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SO, ALL RIGHT! SO HERE'S MY TWO BITS. SO MAKE ME A MEMBER, ALREADY, AND SEND ME THE THINGS AND STUFF LIKE WHAT THE KID UP THERE GOT... SO!

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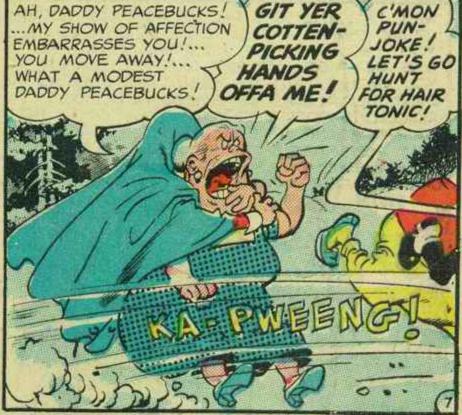










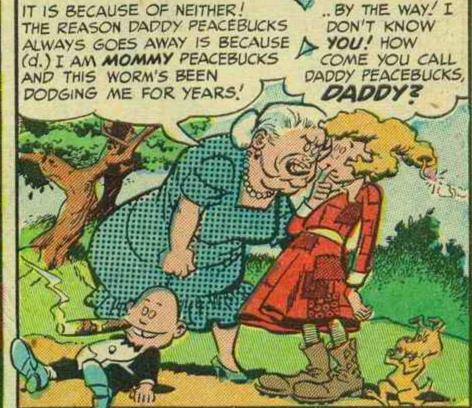






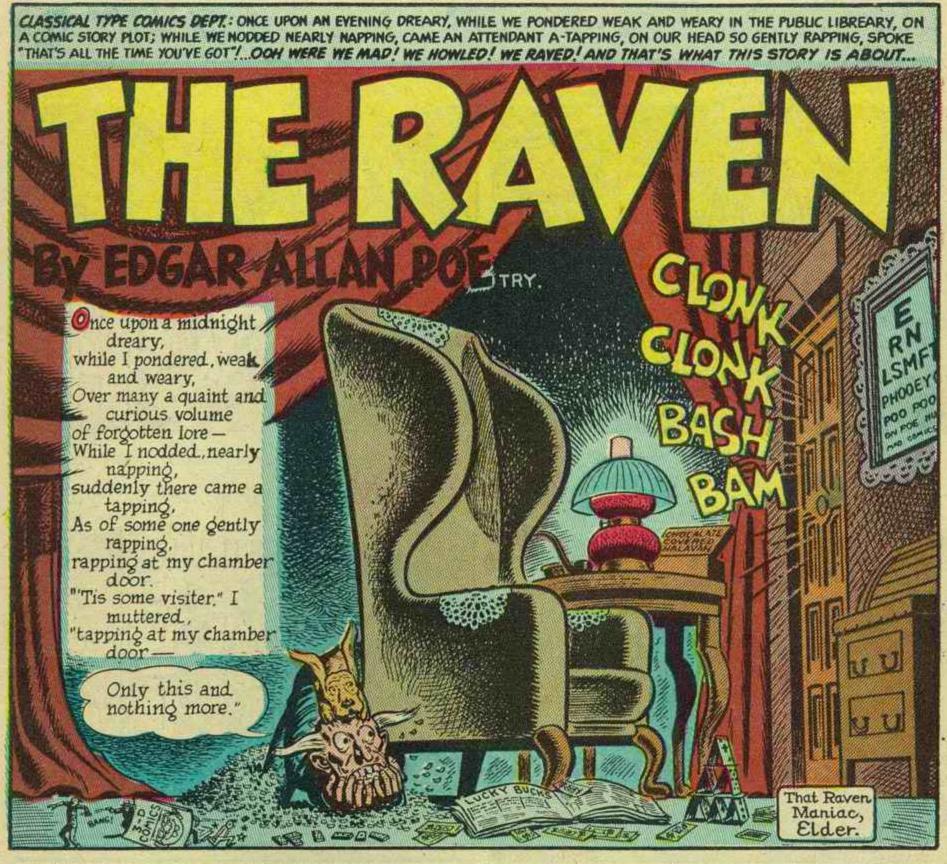












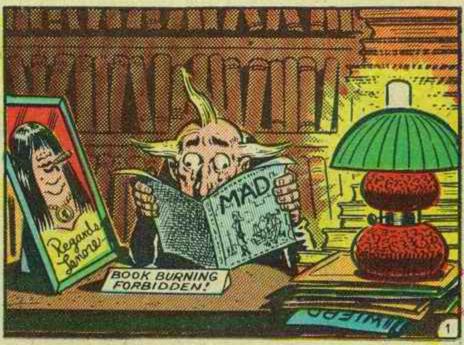
Ah, distinctly I remember it was in the bleak December; And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the floor.

