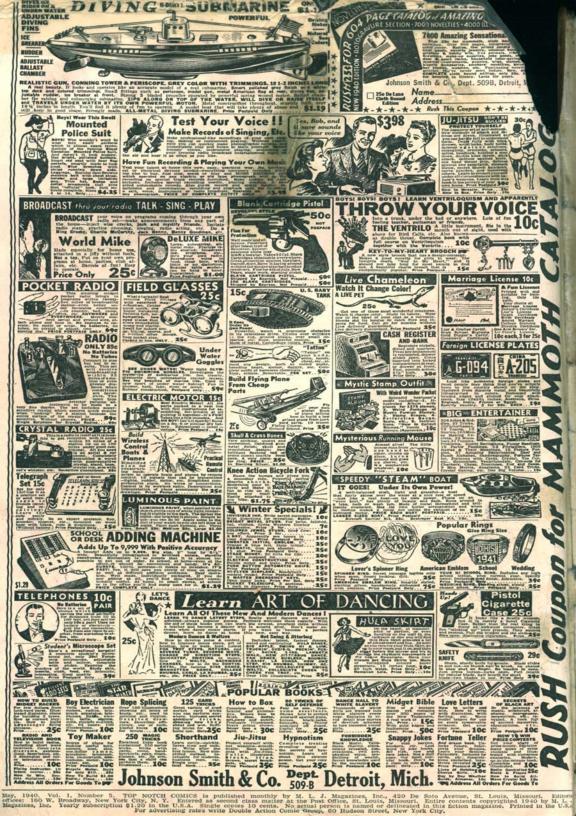
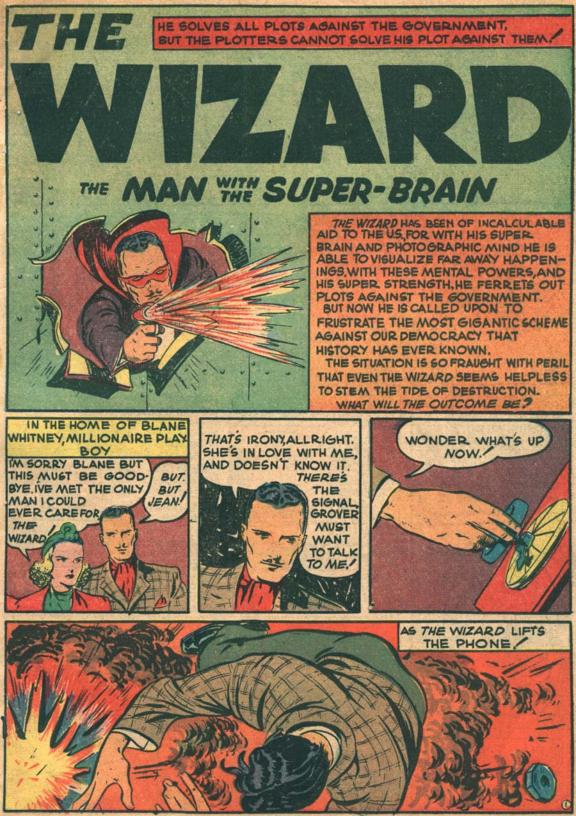
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PLOSION VAS VIRED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE!

IN ANOTHER ROOM, SOME









THE PLOTTERS ARE UNAWARE THAT THEIR ENTIRE HOUSE IS ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE MAN THEY THINK IS DESTROYED.

WE CELEBRATED DA VIZARDS DEATH TO MUCH!

