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# Humor In A Jugular Vein

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#### Comic-Book Raid

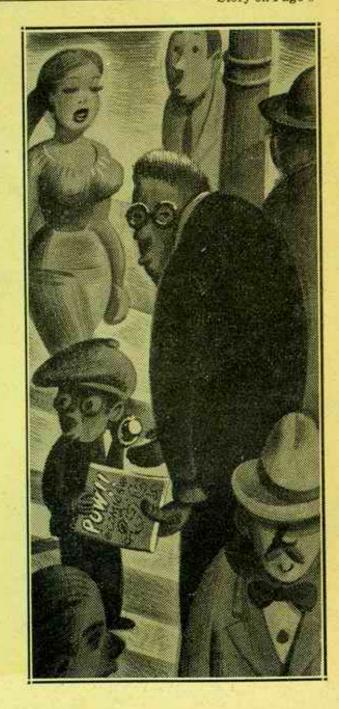
As a result of charges that certain comicbooks are contributing to crime, these comicbook artists [ ↑] were rounded up today at their hideout where they had stored a sizeable cache of brushes, drawing paper and ink. From right to left, they are a "crime" cartoonist, a "science-fiction" cartoonist, and a "lampoon" cartoonist.

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## Comics Go Underground

In this remarkable photo, [ > ] we see a comic-book publisher whose books have been banned from the newsstands, secretly peddling his comics on a busy street corner. It is rumored that this is only one of the tricks that desperate comic-book publishers are resorting to in order to sell their books . . . another farfetched rumor being that they are disguising their books to look like newspapers in order to sneak them onto the stands. However, this rumor is plainly ridiculous.

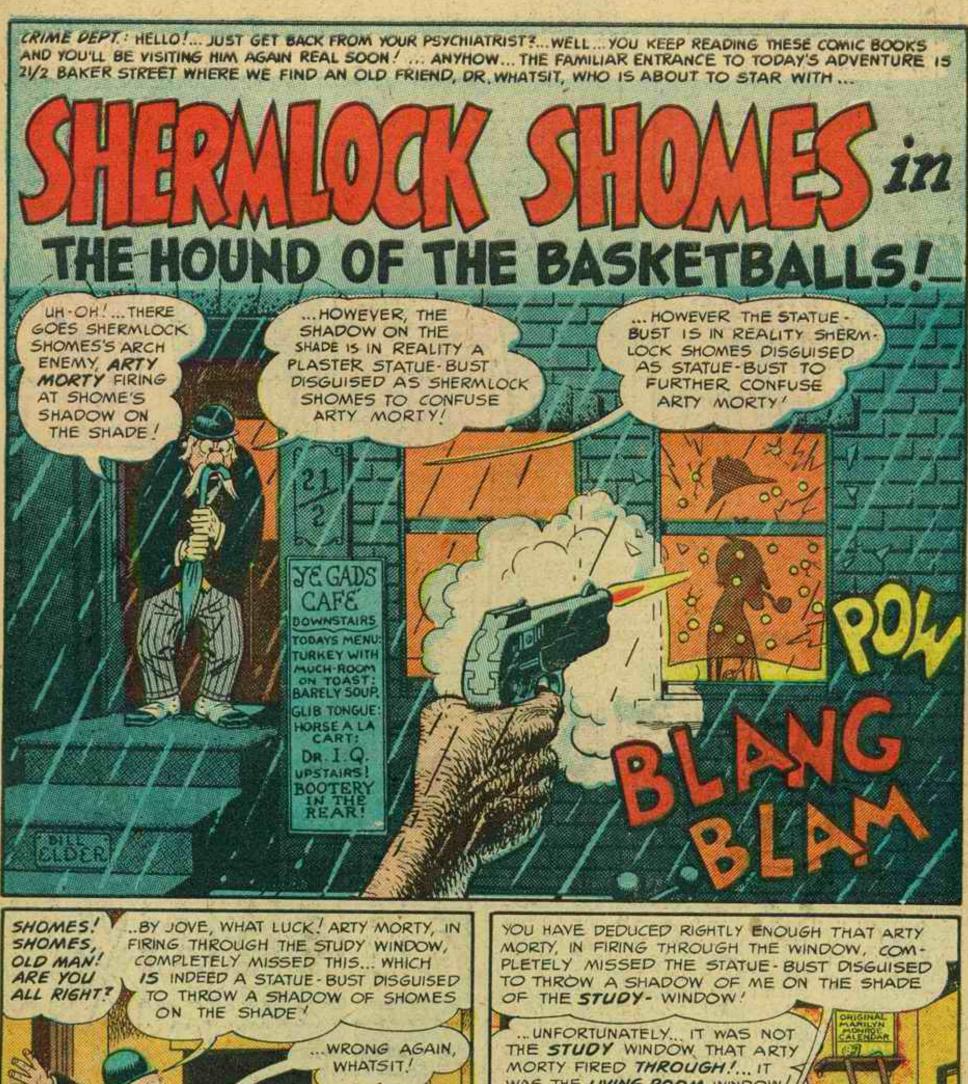
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# PROOF...OF 8 BRANDS TESTED, PARIS IS BEST IMITATION OF MAD

YES, EXTENSIVE TESTS BY THE E.C. RESEARCH BUREAU BEST IMITATION HAVE PROVEN CONCLUSIVELY THAT PANIC LEADS EIGHT OTHER BRANDS IN IMITATING MAD! PANIC USES MORE OF MAD'S ARTISTS, MORE OF MAD'S PRINTERS. FAIR IMITATION MORE OF MAD'S POTRZEBIE AND FURSHLUGGINER THAN ANY OTHER MAD IMITATION! POOR IMITATION ECCCCHHHHH PANIC 0 BRAND A BRAND BRAND BRAND BRAND SO CLIP THIS COUPON AND SEND AWAY PANIC FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO ... HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT THE REAL McCOY, SUBSCRIBE TO ... SUBSCRIPTION DEPT. PLEASE SEND ME ONE OR **ROOM 706** BOTH MAGAZINES CHECKED 225 LAFAYETTE ST. ABOVE FOR WHICH I ENCLOSE NEW YORK 12, N.Y. \$1.00 PER TITLE (8 ISSUES) NAME \_ ADDRESS\_ ZONE \_ STATE \_\_ ELDER (PLEASE PRINT)

