





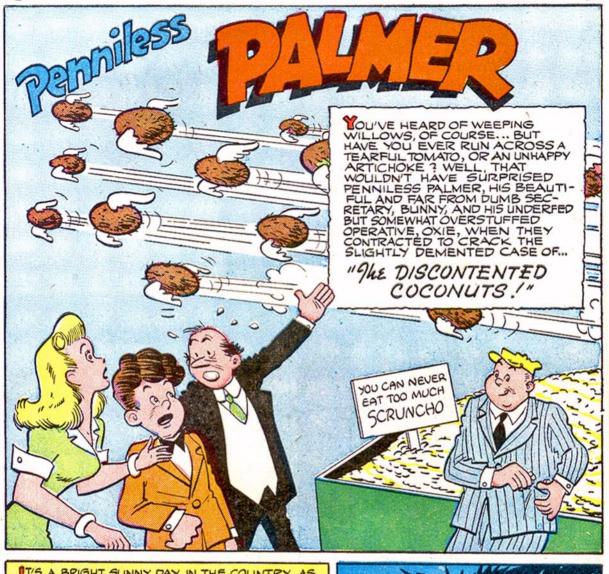
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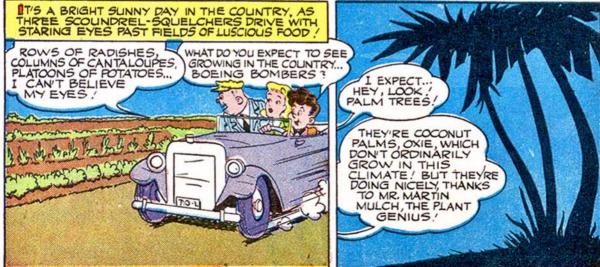
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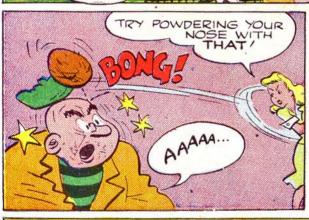








































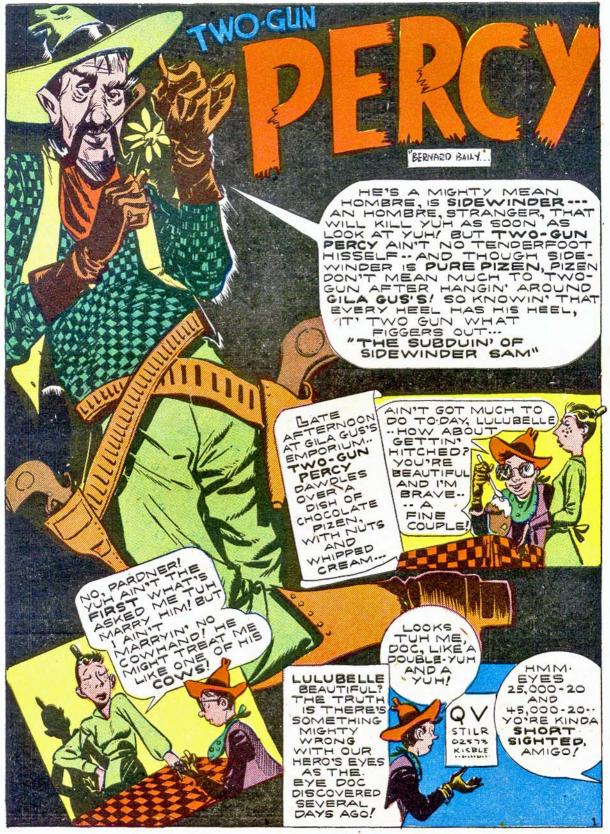






























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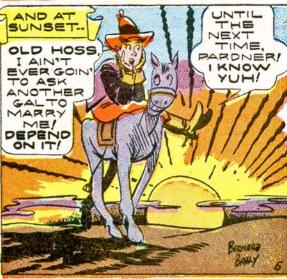
















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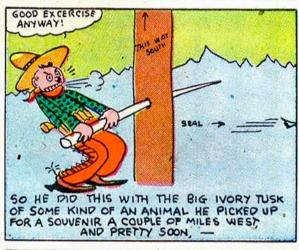