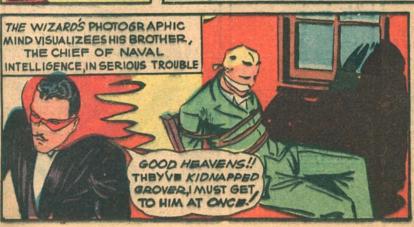
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THE WIZARD HEADS
FOR WASHINGTON
IN HIS ROCKET PLANE
I'LL GET BACK TO THE
REST OF THOSE
PLOTTERS, AS SOON AS
I TAKE GROVER
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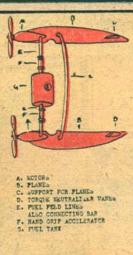














































































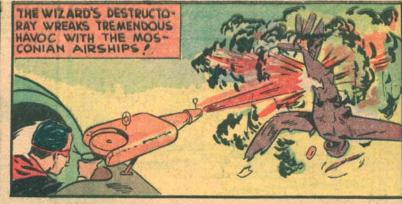


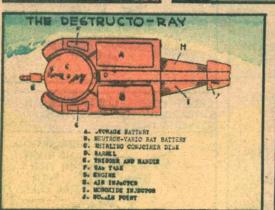




































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LIZARD WIN OUT AS
EASILY AS HE EXPECTS?
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AND THE MIDSHIPMAN
WHEN THEY RUN UP
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WHEN JACK SHER IDAN'S FATHER

WAS KILLED BY THE INVADERS IN 1931, YOUNG JACK WAS ADOPTED BY HIS FATHER'S WISE AND WEALTHYOU FRIEND, CHAN SING-TAN. JACK VOWED TO AVENCE HIS FATHER'S DEATH, AND SWORE **NEVER TO REST** UNTIL HE HAD

DRIVEN THE IN-











































LOCATES































DANCES OF THE WILD WEST

Buffalo gals coming out tonight; Coming out tonight; coming out tonight; Buffalo gals coming out tonight; To dance by the light of the moon.

—A. D. 1847

OTHING much apparently to that little ninety-year-old lyric but reiteration. But there is really much more to it. There is a world of romance and history of the pioneer West concealed in the lines. And the music was what jitterbugs of today would call swell.

To begin with, the buffalo gals—the jitterbugs of their day—used to dance on horseback much of the time. They danced also on the short-grass sward of the open prairie and not on polished dance floors as they do today. Then there were no electric lights—not even kerosene lights, which afterwards laid the foundation for the John D. Rockefeller millions. There was nothing but candlelight. Candlelight was not adequate for the roomy, outdoor, horseback dances of the early West so "they danced by the light of the moon."

The first two words of the lyric hark back to the very early days in the settlement of the West. Then the pioneer women, the "buffalo gals," hunted the bison herds on the open plains, in the saddles of hard-running ponies stirrup to stirrup with their husbands and sweethearts. These were not the type of tourist sportsmen who later hunted the buffalo to extinction. The buffalo gals and their husbands and escorts hunted the buffalo only when necessary to provide meat for their rough-hewn log tables, sustenance for their hearty youngsters, clothes for their strong, broad backs and blankets for their crude bunks or beds.

It was only the foresight of these pioneers and the fecundity of their growing domesticated herds of cattle that prevented the extinction of the buffalo from being as great a hardship to them as it was to the Indians of the plains country.

It is certainly history worth recording and remembering that these buffalo gals became the mothers of a great empire. The hardships they endured, the dangers they confronted unflinchingly, and the fortitude with which they surmounted every obstacle builded for a strong nation, one that now fears no power or force on earth!

The buffalo gals took their fun as they found it. They had builded an unflinching stamina on the firm foundation of their inherent virtue. When not about their house-wifely or daughterly tasks they lived, like their men, in the saddle. That is how the earliest of the Western belles did their dancing

For many seasons the Buffalo Bill Wild West show featured one of these dances, the Virginia Reel, done by hard-riding boys and girls on their horses. It was a beautiful spectacle but nothing like the real thing. The reason is that under the Big Top of the Col. Cody show, the dance was more or less restricted and restrained. To put it briefly, the hard-riding dancers were crowded for their natural wide-open space.

On the Western plains, as the dances were originally executed, the dancers had hundreds of miles of wide-open prairie—as level as a table-top, to dance on. And the band or orchestra, if you will, went along on horseback, too. The orchestra, often consisted of a fiddle, a concertina, a jewsharp and a mouth organ. There were no drums, and they needed none, for the place of the drums was often taken by a rattle-bone player. These "rattle-bones" were made from the ribs of calves. By a good performer they could be made to do about everything that can be done by a good snare-drummer.