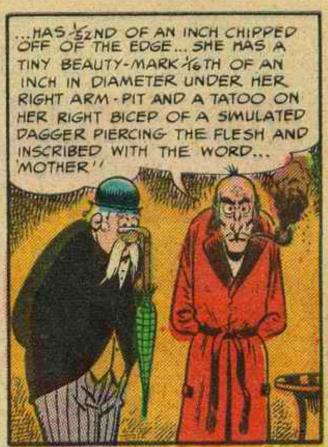
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WHATSIT ... I WANT .AS I WAS SAYING, MR. SHOMES ... OUR FAMILY GOES YOU TO MEET BACK A LONG WAY ! ... HOWEVER MISS PRU THE FAMILY CURSE GOES BACK BASKETBALL WHO TO 1600 WHEN THE BLACK SHEEP HAS COME TO OF THE FAMILY... COUNT AMISHER REPORT FOUL BASKETBALL, LIVED IN PLAY ' BASKETBALL HALL! \_YOU MEAN LIKE DISCONTINUED CHAHMED. DRIBBLING 2

















...UP TO THE LAST DESCENDANT
OF THE BASKETBALLS...MY
UNCLE, COOLIDGE BASKETBALL,
WHO ONLY THIS PAST YEAR,
DIED AT BASKETBALL HALL
UNDER THE MOST UNUSUAL
CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE
ENTRANCE TO THE COURT-YARD
OF BASKETBALL HALL!



...YES...THEY FOUND HIM BY THE BASKETBALL COURT, LYING WHERE HE HAD FALLEN ... APPARENTLY FROM A STOPPAGE OF THE HEART!... IT SEEMS HE HAD BEEN RUNNING FROM SOMETHING... AND WHEN WE FOUND HIS BODY... HIS FACE WAS FROZEN IN THE MOST TERRIFYING EXPRESSION OF HORROR I HAVE EVER SEEN!... NEAR HIM WAS FOUND FOOTSTEPS!











.. AS YOU CAN SEE, MR. SHOMES ... NOTHING HAS

























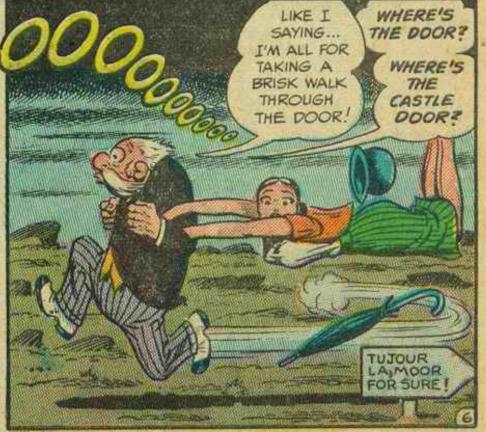




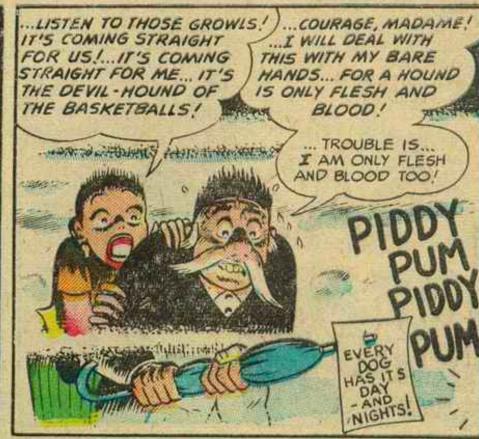


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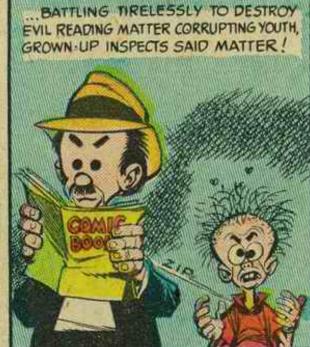




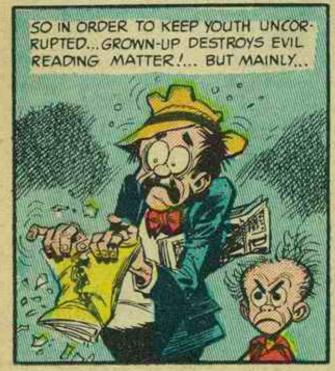
THE PRESS DEPT: ... YOUTH! EVEN AS WE SPEAK, GROWN-UPS OF AMERICA BATTLE TIRELESSLY TO DESTROY EVIL READING MAT-TER THAT IS CORRUPTING YOUTH!... HOWEVER, BEHIND THEIR BACKS LOOMED UNCHALLENGED, EVIL READING MATTER THAT IS COR-RUPTING GROWN-UPS!... YOUTH!... SAVE OUR GROWN-UPS!... SAVE THEM FROM THE BAD INFLUENCES OF...

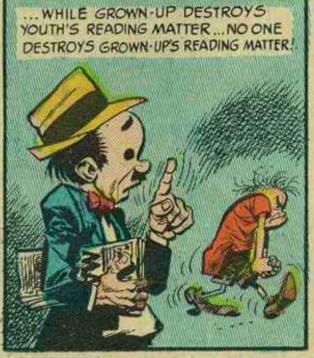














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things going on in politics
there's what they put on page !!

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# Son of Skunk Farmer Weds Heiress

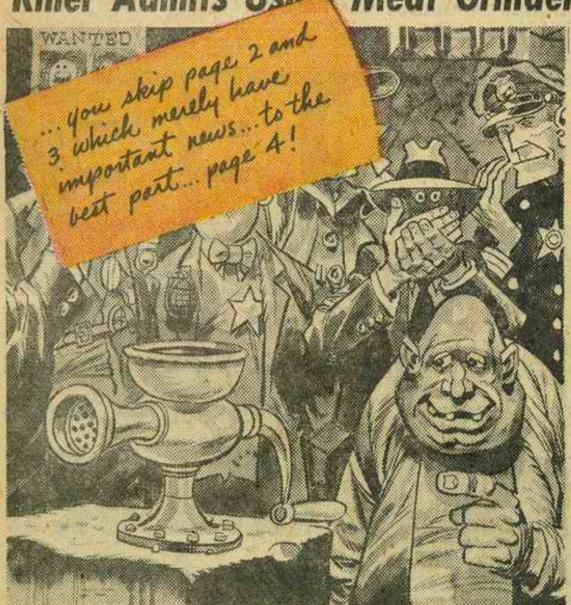


Big Bloody Riot Boy! What violence there was on the docks yesterday. Note in Foreground above, [ 1 ] policeman's teeth being smashed in by brass knuckles. Note in background, man, being clubbed on head with lead pipe, pushes thumb under other man's eye. Note plenty other bloody things by looking at photo closely.

Vava Voom Girl Beaten shows where she was bruised [-> ] when burglers broke into her apt. house. Although it was a neighbor's apt. they broke into. Vava was bruised while taking a shower.



