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Be suspicious!

When he starts working late at the office a lot, And he takes more business trips than usual, And he comes home reeking of cheap perfume, And you discover that lipstick smear on his collar, Don't shrink from the hard cold facts! It's time to call in • SAM FOUREYES • Clever, eh-parodying a famous Fabric Processor's ad and turning it into a Well, that's exactly what Sam is... clever. A clever Private Detective. So if you've got problems with your husband like this lady, Don't be a drip! Air your dirty linen to "Sam Foureyes". Sam will get the goods on him!

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IMAGE OF U.S. JUSTICE

Congratulations to Al Jaffee for another great "MAD Fold-In"—"The Image of U.S. Justice". I wonder if anybody burned a cross in front of your office building.

Steve Blumrich Huntsville, Alabama

Congratulations on having the courage to print it. Your magazine is truly the conscience of us all. You deserve only praise.

Mrs. Dan Di Biasio Cleveland, Ohio

RUINED IMAGE

I found your "Letters From Santa Claus in"#92 the most disgusting display of crudeness I have ever read. It completely ruins the image of Santa Claus for the younger set. I have always enjoyed your magazine, but you lowered yourselves considerably when you printed this garbage.

Gary Harrison Edmonds, Washington

HAIL THAT TIGER

On behalf of all the employees of Humble Oil, Bala Cynwyd Division, I want to congratulate you on the marvelous satire on your back cover of the January issue (#92) based on our beloved tiger.

Rita Petrushansky Philadelphia, Penna.

It's about time someone did something for the poor, defenseless tiger who lately has been so exploited by "Big Business". A 3/c John E. Rosiak

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A HUMOROUS EXCHANGE

This past Summer, I traveled over a great deal of Europe as an Exchange Student. The hardest task for an Exchange Student, I think, is to make friends and to promote good will and understanding between the people of his country and the country he is residing in. With language barriers, it is sometimes a very slow and difficult process. Yet, armed with copies of MAD Magazine, a paperback edition of "Don Martin Bounces Back" and a smile, I have had more fun and made more friends through the universal language of humor and laughter than I could possibly have done otherwise. MAD, from its satirical heights to its most ridiculous lows is, without a doubt, the best propaganda America has to offer.

Steve Emerick Fulfsweg, Germany

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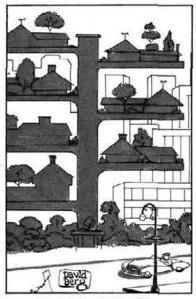
MAD AT G.M. FUTURAMA

Recently, while visiting the New York World's Fair, I noticed a model of a building in the General Motors' Futurama exhibit which seemed vaguely familiar. As I recall, several years ago, Dave Berg designed a similar building for an article describing the eventual move back to the cities from the suburbs. Is this a mere coincidence, or a copy of Dave's original concept? In any case, all I can say is "How 'bout that?"

Thomas A. Reiches New Rochelle, N.Y.



G.M.'s Futurama Building



Berg's FuturaMAD Building

LARGER DISTRIBUTION

How any newspaper-reading American can stand daily life without the occasional relief of MAD Magazine, I just cannot understand. It seems to me that if there was a larger distribution of your magazine, there would be a sharp drop in the number of neurotics, paranoics and suicidals running around our cities.

Christine Eberhardt St. Louis, Missouri

So who's gonna buy our magazine?-Ed.

SHAKESPEARE UP-TO-DATE

... such apt and gracious words ... (Love's Labour Lost II, 1, 73) ... and I did laugh sans intermission ... (As You Like It II, 7, 30)

Though this be madness, yet there is method in't. (Hamlet, II, 2, 211) A kind of excellent dumb discourse.

(The Tempest III, 3, 38)

I can no other answer make but thanks, And thanks, and ever thanks.

(Twelfth Night III, 3, 14) Ellen Leef Weiss New York City

SHAKESPEARE AND PHONY

Let me say, in all sincerity, that the feature entitled "Shakespeare Up-To-Date" was the best satirical article I have ever read anywhere in my whole life. I wonder if it was necessary, however, for you to identify the exact source of each of the quotations used-surely I'm not the only MAD reader who knows all the lines by heart. Anyway, it was a tribute to the Immortal Bard, and I for one appreciate it deeply. At the same time, something I did not approve of in Issue #92 was the socalled feature, "PHONY Magazine". Was this supposed to be funny? This piece left me completely unamused.

