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**The OUTLAW  
INVENTIONS!**

THERE'S THE  
JEWELTHIEF--HE'S  
ESCAPING IN THE  
STOLEN "FLYING  
PATROLMAN"  
'COPTER!





# TEDDY ROOSEVELT

## Guardian of Nature

ALL NATURE IS IN DELICATE BALANCE--BACTERIA AND PLANTS, INSECTS AND BIRDS AND ANIMALS DEPENDING ON EACH OTHER TO KEEP LIFE GOING ON OUR PLANET. BUT MAN'S WASTEFUL DESTRUCTION UPSETS THIS BALANCE AND THEREBY THREATENS HIS OWN SURVIVAL.



A RUINED FOREST, FOR EXAMPLE, RESULTS IN A LOSS OF LUMBER, ANIMAL AND BIRD LIFE, AND CAUSES A CHAIN REACTION OF FLOODS, WASHED-AWAY SOIL AND IMPOVERISHED LAND...



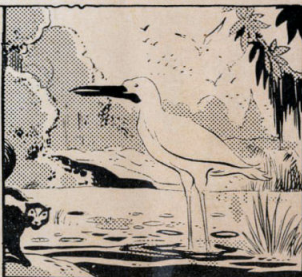
... AND WHERE SOIL IS GONE, MEN MUST GO.

A MAN WHO UNDERSTOOD THIS AND BECAME A PIONEER IN CONSERVATION WAS OUR 26th PRESIDENT, THEODORE ROOSEVELT...

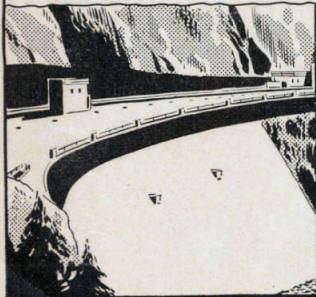


... WHOSE CENTENNIAL WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS COMING YEAR.

THROUGH HIS EFFORTS, MILLIONS OF ACRES WERE ADDED TO OUR FOREST RESERVES FOR CONTROLLED USE, NATIONAL PARKS WERE CREATED, AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES ESTABLISHED.



RECLAMATION PROJECTS, LIKE THE ROOSEVELT DAM, RESULTED IN THE IRRIGATION OF VAST AREAS OF ARID, STERILE LAND...



TEDDY ROOSEVELT LED THE WAY IN SHOWING US HOW TO MAINTAIN NATURE'S BALANCE--AND OUR GREATEST TESTIMONIAL TO HIM WOULD BE THE CONTINUED WISE USE AND PRESERVATION OF OUR FORESTS AND WILDLIFE, OUR SOIL AND WATER, FOR MANKIND'S ENRICHMENT.



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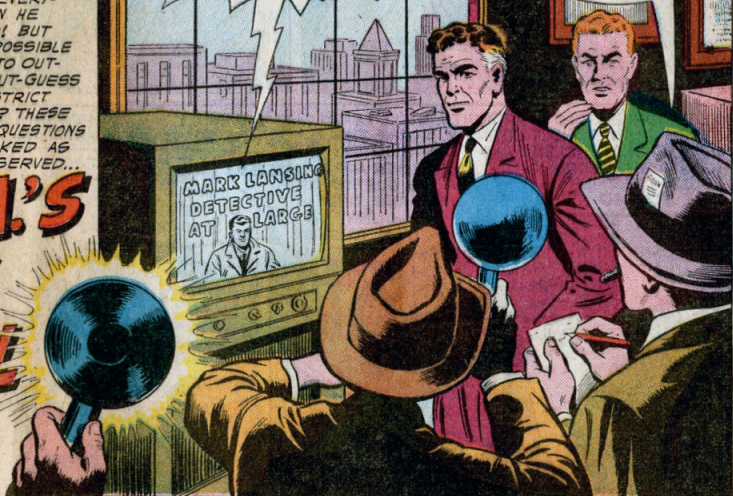
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**A** POPULAR TELEVISION ACTOR OF DETECTIVE PARTS TRIED TO SOLVE REAL CRIMES, AND STARTLED EVERYONE WHEN HE SUCCEEDED! BUT HOW WAS IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO OUT-WIT AND OUT-GUESS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY? THESE WERE THE QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASKED AS THEY OBSERVED...

**The D.A.'S TV RIVAL**

AND NOW I WILL OFFER MY THEORIES AND CLUES, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE D.A.'S OFFICE TO SOLVE THE **ONE MILLION DOLLAR ARMORED CAR ROBBERY!**

THAT DETECTIVE-ACTOR IS ABOUT TO CRACK ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR UNSOLVED CASES, D.A.! HAVEN'T YOU A STATEMENT--? HE'S BELITTLING YOU BEFORE THE PUBLIC!



THIS CASE BEGAN IN A PENTHOUSE APARTMENT ON THE EVENING OF MAY 2nd WHEN SOCIALITE MAY SMATHERS HELD A FASHIONABLE PARTY...

MAY, MY DEAR-- WHAT A CHARMING BIRD ACT! WHEREVER DID YOU FIND THIS AMAZING MAN?

IN EUROPE... LAST SUMMER! AND I JUST HAD TO HAVE MR. ANTHONY AND HIS LITTLE COCKATOOS FOR MY PARTY-- SO I SENT FOR HIM!

AN INSTANT LATER, THE PENTHOUSE LIGHTS WENT OUT, AND PANIC SEIZED THE GUESTS...

EEEK! MY NECKLACE-- SOMEBODY'S TAKEN IT FROM ME!

FIND THE FUSE BOX-- HURRY! MRS. SMATHERS HAS BEEN ROBBED!



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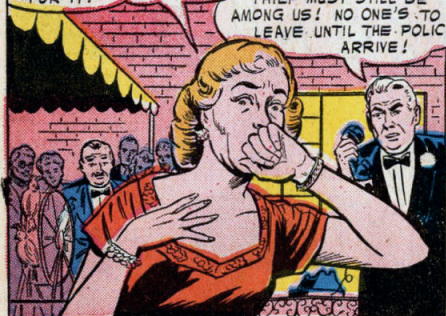
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AND WHEN LIGHT ONCE AGAIN FLOODED THE TERRACE...

MY BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE-- GONE! I PAID A FORTUNE FOR IT!

DON'T BE ALARMED, MRS. SMATHERS-- THE THIEF MUST STILL BE AMONG US! NO ONE'S TO LEAVE UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE!



WITHIN 30 MINUTES, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND HIS ASSISTANT, HARRINGTON, REACHED THE ROBBERY SCENE AND LAUNCHED AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION...

WELL, HARRINGTON-- DID THE INDIVIDUAL SEARCH OF THE GUESTS REVEAL ANYTHING?

THEY WERE ALL "CLEAN" CHIEF! AND NOBODY'S MISSING! BOY-- THIS IS A REAL PUZZLER...



WE'VE TURNED THIS APARTMENT UPSIDE DOWN WITHOUT COMING UP WITH THAT STOLEN NECKLACE! WHERE COULD THE THIEF HAVE STASHED IT?

WE'LL LEARN THAT IN DUE TIME, HARRINGTON! TAKE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GUESTS AND RELEASE THEM-- WE'LL WANT TO TALK TO THEM AGAIN!

SHORTLY, WHEN REPORTERS WERE PERMITTED ENTRY TO THE APARTMENT...

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE STYMIED, P.A.-- THAT YOU CAN'T PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE NECKLACE, MUCH LESS THE THIEF?

WE'LL CRACK THIS CASE-- LIKE WE DO ALL CRIMES, BOYS! YOU CAN QUOTE ME ON THAT!



THAT EVENING, A NATION-WIDE AUDIENCE WATCHED THE CLIMAX OF A POPULAR TV DETECTIVE SHOW, UNAWARE OF THE STARTLING EVENTS THAT WERE TO FOLLOW...

AND AT THE SHOW'S CONCLUSION...

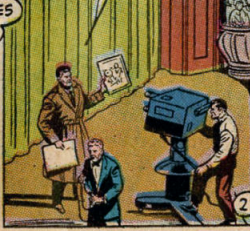
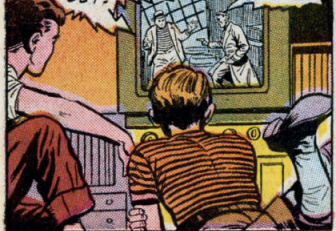
DETECTIVE MARK LANSING! BUT... HOW'D YOU FIND MY HIDE-OUT?

BY SLEUTHING! AND IT WILL MEAN PRISON FOR YOU, MISTER!

AND NOW, MARK LANSING-- TV'S DETECTIVE AT-LARGE, WILL PRESENT A NEW FEATURE CALLED "AUTHENTIC CLUES!"

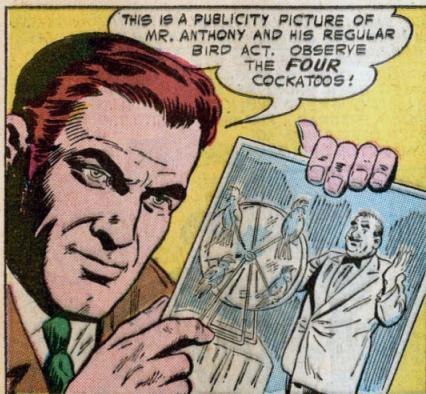
GOOD EVENING, FRIENDS! BEGINNING TONIGHT, I'M GOING TO OFFER THE POLICE MY THEORIES AND CLUES ON REAL CRIME CASES WHICH THEY ARE INVESTIGATING!

AFTER STUDYING THE PUBLISHED FACTS ON THE RECENT SMATHERS NECKLACE ROBBERY, I CAN OFFER THE P.A. A VALUABLE CLUE TO THE THIEF'S IDENTITY!





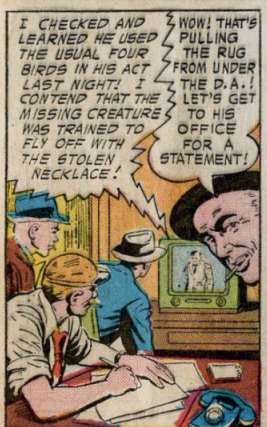
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THIS IS A PUBLICITY PICTURE OF MR. ANTHONY AND HIS REGULAR BIRD ACT. OBSERVE THE **FOUR COCKATOOS!**

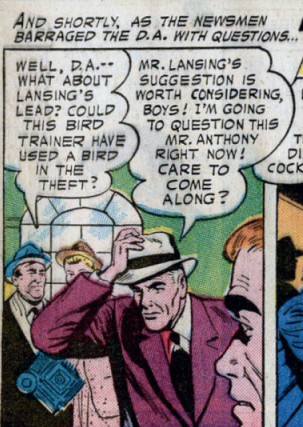


NOW... HERE IS A BLOW-UP OF A NEWSPAPER PICTURE TAKEN AS THE BIRD TRAINER WAS LEAVING THE PENTHOUSE **AFTER** THIS CRIME. NOTE THAT THERE ARE ONLY **THREE COCKATOOS** IN THE CAGE!



I CHECKED AND LEARNED HE USED THE USUAL **FOUR BIRDS** IN HIS ACT LAST NIGHT! I CONTEND THAT THE MISSING CREATURE WAS TRAINED TO FLY OFF WITH THE **STOLEN NECKLACE!**

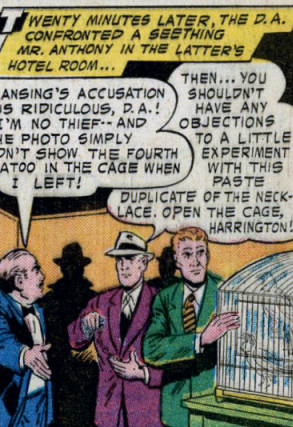
WOW! THAT'S PULLING THE RUG FROM UNDER THE D.A.! LET'S GET TO HIS OFFICE FOR A STATEMENT!



