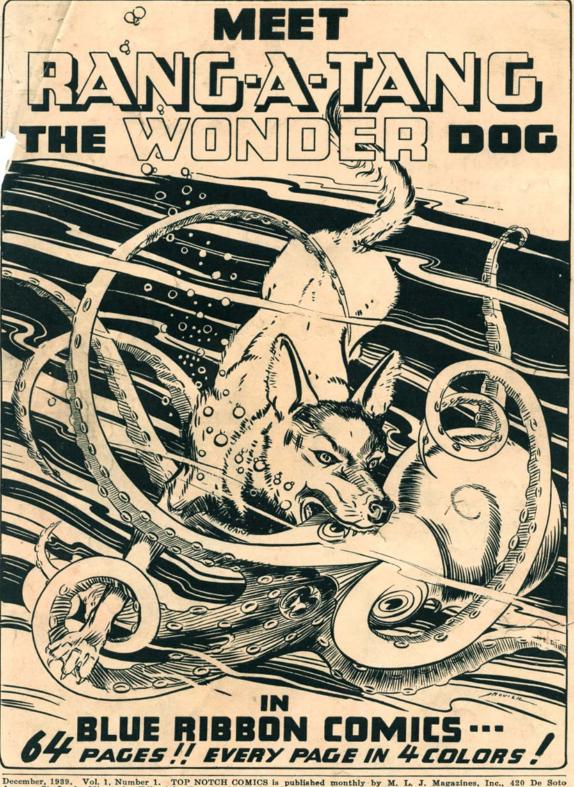
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BLANE WHITNEY, GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON OF GEN.
STEVEN WHITNEY, WHO WAS WASHINGTON'S CHIEF
AIDE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, IS ENTERTAINING
A GROUP OF CAFE SOCIETY FRIENDS AT HIS PARK
AVENUE HOME.







REPAIRING TO HIS LABORATORY, THE WIZARD TUNES IN THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE MICRO-WAVE TRANS-MITTER IN WASHINGTON. THE RADIO DEVICE, WHICH SCRAMBLES THE WAVES BEYOND RECOGNITION WHEN BROADCAST AND REASSEMBLES THEM WHEN RECEIVED, IS THE WIZARD'S OWN INVENTION.



THE WIZARD'S BROTHER, GROVER WHITNEY, WHO IS. CHIEF OF THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, INFORMS THE WIZARD OF THE PLOT!





DID ANY MEMBER OF THE WHITNEY FAMILY EVER FAIL UNCLE SAM?



IN 1776 GEN. STEVEN WHITNEY, COVERING GEN. WASHINGTON'S RETREAT FROM LONG ISLAND AT THE HEAD OF THE FAMOUS PENNSYLVANIA LINE, CLEARS THE WAY TO VALLEY FORGE.....



IN IBIZ CAPT, AMBROSE WHITNEY, IN COMMAND OF AN AMERICAN PRIVATEER, CAPTURES A BRITISH MERCHANTMAN HEAVILY LOADED WITH MUNITIONS!



IN 1865 MAJOR THOMAS WHITNEY ACCEPTS GEN. LEE'S SWORD AT APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE IN BEHALF OF GEN. GRANT, TO END THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES!



IN 1870 JAMES WHITNEY, FEDERAL INDIAN AGENT, SIGNS A PEACE TREATY WITH INDIANS, PUTTING TO AN END INDIAN RAIDS FOR ALL-TIME!



IN 1898. ENSIGN THOMAS WHITNEY, JR., A MEMBER OF LIEUTENANT HOBSON'S VALIENT VOLUNTEER CREW; IS PROWNED IN HAVANA HARBOR AFTER SINKING THE AMERICAN GUNBOAT IN THE NARROW CHANNEL WHICH COOPS UP THE SPANISH ARMADA!



IN 1918 LIEUTENANT JOHN WHITNEY FALLS IN FRANCE, AS HE LEADS AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES OVER THE TOP TO TAKE THE HINDENBURG LINE!



THUS WE SEE THAT FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY HAS SERVED HEROICALLY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!



WHILE THE WAR IS STILL RAGING IN EUROPE IN 1918, 14-YEAR-OLD BLANE WHITNEY BEGINS TO SHOW SIGNS OF MENTAL WIZARDRY....



... THAT IS SOON TO MAKE HIM THE GREATEST BRAIN POWER ON EARTH!



THE YOUNG MENTAL WIZARD IS PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT WILSON.











THE STEEL 1,000 TIMES FASTER THAN AN

ACETYLENE TORCH







... PEACE REIGNS OVER THE WORLD ONCE AGAIN.
YOUNG BLANE WHITNEY ... THE WIZARD
ATTENDS HIGH SCHOOL.



THE YOUNG WIZARD HAS FINISHED HIGH-SCHOOL AND IS NOW ATTENDING COLLEGE, THE INSTRUCTORS MARVEL AT HIS BRILLIANCE!



HE NOT ONLY EXCELS IN STUDY, BUT ALSO BECOMES AN ALL-ROUND ATHLETE, AND HIS SKILL WINS MANY A CLOSE GAME FOR THE SCHOOL!