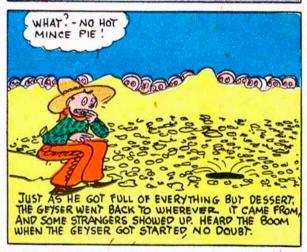




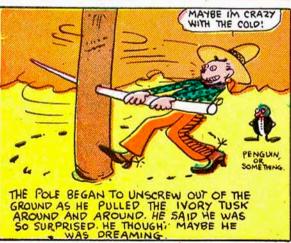


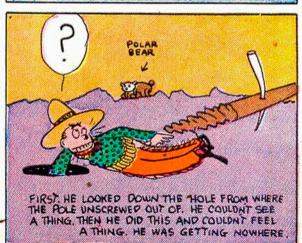




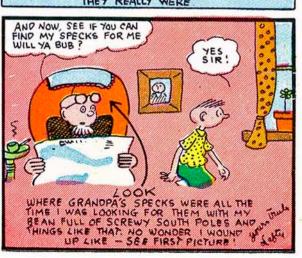






















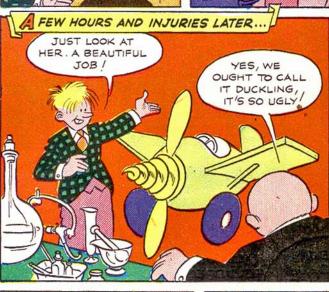


















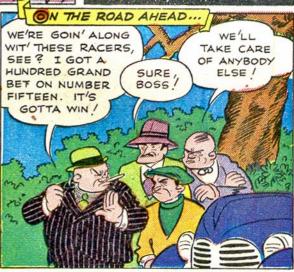




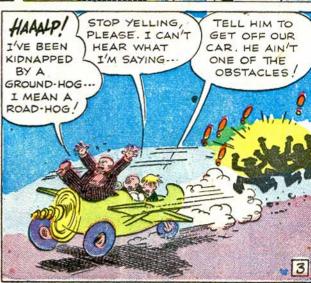












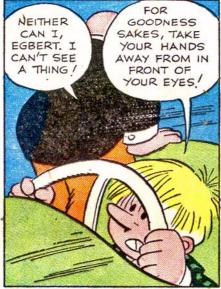
























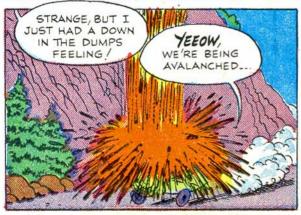




























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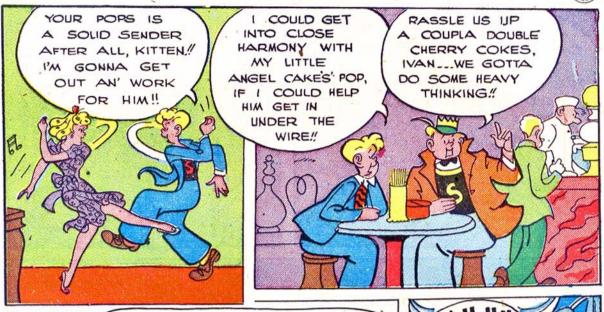