Eagerly I wished the morrow; vainly I had sought to borrow

From my books surcease of sorrow-sorrow for the lost Lenore – For the rare and radiant maiden whom the angels name Lenore-

Nameless here for evermore.





felt before; So that now, to still the beating of my heart, I stood repeating



Presently my soul grew stronger; hesitating then no londer,

"Sir," said I, "or Madam, truly your forgiveness I



That I scarce was sure I heard you" - here I opened wide the door; -

Darkness there and nothing more.

And the silken, sad, uncertain rustling of each purple curtain "Tis some visiter entreating entrance at my chamber door-Thrilled me-filled me with fantastic terrors never Some late visiter entreating entrance at my chamber door-



But the fact is I was napping and so gently you came rapping.

And so faintly you came tapping, tapping at my chamber



Deep into that darkness peering! long I stood there wondering, fearing
Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before;
But the silence was unbroken, and the stillness gave no token.







Merely this and nothing more.

And the only word there spoken was the whispered word "Lenore?" Back into the chamber turning, all my soul within me burning. This I whispered, and an echo murmured back the word "Lenore!" Soon again I heard a tapping somewhat louder than before. "Surely, said I, "surely that is something at my window lattice;



Let me see, then, what thereat is, and this mystery explore -Let my heart be still a moment and this mystery explore; -



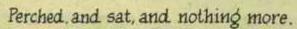
Open here I flung the shutter, when, with many a flirt and flutter In there stepped a stately Raven of the saintly days of yore; Not the least obeisance made he; not a minute stopped or staved he:



But, with mien of lord or lady, perched above my chamber door - Then this ebony bird beguiling my sad fancy into Perched upon a bust of Pallas just above my chamber door-

smiling,

By the grave and stern decorum of the countenance it wore.









"Though thy crest be shorn and shaven, thou," I said,

art sure no craven.

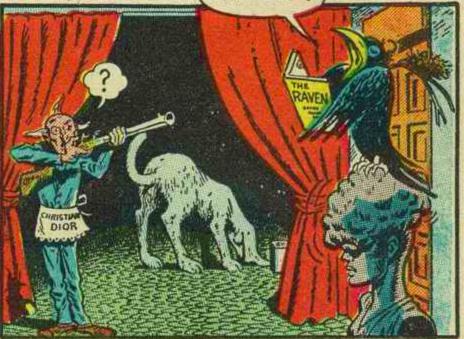
Chastly grim and ancient Raven wandering from
the Nightly shore—



Much I marvelled this ungainly fowl to hear discourse so plainly,
Though its answer little meaning—little relevancy bore;
For we cannot help agreeing that no living human being

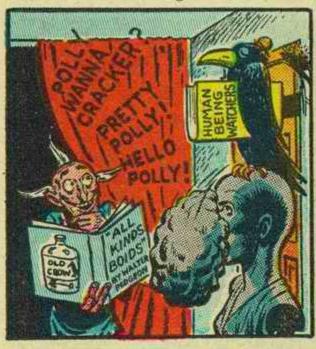
Tell me what thy lordly name is on the Night's Plutonian shore!"

Quoth the Raven ("Nevermore.")



Ever yet was blessed with seeing bird above his chamber door-Bird or beast upon the sculptured bust above his chamber door,

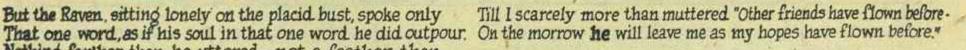
With such name as "Nevermore."







Nothing farther then he uttered - not a feather then he fluttered -





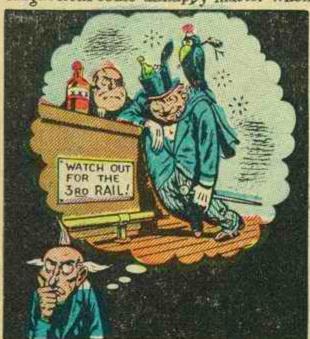


Startled at the stillness broken by reply so aptly spoken, "Doubtless," said I, "what it utters is its only stock and store

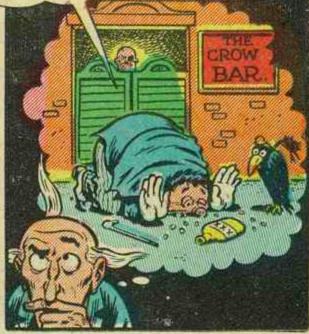
Caught from some unhappy master whom unmerciful Disaster

Followed fast and followed faster till his songs one burden bore-Till the dirges of his Hope that melancholy burden bore

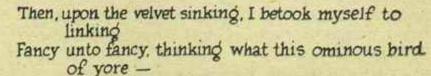
Of ('Never - Nevermore'")