HE IS A CLEANCUT YOUNG MAN, AND IS ALSO POPULAR WITH THE YOUNG LADIES.



WORKING LATE UNDER THE MIDNIGHT MAZDAS, THE WIZARD DESIGNS A SUPER-CHARGED MOTOR THAT WILL DO ALMOST. 500 MILES PER HOUR!



THE WIZARD ORDERS A CAR BUILT TO HIS SPECIFICA-TIONS, HE OMITS A FEW VITAL PARTS FROM THE PLANS, AND THE MACHINE IS A SOURCE OF MERRI-MENT TO THE MECHANICS IN THE PLANT.









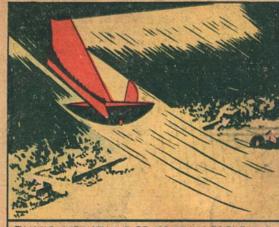


A CHEMICAL OF HIS OWN CREATION, TAKES THE COLOR OF THE ATMOSPHERE AND IS INVISIBLE!





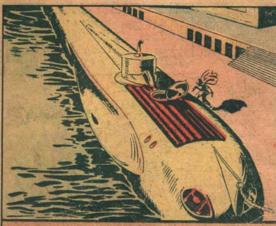




TAKING OFF WITH THE GRACE OF AN EAGLE, THE WIZARD SPEEDS TOWARDS SAN PEDRO, WHERE ONE OF HIS MYSTERY SUBS IS ANCHORED....



TWO HOURS AND FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AFTER LEAVING NEW YORK, THE WIZARD LANDS AT LOS ANGELES.



A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE WIZARD IS AT SAN PEDRO. ENTERING HIS MYSTERY SUB, POWERED BY A SUPER-MOTOR































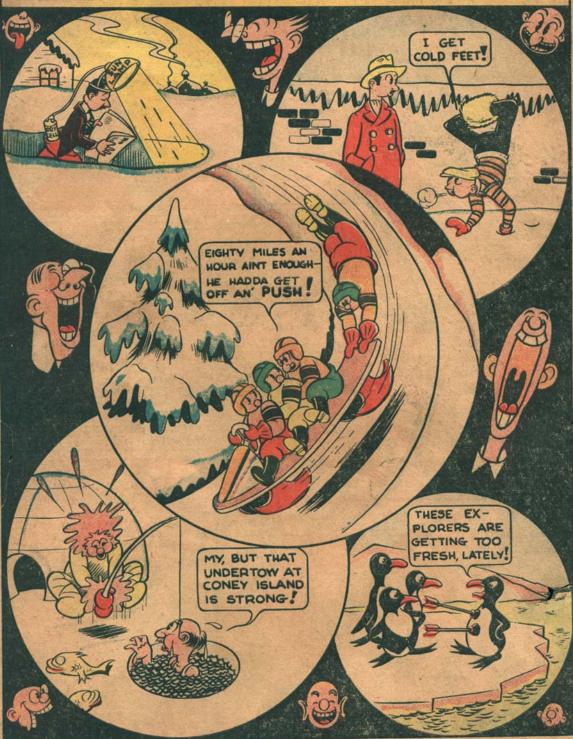








LAUGHING AT LIFE!







THE TIME CAR HURTLES THROUGH THE MISTS OF TIME...
WITHIN IT, IT'S INVENTOR, DR. JOEL MEADE, AND HIS
YOUNG ASSISTANT AND PILOT, SCOTT RAND, SCAN THE DIALS...





HAVING BRIDGED THE GULF OF TIME BACK TO THE YEAR 200 A.D., THE TIME CAR EMERGES OVER ANCIENT ROME, AND THEN THEY SEE





THE TIME CAR DESCENDS WITH ROCKETS FLAMING















DR. MEADE SPEAKS TO THE VIKING IN THE ANCIENT LATIN TONGUE. HE UNDERSTANDS AND ANSWERS.....





AGAIN THE TIME CAR PLUNGES INTO THE SWIRLING, FORMLESS MISTS OF TIME, BACKWARD TO ANGIENT EGYPT.....



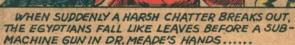


THEY FIND A GROUP OF EGYPTIAN PRIESTS BEFORE AN ALTAR, ON WHICH IS TIED A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN. SCOTT, DR. MEADE AND THOR ARE DETERMINED TORESCUE HER.





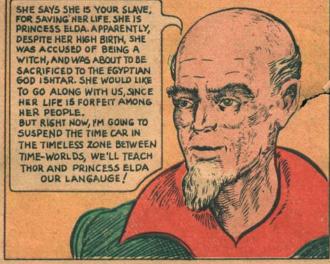


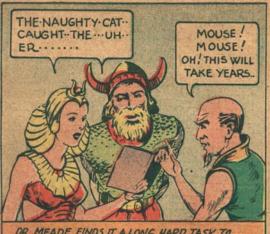






DR. MEADE MANAGES TO UNDER -STAND SOMETHING OF HER WORDS.....