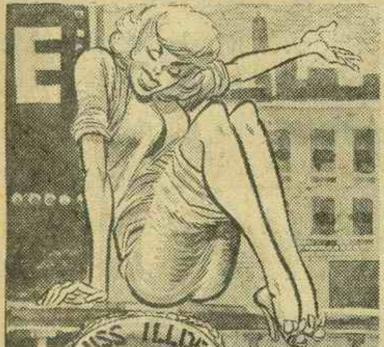
# Killer Admits Using Meat Grinder Googie Divorces



# **Full Details on Most** Nauseating Crime Ever

Today, Sturdley Hockblock publicly confessed to the mostest sickeningest crime ever, in this city of Smerdley, and we have all the details down rendezvous with Foofoo Smedd Lee. to the last gruesome little details.

## Very Important People Arrive on Boat ley of Smerdley had this to go of married life and she was



(POOP foto by Jack

The most importantest people ever, arrived on the S.S. Sturd- way Hockblock went about the ley today. Above is Miss Baba Bam waving hello from rail murder was this. First he of ship. Not that Miss Baba Bam had anything to do with ar- grabbed his victim and then he Googie and Foofoo tell world Constellation was warming up rivals . . . she was just passing by docks at time.

apprehended through the efficiency of a mammoth police dragnet, a diligent manhunt by the organized citizenry, an announcement on "Gangbusters," and mainly, Hockblock gave himself up.

But now we come to main enjoyable part where Hockblock describes in detail how he committed murder like for instance what kind of butcher's cleaver he used, what type blood the victim had, what color blood, with closeups of the blood and like that.

Now all the teeny details the (continued on pg. 780)

# Zazie for Boobie

By Smedley Dirtdigger DAILY POOP News Bureau

Yesterday, the most earth-shaking event in the history of our times took place when Googie Smidley, after a quick divorce from the Baroness Zazee Ley Smed, got secretly married to Boobie Van Smoodley at a modest little ceremony at the Taj Mahal.

After the wedding, a modest little reception was held at the Hollywood Bowl. The happy couple had this to say when quizzed by this reporter. "This time, Smedley, it's for keeps. This romance is the real thing and this time this is IT and for keeps this time and it's the real thing." This was Boobie's 12th marriage and Googie's

While Boobie is the wealthy heiress to the Van Smoodley Timber, Steel and Uranium fortune, Googie is the son of an illiterate, filthy, peasant skunk-farmer.

As to their future plans, Googie said that the honeymoon would have to be delayed since there are matters of grave concern and import to attend to . . . matters that can-not wait. Like for instance, the construction of a special polo-mallet being hand-fashioned for Googie. Boobie, meanwhile, will vacation.

bags and prepared to depart "Smedley, this time it's the



Googie and Boobie as they said that this was it.

his last marriage), this re-As Googie packed his money-porter was told, emphatically, in his platinum jet-plane (by real furshlugginer thing."

# Googie With Foofoo While Boobie Vacations

By Dirtley Smedigger

The Bahamas-The most drooly incident ever witnessed by civilization took place this morning when Googie Smidley landed here on his own private platinum landing strip (by his eleventh marriage), for a

Meanwhile, Boobie said she Googie is Mine instituting a divorce. Foofoo "Echhh!"

Smed Lee, wealthy heiress to
The body was discovered Smed Lee Gold and Diamond yesterday by 172 witnesses all fortune, announced modest over the city. This was because the body was in 172 packages all over the city. But you ain't heard nothing yet.

Hockblock was immediately as he left, in his platinum diesel train.

By D. Irt

Selma Strudley, this evening, confirmed the devastating rumor that she and Googie Smidley will soon be married. Meanwhile, Foofoo Smedd Lee told reporters that her romance with Googie, after a



that this is it.

# Says Selma

By D. Irt

mance with Googie, after a long period of incessant bick-

ering, has gone on the rocks. Foofoo is the wealthy heiress to several large countries all over the world. and as she stood hand in hand with Googie at the entrance to Foofoo's modest Googie: It's it.



little city, Googie informed this reporter that this was it! Outside, on Foofoo's private lake, on the deck of her private flattop, Googie's platinum jet for a business trip.

#### "War Breaks Out in Far East. Millions Flee for Lives will undoubtedly lead this

It was heard today that the beginnings of a war have started in the far east. In the opinion of a leading advisor in this country, this war is so tightly linked to our strategic position in the world that it

country and the rest of the world into war and it is difficult to forsee how it will be possible to avoid using the atom and hydrogen bombs. A board of experts in an emergency round-table discussion agreed unanimously that this

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eer has plenty of dirt culled from Well, fo Broadway for today. Last night, this reporter picked up some mighty interesting items down along that glamorous avenue of theatres, clubs, and the neon night-life. And here are some of the items, some of the dirt that this Broadway reporter picked up. Some of the items and dirt were: a

hardly smoked cigar butt, a indian penny, a comic book with cover torn off, 1/2 pound silver paper from cigarette packages, 10 Planter's Peanuts wrappers I can send away for free stamps.

AND NOW, around the nightclubs with Smurdley Yeldrums: At the Stark Club I saw Zaza Zam chatting in a very chummy manner with producer, Sam Urdley. At the Twentythousand Four Eight Club, Ludsmey Zam, husband of the beauteous Zaza Zam, was seen sitting alone and this reporter chatted with him for a moment. At the Moco-



WHAT ACTRESS?

bombo, Sam Urdley, producer, was seen being punched in the nose while chatting with Ludsmey Zam. At the Coq Roach, Zaza. Zam seen also punched in the nose while chatting with Ludsmey Zam. At the Chez Pigalle, this reporter seen punched in the nose by Zaza Zam-

AND NOW, the hottest item of the week, What T.V. actress has been frequently seen with what international playboy at what restaurant at what time? What is going on between these two and what will Broadway actors have to say? What will his agent have to say and what will his com-pany do about what? In fact, what do all these goings on

mean in the first place? If you know what, let me know what because I'd

like to know myself

AND NOW, an open letter to Bopbey Smurd: Dear Bopley, I am sending you this open letter because of the reeent encounter you had with your publie the other night when you got angry at your fans and refused to sign their

autograph books. I am writing you this FAN open letter to remind you that it was the fans who put you where you are today. It was the fans who gave you your first break as a singer. Remember you used to be an electrician and you were fixing the electric fans at the Stark Club and the night club owners heard you singing while you were fixing those electric fans? Remember? Hah, you bum, remember? That was your first break. I am writing you this let-



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ter just to remind you what those fans did for you. So last night, when your kicking screaming fans tore the sleeve from your coat, the leg from your pant, the hair from your head, there was no reason for you to get mad ... no reason to start to strangle that little girl. She just wanted your socks for a souvenir And mainly I am writing this open letter...I am writing you this open letter...beeause a closed letter would cost three cents postage and it's cheaper this way.