AND SHORTLY, AS THE NEWSMEN BARRAGED THE D.A. WITH QUESTIONS...

WELL, D.A.-- WHAT ABOUT LANSING'S LEAD? COULD THIS BIRD TRAINER HAVE USED A BIRD IN THE THEFT?

MR. LANSING'S SUGGESTION IS WORTH CONSIDERING, BOYS! I'M GOING TO QUESTION THIS MR. ANTHONY RIGHT NOW! CARE TO COME ALONG?

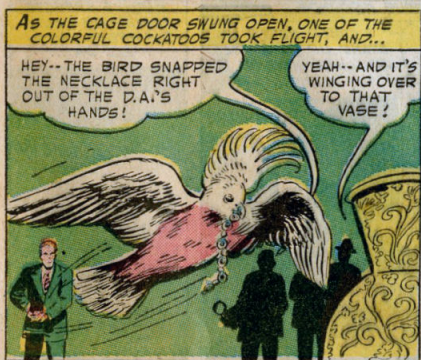


TWENTY MINUTES LATER, THE D.A. CONFRONTED A SEETHING MR. ANTHONY IN THE LATTER'S HOTEL ROOM...

LANSING'S ACCUSATION IS RIDICULOUS, D.A.! I'M NO THIEF-- AND DIDN'T SHOW THE FOUR COCKATOOS IN THE CAGE WHEN I LEFT!

THEN... YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO A LITTLE EXPERIMENT WITH THIS PASTE

DUPLICATE OF THE NECKLACE. OPEN THE CAGE, HARRINGTON!



AS THE CAGE DOOR SWING OPEN, ONE OF THE COLORFUL COCKATOOS TOOK FLIGHT, AND...

HEY-- THE BIRD SNAPPED THE NECKLACE RIGHT OUT OF THE D.A.'S HANDS!

YEAH-- AND IT'S WINGING OVER TO THAT VASE!



A MOMENT LATER, MR. ANTHONY'S GUILT WAS CONFIRMED...

LOOK-- THE D.A. PULLED **TWO** NECKLACES FROM THAT VASE! THEN... THE OTHER ONE MUST BE THE **REAL ONE!**

EXACTLY, BOYS! ANTHONY UNFASTENED THE NECKLACE FROM MRS. SMATHERS' NECK IN THE DARKNESS AND GAVE IT TO THIS BIRD WHICH WAS TRAINED TO FLY RIGHT TO THIS SPOT!

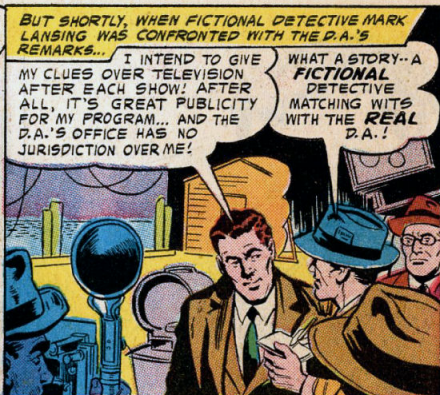


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WOW! LANSING GAVE YOU THE CLUE, D.A.! HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

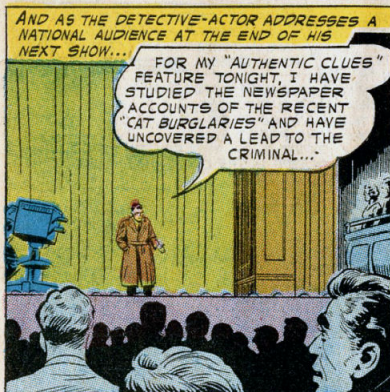
IF MR. LANSING OR ANYBODY ELSE HAS ANY INFORMATION FOR THE POLICE, HE SHOULD GIVE US HIS OPINIONS PRIVATELY, NOT PUBLICLY! OTHERWISE, A CRIMINAL COULD ESCAPE BEFORE WE CAN MAKE AN ARREST!



BUT SHORTLY, WHEN FICTIONAL DETECTIVE MARK LANSING WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE D.A.'S REMARKS...

I INTEND TO GIVE MY CLUES OVER TELEVISION AFTER EACH SHOW! AFTER ALL, IT'S GREAT PUBLICITY FOR MY PROGRAM... AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER ME!

WHAT A STORY-- A FICTIONAL DETECTIVE MATCHING WITS WITH THE REAL D.A.!

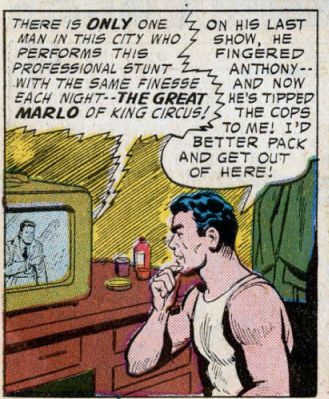
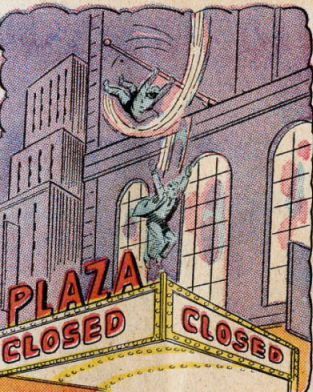


AND AS THE DETECTIVE-ACTOR ADDRESSES A NATIONAL AUDIENCE AT THE END OF HIS NEXT SHOW...

FOR MY "AUTHENTIC CLUES" FEATURE TONIGHT, I HAVE STUDIED THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THE RECENT "CAT BURGLARIES" AND HAVE UNCOVERED A LEAD TO THE CRIMINAL...



THE AMAZING PERFORMANCE OF "THE CAT" IN HIS BIZARRE ESCAPE FROM HIS LAST ROBBERY SCENE IS MY CLUE...



THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN IN THIS CITY WHO PERFORMS THIS PROFESSIONAL STUNT WITH THE SAME FINESSE EACH NIGHT-- THE GREAT MARLO OF KING CIRCUS!

ON HIS LAST SHOW, HE FINGERED ANTHONY-- HE'S TIPPED THE COPS TO ME! I'D BETTER PACK AND GET OUT OF HERE!



LATER, AS THE CRIMINAL ACROBAT FLED FROM THE CIRCUS GROUNDS...

MARLO-- YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR SUSPICION OF ROBBERY!

I COULD NEVER STAND UP TO A GRILLING-- HAVEN'T ANY ALIBIS...

H-HUH?



EVIDENCE FOUND AMONG MARLO'S EFFECTS PROVED HIM GUILTY-- THE PRESS HAD A FIELD DAY...

DAILY TRIBUNE  
TV SLEUTH CRACKS SECOND CASE!  
DETECTIVE-ACTOR SOLVES UNSOLVED CRIME!

THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED THE NEXT MORNING AS THE D.A. AND HARRINGTON VISITED LANSGING...

I MUST ASK YOU TO DISCONTINUE THIS "AUTHENTIC CLUES" FEATURE OF YOUR SHOW, MR. LANSGING-- IT'S HAMPERING THE WORK OF MY DEPARTMENT!

YOU MUST BE KIDDING, D.A.! I HAND YOU A CRIMINAL ON A SILVER PLATTER AND YOU GET MAD!



WE HAD SOME SUSPICION OF THE GREAT MARLO, LANSGING-- BUT YOUR UNTIMELY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT HAVE ENABLED HIM TO ESCAPE HAD WE NOT ACTED QUICKLY!

THAT'S RICH, D.A.! YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE I'M BEATING YOU AT YOUR OWN GAME!



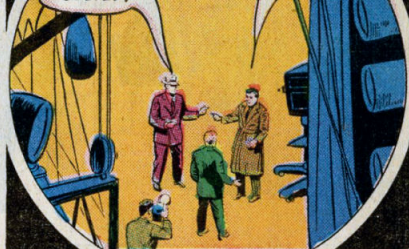
WHY, YOU PHONEY--

STEADY, HARRINGTON! SINCE MR. LANSGING DEEMS HIMSELF A PROFESSIONAL DETECTIVE, WE MAY REACH AN AGREEMENT!



PERHAPS HE'D LIKE TO TAKE A CRACK AT SOLVING THE MILLION DOLLAR AIRBORED CAR ROBBERY THAT OCCURRED A FEW MONTHS AGO AND WHICH OUR OFFICE HAS STILL NOT SOLVED!

SURE-- AND I'LL COME UP WITH A SOLID LEAD BY NEXT WEEK'S SHOW, I PROMISE YOU!



VERY WELL! AND IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED, YOU'LL DROP THIS SPECIAL FEATURE OF YOUR SHOW! AGREED, LANSGING?

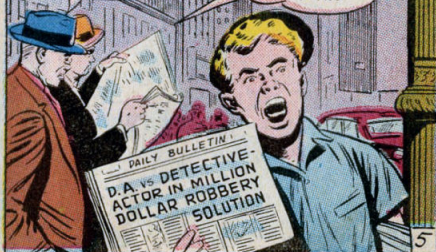
YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A DEAL, D.A.!

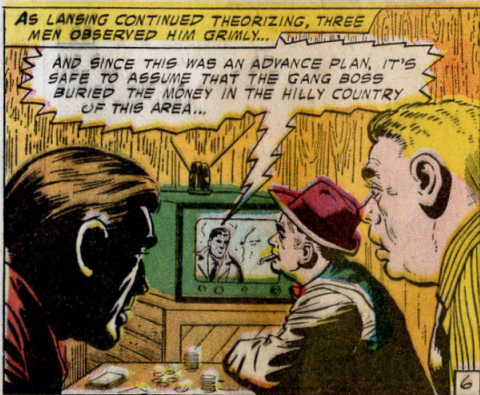
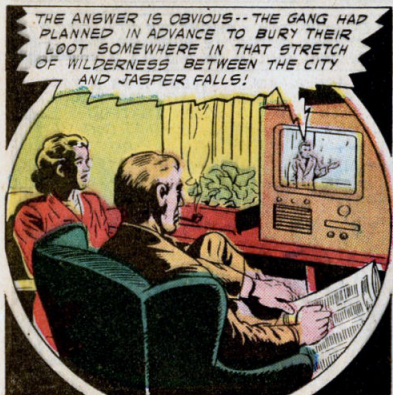
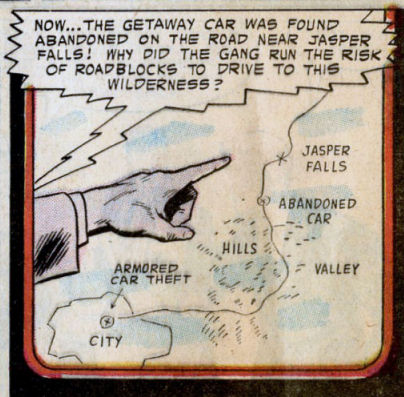
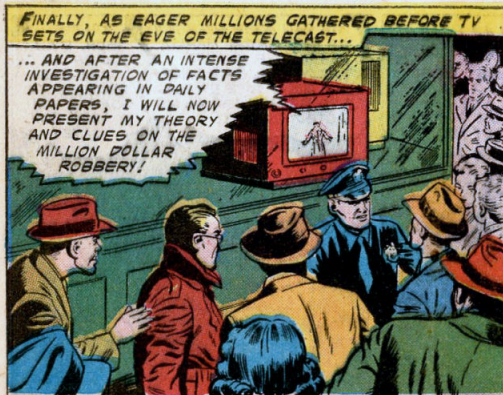


AN AIR OF EXPECTANCY SWEEPED THE CITY-- COULD THE FICTIONAL DETECTIVE SURPASS THE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS OF THE D.A.?