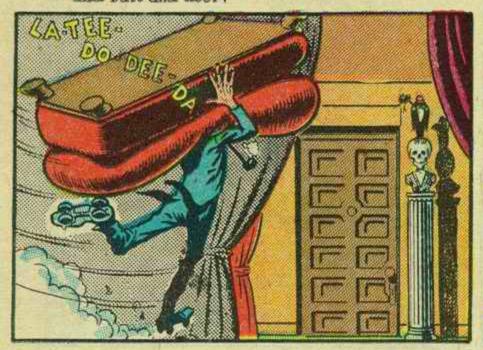




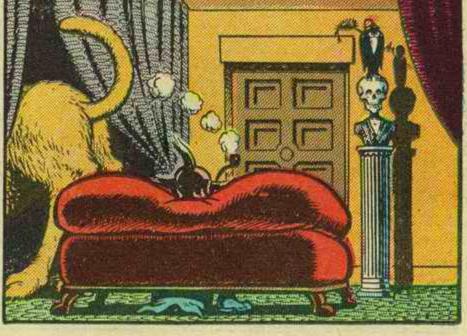


But the Raven still beguiling my sad fancy into smiling, Straight I wheeled a cushioned seat in front of bird, and bust and door:



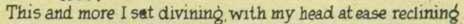


What this grim, ungainly, ghastly, gaunt, and ominous bird of yore



This I sat engaged in guessing but no syllable expressing To the fowl whose fiery eyes now burned into my bosom's core;

Meant in croaking "Nevermore."







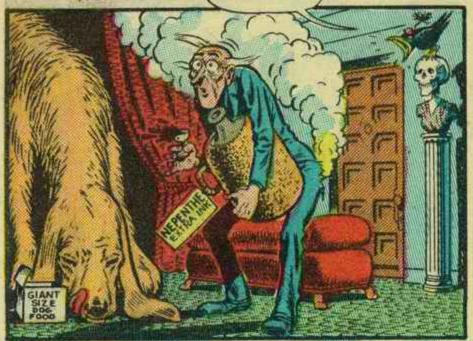
On the cushion's velvet lining that the lamp-light gloated o'er, But whose velvet-violet lining with the lamp-light gloating o'er,

She shall press, ah, nevermore!



Respite-respite and nepenthe from the memories of Lenore; Quaff, oh quaff this kind nepenthe and forget this lost Lenore!

Quoth the Raven ("Nevermore."



On this home by Horror haunted - tell me truly, I implore - Is there -is there balm in Gilead? - tell me - tell me, I implore!

Quoth the Raven ("Nevermore."



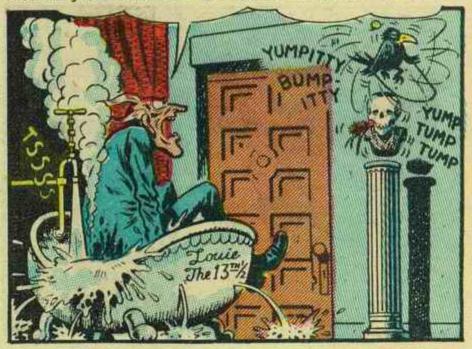


Then, methought the air grew denser, perfumed from an unseen censer Swung by seraphim whose foot-falls tinkled on the **tufted floor**. "Wretch." I cried, "thy God hath lent thee – by these angels he hath sent thee



'Prophet!"said I, "thing of evil! - prophet still, if bird or devil! -

Whether Tempter sent, or tempest tossed thee here ashore, Desolate yet all undaunted, on this desert land enchanted.—



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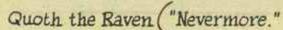
By that heaven that bends above us - by that God we both adore -



Tell this soul with sorrow laden if, within the distant Aidenn;

It shall clasp a sainted maiden whom the angels name Lenore —

Clasp a rare and radiant maiden whom the angels name Lenore."





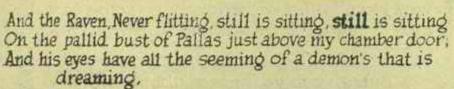




"Be that word our sign of parting, bird or fiend!" I shrieked, upstarting—
"Get thee back into the tempest and the Night's Plutonian shore!
Leave no black plume as a token of that lie thy soul hath spoken!

Leave my loneliness unbroken!-Quit the bust above my door!
Take thy beak from out my heart, and take thy form from off my door!