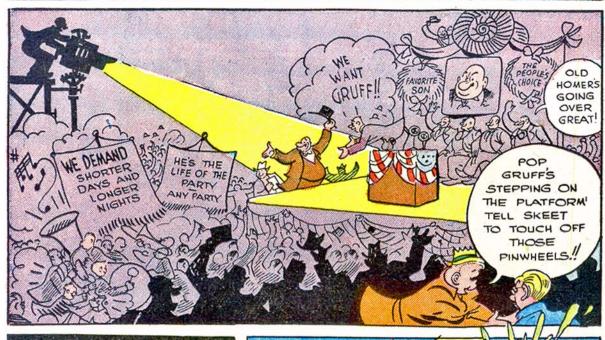




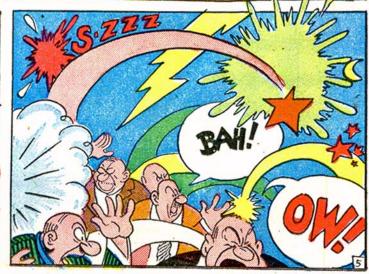






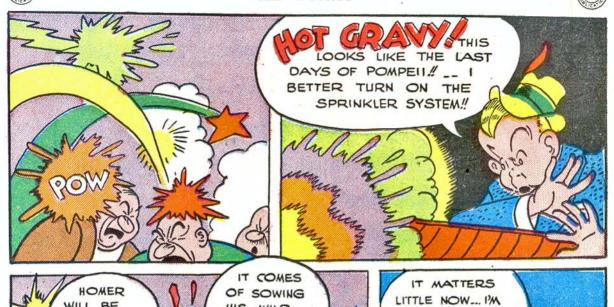






















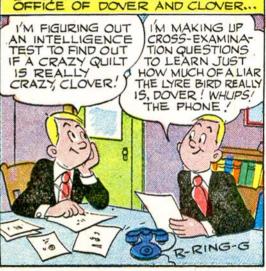




















ND MEANWHILE ...

HMM ... BLACK WEIL SUIT AND HAT, BIG MUSTACHE AND NOSE, WE'LL GRAB THIS GINK EASILY-GRAB THIS GINK WATCH THE



DOVER'S AGILE BRAIN CELLS BEGIN TO GYRATE, AND ...

THAT

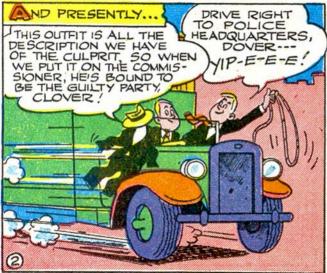
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HE WEARS A LIGHT SUIT AND HAT, AND HAS NO MUSTACHE, AND A SMALL NOSE, THE CRIMIN . AL'S DESCRIPTION FITS THE POLICE COMMISSIONER EXACTLY, CLOVER!

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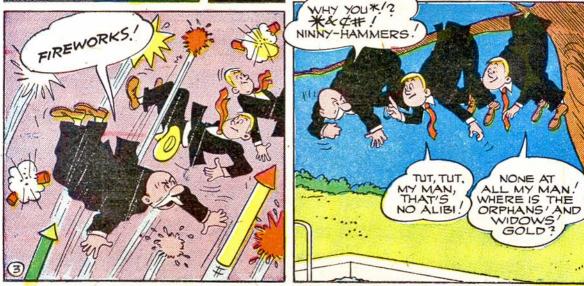


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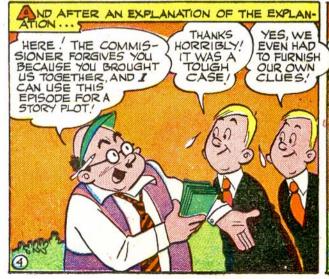




MINDED -- PARDON, SPRUCE-MINDED -- SLEUTHS, REFUSES TO BE DENIED, AND ... YES! HE WASN'T

















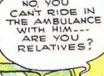




























YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!! WE SAW THE CAR HIT YOU AND WE HAVE A LAWYER FOR ALL OF US!

HE CAN

UP YOUR

WILL, TOO

FIX



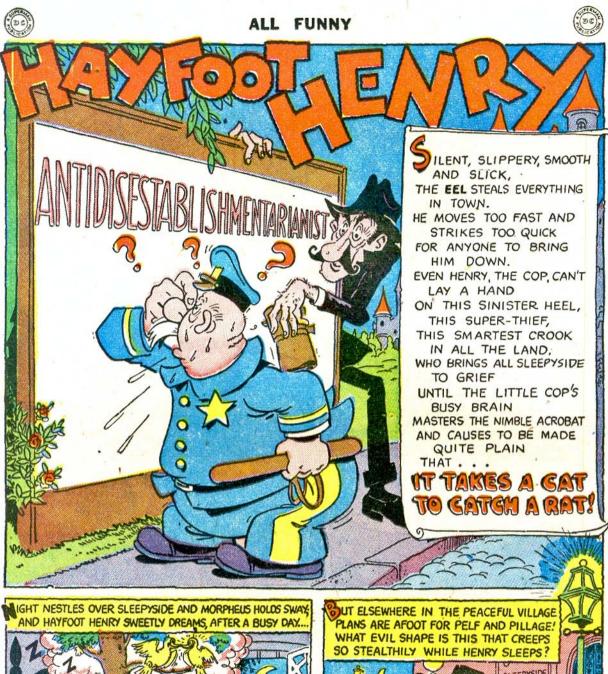
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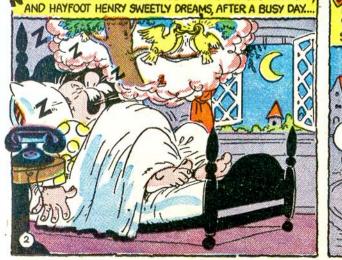
I MEAN FOR ALL OF
US... NOW FIRST
GIVE ME THE
NUMBERS OF THE
CARS THAT HIT