THIS GUY LANSGING'S A NATURAL BORN DETECTIVE-- HE'LL CRACK THAT CASE!

DON'T BE A FOOL-- YOU CAN'T MATCH AN AMATEUR AGAINST OUR D.A.!

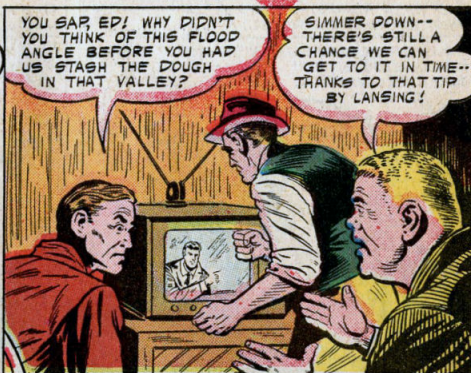
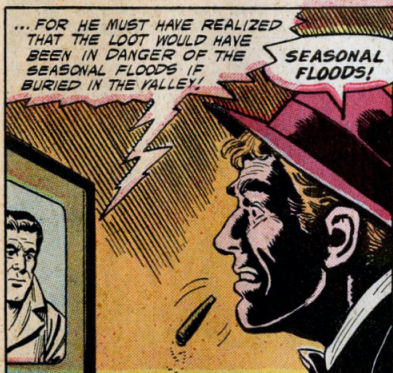








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AND WHEN REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ARRIVED...

WELL, D.A.-- LANSING REALLY SCOOPED YOU THIS TIME! ANYTHING TO SAY?

I'M GOING TO VISIT MR. LANSING NOW-- I'LL GIVE YOU AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM HIS STUDIO!

ONE HOUR LATER, THE D.A. AND MARK LANSING MADE A STARTLING REVELATION...

YOU MEAN TO SAY, YOU TWO WERE WORKING TOGETHER-- THAT IT WAS ALL A PLAN TO SMOKE OUT THOSE ARMORED CAR ROBBERS?

THAT'S RIGHT! THE D.A. CAME TO ME AND ASKED ME TO USE THE "AUTHENTIC CLUES" FEATURE ON MY TV PROGRAM!

HE THEN SECRETLY SUPPLIED ME WITH CLUES, WHICH HE HAD ACTUALLY UNCOVERED, FOR MY SHOW!

THEN IT WAS THE D.A. WHO REALLY SOLVED THE NECKLACE BURGLARY, "CAT" THEFTS AND ARMORED CAR ROBBERY! BUT WHY WERE YOU INVOLVED IN THE CASES, LANSING?

BECAUSE WE WANTED TO ESTABLISH LANSING AS A MASTER DETECTIVE IN THE EYES OF THE UNDERWORLD IN ORDER TO SOLVE A CLUELESS CASE, BOYS!

YOU SEE, WE DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE LEAD ON THE GANG THAT RULLED THE ARMORED CAR JOB-- SO THE D.A. THOUGHT OF THIS IDEA TO FLUSH THEM OUT IN THE OPEN WITHOUT MAKING THEM SUSPICIOUS!

AND IT WORKED! OUR THEORY OF THE CRIME, WHICH LANSING GAVE OVER TELEVISION, FINISHED THE GANG AND LED THEM TO BELIEVE THEIR MONEY WAS IN DANGER OF BEING DESTROYED!

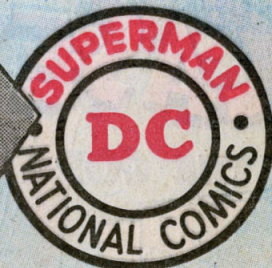
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AND YOU COMBED THE AREA, WHERE YOU SUSPECTED THE MONEY WAS BURIED, BY BLIMP UNTIL THE GANG SHOWED UP! MIGHTY CLEVER, D.A.!

BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF MR. LANSING, BOYS! BE SURE THAT'S MENTIONED IN YOUR PAPERS!

THE END.

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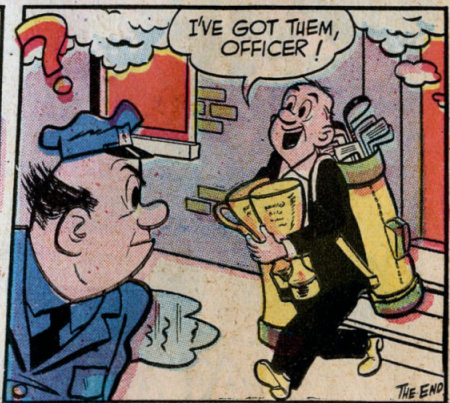
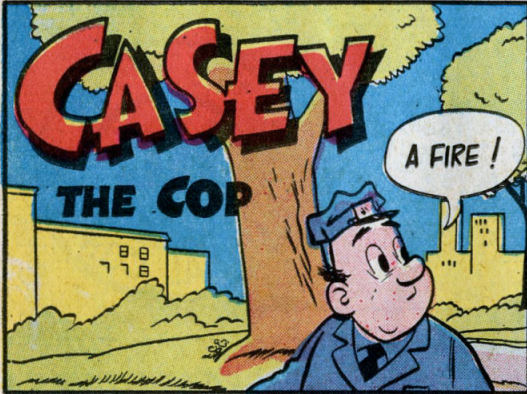


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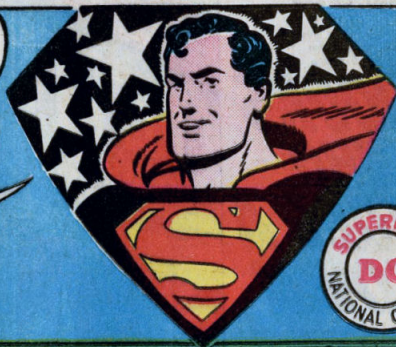
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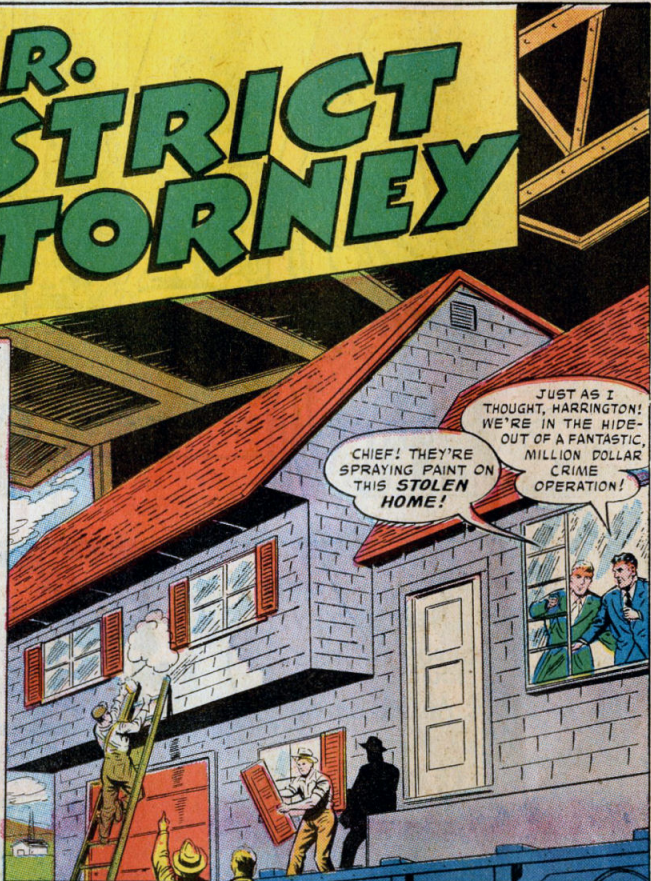
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**A** SERIES OF INCREDIBLE CRIMES ROCKED MY DEPARTMENT! FRANTIC CITIZENS WERE LITERALLY BEING ROBBED OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME! AND DESPERATELY HARRINGTON AND I LAUNCHED A FEVERISH CAMPAIGN TO SMASH THE GANG CHIEFS BEHIND...

## THE CROOKS WHO STOLE A TOWN



CHIEF! THEY'RE SPRAYING PAINT ON THIS **STOLEN HOME!**

JUST AS I THOUGHT, HARRINGTON! WE'RE IN THE HIDE-OUT OF A FANTASTIC, MILLION DOLLAR CRIME OPERATION!

THIS CASE BEGAN LAST MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> WHEN A NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE, MR. AND MRS. SIMPSON, REACHED THEIR NEW HOME...

WELL, WE'RE HERE, HONEY! THANK GOODNESS, WE FINALLY GOT AWAY FROM OUR GUESTS!

OH, DARLING, I JUST WANT TO GET SETTLED IN OUR NEW HOME AND RELAX FOR AWHILE!

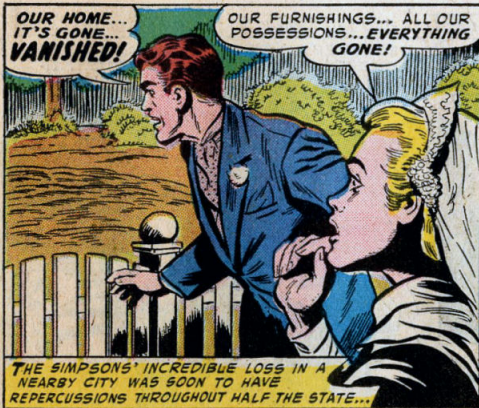
WHEN, AS THEY HEADED UP THE WALK TO THEIR HOME...

LOOK... LOOK, ALICE!





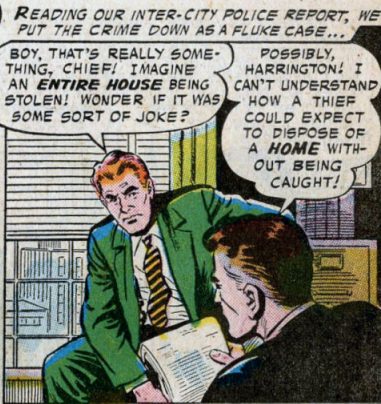
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**OUR HOME... IT'S GONE... VANISHED!**

**OUR FURNISHINGS... ALL OUR POSSESSIONS... EVERYTHING GONE!**

**THE SIMPSONS' INCREDIBLE LOSS IN A NEARBY CITY WAS SOON TO HAVE REPERCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT HALF THE STATE...**

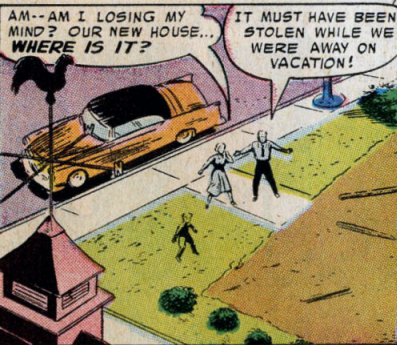


**READING OUR INTER-CITY POLICE REPORT, WE PUT THE CRIME DOWN AS A FLUKE CASE...**

**BOY, THAT'S REALLY SOMETHING, CHIEF! I MIMAGINE AN ENTIRE HOUSE BEING STOLEN! WONDER IF IT WAS SOME SORT OF JOKE?**

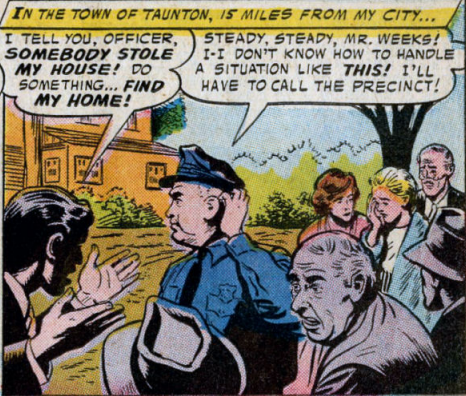
**POSSIBLY, HARRINGTON! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW A THIEF COULD EXPECT TO DISPOSE OF A HOME WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT!**