AND NOW, goings on about town. Pat Mike is about to sue Sam Tom! A.B. will double-cross C.D. in the morning! and E.F is going to punch G.H in the nose tomorrow! L.S. signed that contract with M.F.T. and it's rumored that Q.X. will O.K. that deal with O.K. How-

ever, although Q.X will O.K. O.K., O.K. will not O.K. deal Does Q.X. think O.K. is O.K.? If so, how can Q.X. O.K. if O.K. o.K. rather then O.K. er, the first O.K. rather then O.K as used the second time Shall we get on to the next item!

AND NOW, this is your Broadway Gunk reporter, Smurdley Yeldrums closing with the final statement of wisdom that I pass along to you out there in order to give you something to think about today and that final wise word . anybody want to buy allver-paper? I have 16 a pound which I will sell cheap

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By MURDLEY &

THE POOP will pay \$10 for every intelligent, thoughtful. important question submitted and used by this column.

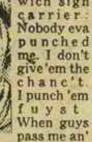
#### QUESTION .. you ever get punched inna

#### LOCATION

Down in the subway in various locations ... on the platforms, in the trains, and on the tracks.

#### ANSWERS

Punchy Knucklehead, sandwich sign



don' like 'eir looks' PUNCH! I let 'em have it. Head knuckle Punched,

process Yes, people always punch me in the nose. My job makes people mad Sometimes

people punch me for no reason. The other day some sandwich-sign carrier came up and punched me in the nose.

Knucklepunch Head, potr-

zebie Maybe. One day. I went to the top of the Statue of Liberty and was accosted there by a thief who gave me a

punch in the belly We were standing in the Statue of Liberty's nose, so although I was punched in the belly. I was punched in the nose.

Headpunch Knuckle, malcontented dish washer: Has one the right to be punched in the nose is the core ofthis question

Don't let "big inter-

ests" talk you into not getting punched in the nose. I hope that answers your question.

Bobo Bom, stenographer Quit following me or I'll give YOU a punch inna nose!





#### POOP PEOPLE'S LETTERS

Please give name and address and name of your lawyer with your tetter

#### SHOOT

This city is going to the dogs! There are no good bums in city-hall that are decaying and corrupting our city till gradually, it is going to the dogs. There is a small band of dirty no-good self-seeking money-hungry political bums who alone are responsible for letting the city go to the dogs. And there is only one thing left to stop these dirty bunch of no good bums from letting this city go to the dogs. I say we must take them out and shoot them like dogs out all the dogs single dog and shoot them like dogs. That way, this city cannot go to the dogs GREATLY DISGUSTED

#### GRIND UP

Your newspaper is the worst rag on the market. It is the most terrible bunch of junk I have ever seen. It isn't fit for lining the trash can It isn't even fit to grind up and make into other paper again. It isn't even fit for thinking of grinding up and making into other paper It isn't even fit for making into paper for thinking of grinding up and making into other paper! I'll

bet you don't print this.
REALLY DISGUSTED

CRUMS

What a bunch of crums you are. I'll bet you don't print

MUCH DISGUSTED

BUMS

Bums! I'll bet you don't print this. PLENTY DISGUSTED

PLL I'll bet you don't print this GOOD AND DISGUSTED

STUPID

I read the letter yesterday by reader, "MOST DIS-

GUSTED," and I want to voice my disagreement to this letter attacking some of the basic ideas of our political structure. I want to say to "MOST DISGUSTED," men like you are the fundamental trouble with our whole social and political ideology. In other words, in answer to your statement "Women are stupid!" I say, men are atu-

#### DISGUSTED GIRL

STUPID

I just want to second reader "MOST DISGUSTED" 's letter If anyone has the simplest grasp of life, has the merest ability to comprehend the complex philosophy we live by, they would realize instantly why we have wars. why we have sickness and disease. They would realize in a sentence like "MOST DIS-GUSTED." that women are stupid!

#### DISGUSTED BOY

STUPID

In answer to the vital argument "MOST DISGUST-ED" 'a letter has touched off. I think the truth of the matter is men and women are stupid!

#### DISGUSTED THING

KILL

I think that the solution to our problems is to kill all the Democrata

DISGUSTED REPUBLICAN

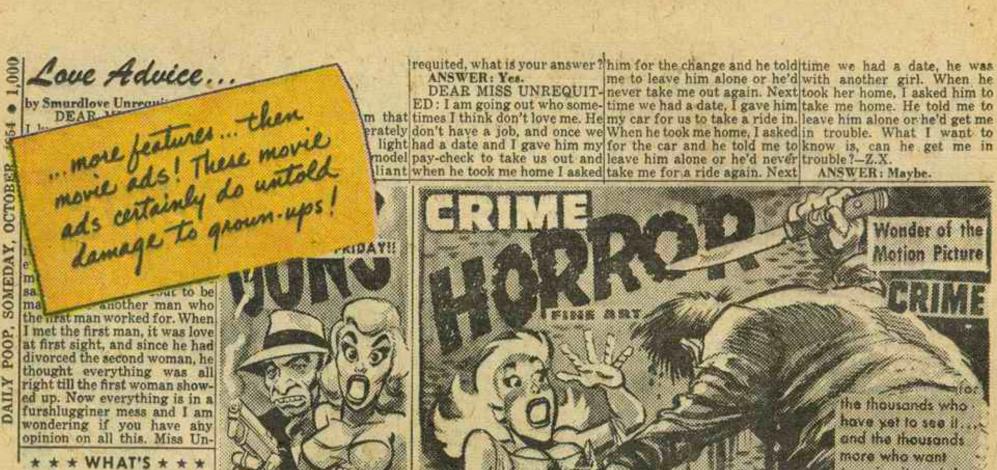
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DISGUSTED DEMOCRAT

KILL

I think the solution to our problems is to kill everybody. PLAIN DISGUSTED



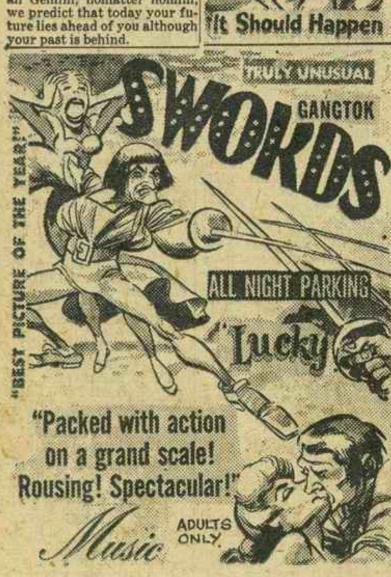
YOUR HOROSCOPE by Steller Smurdley Today-the stars predict many important events, so take careful note. First of all, it seems that the morning will start very early, and later on in the day you will find your-self in the afternoon. Still later on, take care, for it will get very dark and you will be very sleepy. Our advice would be for you to go to bed. During the day, try to see and think clearly. Try not to get into trouble. Also, try to eat and breathe

Also, try to eat and breatne and most of all, stay alive.