GOSH! THERE WAS SO MUCH EXCITEMENT WE FORGOT ABOUT THAT!





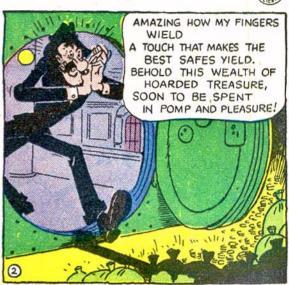












WHAT!



OH DEAR, A RHYME I NEEDED, IT CAME IN A DREAM BUT NOW IT'S RECEDED. ANT I DISESTABLISHMENTARIANIST WAS THE WORD NOW ALL I RECALL IS SOMETHING ABOUT A BIRD!



I NEEDED A RHYME FOR MY LEXICON-



GENTLEMEN, BUT OUR MONEY'S GONE I'M HERE! AND WE'RE ALL BROKE THERE'S NO THE EEL LEFT THIS MORE TO FEAR AS A PARTING JOKE





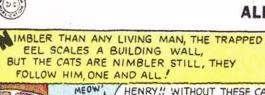












HENRY!! WITHOUT THESE CATS,
I'D NEVER HAVE BEEN FOUND.
I USUALLY MOVE WITHOUT
MAKING A SOUND!

THEY'LL FOLLOW YOU, EEL.
WHEREVER YOU GO,
SO BETTER SURRENDER
AND HAND BACK THE DOUGH:



YOU SEE, I PLANTED CATNIP IN THE STILL UNPILFERED SAFES, AND THEN RELEASED THESE TOM-CATS ALL AROUND THE TOWN. SO WHEN YOU STOLE THEIR CONTENTS AND SLUNK OFF THROUGH THE STREETS, THE CATS ALL SMELLED THE CATNIP AND FOLLOWED YOU AROUND!



OH DEAR, AT LEAST IN JAIL, I'LL BE ABLE TO WASH OFF THE CATNIP SMELL ...

YES, AND THEN RELAX INSIDE
SOME COZY CELL!
HA! HA! LOOK AT THEM KISS HIM!
THEY'LL CERTAINLY MISS HIM!
SO ENDS
THE CRIME

AND I'VE FOUND MY RHYME!

I WAS TRYING TO RHYME
"ANTIDISESTABLISHMENTARIANIST."
I OVERLOOKED THE SIMPLE, AND
NEVER THOUGHT OF "KISSED."

HE'S OFF TO HIS RHYMING LEXICON, BUT ANYWAY, HIS JOB'S WELL DONE!

KISSED, RESIST, WHIST, FIST, LIST, MISSED, GIST, ALL RHYME WITH ANTIDISESTABLISHMENTARIANIST



A SENSE OF HUMOR

by Ed Selby

THEY were all sitting around the Lancaster, waiting for the officers, who were in the briefing room. In a very little while now, there'd be another raid over Berlin. Naturally, several new kids were going out for the first time. Those were the ones who looked excited.

"My lad," said Gunnery Sergeant Forbes to a ruddy-faced recruit named Smythe, "there's really nothing to get excited about. You've got a job to do, and you do it.

"It also helps to have a sense of humor," Forbes added.

Smythe was a serious kid, not long out of classes. He looked at Forbes' weather beaten face, the clear blue eyes. Forbes was RAF now, and nothing could tear him away. But he had also served plenty of years in the Colonies.

"A sense of humor?" The lad looked puzzled. "What do you mean?"

"Oh, you just laugh things off." Forbes smiled dourly. At least, he was safe enough here. These lads wouldn't really know the whole truth. "Why, I remember only a few months ago," he said, "how a sense of humor helped me out of a tough spot."