**BUT HOW WRONG WE WERE! IN THE DAYS TO FOLLOW, THE BIZARRE ROBBERY THREATENED TO GROW INTO A MAJOR CRIME WAVE...**



**AM--AM I LOSING MY MIND? OUR NEW HOUSE... WHERE IS IT?**

**IT MUST HAVE BEEN STOLEN WHILE WE WERE AWAY ON VACATION!**



**IN THE TOWN OF TAUNTON, 15 MILES FROM MY CITY... I TELL YOU, OFFICER, SOMEBODY STOLE MY HOUSE! DO SOMETHING... FIND MY HOME!**

**STEADY, STEADY, MR. WEEKS! I-I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE A SITUATION LIKE THIS! I'LL HAVE TO CALL THE PRECINCT!**

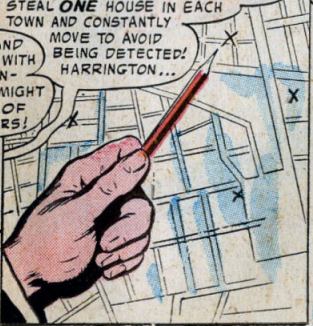
**AS THE SHOCKING REPORTS CONTINUED TO REACH MY DEPARTMENT, WE REALIZED THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM...**

**HARRINGTON, THIS HOUSE THIEVERY MUST BE A CAREFULLY PREPARED PLAN THAT IS REACHING GIGANTIC PROPORTIONS!**

**EVERY ONE OF THOSE HOUSES WAS BRAND NEW! TOGETHER WITH THE FURNISHINGS INSIDE, THEIR VALUE MIGHT RUN INTO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!**

**PRECISELY! THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE THAT GANG OF THIEVES MUST BE PERFECTLY ORGANIZED! THEY STEAL ONE HOUSE IN EACH TOWN AND CONSTANTLY MOVE TO AVOID BEING DETECTED! HARRINGTON...**

**...OUR CITY MAY BE NEXT ON THEIR SCHEDULE! WE MUST BE PREPARED TO FOIL THEM!**





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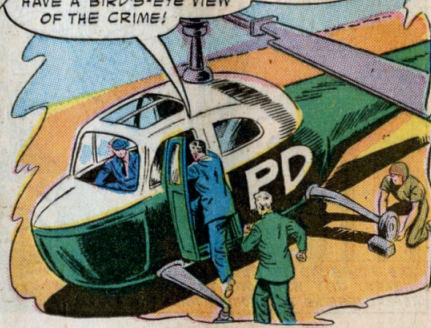
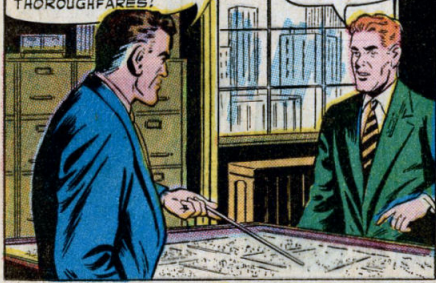
FOR THE NEXT 48 HOURS, HARRINGTON AND I MADE CAREFUL PLANS...

EVERY STOLEN HOUSE WAS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN! UNDOUBTEDLY, THEY WERE CHOSEN SO THAT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE TRANSPORTED THROUGH MAJOR CITY THOROUGHFARES!

THAT MAKES SENSE, CHIEF! BUT HOW CAN WE WATCH EVERY SUBURBAN STREET?

I HAD THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE. AND NEXT MORNING...

WE'LL KEEP CONSTANT VIGILANCE ON SUBURBAN STREETS FROM THE AIR, HARRINGTON! IF THE GANG DOES STRIKE HERE, WE'LL HAVE A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE CRIME!



AS WE TOOK TO THE AIR...

A CAMERA! GOSH, CHIEF, WE'LL HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME AS INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE!

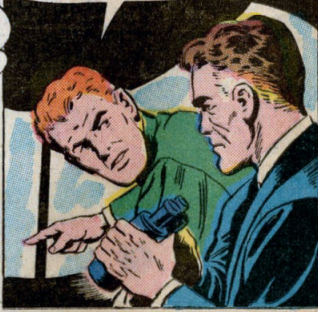
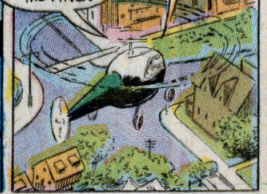
FOR TWO DAYS, HARRINGTON AND I CONTINUED OUR AIR PATROL...

WHEN I'VE BEEN STARING DOWN AT HOUSES SO LONG, I'M BEGINNING TO IMAGINE I SEE THEM MOVING!

WE'LL DETECT THE ACTION WITHOUT TROUBLE IF AND WHEN IT HAPPENS, HARRINGTON!

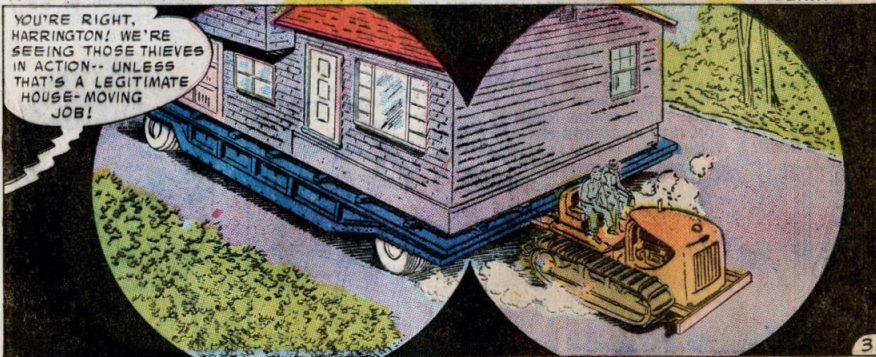
FINALLY, AT 1 P.M. ON A THURSDAY AFTERNOON...

CHIEF! THAT BROWN HOUSE BELOW... I THINK IT'S MOVING!!



AS I PEERED THROUGH THE BINOCULARS, I WITNESSED THE MOST UNUSUAL THEFT OF MY CAREER...

YOU'RE RIGHT, HARRINGTON; WE'RE SEEING THOSE THIEVES IN ACTION-- UNLESS THAT'S A LEGITIMATE HOUSE-MOVING JOB!





**BUT A HURRIED CALL ON THE POLICE RADIO CONFIRMED OUR SUSPICIONS...**

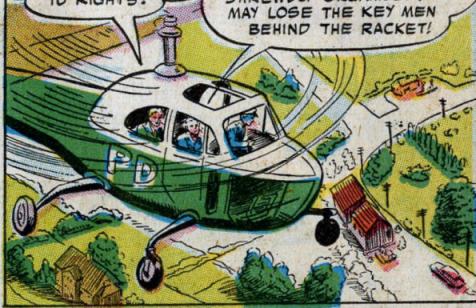
I SEE... THEN NO LICENSE WAS ISSUED TODAY FOR A HOUSE TO BE MOVED! THANK YOU!



**SHORTLY, AS WE HOVERED OVER...**

CHIEF.. WHY DON'T YOU CONTACT HEADQUARTERS AND GRAB THOSE MEN? WE'VE GOT THEM DEAD TO RIGHTS!

NO, HARRINGTON... I JUST REALIZED THAT CUTTING OFF ONE ARM OF THIS GANG WON'T KILL THE MONSTER! THEY'RE TOO SHREWDLY ORGANIZED! WE MAY LOSE THE KEY MEN BEHIND THE RACKET!



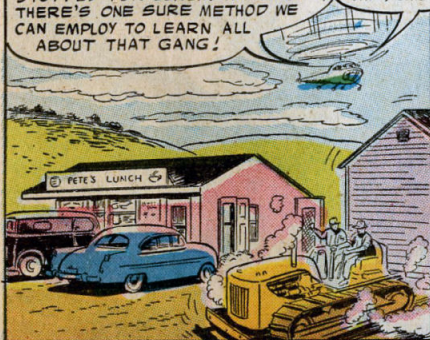
**AN HOUR LATER, AS THE TRAILER STOPPED ON A HIGHWAY...**

APPARENTLY, THEY'VE STOPPED FOR LUNCH! HARRINGTON, THERE'S ONE SURE METHOD WE CAN EMPLOY TO LEARN ALL ABOUT THAT GANG!

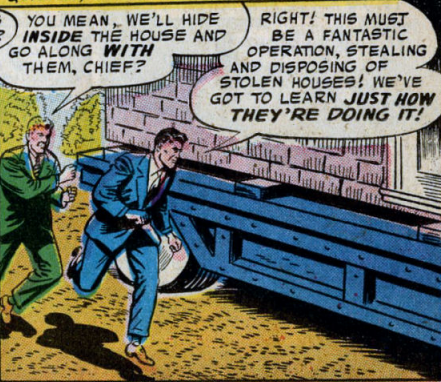
HUH? WHAT'S THAT, CHIEF?

YOU MEAN, WE'LL HIDE **INSIDE** THE HOUSE AND GO ALONG **WITH** THEM, CHIEF?

RIGHT! THIS MUST BE A FANTASTIC OPERATION, STEALING AND DISPOSING OF STOLEN HOUSES! WE'VE GOT TO LEARN **JUST HOW** THEY'RE DOING IT!



**QUICKLY, I PUT MY PLAN INTO OPERATION...**



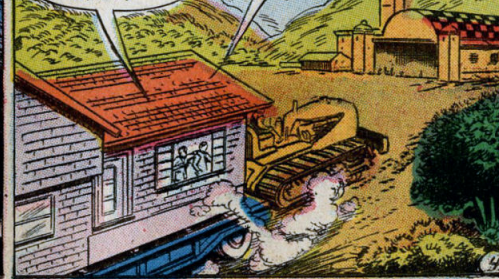
**WHEN THE CREW RETURNED TO THE TRACTOR...**

DID YOU NOTICE THEM, HARRINGTON? THOSE MEN DON'T APPEAR TO HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE REQUIRED TO ENGINEER A GIGANTIC RACKET LIKE THIS! WE'LL LET THEM TOW US TO THEIR BOSSSES!

**LATE THAT AFTERNOON, WE REACHED OUR DESTINATION...**

AN ABANDONED AIRFIELD! AND WE'RE HEADED FOR A HANGAR, CHIEF!

**OF COURSE, HARRINGTON!** THEY'LL NEED A HIDEOUT OF THIS SIZE TO CONCEAL A **STOLEN HOME!**



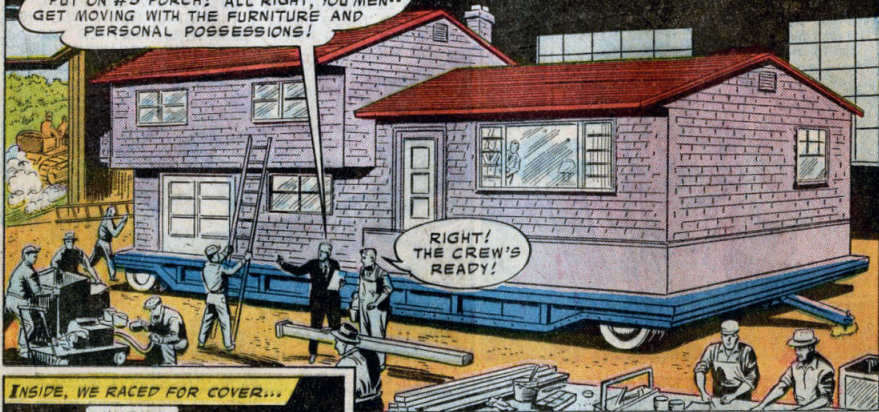


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**V**ERY SHORTLY, WE SAW THE CUNNING PLAN BEING PUT INTO FURTHER OPERATION...