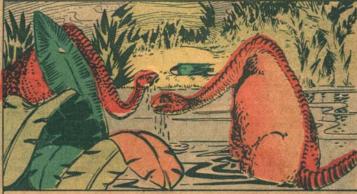


DR. MEADE FINDS IT A LONG HARD TASK TO TEACH THEM ENGLISH ... BUT ACTUAL TIME DOES NOT PASS WITHIN THE STRANGE TIMELESS ZONE..



..AND FINALLY THEY ARE ABLE TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE QUITE WELL!





THE TIME CAR LANDS IN THE WORLD OF TEN MILLION YEARS AGO — A PRIMEVAL WORLD BEFORE THE COMING OF MAN. HUGE DINOSAURS FILL THE AIR WITH THEIR RAUGOUS ROARS. THEY ARE MASTERS OF THE WORLD....





AS THEY WANDER AROUND, THEY COME TOO CLOSE TO A BLOOD-THIRSTY MONSTER, AND NARROWLY ESCAPE THE HUNGRY, VICIOUS JAWS OF THE BEAST-DR. MEADE SAVES THEM ALL BY.....



... THROWING A WELL-AIMED HAND-BOMB AT THE BEAST'S HEAD HE KILLS IT ... MEANWHILE THEY MAKE THEIR ESCAPE AND SET BACK TO THE TIME CAR.



SUDDENLY THE TIME CAR BEGINS TO ROCK AND ROLL...THE TREMENDOUS WEIGHT OF ONE OF THE BEASTS IS KEEPING THEM EARTH BOUND...



IN THE TIME CAR DR. MEADE IS ABOUT TO START THE SHIP TO GET OUT OF THE JUNGLE, WHEN ...

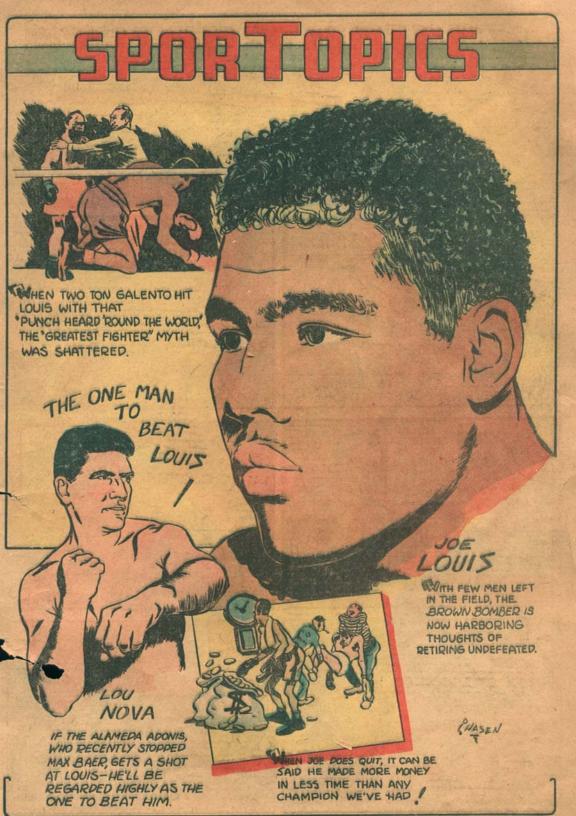




BUT SCOTT MANAGES TO GET TO THE EMERGENCY CONTROLS.. AND THE SHIP TEARS LOOSE FROM THE...

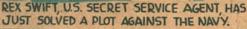


.. GRIP OF THE MICHTY BEAST ... AND AGAIN THE TIME CAR IS ON ITS WAY INTO THE MISTS OF TIME!













































POLICE IN THEIR HOMETOWN ...

