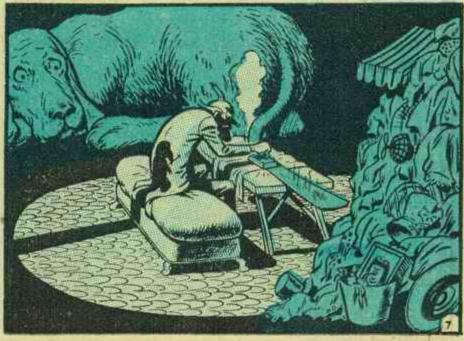




And the lamp-light oer him streaming throws his shadow on the floor; And my soul from out that shadow that lies floating on the floor

Shall be lifted - nevermore!





MAD MUMBLINGS

Dear Editors,

You bloomin' blighters 'ave done it again. In Mad No. 7, you 'ave Shermlock Shomes and Dr. Whatsit riding in a soapbox with left 'and drive. Don't you jolly well know the British have right 'and drive? I think Elder is getting older.—Henry Hartz—Utica, New York

... How about publishing a sympathetic story once in a while, such as one about a Canis Familiaris or a Felis Domesticus?— Keith Nutt (Arachis Hypogaea)

-Midland, Texas

... I'm sorry to hear about Harvey Kurtzman (H. Kurtzman was sick with yellow jaundice), and I'd like to change places with him. —No. 856-7859—Sing-Sing

...I'm beginning to feel like one of those guys in the desert. Everywhere I go, druggists and clerks shout, "No Mad." Get it, nomad?

—Ann Slavin—West Haven, Conn.

La lettre de David Platt, dans votre sixieme revue de Mad est beaucoup plus plein d'erreurs qu'etait votre histoire du "Shiek of Araby," elle-meme.

Sais pas si vos editeurs connaissent cette langue... mais c'est tres evidemment vu que le bon M. Platt ne connait pas le francais assez bien qu'il croit. Par example, il a dit: "... vous avez eu un Francais qui a dit 'N'est pas; Ce n'est pas correcte, est-ce-t-il? Il a etre 'n'est-ce-pas.' Merci beaucoup (sic) mes amis." Ca, c'est tout a fait absurde! Il y en a plus de fautes la qu'en ce que M. Platt a si mal tache de correcter!

Me? I'm a Spanish major myself.

—Dick Clarkson—Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

... Iiv wivish yivou wivould nivot privint sivuch livittivers ivas thive ivone bivy "Mons. David Pait." Iiv ivam nivo Fivrencmivan, sivo Iiv civant rivead Fivrench.

-Ben Jones-Quinwood, W. Va.

"Mad Mumblers Club." Anyone interested in joining write to 49 Kohlman St. for a membership card. We want to get a nationwide club. P. S. All members must be Mad Haters.

—Jerry Schuler—Rochester, N. Y.

...I hope you will talk the Mad Melvin Club up and tell all the Mad fans about it. To be a member you must have all the Mads. Anyone interested write Secretary Clyde

Waddell, 2433 Marye St., Alexandrea, Louisiana; or Pat Armstrong, Pres., 2424 Vance Ave., Alexandria, Louisiana.

Within the past year you have received thousands of letters, both ill-written and wellwritten, chock full of such dynamic adjectives as "classic," "priceless," "delightful," and even a sprinkling of such indelicate modifiers as "horrible," "rotten," and "disgusting!" But I shall say only this: A solid core of attractively unbalanced students at Cornell have adopted your magazine as a way of life. Acute frothing at the mouth has become a common disease and has proven deliciously dangerous during epidemic seasons. One of the fraternities there has an annual Monster Party. This year their source book was, of course, Mad . . . and the happy outcome was that 37.8% more participants than ever before were removed in a frightened coma. Gentlemen, it was a sight to see! Thank you, comrades in the bonds of spoofery.

-Ann Busch-Buffalo, New York

... I am long out of my "funny-book reading days;" thus, even though I do work in a drugstore, I've never given your magazines a thought. Recently two sane, healthy-looking and responsible individuals asked if I had a certain comic book on the stands-that in itself was a time for skepticism, for every one knows only children and idiots read comic books. The name of the book was Mad. After the second incident I became curious and began thumbing through the pages. To my utter surprise it was hilarious-funniest thing I had read for years! In short your satire magazine was excellent. I am eagerly anticipating the next issue of Mad.-Raoul D'Arcy-(no address given.

'Course, you've heard about E.C.'s companion mag to Mad...thing called PANIC! Written and edited by Feldstein. Not bad! Not as funny as MAD, but not bad. Try one! Why not?!