G. Alan Robison, B.S. Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee

Perhaps you may have been amused by the item we left out of "Phony Magazine" referring to the phonies who claim they know all the lines of Shakespeare by heart. —Ed.

THE CARPETSWEEPERS

"The Carpetsweepers" was great! Unfortunately, the film it satirized was much funnier. You did your best, but Mr. Joseph Levine was finally one step ahead of you. I love ya, anyway.

Doris Francis St. Albans, N.Y.

"IN" AND "OUT"

Congratulations to Arnie Kogen and Paul Coker, Jr. for "The MAD 'IN' And 'OUT' Book" in Issue #92. After reading it, I was in stitches, mainly because I did the "Limbo" under barbed wire.

Alex Lampone

Wast Allis, Wisconsin

Doing the "Limbo" under barbed wire is "Out"! Doing the "Fish" under water is "In"I-Ed.

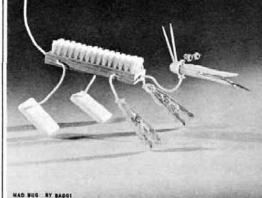
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> Steve Conlin North Hollywood, Calif.

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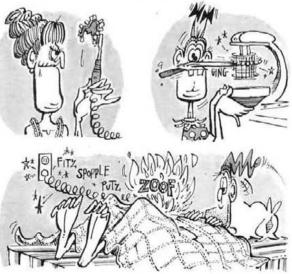
LOST & FOUND

Yep, we've lost a fortune on these offers of full-color portraits of Alfred E. Neuman, MAD's "What-Me Worry?" kid, for 25¢ (3 for 50¢)-and we just found out why . . . Seems nobody's ordering any from: MAD, Dept. "What-Color?", 850 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. ToTheTV Networks!

Oh, Valentine, your shows this year Cannot be beat for dumbness; Because of you, our senses reel; Our minds are filled with numbness; And yet it's sort of nice to know That viewers 'cross the nation Can all enjoy your shows with just a pre-school education!

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

To The Makers of Electrical Appliances



Dear Valentine! Your new electric toothbrush just Destroyed Ma's upper plate; Your new electric blanket just Ignited Uncle Nate; Your new electric mixer won't Let go of little Sue; Each day we're finding brand-new things Appliances can do!

CUPIDITY (look it up!) DEPT.

Valentine's Day is a time to show feelings of love and affection. And who is more worthy of receiving our love than the folks who receive all of our money . . . namely American Industry. So, with this heartfelt sentiment to guide us, let us now demonstrate our affection with . . .

To The Designens of Women's Fashions:

Dear Valentine!

Your dresses hang like burlap sacks, Your coats are a disgrace, Your hats might well have been designed For use in outer space, Before you make up next year's styles To sell your faithful harem— Please have some pity on us guys Who have to watch girls wear 'em!



ARTISTI DON MARTIN



We once adored you, Valentine, But now you've made us sore— With numbers like six-one-five-nine-Four-two-eight-six-three-four; We feel that we've been led astray, You've treated us so sloppily; But that's the price we have to pay When using a monopoly!



ARTIST: PAUL COXER JNR.

ToThe Makers Of Headache Remedies:

Whenever we have headache ills, We try to end our sufferin' With aspirin and other pills Like Anacin and Bufferin; But, Valentine, we must endure The pains, because you see– We get the headaches watching your Commercials on TV1



MAD's Valentines to American Industry

To The Automobile Companies:

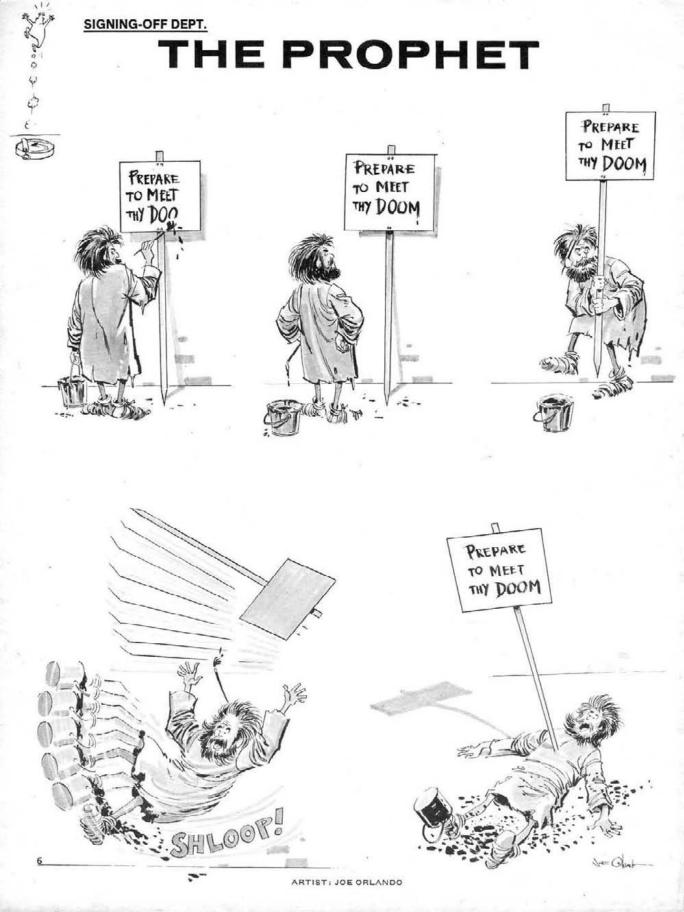


You give your cars real fancy names Like Tempest, Riviera;

> Like Comet, Skylark, Galaxie, LeSabre and Polara;

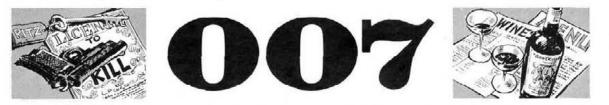
Your names are helpful, Valentine, Because each year we're learning—

> The fancier a car is named, The more gas it is burning!



IT'S TRUE! BONDS DO HAVE MORE FUN DEPT.

There's a new trend on Broadway these days—which is to make musicals based on great British literary figures. First there was "Camelot", based on the story of King Arthur...then there was "Oliver", based on Charles Dickens' novel "Oliver Twist"... and this fall, there is "Baker Street", based on the adventures of Sherlock Holmes. That's why we at MAD feel that it's only a matter of time before Broadway does a musical on the most sure-fire British literary hero of all. We mean, of course, James Bond, Special Agent 007, of the British Secret Service, the creation of the late Ian Fleming. Perhaps someday there may be a real James Bond musical. But until then, you'll just have to put up with a MAD James Bomb musical, which we've titled:



ACT I, SCENE 1: THE LONDON HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH SECRET SERVICE









ACT II, SCENE 1: SNOWMAN'S MAMMOTH IGLOO IN GLACIER CITY





SCHOOLS RUSH IN ... DEPT.

Have you noticed the interesting money-making schemes that grace the pages of our magazines nowadays? A group of famous people in a particular field get together and form a correspondence school to teach hopefuls who want to enter that field some of the tricks of the trade. First came the "Famous Artists School"—then came "The Famous Writers School"—followed by "The Famous Cartoonists School"—and now "The Famous Photographers School." If this trend keeps up, we should be seeing some rather unusual

Famous People's Home-Study Courses

FIRST "FAMOUS PEOPLE'S HOME-STUDY COURSE"

"We're looking for people who like to draw"

By ALBERT DORNE

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LATEST "FAMOUS PEOPLE'S HOME-STUDY COURSE"



Ten famous photographers start home-study course

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When photography replaced illustration, anyone who could snap a shutter got into the act. The field is now crowded and competition is fierce. Seeing the handwriting on the wall, several apprehensive photographers are now trying the same trick that saved some of their former victims.

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DEWAYS LIKE THIS:

a group of desperate illustrators introduced a home-study course with advertisements that stressed the money-making opportunities for artists. This proved to be true-as the swelling bank accounts of the school's founders will show.

When the field of illustration was killed by photography,

TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN AS OTHER GROUPS GET INTO THE ACT, TURN PAGE AND HOLD MAGAZINE S

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Ten famous butchers start home-study course

Now-the most exciting, secure vocation this country can offer

If you are too young to remember World War II, a little research will quickly reveal that the most powerful, most sought-after person on the home front was the family bucher. No one ate better or made more money in what has come to be remembered nostalgically as "The Black Market". In fact, so much meat was sold under ket". In fact, so much meat was sold under the counter in those days that three out of four butchers developed permanent curvature of the spine from bending down so much.

Now, with war a constant threat, the butcher's big day could return at any moment. You wouldn't want to miss out on all that, would you? And even if there is

no war, you won't find a healthier, more secure bunch than butchers. Their average weight of 238 pounds will attest to this, because every pound comes from earing prime cuts-the kind their customers never zet to see.