Gemini—Today to all Geminis who have birthdays, all we have to say to you is, Jiminy, Gemini, happy birthday! For all Gemini, nomatter homini, we predict that today your future lies ahead of you although



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# page which is a strong shame to civilization sometimes! BLOODY FIGHT PICS

## Messiest Fight Ever

Here are the Daily Poop's exclusive fight pics of the Kid Smadoodley-Punchy Melvin bout. The Poop has spared no expense to give you complete photo coverage of best and bloodiest parts of fight with photos of hardest blows, taken from many different angles. Candid shot on left [←] catches face of Punchy Melvin as it contorts from Sma-doodley's left to the head. Next candid shot [ ←1 catches Kid's contorted face pressed unbelievably flat for an instant by Punchy's glove. Below, left [ ]. Punchy's face contorted . ear is where eye should be. Last shot [ Kid's whole face is in space eyebrows should

-Lots more, p. 50-60



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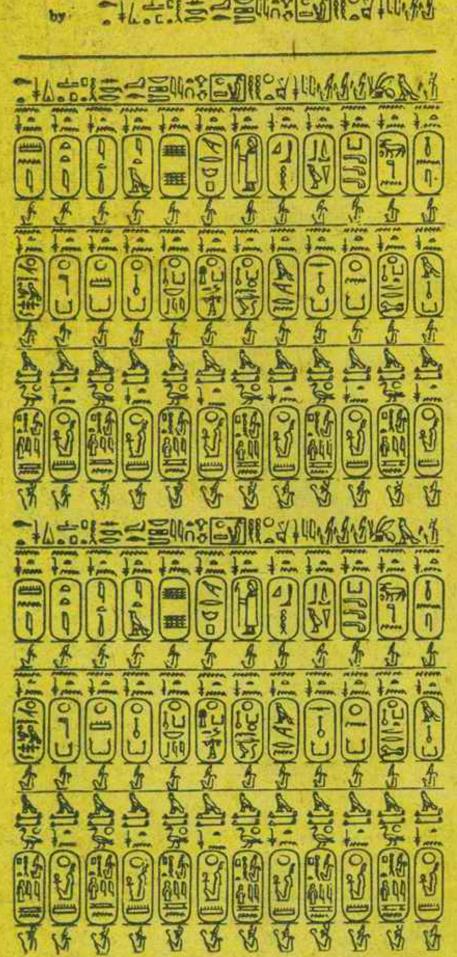


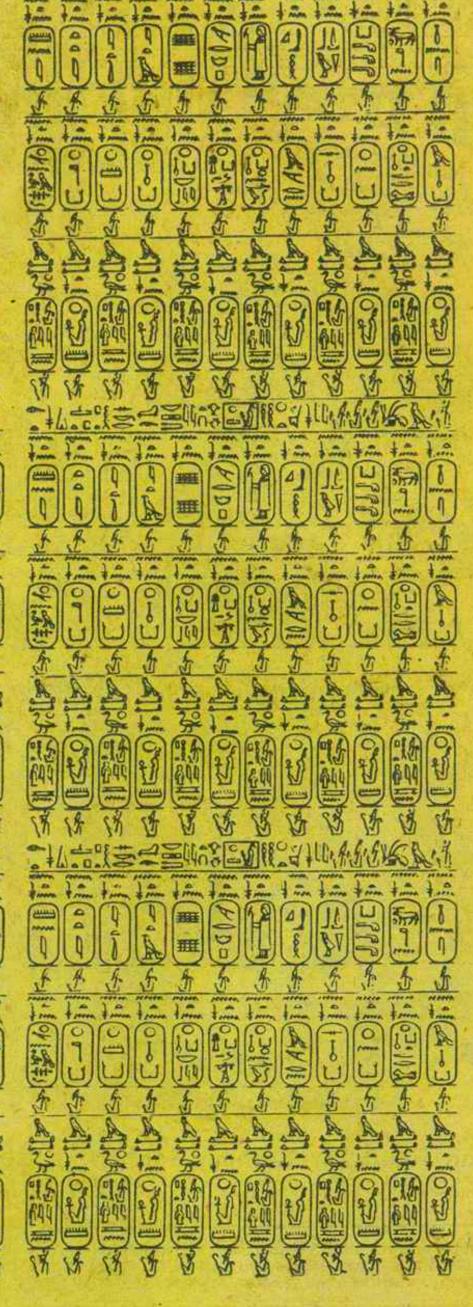


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FLL, YOUTH ... THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE READING! THAT'S WHAT MONEY-HUNGRY PUBLISHERS ARE FEEDING TO OUR OWN GROWN-UPS! YOU CAN ACT! FORM CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS! SEE TO IT THAT OUR GROWN-UPS BUY CLEAN WHOLESOME READING MATTER! SEE TO IT THAT OUR GROWN-UPS ARE NOT CORRUPTED BY NEWSPAPERS! And now, once again, in line with our purpose of informing as well as entertaining, MAD turns serious for a moment. Once again, in order to bring the future into focus, we present this month an article by a famous analyst on Egypt. Yes, it is well to watch Egypt, keystone of the east. In Egypt the decisions of tomoreow will be made in the future. We are sure that this article will stress that fact even more so, and so we present this article called.







# E.C. WENT TO SEA IN SEARCH OF ANOTHER NEW TREND...



AND WE CAME UP WITH ...

SAGAS OF THE SEA, SHIPS, PLUNDER AND ...





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# MAD MUMBLINGS



Dear Editors.

... What's the idea of trying to palm that article in issue #3 off as Greek writing. I know Captain Marvel code when I see it.—Hal Higdon—Chicago, Ill.

In MAD #13, in the story of the Book Version, you have the main character saying, "Gimme that #@\*\*#\$ film." I read the real book version, and I believe he said, "Gimme that xx#@\*\*#\$ film."—Paul Anderson—Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

dig no bop talk. I told one square to lend me a hunk of bread and he said he had some biscuits and that's all.—Paul Cummino—Salino, Kan.