He chewed meditatively on his cud of tobacco for a moment, aware that some of the other youngsters had begun to listen.

"These here Lancasters," he resumed, "are some ships. But they're all different. They all have different personalities." He sighed. "Like the Flying Soho."

Forbes shook his head. "It was on our twentieth mission," he said, his voice impressive, "and we headed for Kiel in one

of the souplest fogs you ever saw."

Forbest was beginning to enjoy himself. It wasn't every day a man could tell the story of the Flying Soho the right way. He huddled toward his tensed listeners, and didn't see the tall, thin man come up behind him. It was dark on the field, besides.

"Yes, lads," Forbes said. "We made Kiel all right, and we laid our eggs right on the Nazi pigboats. They put up quite a fight, too, and we went through plenty of flak, but nobody noticed it much, because when you've got a job to do, you do it."

"And keep a sense of humor," Smythe piped up.

Forbes darted a glance at him, then resumed his story. For a moment he had a suspicion that he had seen young Smythe before, but he knew that couldn't be.

"That's right, m'lad," Forbes said heartily. "Keep a sense of humor. Especially when you discover you're only travelling on one engine."

"One engine?" The gasp from his ringed audience satisfied Forbes. This was more like it. These lads would learn they were really talking to an old hand at the game of fighting.

"Yes, one engine. But there's more to it than that, lads. Like the regal beauty she was, the Flying Soho tried to carry us straight home. But we knew she'd never make it. Before we had gone fifteen minutes flying time from Kiel, we ran into a fog that was as heavy as the flak we had managed to come through."

Forbes sighed again, "I hope you lads never run into fog like that. And we had a lot more trouble. I know, because I was on a waist gun and all of a sudden Corporal Bevans says to me, 'It's awful, Forbes. Our navigator's dead!'

"'Dead?' I cried, 'It can't be! He's . . .'

"'He's dead all right,' says Bevans. 'Those dirty Nazis got him with a lucky shot.'

"Well, looking out at that fog, and our navigator gone, I knew we were really in a terrible fix."

Not a sound came from his audience, and Forbes smiled happily. "Well, lads," he continued, "it was really worse than that. Our radio had been smashed and we didn't have contact with GHQ. We were plain in the soup, and I do mean the fog. To put it mildly, lads, we were lost! And over enemy territory! How far over we had no way of knowing. We were losing altitude fast and it sure

A voice interrupted in the darkness. "Gosh, Sergeant, I'll bet you were plenty scared."

looked like a forced landing,"

"Scared!" Forbes glowered into the darkness. "There wasn't a man on that crew was scared. Maybe a little worried, yes—after all, this was the first time I had to bail out in a hurry." He chewed his tobacco vigorously. "But when the order came from Lieutenant Waring to go over, over we went."

He sighed again, and it was the only sound in the night. "I will never forget it," he said, "because the Lieutenant didn't jump, but managed to bring the ship down. He's that kind of a fine man, he didn't want to risk our lives. Well, you could have knocked me over with a crumpet when he set that badly

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damaged plane down only four miles from us. We managed to reach him fast and help him destroy the Flying Soho. Then, we ate the rice paper on which was printed our secret data and off we went, the Flying Soho nothing but a burning piece of wreckage." Forbes shivered, "It was sure

cold and damp there. And we had a pretty good idea that we had come down in Holland. If we could work west and reach the Coast, we knew that somehow those Dutch would get us back to England."

He pointed a finger at no one in particular. "Just you lads remember," he admonished, "if you're ever unlucky enough to be forced down in enemy territory, not to give up hope. Just use your heads and keep fighting."

Forbes breathed heavily. "I'll never forget the first few hours we went through, trying to pierce that fog. Naturally, we all had guns, but they were the last thing we wanted to use. The best thing to do was to try to avoid patrols and get to the coast. When the fog lifted we'd have a chance to make a break for safety."

"And did the fog lift, Sergeant?" a voice asked. It was an eager, young voice.

Forbes smiled blandly. "It did not," he said. "We managed to get away even while it was still lying on us as heavy as me Burberry." He slapped a huge fist in his hands. "Not that it was easy, lads, not that it was

easy.