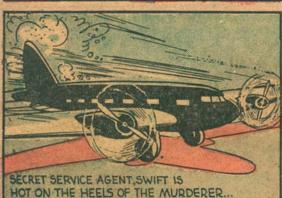




















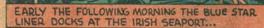


































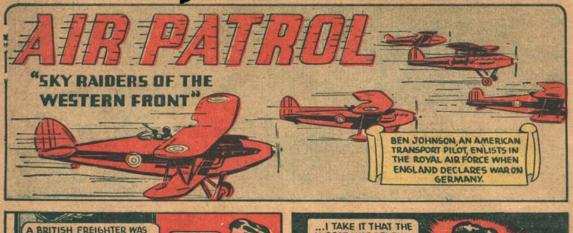










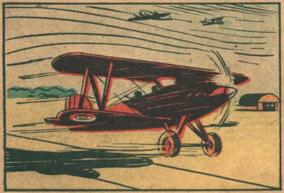




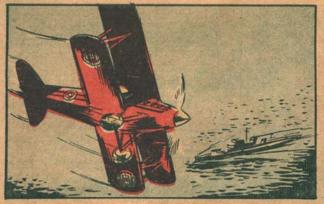
























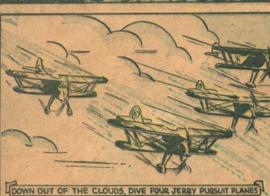




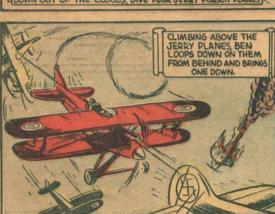




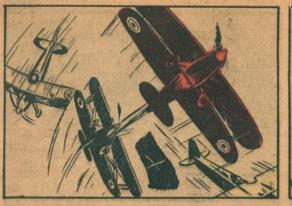


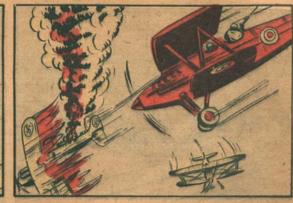










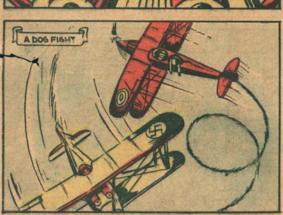






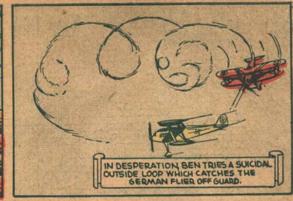




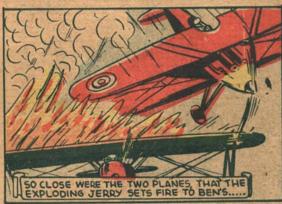






















"Lucky" Coyne, plainclothesman, was ascending the station-house steps when Harry Green, another detective, laughing to himself, passed the stationhouse door and started down the steps towards

Coyne.
"Honest, 'Lucky', I thought I'd bowl over laughing
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Coyne took out a pack of cigarettes from his pocket and offered one to Green. Even though "Lucky' Coyne was standing a step below Green, he was inches taller than him, for Green was very short, very squat. As Green took a cigarette from the pack and lighted it, Coyne remarked casually, "I suppose Reginald Lance forgot all he was supposed to remember."

"You guessed it," Green exclaimed. "You're good. Somebody must have scared the little squirt plenty, because it didn't make any difference to him if the chief yelled his head off. He swore he didn't recognize Cardona as the man he saw breaking into the jewelry store. He looked right at the Rogues' Gallery picture of Cardona and said he never saw the man before."

"Then I guess I won't go in to see the chief right away," said Coyne. "The news I got on the Wright

case is not too comforting.

"Yeah, you better not is right," Green advised. "The funniest part of all is that Cardona almost looked sorry that they weren't going to hang the

stick-up on him.

With a wave of his thick, fleshy hand, Green took his leave of Coyne, bouncing to the sidewalk on his short, apelike legs. Coyne leaned his broad shoulders against the huge base of a towering marble column and drew the cigarette pack from his pocket. Fishing one from the pack, he struck a match and lit it. He kept his eye on the station-house door, the while puffing his cigarette, and when the dapper figure of Cardona stepped outside the station-house door, he ducked behind the marble pillar.

The dark-striped, expensively tailored suit worn by the gangster was molded to his body like a snake's skin. Below the slouched light gray fedora Cardona's cruel this lips curved in a disdainful sneer. On the sidewalk he hailed a cab with quick motions of long thin fingers. As the vehicle pulled away from the curb, Coyne took the steps three at a time. When another taxi drew up, he snapped, "Follow that Dotted Cab and if you lose it I'll break your

neck."

The driver started off in second and called back over his shoulder, "Better get your change ready: I figure you'll be leavin' fast when I stop.

They went downtown and over three blocks on Raphael Street before Coyne said, "All right. Stop

here."

When he got out, Cardona was a block and a half ahead of him, and entering the Belladonna, a swanky hotel, whose management had a reputation for keeping its mouth closed to the right parties. Coyne paid the driver and walked on down to the

The Belladonna had one of those small lobbies with the clerk's desk near the door, but "Lucky" Coyne went straight across the heavy plush carpet to the elevator and asked for the fourth floor. 421 he rapped on the door. There was a stir inside and then Cardona's voice asked, "Who is it?"

"Room service," said Coyne. "A telegram for Mr. Cardona."

The lock snapped and the detective had his toe in the crack as soon as the door opened. With his shoulder he pushed his weight against the unsus-pecting Cardona and buried the end of his Colt into the middle of the flashy little thug. Cardona stepped back and Coyne eased in and slammed he door shut.

"Put 'em up, all of you," he commanded.

It was a rather small room and crowded with the three other men. Coyne recognized Lou Cardona, Arnold's brother and lieutenant, Mat Ganz, a big gorilla, whose neck muscles bulged and made his colcalled Giza Vidu. Lou Cardona had started for his gun, but thought better of it after seeing the hard glint in Coyne's eye. Arnold Cardona's face paled a little. lar look too tight for him, and a short stocky guy

"All of you face the wall and keep your hands in the air." The metallic rasping harshness of Coyne's words left no room for argument. The detective ran deft fingers over their bodies, removing their guns. "All right, Cardona, you'd better come clean and produce Dotty Wright. This gun of mine goes off easy—on rats."

Arnold Cardona swung around, a smile of feigned

surprise on his lips.

"You got me wrong, dick. I don't know anything about her. Honest, Coyne. . . ."
"Cut it," Coyne roared. "You're hiding her out

and I intend to take her away with me if I have to shoot this place full of holes."
"But I tell you."

