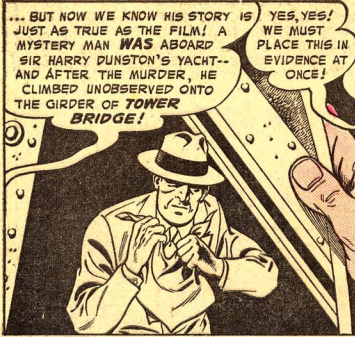
AND IN THE NEXT MOMENT...

HARRINGTON! I THINK THIS IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR! CALL INSPECTOR GRIMES AND HAVE HIM MEET US AT THE EATON PHOTO STUDIOS RIGHT AWAY!

ONE HOUR LATER, INSPECTOR GRIMES WAS STUNNED AS I SHOWED HIM MY FIND ON A BLOWN-UP CLIP OF THE FILM...

G-GREAT SCOTT! IT--IT'S FANTASTIC! YES, INSPECTOR GRIMES... FANTASTIC AS JOHN EDWARD MILLS' STORY WAS!





... BUT NOW WE KNOW HIS STORY IS JUST AS TRUE AS THE FILM! A MYSTERY MAN **WAS** ABOARD SIR HARRY DUNSTON'S YACHT-- AND AFTER THE MURDER, HE CLIMBED UNOBSERVED ONTO THE GIRDER OF **TOWER BRIDGE!**

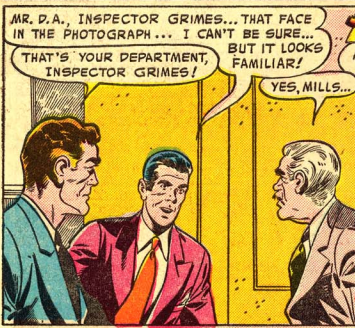
YES, YES! WE MUST PLACE THIS IN EVIDENCE AT ONCE!

SO NEXT MORNING, AFTER I'D RECEIVED SPECIAL PERMISSION TO EXPLAIN MY EVIDENCE IN COURT...

... AND THUS IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT A MAN SMUGGLED HIMSELF ABOARD THE YACHT AND FLED, UNSEEN, BY MEANS OF THE BRIDGE GIRDER, AS THE VESSEL PASSED UNDERNEATH! THIS MAN HAS BEEN FRAMED!



TH-THAT FACE IN THE PICTURE!



MR. D.A., INSPECTOR GRIMES... THAT FACE IN THE PHOTOGRAPH... I CAN'T BE SURE...

THAT'S YOUR DEPARTMENT, INSPECTOR GRIMES! BUT IT LOOKS FAMILIAR!

YES, MILLS...

JUST ONE HOUR LATER, WE ARRIVED AT SIR HARRY DUNSTON'S LABORATORY, AND...

ALL RIGHT, STONE-- WILL YOU ADMIT THIS IS A PICTURE OF YOURSELF, OR MUST SCOTLAND YARD PROVE IT?

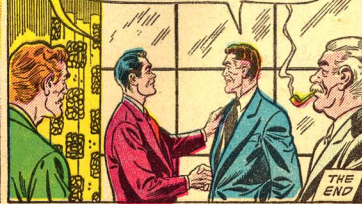
H-HOW CAN I DENY IT?

STONE'S NERVE CRACKED WIDE OPEN UNDER INSPECTOR GRIMES' CLEVER QUESTIONING...

YES, I KILLED HIM! I WAS STEALING THE PLANS OF SIR HARRY'S NEW JET ENGINE, AS HE MADE THEM! I THINK HE SUSPECTED ME... I HAD TO KILL HIM! HIS PLANS WOULD HAVE MADE **ME** FAMOUS ALSO!

AND AFTERWARD, THE MOST GRATEFUL MAN IN LONDON BID ME A HEARTWARMING GOODBYE...

TUT-TUT, JOHN... THE MAN YOU SHOULD REALLY THANK IS THAT AMERICAN TOURIST WHO WAS SO ENTRANCED WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL CITY THAT HE WANTED TO PHOTOGRAPH **TOWER BRIDGE** FROM THE **TOWER OF LONDON!**



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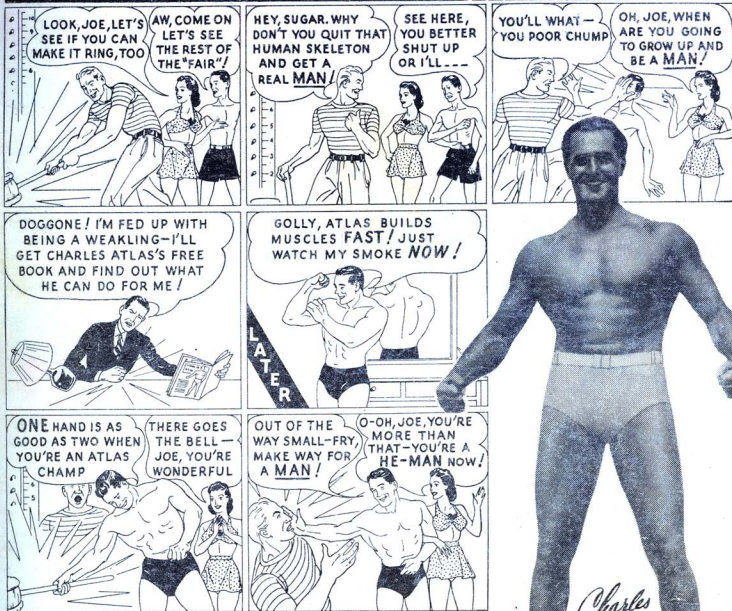
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