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"Why," he went on, excite-

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ment coloring his voice, "we hadn't been gone twenty minutes before we heard the boots of a patrol. They were almost upon us, too. But we managed to stumble into a culvert and we hid there while that patrol marched over us, not realizing we were beneath them, a real prize crew from a British Lan-

Forbes' heavy hand wiped imaginary perspiration from his brow, his voice seemed to shake with emotion. "And that was only one of a few narrow escapes we had that night, lads. Those patrols were everywhere, and it seemed to us, limping along and scarcely daring to

caster."

left a blazing bomber behind us and even though it would take time to discover whether the crew had perished with the Flying Soho, we felt every minute might be our last." Forbes got to his feet as a

breathe, that they were all out

looking for us. After all, we had

shaft of light appeared from the building where the briefing was taking place. "Well, lads," he said. "That's about all. I've got to be getting back to my ship."

"But Sergeant . . ."

Forbes halted. It was the voice of young Smythe. "You didn't tell us how you got through without maps," Smythe pointed out. "You mean you didn't see a signpost anywhere? Or you didn't dare use a torch to see one."

Forbes stiffened, and his eyes peered suspiciously in the darkness. "Of course not," he said, DR. C. BOWLE MILLICAN

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coldly. "And that's where a sense of humor helps." He laughed, and it sounded awfully forced. "We just laughed our way to safety."

"Eh, what's that?"

He whirled at the voice which sounded quietly in his ear. Then he stiffened at attention, as he

ed his group of auditors. "Yes, Lieutenant, yes sir." "I think," the Lieutenant said, "they might as well hear the

recognized the figure of the tall,

thin man who had quietly join-

rest, Forbes." The darkness hid his grin. "You see, men," he said, "I was on that mission, too. And what the Sergeant has told you

is substantially correct." He coughed, and Forbes fidgeted uncomfortably. Then he went on.

"But we did light a torch that

night," the Lieutenant said. "It happened when we came to a crossroads, and we took a vote to decide whether to risk it." He paused. "If I remember correctly, Sergeant, it was you who climbed up on the signpost. What was it the sign said, Sergeant?"

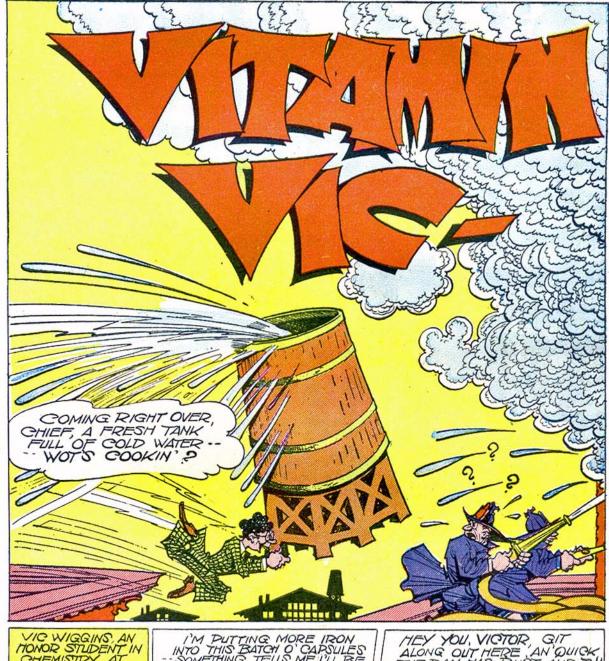
Silence. Then, almost painfully: "London-15 miles, Sir," Ser-

geant Forbes said obediently. He winced. It was a good thing he had a sense of humor, or these new lads would be poking fun at him. After all, it was no disgrace to be forced down in your own country in a fog and mistake your own patrols for those of the enemy.