The art of manufacturing and performing





on rattle-bones was discovered by the early slaves in the South. The few white Southerners who helped to settle the old West brought rattle-bones along with their banjos. The other breeds of Westerners learned the art, and rattle-bones were a part of most dance and minstrel show orchestras as late as the early nineties. It is practically a lost art now, but rattle-bones fashioned in artistic and geometrical perfection from ebony and other resonant woods are still on sale in the musical instrument stores, even on Broadway in New York City. A Chicago firm recently told the writer that there is still a small but regular demand for the bones in the hinterlands of the South and Far West where the art of the snare-drummer has been slow in penetrating.

HE moon in those interesting early days, the old song reveals to us, played as romantic a part as it does today. Even more so, no doubt. The pioneer jitterbugs of the frontier days were 'completely dependent on old Luna to illuminate their expansive outdoor dance pavilion. The moon, of course, did not show every night so a night with a full moon bathing the miles and miles of prairie in a mellow luster was a real event in the lives of the

young dancers. It was an event worth singing about. It meant a happy rendezvous of devoted couples and young lovers. It was well worthy of the lustiest singing of the swains of the old frontier. And so they sang:

Buffalo gals coming out tonight; Coming out tonight; coming out tonight; Buffalo gals coming out tonight; To dance by the light of the moon.

And the swing of the music-dance music has always had a swing—was just as sweet and maybe not so corny as the moderns would have you believe. Music in its intrinsic primitives does not change. Musical terms change, of course. Nevertheless, take it from an old-timer, who was quite a bonerattler in his youth, that the swing of the music of the old horseback dances and later the barn dances was just as exhilarating as is the swing of today. They changed the names of this sort of music through the years. It changed from hoe-down (meaning to bear down) to rag-time, and from ragtime to jazz, and now they call it swing.

In the early West swing meant something altogether different. They used to swing the horse thieves and bandits.

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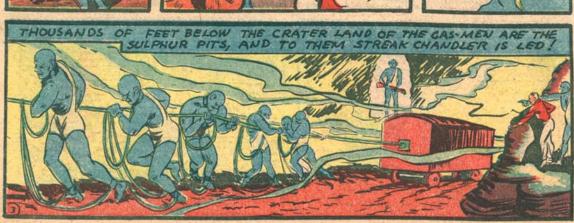


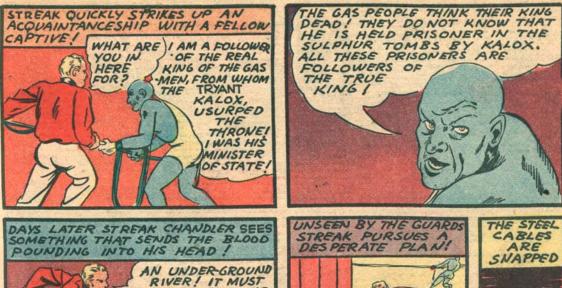




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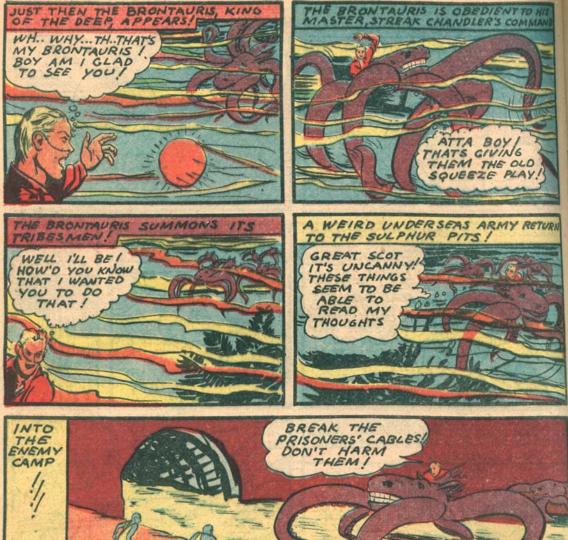