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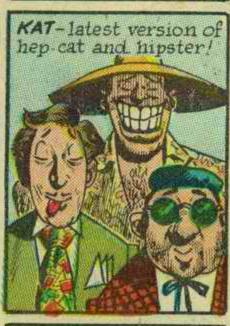




























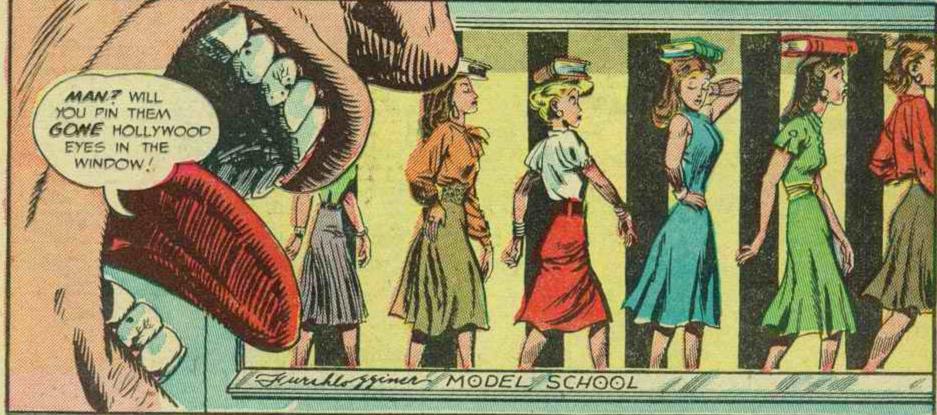














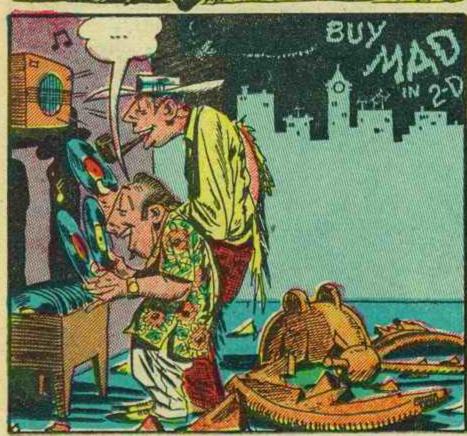






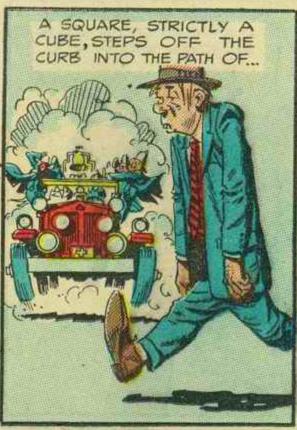




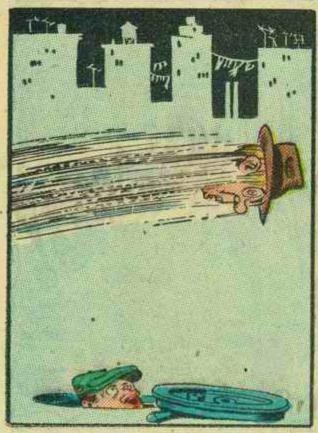




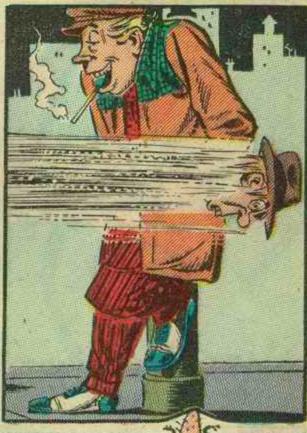


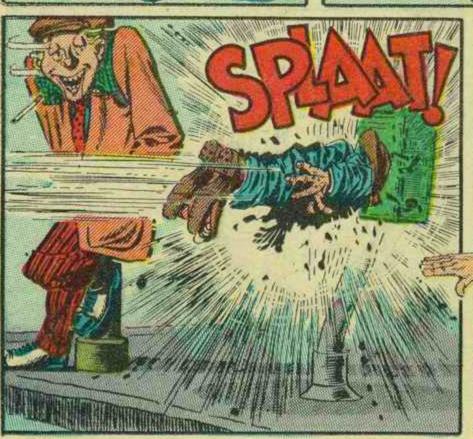




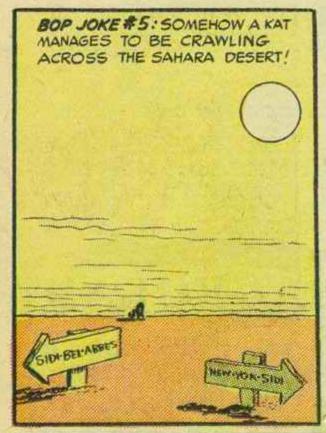






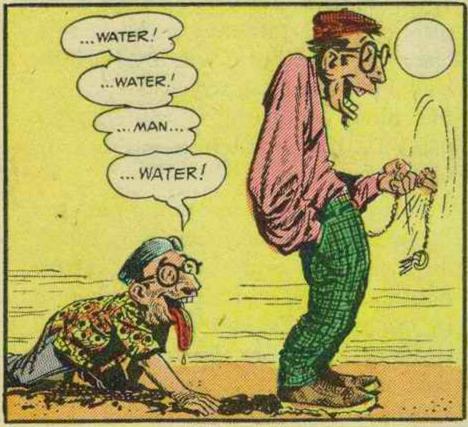


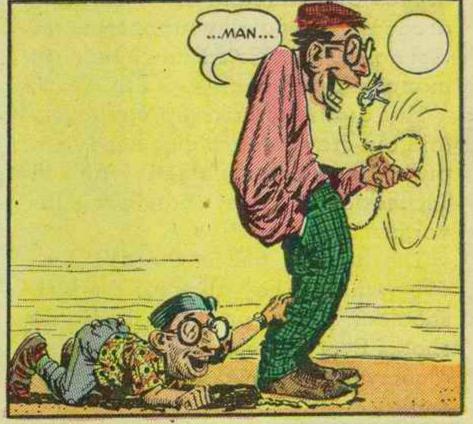
















CLOAK AND DAGGER DEPT.: And now, the THIRD chapter in the fantastic adventures of SECRET UNDER-MANHOLE-COVER AGENT FIVE FINGERS JONES!

As you no doubt recall, when last we left Jones, (under the nom de plume of Shovel) he was in a sewer...and who can blame us for leaving him in a sewer. In any case... Jones is still in the sewer beneath Moscow, preparing to find out about the filthy Russian plot to manufacture artificial dirt. As our scene opens, Jones's chief is giving him final instructions...

OPERATION UNDER THE GROUND

Voices waft up through the sewer grating. "Shovel, here's your destination; the outer gates of the Gremlin in Moscow. You're to use a disguise, of course, during all your operations. Get going, man! Track down that dirt manufacturing plant! GO SHOVEL!"