So plan on starting your own business as a butcher today. Write now for this marvelous course. It comes in 18 Easy-Tofollow Lessons, and we even supply the special leakproof bags for you to ship your homework to us in.

Famous Butchers School Dept. 85, Hamhock, Illoinois

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Ten famous celebrities start home-study course

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Yes, let these eminently qualified ex-

perts in this field teach you how. The course they present is simplicity itself. Everything our famous founders stand for – everything they know – everything they've done to deserve their fame has been compressed into one single casy-toleten the son. In fact, it's been compressed into one single casy-to-learn word. Aren't you dying to learn that one word that can start you on the road to fame and fortune? Write today!

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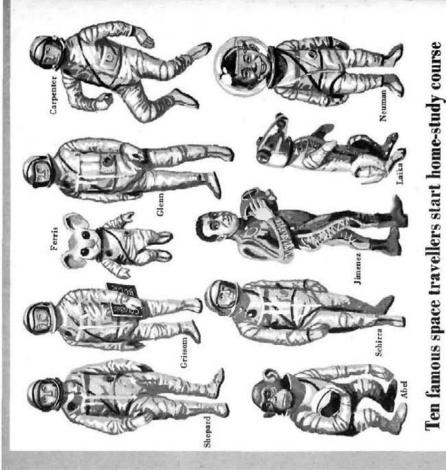
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lionaires enjoy? Well, now you don't need these ten famous millionaires teach you everything they know by mail. A modest fee, in 75 monthly installments, will bring play through this remarkable home-study length color movie depicting the pleasure domes that millionaires frequent. Watching this is like going on a vacation you Lesson #17 contains full-size cardboard How often have you dreamed of being a millionaire-of enjoying the same experiences and prestige and security that mila million dollars to attain all this. Let you all the intimate details. You will learn how millionaires live, eat, sleep and course. For example, Lesson #9 is a fullnever dreamed you could afford. And

Now-no matter how wretched or color prints of the interiors of millionaire you will feel what millionaires feel as they sit amid resplendant luxury. And Lesson #28 is a stereophonic tape of a gala milionaire party. You hear the actual voices of the people with whom millionaires socialize-people making clever, witty, wealthy talk. Doesn't that sound splendid? And just think: If you do happen to beate, you'll be able to slide right into it so much more gracefully after taking this come a millionaire through some trick of mansions. Pasted onto your shabby walls, wonderful course. Enroll today.

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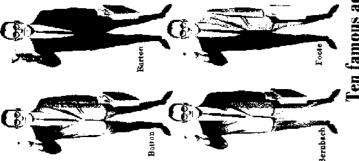
Ten famous swindlers start home-study course

Now-you can learn to cheat, embezzle, defraud—and then live a glorious life abroad

You have doubtlessly heard the exprestion "Crime does not pay!" Well, it really dosm't if you hother with low-class crimes like burglary, mugging, pickpocketing, etc. But just think for a moment of how often you've read about a politician, for example, whose salary is, say \$15,000 a year, and after three years in office, he's worth S9,000,000. There's a big stir for a while, the politician resigns, the thing blows over, and he lives happily and That's class. And hat's what our ten expert instructors wealthily ever after. nave in common.

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DON MARTIN DEPT. PART I

A FINE DAY IN THE CITY

















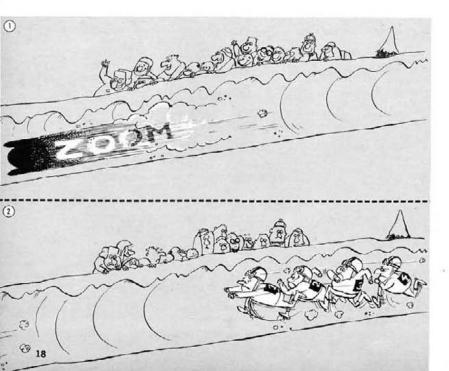


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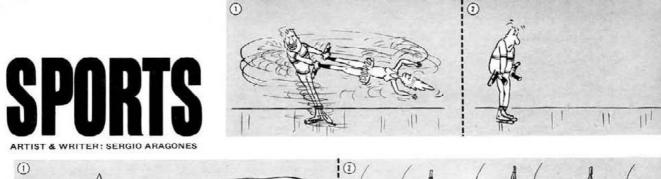