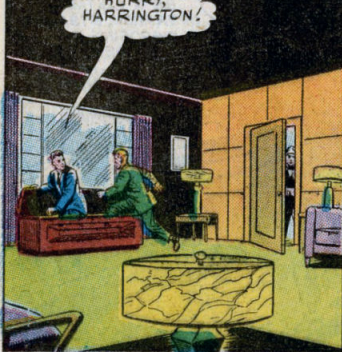
PUT ON #5 PORCH! ALL RIGHT, YOU MEN-- GET MOVING WITH THE FURNITURE AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS!



RIGHT! THE CREW'S READY!

INSIDE, WE RACED FOR COVER...

HURRY, HARRINGTON!



ONE GOLD WATCH... ONE STERLING SILVERWARE SET...

CHECK!



INCREDIBLE!

HEY, THIS IS ALL BRAND-NEW, EXPENSIVE STUFF! WONDER WHAT KIND OF JEWELRY IS AROUND?

DISPOSING OF FURNITURE, SILVERWARE, JEWELRY! THERE MUST BE MORE THAN A DOZEN CRIMINALS INVOLVED!

FINALLY, WHEN THE HOUSE WAS BARE...

GOSH, CHIEF! THIS IS FANTASTIC! LET'S GET TO A PHONE AND NOTIFY HEADQUARTERS TO ROUND ALL OF THEM UP!

NO, HARRINGTON! THAT WON'T DO THE TRICK!

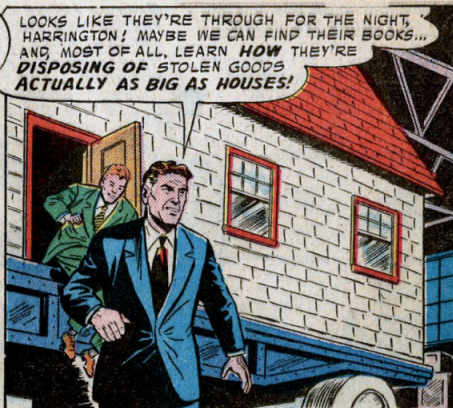
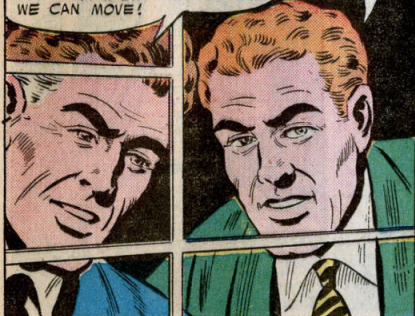


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WE'VE GOT TO DESTROY **EVERY** LINK OF THIS NETWORK OF CRIME! EVERY FENCE MUST BE LOCATED!... EVERY BOSS HOODLUM IDENTIFIED BEFORE WE CAN MOVE!

BUT HOW... HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT, CHIEF?

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE THROUGH FOR THE NIGHT, HARRINGTON! MAYBE WE CAN FIND THEIR BOOKS... AND MOST OF ALL, LEARN **HOW** THEY'RE **DISPOSING OF STOLEN GOODS ACTUALLY AS BIG AS HOUSES!**



SHORTLY, IN A SMALL OFFICE IN THE HANGAR...

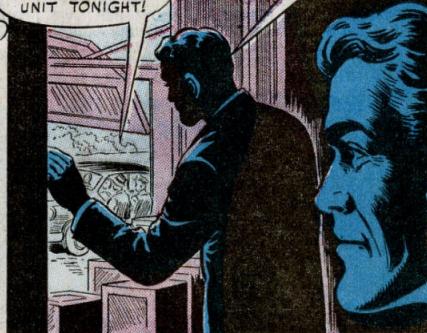
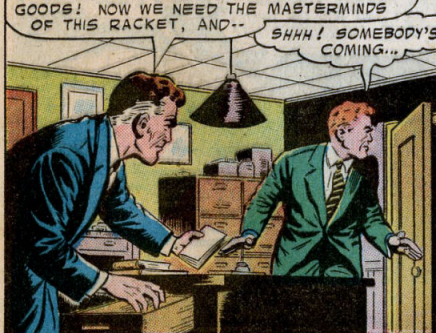
I'VE GOT IT, HARRINGTON-- NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EVERY FENCE WHO HANDLES THE STOLEN GOODS! NOW WE NEED THE MASTERMINDS OF THIS RACKET, AND--

SHHH! SOMEBODY'S COMING...

AS WE PEERED OUTSIDE...

ALL RIGHT! WE'LL DISPOSE OF THE UNIT TONIGHT!

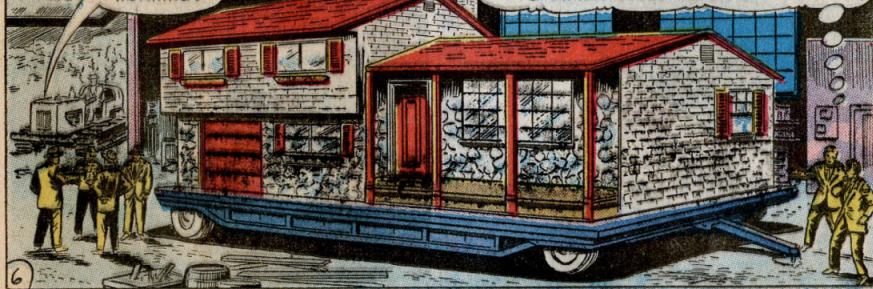
HARRINGTON! I THINK WE'VE FOUND THE BOSSES!



REALIZED THERE WAS ONLY ONE POSITIVE WAY WE COULD LEARN HOW THEY WERE DISPOSING OF SUCH A GIGANTIC PIECE OF STOLEN PROPERTY...

GET HER ROLLING! I WANT THIS JOB SET UP BEFORE MORNING!

HOUSE PAINTED... PORCH SWITCHED, SHUTTERS AND WINDOW BOXES ADDED! THE HOUSE LOOKS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! ITS OWNER COULD NEVER RECOGNIZE IT!





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LATER, THE HOUSE WAS TOWED BOLDLY ALONG THE ROAD... SQUAD CAR 12 UP AHEAD HARRINGTON! PLAY IT QUIET... LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! THEY'VE BEEN ALERTED ABOUT HOUSE-STEALING!



SURE THING, CHIEF!

OFFICER ARTHUR COTTER OF PRECINCT #4 STOPPED THE TOW, VEHICLE, AND... HMM, YOUR TRANSPORTATION PERMIT IS IN ORDER... AND THIS HOUSE DOESN'T RESEMBLE THE ONE THE D.A. REPORTED STOLEN!



NOPE! IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! ALL RIGHT, MAC, SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU--

THAT'S OKAY, OFFICER!



I WAS SHOCKED! THE BRAZEN EFFRONTERY OF THE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION WAS BEYOND BELIEF...

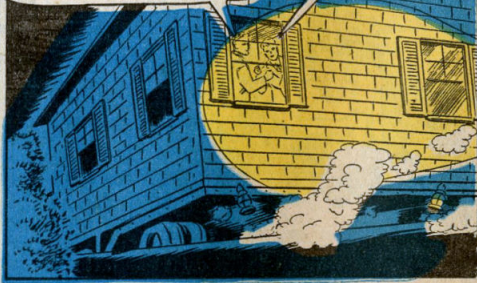
BY CARRYING FORGED MOVING PAPERS AND CHANGING THE HOUSE'S APPEARANCE IN A MATTER OF HOURS, THEY MANAGED TO HOODWINK THE OFFICERS, HARRINGTON!



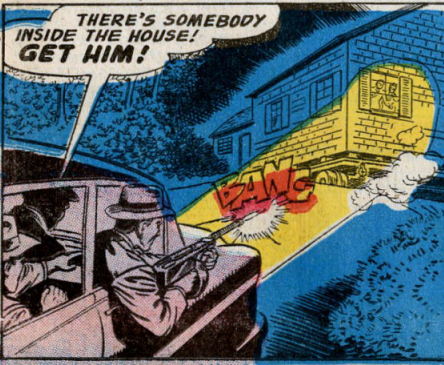
ANYONE WOULD BE FOOLED, CHIEF! WHO'D BELIEVE A HOUSE COULD BE TOTALLY CHANGED IN TWO HOURS?



WE CRUISED ALONG FOR SOME TIME. THEN, AS WE TOOK A SHARP CURVE... BUT WHERE ARE THEY DELIVERING THESE STOLEN HOMES? HOW ARE THEY GETTING RID OF THEM? LOOK OUT, HARRINGTON!

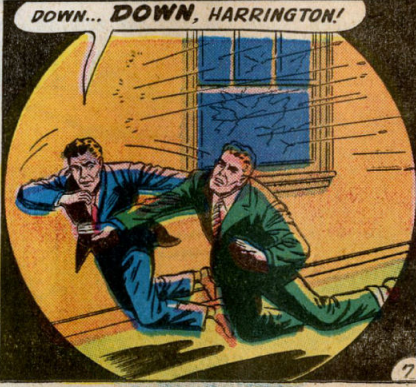


IN THAT MOMENT, OUR ENTIRE PLAN COLLAPSED...



THERE'S SOMEBODY INSIDE THE HOUSE! GET HIM!

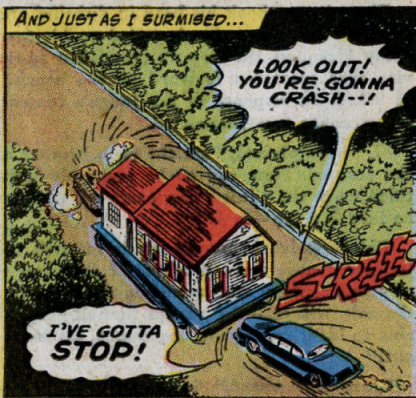
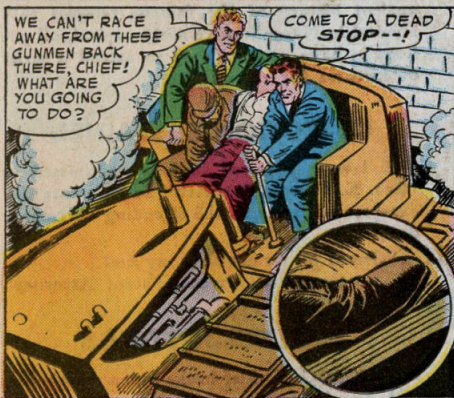
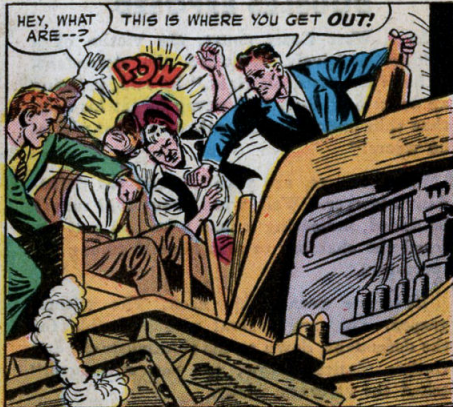
BANG



DOWN... DOWN, HARRINGTON!



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IN THAT SPLIT SECOND, WHILE THEY WERE IMMOBILIZED BY FRIGHT AND THE SUDDEN STOP...

AS HARRINGTON SEARCHED THEM FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS...

LATER, WHEN I GATHERED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FROM OTHER CITIES...

ALL RIGHT, YOU MEN-- UP WITH YOUR HANDS!

WHEW! THAT WAS QUICK THINKING, CHIEF!

LOOK WHAT WAS IN HIS POCKET, D.A.? A MAP, SHOWING WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO PUT THIS HOUSE!

THEY WORKED AN INCREDIBLE RACKET-- STEALING HOMES FROM DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, REDOING THEM AND MOVING THEM TO NEW SITES IN THEIR OWN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT!

THEY MIGHT'VE REAPED A FORTUNE-- IF THE LAW HADN'T FORECLOSED ON THEM!