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"Do I have to show you?" "Lucky" Coyne snarled. A small door opened at the end of the room Coyne's eyes flicked toward it for just a moment. Dotty Wright came out herself, her face white and her eyes flashing anger. She was about eighteen and looked as if she had been plenty spoiled. There

ing that we're going to be married."

he took a couple of steps in her direction.

"I'm taking you with me if I have to drag you out Coyne groaned as his head snapped back, fell over of here," he countered. "And the first one of you against the wall. mugs who tries anything is going to get the heat turned on him.'

As he stepped nearer to her. Dotty ran toward take him where nobody can put the finger on us!"

Arnold Cardona and threw her arms about him, protecting him with her body. As she moved, she drew a gun from the pocket of her tailored coat and shoved it into Cardona's hands. Cardona blazed to her alf as bad as he deserves!"

"But "characteristics are in the finger on us!"

Cardona went to her and patted her shoulder.

"Don't you worry. baby," he soothed her. "It won't have the company of the processor of the processor of the company of the processor. "But "the processor of the pro

out with the weapon. Coyne dodged to one side so that the bullet just missed him. He was in a spot, for he couldn't fire at Cardona without hitting the

In the moment when his attention was diverted. Mat Gans sprang forward and bumped him hard. Coyne smacked against the wall. Lou Cardona jumped in and wanged the gun out of his hand. Lou Cardona

Coyne struck out with a hard right that caught Gans on the chin and caused the bones in his knuckles to Gans swore and rushed in at Coyne again. Lou Cardona made a grab at the detective's feet and Coyne let go a kick that caught the lieutenant in

the face. Cardona cried out in pain.



Arnold Cardona had sprung to the table near the door where Russell had set the guns taken from the Ganz and Coyne were roughing it together as Vidu caught the detective about the waist. Coyne was a pout on her pretty, but heavily rouged, lips. tripped backward over a chair and the three spilled. She was a natural blonde with a clear light com- to the floor, Coyne going down on the bottom. But plexion, but her chin sloped inward and gave her as he fell, he caught at the chair seat, shoved it in the appearance of being wilful and a little weak. Ganz's face. Ganz let go and Coyne kicked Vidu in Arnold Cardona swore under his breath. "Well, here I am, cop." Dotty didn't say the words; screaming in a frightened voice, "Don't kill him,

she hashed them like a cat.

"You're coming with me." Coyne told her.

"Oh, am I?" she retorted. "Get this, you. I'm up, holding a gun at him. Coyne saw the futility of staying here with Arnold and you're not going to trying to fight and raised his hands. Vidu, who stop me. In fact, you might be interested in know- had doubled over with the wind knocked out of him. g that we're going to be married."

The muscles in Coyne's cheeks began to jump and cop, I'm gonna kill you!" He sent a straight to the took a couple of steps in her direction.

straightened up and rushed in, shouting, "You lousy cop, I'm gonna kill you!" He sent a straight to the jaw that caught the detective with his arms down.

"Let 'im have it!" Ganz growled.
"No, not now," Cardona said. "Tie him up! We'll

"But . . ." she protested. Cardona brought the flat of his hand against her

"Get this," he shouted. in Cardona's way! You're in this just as much as I am. If the louse had minded his business it wouldn't happen to him!"
"Oh . . ." Dotty cried. "Oh, now.

Lou Cardona had come up from the floor, rubbing his jaw, his eyes running Ganz was holding Coyne at the point of a gun, when Vidu came in with a rope. Lou Cardona held his wrists while Vidu tied the detective's hands and ankles. Arnold came forward and took the gun from Ganz's hand.



"Take a look in the hall and see if it's clear." he commanded. "We can go down the back stairs and into the garage, once we get out of the main corridor."

"Now?" Vidu asked. Cardona nodded and the thug

growled and undid Coyne's ankles.

Ganz came back from the door and said, "It's clear

now, chief. Dotty Wright had slumped in a chair and was blubbering crazily. Ganz and Vidu put their guns inside their coats, but kept their hands on them. One got on each side of Russell and Lou Cardona followed up in the rear. "Walk and don't try to get away." Lou Cardona ordered.

"You don't think you can get away with this, do you?" Coyne said coldly. Arnold Cardona laughed without feeling and replied. "You're all washed up, cop." Then he grabbed the girl by the wrist. She

winced and tried to draw away.

winced and tried to haby. You're going to see how it is with people who try to cross Cardona."

"Lucky" Coyne went on down the corridor with his bodyguard. Arnold Cardona and Dotty Wright followed up in the rear. They entered the rear elevator, which was automatic and Cardona pushed the button for the basement.

They filed through a door in the basement wall and entered a garage. A big black limousine stood near the open garage entrance. There were a few attendants about, but when they saw Cardona, they walked on toward the other end of the garage. Vidu climbed in the back seat. Then Cardona ordered Dotty to the middle place, after which Gans got in. There were two side seats and Coyne got in and was fold to take one of them. Arnold Cardona took the other. Lou Cardona was driving.

The motor roared and the heavy car swept out of . the garage. To all appearances it might have been merely a group of jovial politicians out for an evening drive. The car swept down through the city, took a road off the main boulevard, wound over a series of the more poorly populated streets and then crossed the railroad tracks. The road now was less crowded for they were nearing the salt

flats near the city dump

Dotty Wright sat trembling between Ganz and Vidu. Cardona looked back and laughed. He leaned over and patted her hand.