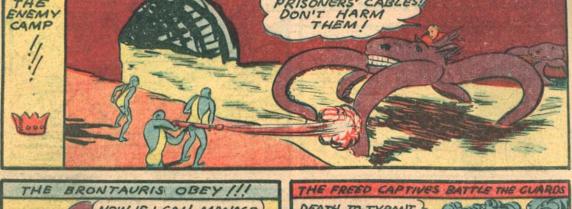


































Streak
Chandler
ON MARS
IN THE NEXT
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WINGS JOHNSON OF THE ALBERTA ROLL

WINGS JOHNSON, AMERICAN YOUTH, JOINED THE RAF TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF HIS BOYHOOD CHUM KILLED BY THE GERMAN SUBMARINE COMMANDER, VON SCHILLER THOUGH HE HAS SUNK TWO OF VON SCHILLER UBOATS, THE NAZI IS STILL ALIVE. JOHNSON'S SUPERIOR OFFICER, THINKING WINGS IS AN ENEMY SPY FAKING A HATRED OF VON SCHILLER, HAS WINGS COURT-MARTIALLED. NOW, AFTER HOURS OF DELIBERATION THE COURT HAS REACHED A DECISION. WHAT WILL THE VERDICT BE?



































































































WINGS BOMB BLOWS UP THE SUBS AND DAM-AGES THE HULL!



ADUEL BETWEEN THE TWO.



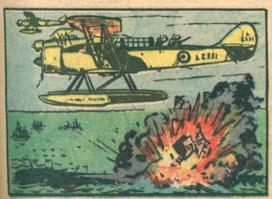














WINGS HAS AT LAST AVENGED THE DEATH OF HIS PALE FOR MORE EXCITING ADVENTURES OF THIS AMERICAN YOUTH, SEE THE NEXT ISSUE OF—

















DICK STORM





DICK STORM ADVENT-URER AND EXPLORER, PITS HIS COURAGE AND DARING-AGAINST THE FIEND-ISH DEVIL-DOCTORS OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS!







THE STARTER SETS OFF A BOMB AND THE BOAT IS BLOWN TO THE SKIES ...































I GUESS THEY WANT ME ALIVE!
BUT I WISH
THEY'D STOP
LOOKING AT ME
LIKE I WAS A
CAFETERIA
TICKET!







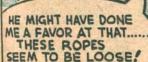






THE BLACKS MANAGE TO PRY THE MAD BURTON AWAY FROM THEIR OTHER WHITE CAPTIVE!













BUT DICK DOES NOT DASH RECK-LESSLY INTO THE JUNGLE! IF I RUN FOR IT THEY'LL CATCH UP WITH ME, BEST THING FOR ME TO DO IS TO WAIT FOR THEM TO GO BY, AND THEN RUN THE OTHER















THE SHIELD G-MAN - FIGHTS AGAINST PEPCOMICS







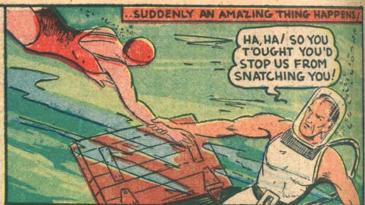




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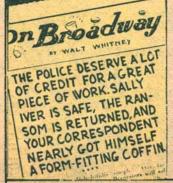












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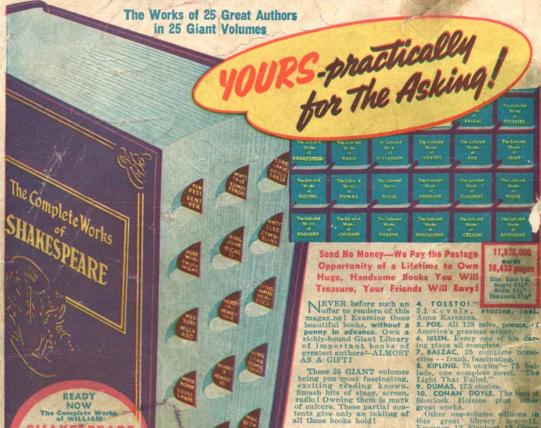
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