# THE D.A. FILE

## DOUBLES EXPOSED

In a West Coast court, the victim of a holdup positively identified the defendant. "That's the man, all right," he said, pointing an accusing finger. "I'll never forget his face, that thin mustache and pair of rimless glasses he wears!"

"You're sure, are you?" jeered the defendant's lawyer. "Well, what about *that* man?" he added, indicating a man who had just entered the chamber to seat himself among the spectators.

Everyone craned his neck. The witness gasped. The new arrival was a double for the defendant, down to the thin mustache and rimless glasses. "Now, are you still sure?" asked the attorney, airily.

The witness shook his head in disbelief and dismay. The prosecutor bounded to his feet. "May I request the Court's permission to invite that spectator forward to the bench?" he asked. In response to the judge's consent, the stranger was summoned.

"I," he explained, "am the twin brother of the accused. How can he be positively identified when the witness now can't tell whether he held him up—or I?"

The defendant's lawyer strode towards the judge. "I move for a dismissal of the charges of grand robbery and assault on the basis that the sole witness—the victim himself—is unable to identify, beyond any doubt, his assailant!"

"Just a moment," interposed the prosecutor. "Would you pick up the gun, marked Exhibit A, on the table?" he asked the defendant. The man did so, with his left hand. As the prosecutor removed the weapon from his hand, he spun around towards the twin and flung it. The man caught it—in his *right* hand!

"I submit final proof as to the identity of the accused," said the prosecutor to the judge. "The witness failed to mention that his assailant was *left-handed*, as evidenced in my demonstration. I know that Your Honor will take due recognition of his twin brother's efforts to obstruct justice."

The law dealt severely with the tangled twins. The judge clearly separated them, sentencing the defendant from three to five years, and his brother one to three years.

## MUGGS' MAKE-UP MAN

Many years before make-up became a theatrical art, a rascal named Diamond Dan O'Rourke conducted a business of disguising hoodlums who roved New York's Bowery. With deft touches, he skilfully transformed brutes into beggars who aroused the sympathies of prosperous-looking pedestrians, and notorious thieves who wanted to avoid arrest. But his racket came to an abrupt halt when police raided his home. This time, it was Diamond Dan's turn to assume another role, not as brief as those he had created, for he was to wear prison gray for 10 years.

## CULTURED COPS

In order to familiarize tourists with the ancient history of the famous temples that abound in Nara, Japan's early capital, all policemen have been ordered to attend a series of lectures for six months.

## OBJECTION SUSTAINED

A lawyer objected to being addressed as "Geo. K. Greene, Pat. Att." So he wrote this exasperated letter to the offending correspondent:

"Gtmn: pls do not abvt my nm!  
George K. Greene, Patent Attorney"

## BLOTTER JOTTINGS

CHICAGO: A thief broke into a warehouse, stole a sealed carton, which, the proprietor explained to police, contained 2,000 tattooing needles.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.: A crystal ball gazer cheerfully assured his customer that his troubles were over as he accepted his \$5 fee, realized that his own were just beginning when he was shown a badge and arrested for fortune-telling.

HUTCHINSON, Kansas: A man admitted to stealing from two dozen stores that had taken out burglarly insurance from him.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.: Chagrined by his failure to shoot a lawbreaker he'd been chasing, a policeman flung his gun, felled the fugitive with a direct hit.



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# CASEY

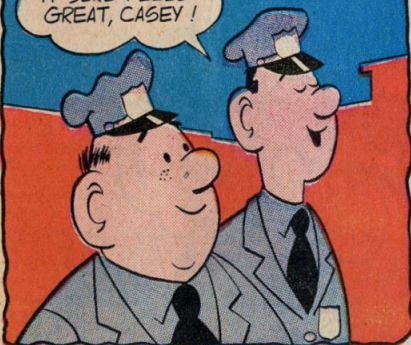
## THE COP

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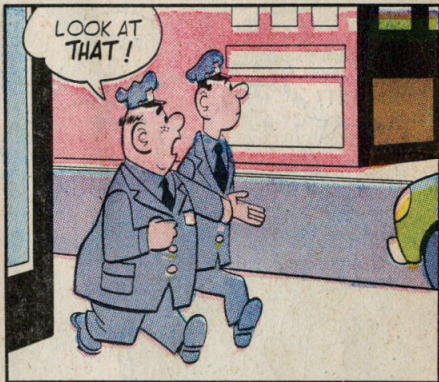
THIS IS YOUR FIRST DAY AS A ROOKIE, NOONAN!



IT SURE FEELS GREAT, CASEY!



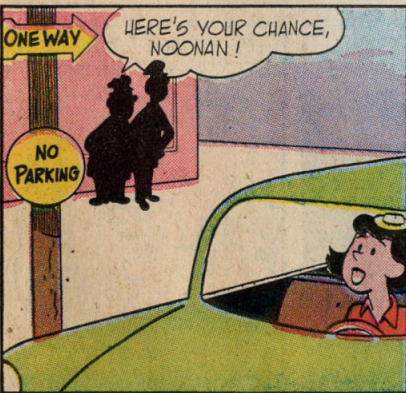
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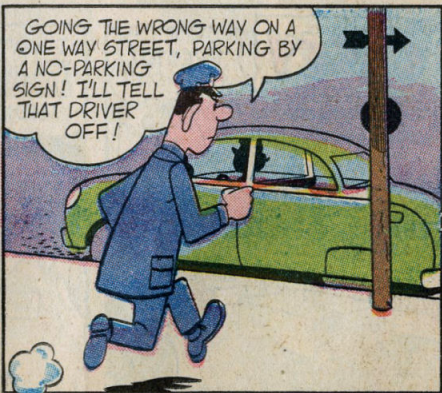
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HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, NOONAN!

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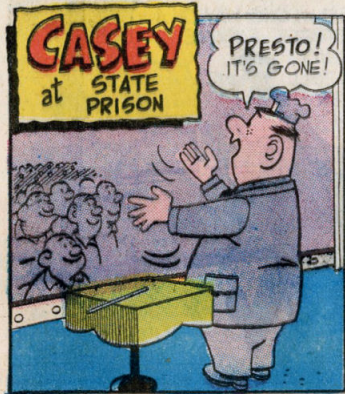
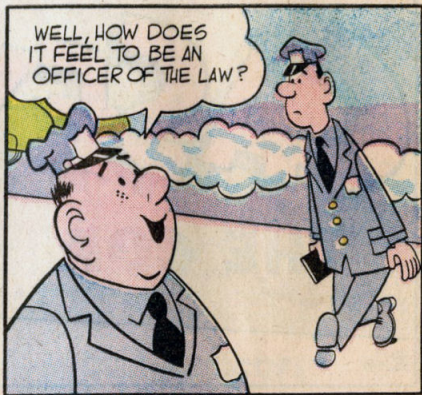
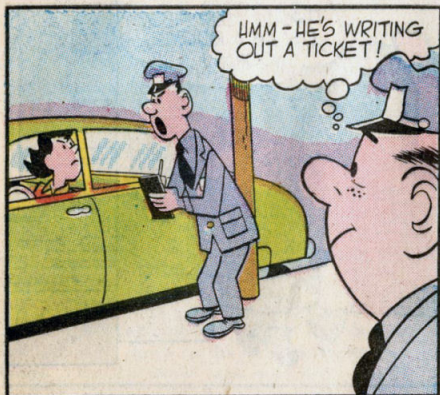


GOING THE WRONG WAY ON A ONE WAY STREET, PARKING BY A NO-PARKING SIGN! I'LL TELL THAT DRIVER OFF!





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**YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:**

**THE FLYING PATROLMAN, THE MONEY GEIGER COUNTER AND THE FANTASTIC WEAPONS DISARMER WERE BUT A FEW OF THE NEW INVENTIONS-- CONCEIVED FOR POSSIBLE POLICE USE-- WHICH HAD FALLEN INTO CRIMINAL HANDS! AND AS A GANG EMPLOYED THEM TO COMMIT CRIMES, MY OFFICE WORKED FRANTICALLY TO FIND A FLAW IN EACH! OTHERWISE, THE UNDERWORLD WOULD RUN RAMPANT WITH...**



WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THESE CRIMINALS, D.A.! THEY'RE ARMED AND EQUIPPED WITH SUPER-INVENTIONS!

## THE OUTLAW INVENTIONS



ONCE EACH YEAR, INVENTORS PUT ON AN AMAZING EXHIBITION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES-- AND LAST JUNE, MY ASSISTANT AND I WERE INVITED TO A SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW...

GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SIR! AS PRESIDENT OF **INVENTORS, INC.**, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT NEW INVENTIONS ARE IN STORE FOR US?

YES, MR. D.A.-- AND I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE SOME VERY USEFUL DEVICES! JUST COME IN AND LOOK FOR YOURSELF...

IT SURE WAS NICE OF PROFESSOR KING TO STAGE THIS PRIVATE SHOWING FOR US, CHIEF! WONDER IF WE'LL FIND ANY USEFUL INVENTIONS?

WE'LL SOON KNOW, HARRINGTON... HERE'S THE PROFESSOR NOW!

INVENTORS INC. EXHIBIT TOMORROW NIGHT



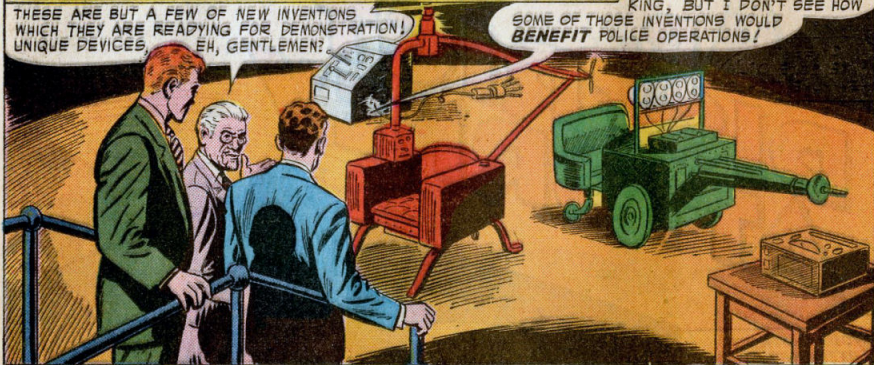
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WE ENTERED THE EMPTY ARENA TO BEHOLD A MOST AMAZING DISPLAY,...

THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF NEW INVENTIONS WHICH THEY ARE READYING FOR DEMONSTRATION! UNIQUE DEVICES EH, GENTLEMEN?

THEY SURE ARE, PROFESSOR KING, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW SOME OF THOSE INVENTIONS WOULD BENEFIT POLICE OPERATIONS!



YOU MUST BE JESTING, MY BOY! WHY, THE **MECHANICAL SAFE CRACKER** WAS CONCEIVED WITH THE THOUGHT OF OPENING SAFES IMMEDIATELY, IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES!

A VERY PRACTICAL INVENTION-- IF IT WORKS, PROFESSOR! THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN BANK PERSONNEL WERE TRAPPED IN AIR-TIGHT VAULTS!

PRECISELY! AND THE **MONEY GEIGER COUNTER**, WHICH IS CAPABLE OF RECORDING PAPER CURRENCY, WILL SAVE YOUR POLICE COUNTLESS HOURS OF SEARCHING FOR HIDDEN CRIMINAL LOOT!