"Don't get scared, baby," he said. "You'll get used

to this."

Dotty recoiled and drew her hand away. Ganz and Vidu laughed. The car took a sharp turn to the right straight across the flats. It was growing dusk now. Cardona leaned down and opened a compartment down near the floor. His hand reached in beneath the front seat of the limousine and when he drew it out, he held a devilish-looking tommy gun.

Dotty screamed and Ganz placed his hand over her mouth. "Shut that dame up!" snarled Cardona. Turning his attention to Coyne, he said. "You get a chance to run. If you can beat the range of this thing, you're good."
"Thanks," replied Coyne.

There were no buildings anywhere in sight now and Lou Cardona turned around and looked at his brother.

"Not yet," Arnold said. "Keep going till I tell you." The girl had grown hysterical and the two men. Ganz and Vidu were having trouble keeping her quiet. Coyne watched Cardona and knew that if he made any move it would be all too easy to pull the trigger. Yet, he was desperate and his actions came of a certain desperation. He ducked suddenly toward Cardona, who backed away unconsciously. In that second, Coyne slipped from the seat and threw himself across the laps of Ganz and Vidu— and of course Dotty Wright, Dotty screamed, and Arnold turned the gun.
"Don't shoot—don't!" yelled Ganz.

"Hold him there!" shouted Arnold to Cardona. In a swift motion of his legs, Coyne caught the point of his shoe against Cardona's chin. Cardona slipped off the seat. Vidu and Ganz grabbed him. Coyne kept his body moving frantically. Cardona started to rise and Coyne kicked him in the wind as he previously had done to his brother, sent him against the car door. In the struggle, he realized that Dotty was tugging at the ropes on his wrists. He gave a mental shout as he felt the bindings

slip loose. His first act was to raise his arm and catch Ganz by the throat. The big man brought his automatic up from his pocket and raised it in the air. "Lucky" Coyne turned his head as the metal came down, missing by only a slight fraction of an inch from sending him into unconsciousness and into another world. He had his foot in Vidu's face and he straightened his leg. Vidu's head snapped back. As Ganz's gun clipped down on his shoulder, he

twisted his hand and snatched it.



Ganz's powerful arm caught him by the throat. Coyne raised the gun and fired through the glass partition. Lou Cardona slumped forward and limousine began to zig-zag across the open flats. Arnold Cardona cursed and sprang toward him. Coyne sent his free foot out and tripped the chief, who came sprawling on top of them. Russell toed at the door handles and finally it swung open. Kick-

ing, he pushed out the tommy gun.

By now the car had slowed down as the dead

Lou Cardona's pressure eased from the accelerator.
"Lucky" Coyne stiffened his legs, sent Arnold Cardona backward, out onto the flats. Ganz caught him by the hair and hauled him back as he tried to follow. The big mug pounded his fists down on him again and again, but Coyne was mad now and his strength seemed to be limitless. He twisted his body and got his feet on the floor, began battering at Ganz's sweating face with all his might. Vidu came at him and he straight-armed him back onto the seat. Bringing Ganz's gun down hard first on the owner's skull and then on Vidu's, he felt their grips lessen

As he stepped out of the car, he caught a faint glimpse of Dotty Wright, huddled in the seat, her clothes torn, her face masked in terror. He drew his gun up as he landed on his feet. A dozen yards away Arnold Cardona stood, blazing at him. A sharp pain ran through his leg above the knee. Coyne dropped down, giving the chief crook all the bullets he had, but keeping his head in spite of the pain of his wound. He saw Cardona drop and try

to rise and then drop down and lay still.

The limousine had jerked to a stop and Coyne ran limping toward it. Ganz and Vidu were still out. He began tying them with the rope that had

bound his wrists.

"Can you drive this crate?" he asked Dotty. She shuddered, but nodded. "Then I'll haul Lou Car-dona into the back and we'll pick up Arnold when you turn around. Then drive like the devil for headquarters."

When Harry Green and Captain Sullivan came out to the car at the urgent request of Dotty Wright, they found "Lucky" Coyne holding his leg in an

agony of pain.

tain, you tell her."

Captain Sullivan was a man of little tact. "It cost your mother her life," he said unemotionally, Dotty screamed. Sullivan went on, "She didn't like you going around with Cardona. Of course, even she didn't know that he was mixed up in the rackets. But she went to him and told him she was going to have him arrested, said she was going to tell her husband—your father. She had tried to straighten it out herself, because she was afraid that your father would blame her for the whole thing, especially after you went away with him."
"I . . we were never together," the girl pleaded.
"He had just got back when . . ."

"Anyway, when your mother went to him, threatening to expose him, he got afraid that he might be brought up on a kidnaping charge, or something worse. In this state that means the chair. Besides his record would go against him. So that very night that you went away with him he murdered your mother. Finding you with him clinches it." Sullivan looked up as Green caught her as she

swooned

"Give her attention," he said. "It's not necessary for her to hear any more."