The grating creaks up cautiously and out crawls Jones disguised as a pushcart peddler named Ivanikoff Tschesklavitchlabiscabonchomislavarichicaboomsko.

The Russian police, the BVD, are everywhere. They all wear the BVD shoulder patch on their bermuda shorts. Every time a BVD passes, the gloomy street crowd flash pepsodent smiles.

Moscow ... past a sign scrawled on a wall reading "I LIKE IKE," and across it is slashed the word, PURGED ... past a store window with a tommy gun advertised, "BE THE LIFE OF THE PARTY"... past another store featuring "waterproof, wrinkleproof Gargoyle Socks," which are actually stove pipes with a bend in them ... past giant tanks shooting at a dove of peace which drops the olive branch and the Russian soldiers pounce on the olives hungrily and eat them up

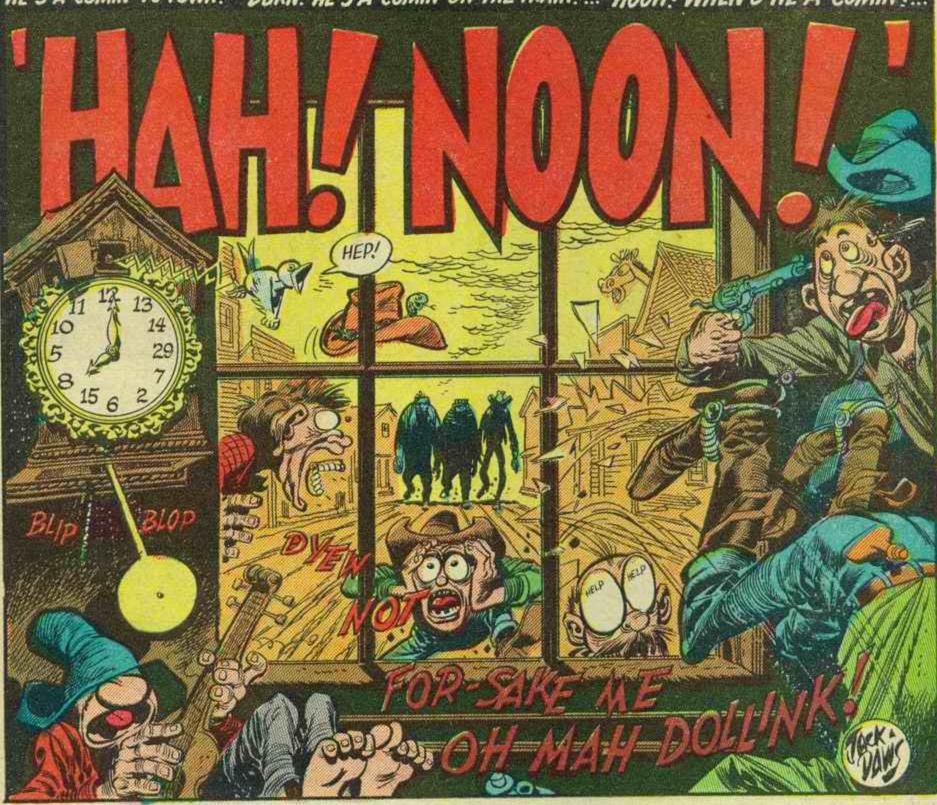
paper bearing the headline "RUS-SIAN SCIENTIST DISCOVERS WORLD IS ROUND!"... past a gigantic crowd gathered around a mechanical pencil in a window! A little guy in the crowd says, "I still say that black is not white." Immediately a B.V.D. rakes the whole crowd with his tommy gun!