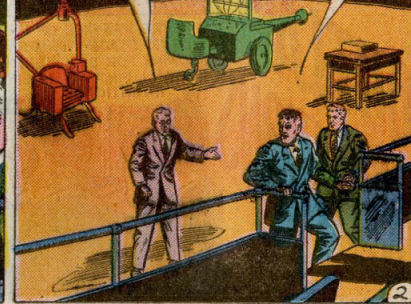
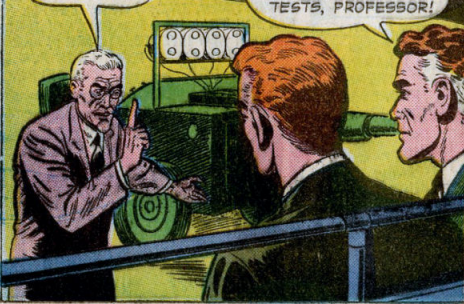


AND WE'RE ALL PROUD OF THE **WEAPONS DISARMER**, WHICH CAN LITERALLY PULL A GUN AWAY FROM A CRIMINAL!

A VERY HANDY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, INDEED! I JUST HOPE THESE INVENTIONS CAN PROVE THEMSELVES IN THE TESTS, PROFESSOR!

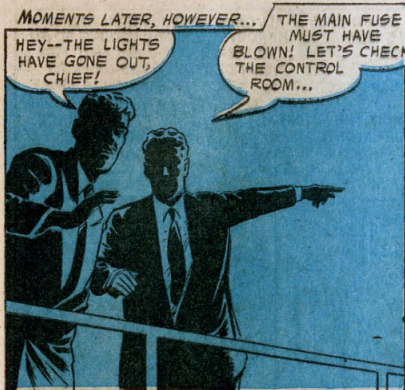
WELL, IF YOU'LL WAIT HERE JUST A MOMENT, GENTLEMEN, I'LL DEMONSTRATE SOME OF THEM!

GOOD... THAT'S WHAT WE CAME TO SEE!





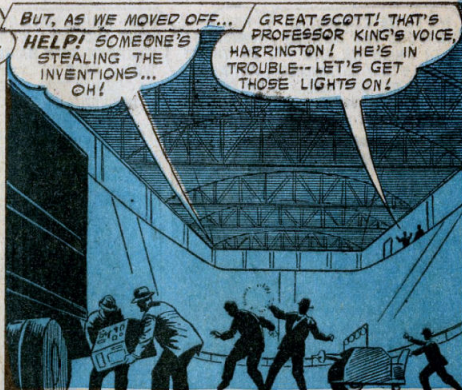
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MOMENTS LATER, HOWEVER...

HEY--THE LIGHTS HAVE GONE OUT, CHIEF!

THE MAIN FUSE MUST HAVE BLOWN! LET'S CHECK THE CONTROL ROOM...



BUT, AS WE MOVED OFF... HELP! SOMEONE'S STEALING THE INVENTIONS... OH!

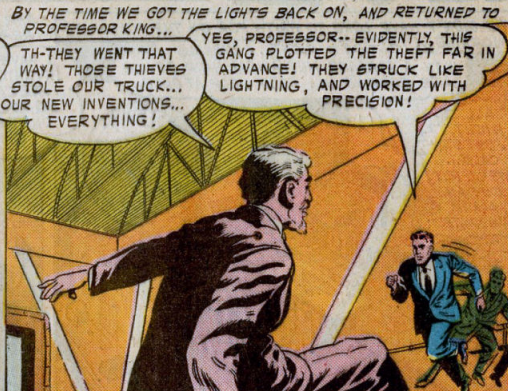
GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S PROFESSOR KING'S VOICE, HARRINGTON! HE'S IN TROUBLE--LET'S GET THOSE LIGHTS ON!



WHEN WE REACHED THE CONTROL ROOM...

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKED THE ATTENDANT COLD!

YES, HARRINGTON--IT'S ALL PART OF A SCHEME TO ROB SOME OF THE NEW INVENTIONS!



BY THE TIME WE GOT THE LIGHTS BACK ON, AND RETURNED TO PROFESSOR KING...

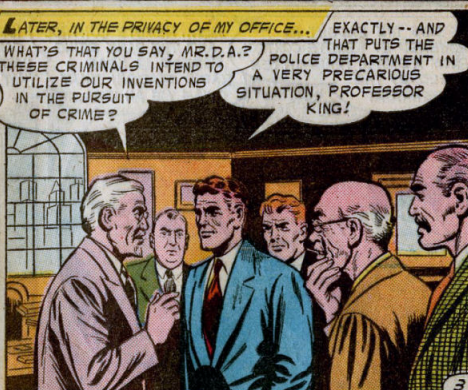
TH--THEY WENT THAT WAY! THOSE THIEVES STOLE OUR TRUCK... OUR NEW INVENTIONS... EVERYTHING!

YES, PROFESSOR-- EVIDENTLY, THIS GANG PLOTTED THE THEFT FAR IN ADVANCE! THEY STRUCK LIKE LIGHTNING, AND WORKED WITH PRECISION!



I--I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! WHY WOULD HOODLUMS POSSIBLY WANT TO STEAL OUR DEVICES?

THAT'S NO PUZZLE! HARRINGTON, PUT OUT A PROWL CAR ALERT FOR THAT TRUCK--AND SUMMON ALL THE INVENTORS TO MY OFFICE! WE'VE GOT A BIG JOB AHEAD!



LATER, IN THE PRIVACY OF MY OFFICE...

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY, MR. D.A.? THESE CRIMINALS INTEND TO UTILIZE OUR INVENTIONS IN THE PURSUIT OF CRIME?

EXACTLY--AND THAT PUTS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN A VERY PRECARIOUS SITUATION, PROFESSOR KING!



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WE'LL BE COMBATING WEAPONS AND DEVICES WITH WHICH WE ARE COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR-- AND SOME OF THEM MAY PROVE QUITE EFFICIENT!

HOW TERRIBLE! IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU, MR. DA?

YES-- YOU'LL HAVE TO BE ON CALL NIGHT AND DAY! WHEN THESE WEAPONS ARE EMPLOYED, WE'LL HAVE TO CONSULT THE INDIVIDUAL INVENTOR REGARDING HIS DEVICE!

I CAN WELL UNDERSTAND THAT... YOU'LL HAVE TO KNOW THE POTENTIAL OF OUR INVENTIONS BEFORE YOU CAN TAKE ACTION AGAINST THEM!

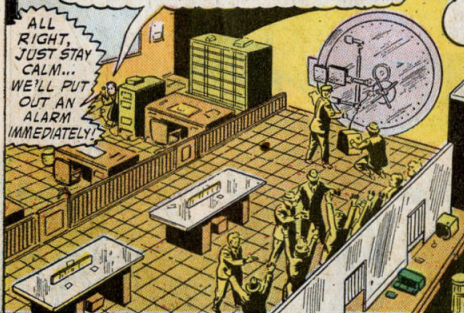
ALL CARS HAVE REPORTED CHIEF-- NO TRACE OF THAT GETAWAY TRUCK!

THEN THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT FOR THE GANG TO MAKE ITS FIRST MOVE, HARRINGTON! AND IT'S MY HUNCH IT WON'T BE LONG!



WE DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT-- FOR ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

THAT'S RIGHT... CRIMINALS WITH A STRANGE MECHANICAL HAND DEVICE ARE ROBBING US! SEND HELP AT ONCE...



ALL RIGHT, JUST STAY CALM... WE'LL PUT OUT AN ALARM IMMEDIATELY!

AND, WITHIN A MINUTE AFTER THE ROBBERY REPORT REACHED MY DESK...

I HAVE ATKINS-- THE INVENTOR OF THE MECHANICAL SAFECRACKER ON THE PHONE, CHIEF!

GOOD... ASK HIM FOR DETAILS OF THE DEVICE'S OPERATION!



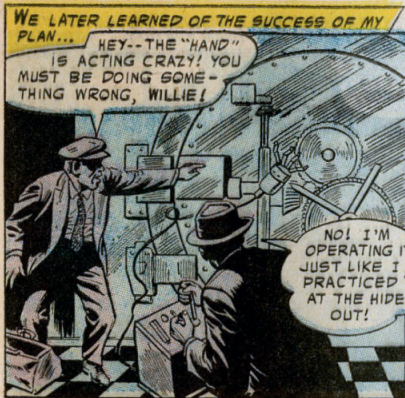
HE SAYS THE GADGET IS POWERED BY REMOTE CONTROL, FROM A SMALL TRANSMITTER HELD BY THE OPERATOR!

HMM... REMOTE CONTROL-- AND THE BANK BEING ROBBED IS NEAR A RADIO STATION! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA...

HARRINGTON, IN CASE A PATROL CAR CAN'T GET THERE IN TIME, WE MAY HAVE A CHANCE OF PREVENTING THAT THEFT! I'M CALLING THE RADIO STATION!

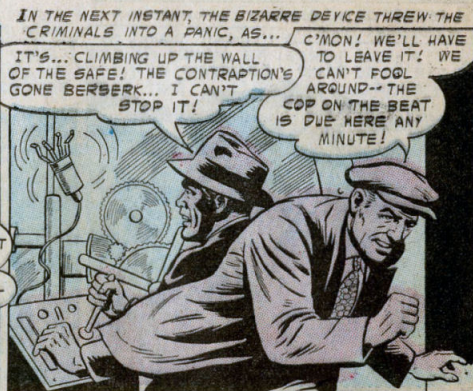
I DON'T FOLLOW YOU, CHIEF-- BUT GOOD LUCK!





WE LATER LEARNED OF THE SUCCESS OF MY PLAN... HEY--THE "HAND" IS ACTING CRAZY! YOU MUST BE DOING SOMETHING WRONG, WILLIE!

NO! I'M OPERATING IT JUST LIKE I PRACTICED AT THE HIDE-OUT!



IN THE NEXT INSTANT, THE BIZARRE DEVICE THREW THE CRIMINALS INTO A PANIC, AS...

IT'S... CLIMBING UP THE WALL OF THE SAFE! THE CONTRAPTION'S GONE BERSERK... I CAN'T STOP IT!

C'MON! WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE IT! WE CAN'T FOOL AROUND-- THE COP ON THE BEAT IS DUE HERE ANY MINUTE!



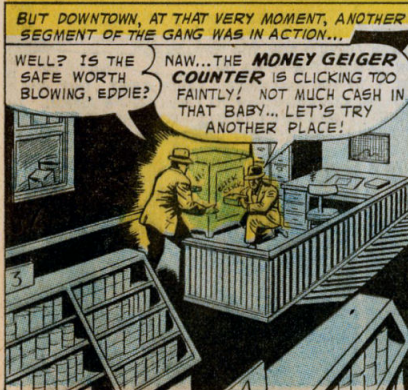
SHORTLY, WHEN HARRINGTON AND I ARRIVED AT THE BANK... [WHEW! WHAT A NARROW ESCAPE THAT WAS! IF THAT DEVICE HADN'T RUN OUT OF CONTROL, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ROBBED FOR CERTAIN!

YOU CAN THANK THE CHIEF FOR THAT, SIR! IT WAS HIS QUICK THINKING THAT TURNED THE TABLES ON THE THIEVES!



YOU SEE, REMOTE CONTROL REQUIRES THE USE OF RADIO WAVES-- SO I HAD A LOCAL RADIO STATION USE ITS TRANSMITTER TO JAM THE WAVE LENGTH OF THE MECHANICAL SAFECRACKER!

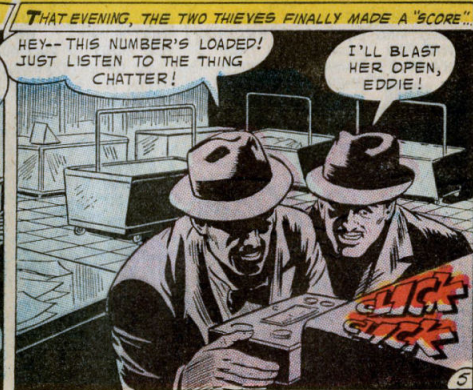
AND THAT RESULTED IN THROWING THE DEVICE OUT OF CONTROL! MOST INGENUOUS, MR. D.A.-- WE ARE ALL INDEBTED TO YOU!