"She's learned her lesson," observed Coyne. "If she hadn't undone my ropes, we'd all be out on the dump right now and I doubt if you'd have been able to hang that murder on Cardona. He'd have got rid of the daughter, too, on general principles."
"I don't see yet how you suspected Cardona of snatching Dotty Wright," Green said.

"It is all because I work alone. The time you sent me to Wright's, if you remember, it was the night before she set out for her visit to Cardona. I didn't give the truth in my report, and my apologies, Captain." Sullivan eyed Russell with glaring anger, but he held his tongue. "She told me that her daughter had gone away with Cardona. I told her to let me investigate and did not tell her of Cardona's record, knowing she would go off on some tangent if she knew. But she jumped overboard and threatened him and you know the result. A soon as Cardona had the murder committed, be robbed a jewelry store to give himself an alibi."
"Then that Reginald Lance did know something.

the bum, and got scared out of giving his testimony?

agony of pain.

"It's a nice mess," Coyne grunted. "Let me get it off my chest and then I want a doctor."

"Can you walk a little?" asked Captain Sullivan.

"Yeah, let's go."

Coyne sat on the chair before Sullivan and Green and Dotty Wright.

"This isn't going to be easy on you, Dotty," Coyne began. "But, darn it, you're the cause of it and you'll have to learn to take it."

"I know, I know," she sobbed..."I...thought—"
But not soon enough. It...it...darn it, Capfain, you tell her."

"This isn't going to be easy on you, Dotty," Coyne days trying to get bail. Maybe only a day, but in that time it would be hard to say what might have the happened to Dotty or if we'd have ever found her.

"I had promised Dotty Wright's mother to try and find her daughter... and then, I—wanted Cardona for a murder rap..." for a murder rap. . . .







WEARING A PERFECT DISGUISE, THE MYSTERY GIRL PASSES HERSELF OFF AS BAT YARDLEY'S MOLL.









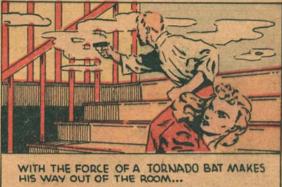




















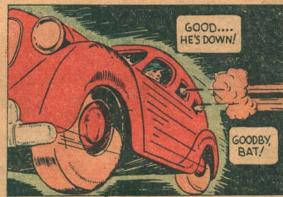




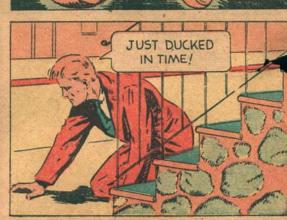
















SNEAKING UP TO THE DOOR, BAT SUDDENLY PUSHES IT OPEN.









ONE BY ONE, BAT SHOOTS THE GANG





OUT OF AMMUNITION, BAT MEETS BULL'S RUSH WITH A SAVAGE RIGHT.









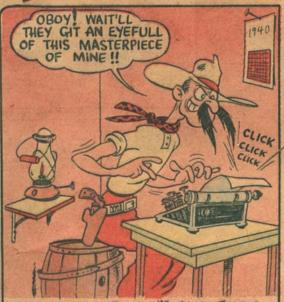








Indiversity Cirke



SAID LONESOME LUKE,"I THINK THAT I WILL WRITE SOME PRETTY POEMS-AND SEND THEM TO A MAGAZINE THAT GOES TO ALL THE HOMES!"























THE MYSTIC SHOWS THEM HE CAN USE HIS HANDS AS WELL AS HIS HEAD ...



FIANCEE ARE DRIVEN TO THE GANG'S HIDEOUT.











YOU FORGOT THAT I ESCAPE FROM STRAIT-JACKETS J. PART OF MY VAUDEVILLE ACT!



HE SIEZES THE STRUGGLING GUN MOLL AND TIES AND GAGS HER.

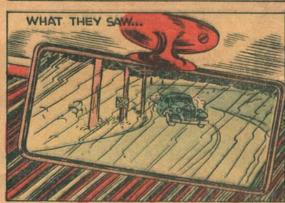










































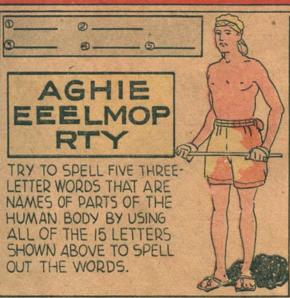


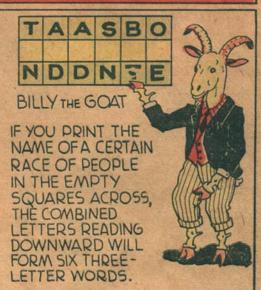


LATER IN THE MYSTIC'S BATCHELOR APARTMENT.



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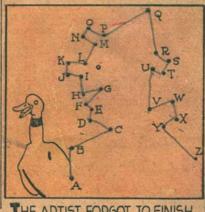








JOCKO'S BLOCKS SPELL PAINT. BUT HE CAN TAKE THREE BLOCKS FROM THE FIVE, TEN DIFFERENT TIMES, AND SPELL TEN THREE-LETTER WORDS. THIS WILL BE FUN FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE FIRST DE. "PAN" WAS PUT THERE TO GIVE YOU A START.