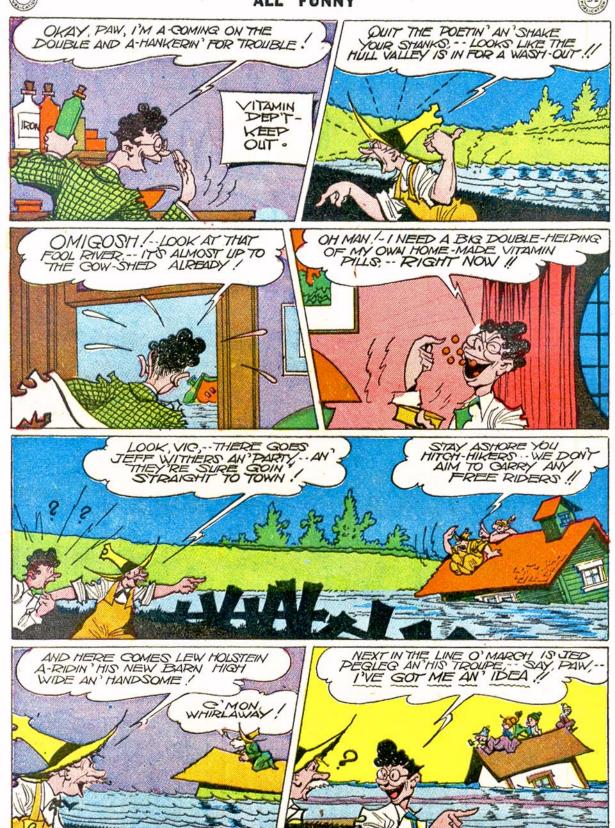






















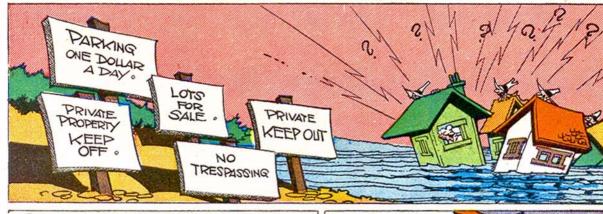


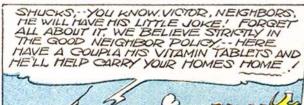
























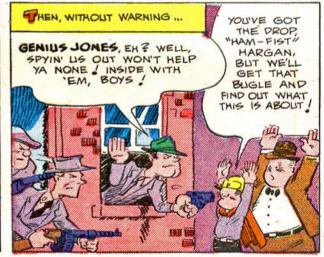
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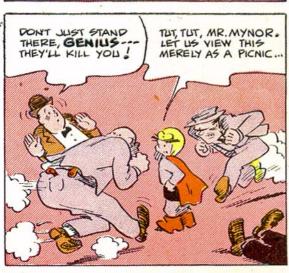


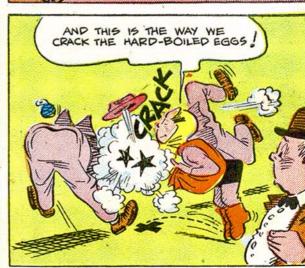






















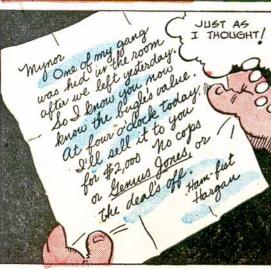










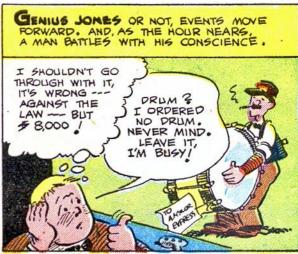














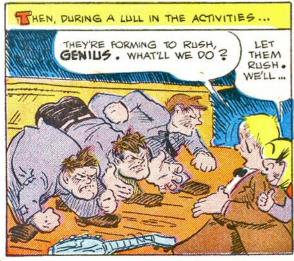


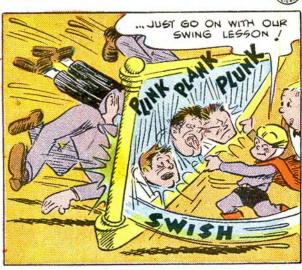




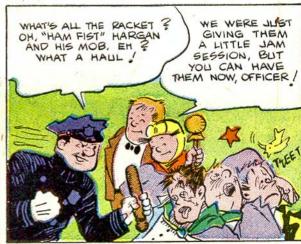




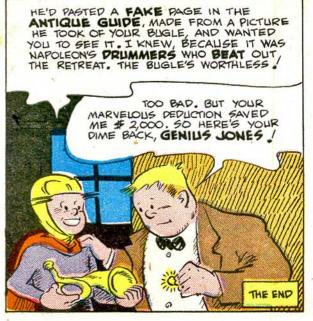














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