Jones now starts snapping pictures of such useful subjects as a blank wall, the rear end of a horse, a portion of the sky, and a posey growing in the road. He is trying to detect signs of dirty work. He still drags his cart in and out of side streets in search of the artificial soil.

A luscious blonde sidles up to him.
"My name is Floppova Movova an'
I like you, you beeg mans. Those shoulders and muscles, ahhhhh..."
She squeezes his muscles and they collapse with a soft POOOOoooohh...

- ... Well! ... Who is Floppova?
- ... Does Shovel really Movova?
- ...What is the meaning of POOOOoooh?
 - ... Who cares?

Find out in the next issue of Mad... the magazine calculated to drive you! WESTERN DEPT: ... FAR, FAR WESTERN DEPT! IN FACT... HOLLYWOOD! ... ANYHOW, A HOT SUMMER SUN LOOKS DOWN ON A TERRI-FIED COW-TOWN WHERE WORD IS FLYING FROM MOUTH TO MOUTH... "GOSH! KILLER DILLER MILLER IS OUT OF JAIL!". "CHEE! HE'S A-COMIN' TO TOWN!" "DURN! HE'S A-COMIN' ON THE TRAIN!"... "HOOH! WHEN'S HE A-COMIN'?".



THREE MEN STRIDE DOWN THE DUSTY STREET WHICH IS QUIET BUT FOR THE QUICK SCUTTLING OF CITIZENS DISAPPEARING INTO DOORWAYS AND RAIN BARRELS!

... AND THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THESE MEN ... NUTHIN' YOU COULD PUT YOUR FINGER ON ... BUT SOME STRANGE SIXTH SENSE SOMEHOW TELLS YOU THEY'RE ORNERY!





ONE MAN IS BRAVE ENOUGH TO STAND HIS GROUND! ...ONLY ONE MAN DOES NOT MOVE AN INCH FROM WHERE HE STANDS! ...ONLY ONE MAN TAKES NO STEP BACKWARD AS HE SURVEYS THE SCENE!

...MARSHALL KANE CALMLY WATCHES THE THREE OWL-HOOTS STRIDE BY!









UH-OH! HE'S

HIS GUNS ...

A-PUTTIN'ON

A-PUTTIN'ON

MARSHALL! MARSHALL! MARSHALL! LISTEN!... THEM OWL-HOOTS WHO JUST CUM INTER TOWN!... THEY'RE GOIN' DOWN TO THE TRAIN STATION!... THEY'RE GOIN' TO WAIT FOR THE HIGH-NOON TRAIN! THEY'RE GOIN' TO WAIT FOR KILLER DILLER MILLER AND THEY'RE GOIN' TO COME AND KILL YOU!



HMPH! KILLER DILLER MILLER'S BEEN OUT TO GET ME EVER SINCE I SENT HIM UP!... THERE WE WERE AT THE CONEY ISLAND PARACHUTE JUMP AND I SENT HIM UP!... I RECKON THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO! I GOTTA GO MEET THAT TRAIN!



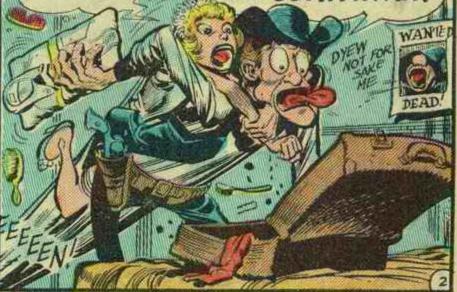
KANE, SUGAR!... SUGAR KANE... DON'T MEET
THAT TRAIN, BWAH!

GITCHA COTTON PICKIN'
HANDS OFFEN ME, GAL! KILLER
DILLER MILLER'S A-COMIN'
GUNNING FER ME AND I'VE
GOT TO MEET THAT TRAIN!

NO, NO! DON'T GO, KANE, HONEY!... DON'T GO,

KANE! IF YOU MEET THAT
12:00 O'CLOCK TRAIN,
KILLER DILLER MILLER
WILLER KILLER YOU...
AND I'LL NEVER GET TO
GO TO THAT MOVING
PITCHER!