... After digging Mad Mumblings, I hate to say it but I do think those kats are a bit square on Bop. It seems all they know is "dig, cool, man, crazy." I'd like to assist. Now a true hipster is hep to the times and comes on like Einstein... starts inventing. Sentence structure is the key. Man, if you're gonna cool that jive completely, you've got to go it phrase-wise. A foreigner who checks in at the 48 might know how to say, "Yes, no, hello, goodbye." Those few don't rate him no diploma. He's got to cool it more so. Same thing with the Hipster. He must not have eyes to see fragmentation, he must go fluidly.—Richard Bassford—Corona, L. I.

#### . Hipster's revised dictionary

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-D. (for Down) McAllister-Baltimore, Md.

#### ... Some more words for the Bop Dictionary

a few minutes—A FEW TICKS
I'll see you—LATER
real nice—TOO MUCH
Bop records—TUNES, SIDES
bad—SCROUNGY
friends—HENCHMEN
to go—TO BLAZE, SPLIT
house—CRIB
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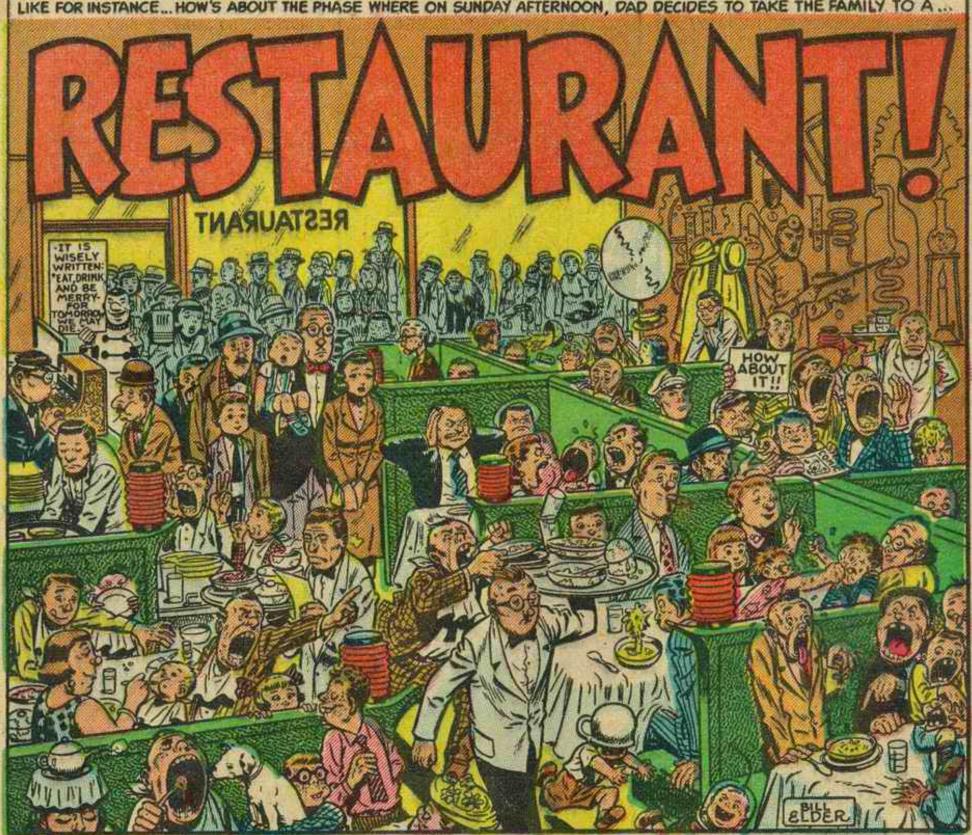
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.. THAT'S UNCLE SMURDLEY !... EVERYONE'S IN A HURRY TO

HOWEVER, SINCE YOU'RE IN A MILD STATE OF STARVATION BY TIME THE WAITER COMES...YOU ALL GIVE YOUR ORDERS IN A TWINKLING... EXCEPT FOR UNCLE SMURDLEY!... HE CAN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND!





























SOON ... ALL OBSTACLES SURMOUNTED, YOU SPOON OUT SAYORY CHOW MEIN IN CLOUDS OF STEAM ... MIX VARIOUS INGREDIENTS BEFORE YOU, AND ECSTATICALLY LIFT A FORKFULL TO YOUR MOUTH ...





... CRISP NOODLES ... STEWED ONIONS ... BEAN SPROUTS ...





... MIX IN A LITTLE MORE HOT











WELL... THE MEAL'S OVER ... THE WAITER BRINGS
THE BILL (FACE DOWN)!... NOW A RESTAURANT BILL
IS LIKE A PRETTY GIRL IN A BATHING SUIT! YOU
WANT TO STARE, BUT YOU KNOW IT'S NOT NICE!





ALTHOUGH PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR TABLES, YOU WANT TO SIT A MOMENT TO SMOKE ... TO LET THE FOOD SETTLE! THE WAITER TAKES AWAY THE DISHES ... TAKES AWAY THE ASH-TRAY ... THE TABLE CLOTH