BUT DOWNTOWN, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ANOTHER SEGMENT OF THE GANG WAS IN ACTION...

WELL? IS THE SAFE WORTH BLOWING, EDDIE?

NAW... THE MONEY GEIGER COUNTER IS CLICKING TOO FAINTLY! NOT MUCH CASH IN THAT BABY... LET'S TRY ANOTHER PLACE!



THAT EVENING, THE TWO THIEVES FINALLY MADE A "SCORE"

HEY-- THIS NUMBER'S LOADED! JUST LISTEN TO THE THING CHATTER!

I'LL BLAST HER OPEN, EDDIE!

**CLICK**  
**CHATTER**



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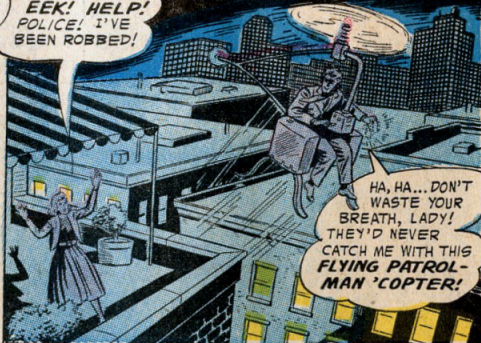


A REPORT OF THE ROBBERY CONFIRMED THE HOODLUMS' TAKE...  
 WHAT A HAUL! THERE'S CLOSE TO 20 GRAND HERE!  
 I'LL SAY! THANKS TO THE MONEY GEIGER COUNTER, WE HIT IT BIG!



AND, ON THE VERY SAME NIGHT, ANOTHER STOLEN INVENTION MADE ITS APPEARANCE HIGH OVER THE CITY...

EEEK! HELP! POLICE! I'VE BEEN ROBBED!



HA, HA... DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH, LADY! THEY'D NEVER CATCH ME WITH THIS FLYING PATROLMAN 'COPTER!

I CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING WITH THE INVENTORS AT ONCE-- FOR WITH THE RECENT WAVE OF "DEVICE CRIMES," A FRIGHTENING THOUGHT HAD ENTERED MY MIND...

GENTLEMEN, OF ALL THE STOLEN INVENTIONS IN CRIMINAL HANDS, THERE IS ONE OUTSTANDING-- ONE THAT COULD PROVE A FATAL MENACE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES... THE WEAPONS DISARMER!

BUT, MR. D.A.-- THESE CULPRITS HAVEN'T EMPLOYED THAT DEVICE YET!

EXACTLY... AND, SINCE WE MUST ASSUME THAT THIS GANG IS AWARE OF THE INVENTION'S POTENTIAL, WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THEY ARE HOLDING IT IN RESERVE!

YOU MEAN... FOR SOME SPECIAL CRIME?



YES, PROFESSOR KING-- HOW TERRIBLE! THIS FOR EXAMPLE? WITH THAT AMAZING DEVICE, THEY COULD DISARM EVERY GUARD ON THE SCENE!

EXACTLY... AND THAT'S WHY YOU MUST COME UP WITH A DEVICE CAPABLE OF COUNTER-ACTING THE WEAPONS DISARMER, GENTLEMEN!

BUT, MR. D.A., WE CAN'T PULL SUCH AN INVENTION OUT OF A HAT! IT MIGHT TAKE MONTHS, EVEN YEARS, TO CONCEIVE A COUNTER-WEAPON!

I REALIZE THAT, BUT I ALREADY HAVE AN IDEA FOR A WEAPON THAT WOULD FOIL THE "DISARMER"-- BUT IT WILL BE UP TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES TO PERFECT IT BY THURSDAY!

OUR BEST... BUT IT'S ASKING AN AWFUL LOT, MR. D.A.!





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PROFESSOR KING AND THE CRACK INVENTORS SETUP TEMPORARY QUARTERS IN OUR POLICE LAB, AND THEY WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK...

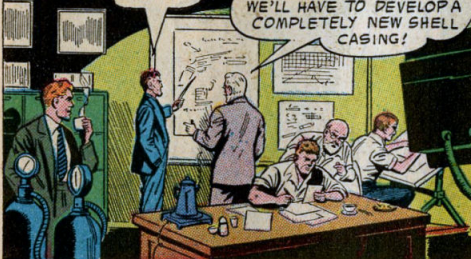
NOW... WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR SUCH A PISTOL TO FIRE A REGULATION CARTRIDGE, SIR?

YES, MR. D.A.-- BUT A BRASS CARTRIDGE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE RAYS OF THE **WEAPONS DISARMER!** WE'LL HAVE TO DEVELOP A COMPLETELY NEW SHELL CASING!

AFTER 97 HOURS OF WORK, WE FINALLY REACHED OUR GOAL...

THERE IT IS, MR. D.A. ! I ONLY WISH WE HAD TIME TO DEVELOP MORE OF THEM TO ARM YOUR MEN!

THIS LONE DEVICE WILL HAVE TO DO, PROFESSOR!

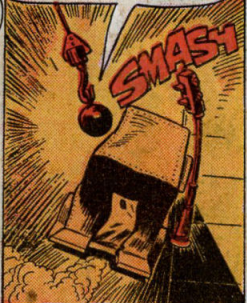


THE FOLLOWING DAY--THURSDAY-- AN AIR OF TENSENESS SWEEPED OVER HARRINGTON AND MYSELF, AS WE MADE THE "RUN" WITH THE GOLD...

IF THIS GANG INTENDS TO HIT US, THEY'LL HAVE TO DO IT FAST, CHIEF! WE'RE NEARLY AT THE RESERVE BANK NOW!

SUDDENLY, AS IF IN ANSWER TO MY ASSISTANT'S WORDS...

LOOK OUT! THEY'VE HIT US WITH A WRECKING BALL!



AS WE LEAPED OUT OF THE BATTERED VEHICLE...

CHIEF! THE **WEAPONS DISARMER** POPPED THE GUN RIGHT OUT OF MY HAND!

I KNOW, HARRINGTON-- ITS MAGNETIC RAYS ARE POWERFUL! BUT THEY SHOULDN'T WORK ON OUR **NEW** INVENTION...

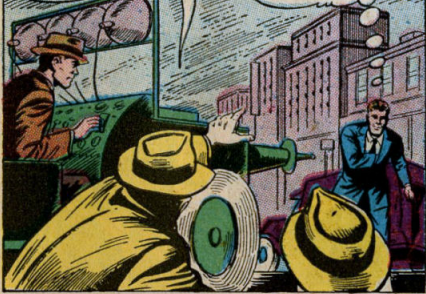


WE'VE DISARMED ALL THE GUARDS! NOW GET THE D.A.-- HE'S GOING FOR HIS GUN!

AND WHEN THAT DISARMING RAY HITS THIS GUN, YOU BOYS ARE IN FOR THE SHOCK OF YOUR LIVES!

HEY! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE THING-- IT'S NOT WORKING AGAINST THE D.A.!

I--I DON'T GET IT! THE CURRENT'S STILL ON... AND WE'VE GOT HIS GUN RIGHT ON TARGET!





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THE CRIMINALS TUMBLED TO OUR LITTLE TRICK AS I CONTINUED TO KNOCK OUT THE "DISARMER'S" RAYS...

HEY-- TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT HIS ROD! IT'S PLASTIC!

THAT'S RIGHT, MISTER! MAGNETIC RAYS ONLY WORK AGAINST METALLIC WEAPONS! BETTER SURRENDER...



BUT THE GANG DECIDED TO SHOOT IT OUT WITH ME-- AND THAT'S WHEN MY TROUBLES REALLY STARTED...

THAT BOX OF SPECIAL PLASTIC CARTRIDGE BULLETS--IT'S GONE! IT MUST HAVE FALLEN FROM MY POCKET WHEN THE WRECKING BALL HIT THE CAR!



IT WAS THEN THAT I HAD TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT DECISION...

THE PLASTIC GUN WILL SHOOT REGULATION ROUNDS-- BUT-- IF THE GANG REALIZES I'M USING THEM, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO DISARM ME WITH THE MACHINE! NO CHOICE-- I'VE GOT TO RISK IT!



MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO KNOCK OUT THE MACHINE SO HARRINGTON AND THE GUARDS CAN BRING THEIR WEAPONS INTO PLAY!

RUN FOR IT! THE D.A.'S CHARGING US, AND THE WEAPONS DISARMER WON'T WORK AGAINST THAT PLASTIC GUN OF HIS!



MY LONG SHOT HAD PAID OFF-- AS THE HOODLUMS DESERTED THE MACHINE AND MY MEN SNAPPED UP THEIR GUNS...

YOU'RE FINISHED, BOYS-- WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! REACH AND FREEZE!

ALL RIGHT, HARRINGTON-- GET THE 'CUFFS OUT AND TAKE THEM IN TOW! THEY'VE USED THEIR LAST STOLEN WEAPONS AGAINST SOCIETY!



AND SO IT WAS THAT ONE OF MY MOST BIZARRE CASES CAME TO A CLOSE-- AND WE WERE ALL MIGHTY RELIEVED...

WE'RE ALL INDEBTED TO YOU, MR. D.A.!

I'M SURE, PROFESSOR KING, THAT IT'S I WHO'LL BE INDEBTED TO YOU, WHEN THESE INVENTIONS ARE FINALLY PERFECTED AND PUT TO USE BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS EVERYWHERE!



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THE END



# Crime Oddities!



MANY EARLY CIVILIZATIONS PUNISHED LAW BREAKERS IN **EFFIGY**— THAT IS THEY WOULD PUNISH A WAX LIKENESS OF THE CRIMINAL INTENDING THAT HE SUFFER A FATE SIMILAR TO THE WAX DOLL!

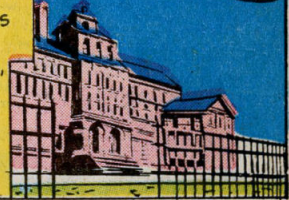
**DROWNING** WAS ONCE A POPULAR FORM OF DEATH PENALTY. IN 1586 IN HOLLAND, PEOPLE WERE BOUND IN SACKS AND THROWN INTO THE RIVER — FOR **HERESY!**



THE FAMOUS WALNUT ST. PRISON IN PHILADELPHIA, 1740, HOUSED DEBTORS, PERSONS AWAITING TRIAL, CONVICTED CRIMINALS, YOUNG AND OLD, SANÉ AND INSANE! THE TREND TOWARD DIFFERENTIATION OF PRISON S SINCE THEN, WAS BEGUN IN 1824, WHEN SEVERAL STATES, INCLUDING NEW YORK, HOUSED JUVENILE PRISONERS IN "HOUSES OF REFUGE"!

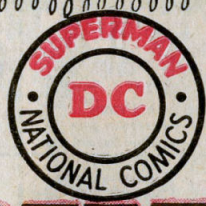


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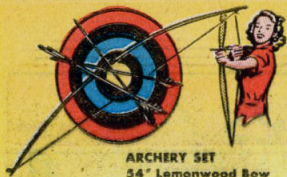
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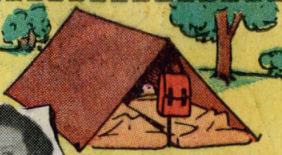
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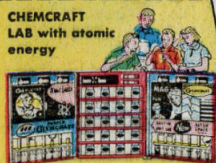
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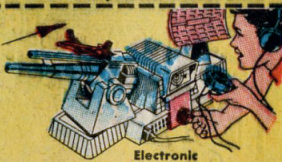
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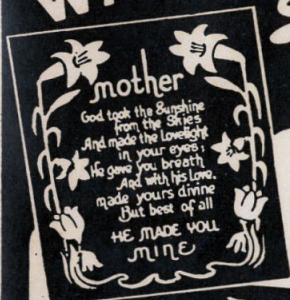
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