WHO SAID ANYTHING
ABOUT A TWELVE
O'CLOCK TRAIN! I GOTTA
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HECK OUTTA HYAR!















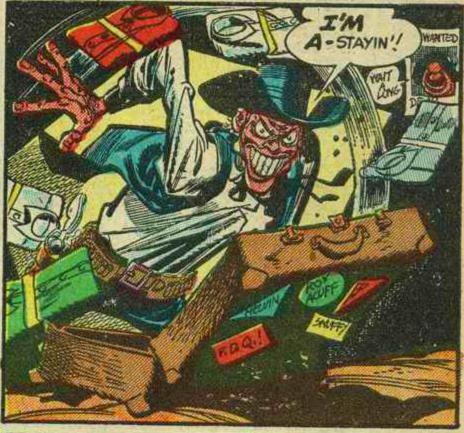






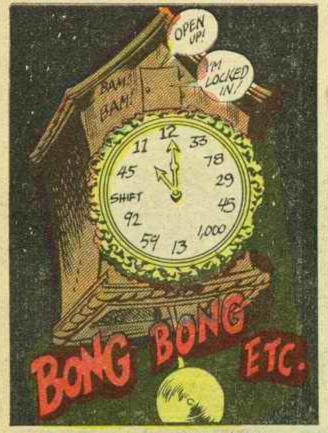


















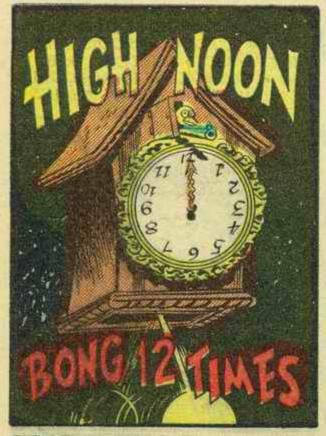


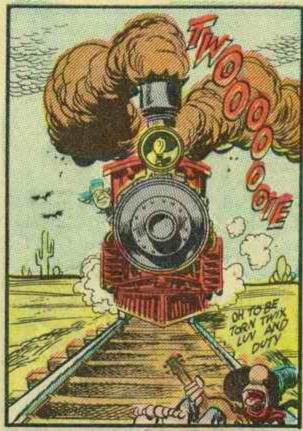




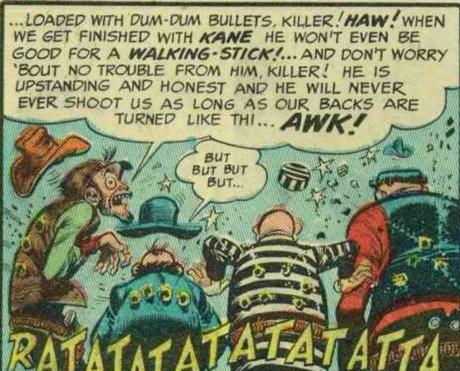








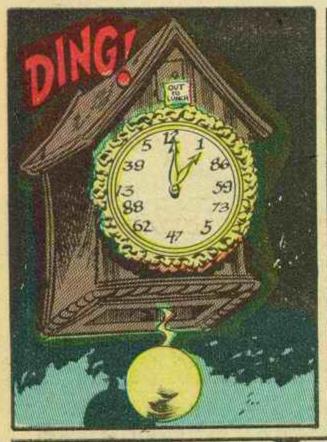












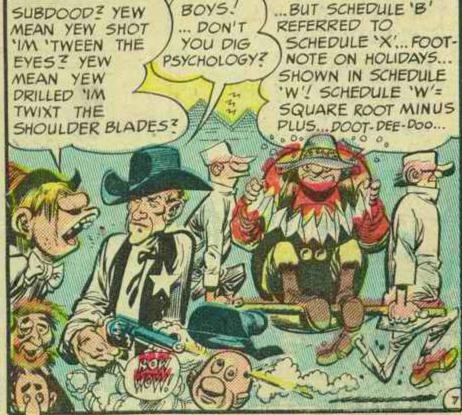




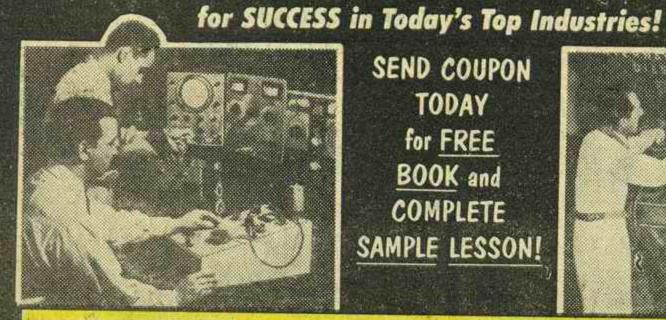








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