BUT WHEN THE WAITER TAKES AWAY THE TABLE AND











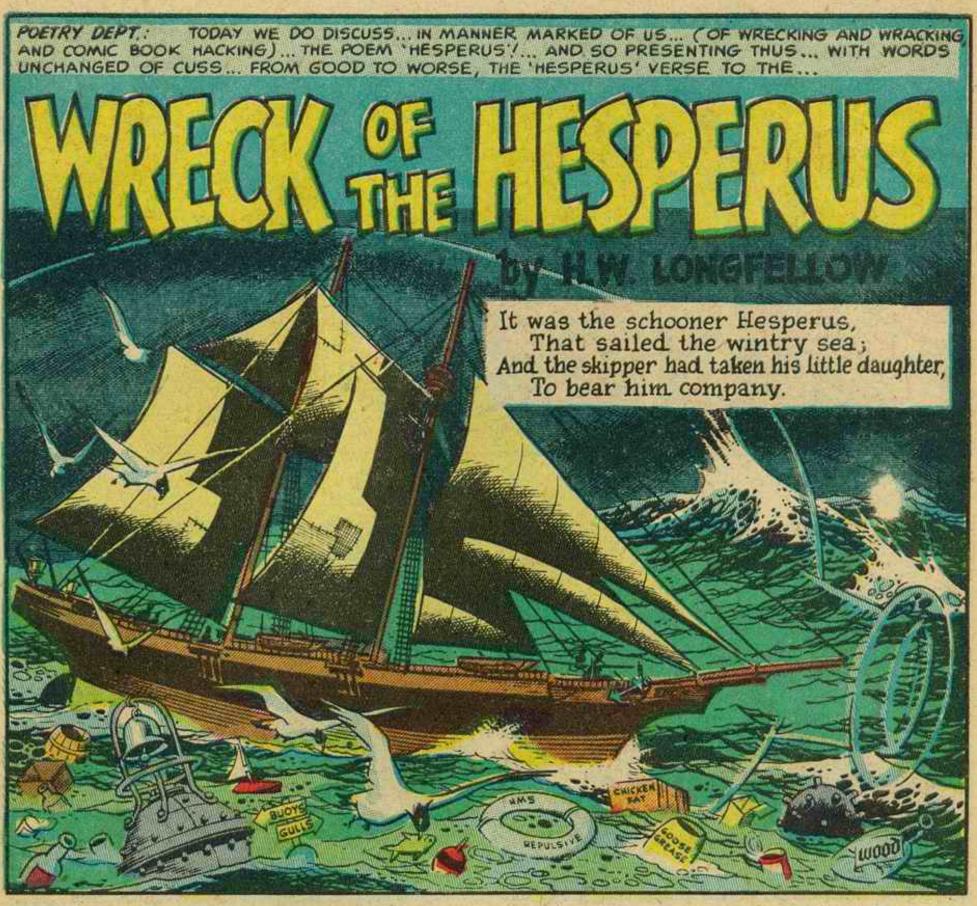
AND YOU PUT DOWN HALF THOSE COINS AND YOU RUN

OUT THEN RUN BACK BECAUSE YOU FORGOT UNCLE

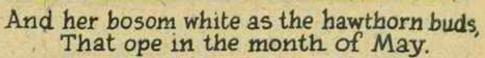




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Blue were her eyes as the fairy-flax, Her cheeks like the dawn of day,







The skipper he stood beside the helm. And he watched the veering flaw did blow His pipe was in his mouth; The smoke now west, now south.

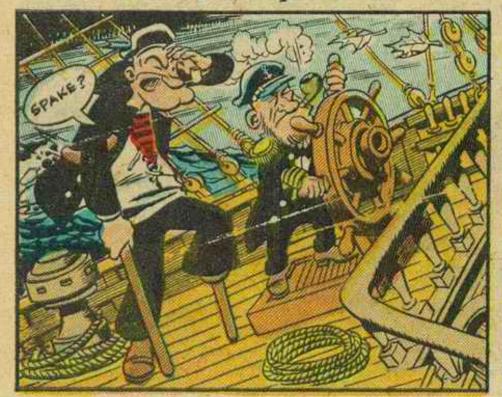






Then up spake an old sailor, Had sailed the Spanish Main:

"I pray thee, put into yonder port, For I fear a hurricane."



"Last night the moon had a golden ring, And tonight no moon we see!"

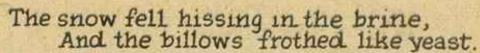


The skipper, he blew a whiff from his pipe, And a scornful laugh laughed he.





Colder and louder blew the wind.
A gale from the north-east;



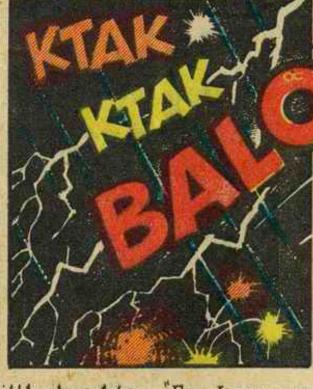


Down came the storm and smote amain. The vessel in its strength;



She shuddered and paused like a frightened steed Then leaped her cable's length







\*Come hither! Come hither! My little daughter, "For I can weather the roughest gale,
And do not tremble so;"

That ever wind did blow."





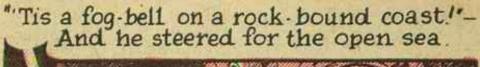
He wrapped her warm in his seaman's coat He cut a rope from a broken spar, Against the stinging blast; And bound her to the mast.

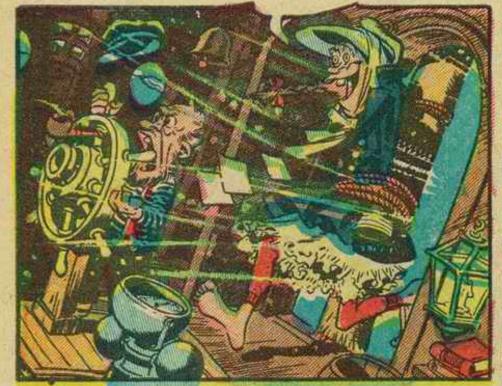






"O father! I hear the church-bells ring, O say, what may it be?"

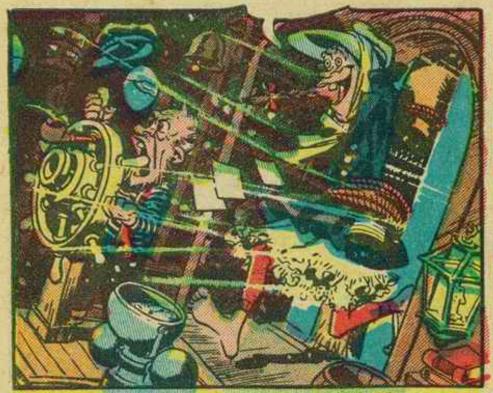




\*O father! I hear the sound of guns, O say, what may it be?

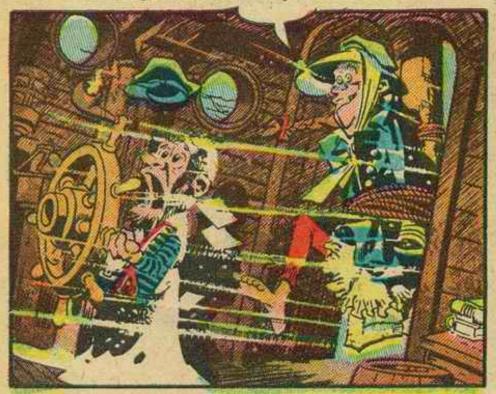


"Some ship in distress, that cannot live In such an angry sea!"





"O father! I see a gleaming light,
O say, what may that be?"



Lashed to the helm, all stiff and stark.
With his face turned to the skies;

But the father answered never a word, A frozen corpse was he

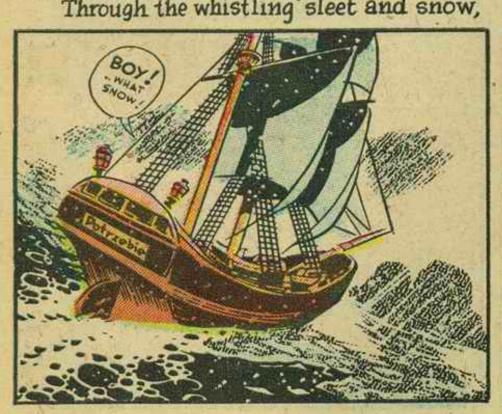


The lantern gleamed through the gleaming snow On his fixed and glassy eyes...