THE ARTIST FORGOT TO FINISH THIS PICTURE, TAKE YOUR PENCIL START AT "A" THEN CONTINUE ON TO "Z" YOU'LL HAVE A GOOD LAUGH.

JOCKO'S BLOCKS: THE WORDS ARE-PAN, NAP, PAT, PIN, ANT, PIT, TAN, APT, TAP,





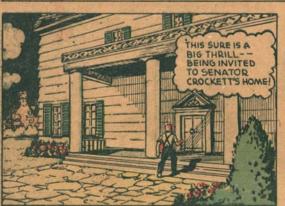


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WITH THE GIVEN LETTERS. APM - CAN BÉ SPELLED HIP, LEG, EYE, TOE, AND ANATOMICAL PROBLEM. SNOILMIOS







KEITH KORNELL, 19-YEAROLD KENTUCKY MOUNTAINEER, 15 A COLLATERAL
DECENDANT OF PRESIDENT
ANDREW JACKSON. SON
OF A WORLD WAR HERO,
KEITH WAS ORPHANED
AT THE AGE OF 5, WHEN
BOTH OF HIS PARENTS
SUCCUMBED TO THE
RAVAGES OF PNEUMONIA
EPIDEMIC, REARED BY A
POOR RELATIVE, KEITH'S
LIFE HAS BEEN ONE OF
DIRE POVERTY...









































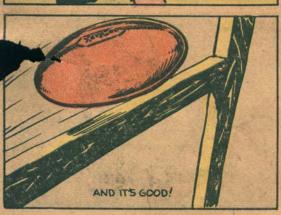




















































FEW PEOPLE REALIZE THAT SKIING IS A POPULAR SPORT IN HAWAII -



NO HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP HAS— EVER RE CAPTURED THE TITLE AFTER ONCE LOSING IT, AL-THOUGH MANY HAVE TRIED-MAX SCHMELING WAS THE LAST TO FAIL IN THE AT-TEMPT WHEN KAYOED BY LOUIS IN THE FIRST ROUND.

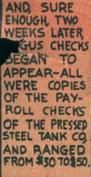
ALTHOUGH FOOTBALLS
ARE COMMONLY REFERRED
TO AS "PIG-5KINS",
THEY ARE MADE FROM
COWHIDE!



"HENRY ARMSTRONG",
WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMP, AND
CONSIDERED BY MANY THE GREATEST BOXER FOR HIS WEIGHT IN
THE RING TODAY, SHADOW BOXES
4 OR 5 ROUNDS IN HIS DRESSING
ROOM BEFORE EACH FIGHT—







































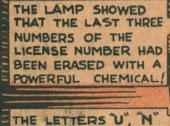


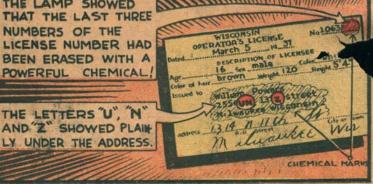
IS AN ARC-LAMP THAT GIVES OFF VIOLET RAYS. THESE RAYS WILL DETECT SECRET INKS, BLOODSTAINS FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS, FAKED OBJECTS OF ART. FORGERIES, ETC. A GREAT WEAPON AGAINST CRIME.

THE FLUORAY











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BUREAU, THE TASK OF





























WICK WAS PLACED ON TRIAL, APR.

18, 1438, AND FOUND GUILTY ON SIX
DIFFERENT COUNTS, HE WAS SENTENCED
TO FROM 20 YEARS TO 125 YEAR
IMPRISONMENT. - SUKUP GOT FROM
3 TO 15 YEARS, AND TWO OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE GANG, LATER
CAPTURED, WERE GIVEN LIKE SENTENCES

NOTE: NAMES OF ALL PERSONS OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE ACTUAL CRIMINALS ARE FICTITIOUS TO PROTECT INNOCENT CITIZENS.







HE WASHED HIS FACE AND COMBED HIS HAIR HE BRUSHED HIS TEETH AS WELL.
FOR WHETHER AT HIS WORK OR PLAY
HE ALWAYS LOOKED QUITE SWELL.



HE HURRIED THROUGH HIS MORNING MEAL
THEN HOPPED INTO HIS CAR AND DROVE OFF TO THE PLACE HE WORKED
ALTHOUGH IT WASN'T FAR.



AND AS HE DROVE ALONG THE STREET
HE SAW THE GANG HE KNEW, AND HEARD THEM SHOUT AND LAUGH HA HA!
WHAT NEXT WILL POKEY DO!



THEN HE FOUND OUT JUST WHY THEY LAUGHED AND JEERED HIM ALL THE WAY, FOR HE FORGOT TWAS SUNDAY MORN AND NO ONE WORKED THAT DAY!



Hours



SPROUTING WINGS

This first great issue of TOP NOTCH COMICS reminds us of a bird that has sprouted wings. It feels proud of them until it tries to use them and then finds that there is much to learn about flying before Mr. Bird is ready to leave the ground. Not that we feel in any way unfit for flying the banner of TOP NOTCH COMICS! Here's what we do mean . . .

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We feel that now we have the formula . . . but UNLIKE the bird with the sprouting wings, we went into hiding until we had decided JUST WHAT TO DO, so that before we came before you we'd know already how to fly.

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