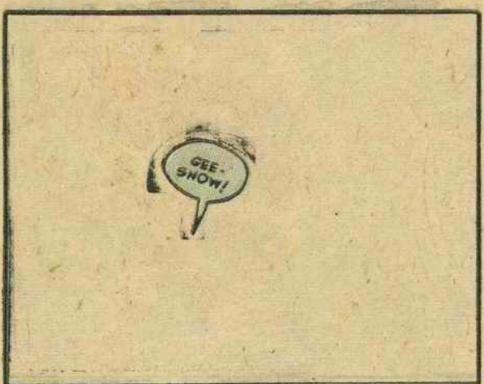


\_\_And fast through the midnight dark and drear, Like a sheeted ghost, the vessel swept Through the whistling sleet and snow, Towards the reef of Norman's Woe

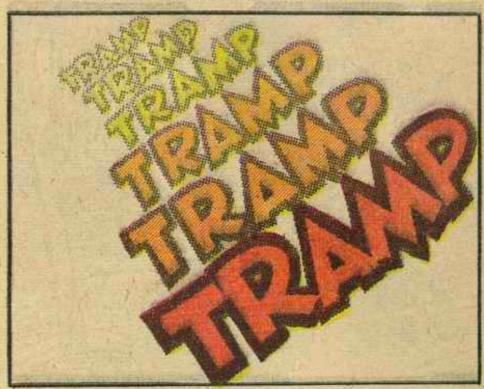


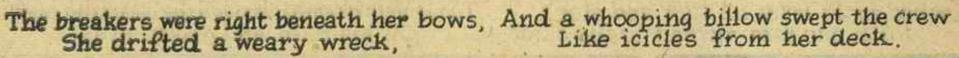


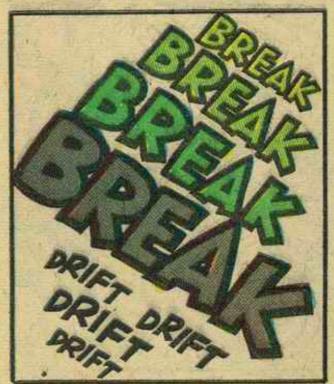
And ever, the fitful gusts between, A sound came from the land;



It was the sound of the trampling surf, On the rocks and the hard sea-sand.





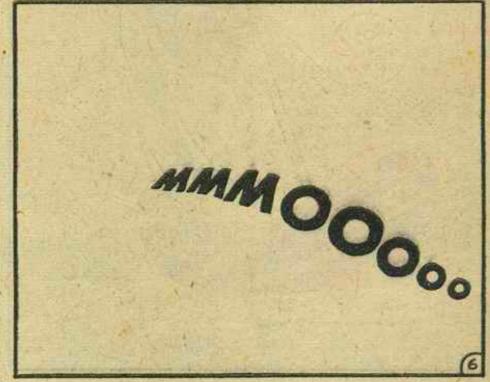




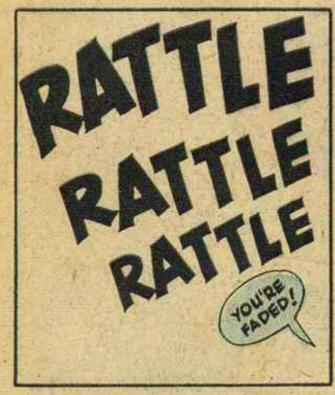


She struck where the white and fleecy waves But the cruel rocks, they gored her side, Looked soft as carded wool. Like the horns of an angry buil.

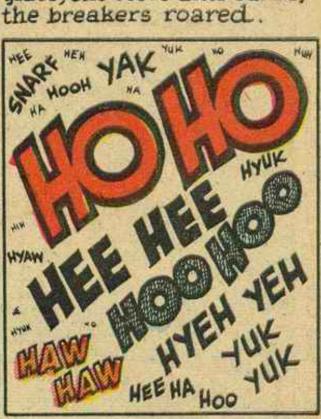




Her rattling shrouds, all sheathed in ice, Like a vessel of glass, she stove and sank.
With masts, went by the board: Ho! ho! the breakers roared.

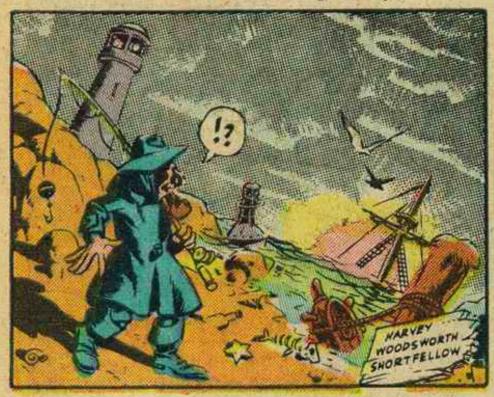




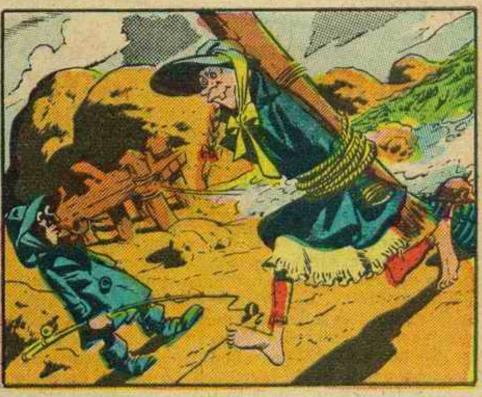


At daybreak, on the bleak sea-beach, A fisherman stood aghast,

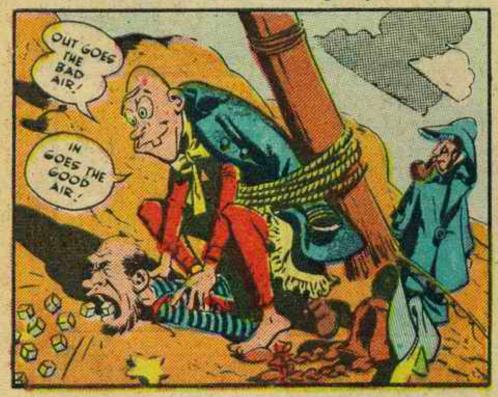
To see the form of a maiden fair, Lashed close to a drifting mast.



The salt sea was frozen on her breast, The salt tears in her eyes;



And he saw her hair like the brown sea-weed, On the billows fall and rise.



Such was the wreck of the Hesperus, In the midnight and the snow.
Christ save us all from a death like this
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