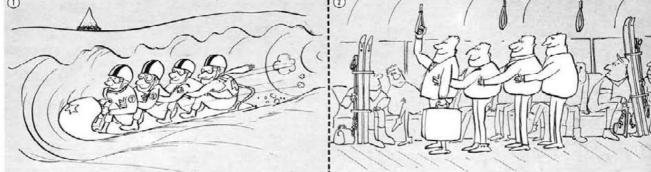


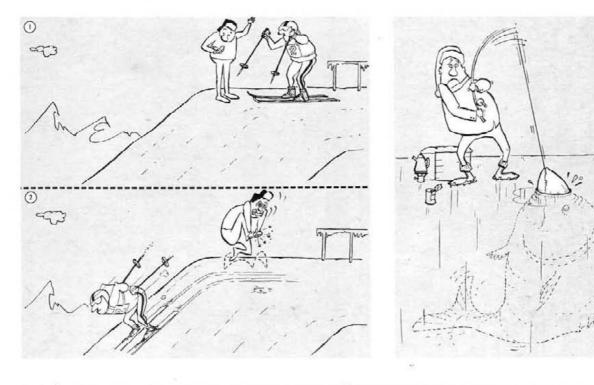














SOFTENING THE BLOW-UPS DEPT.

In order to save time, labor, and money, many organizations, corporations, and Government bureaus use "Form Answer-Letters" to acknowledge correspondence. Unfortunately, these "Form Answer-Letters" are always rather general in nature – merely thanking people for writing or showing interest. They rarely

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR The City Of New York

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Sorry you were mugged!

Although we are constantly seeking means to protect decent citizens like yourself from the lawless elements that abound in our community, it is difficult in a city of this size for our police force to be everywhere at once. Therefore, an occasional mugger or rapist or pervert will slip through.

However, please be assured that we are making every effort to see that this does not happen to you too often.

Once again, sorry for the inconven-ience this has caused you.

Sincerely yours. -Relat F. Whaner The Honorable Robert F. Wagner, Mayor

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PLAYBOY 232 east ohio chicago 11, illinois Dear Playboy Reader: Hi, guy! Thank you for your note concerning Miss. who was Playboy's "Playmate of the Month" for_ We were extremely interested in your vivid remarks about her physical endowments, and although you did get rather "carried away" verbally, we found your "earthy" comments and inquiries to be typical of most of our sophisticated, 101 healthy, normal, red-blooded urban male readers. bei As to your request, we'd love to help you out, fellah, but we're afraid we cannot reveal the information of a our very personal nature that you have requested about our "Playmate of the Month," Miss_ ha As for your desire to know "what really happened" at ir the photography session for this particular "Playmate", well-let us just say that it was another one of our "normal" photography sessions. cen Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm. W pfu Sincerely, bu f

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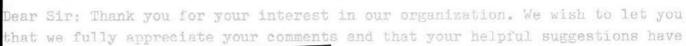
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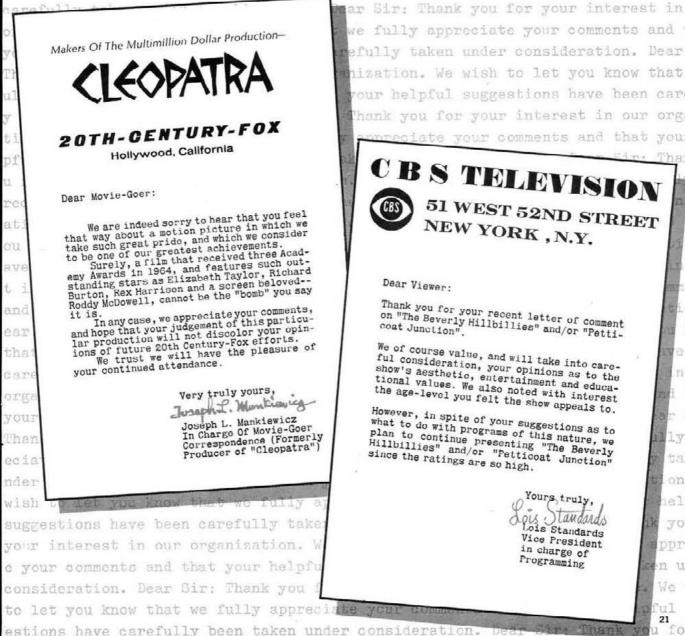
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sideration. Dear Sir: Thank you for your interes let you know that we fully appreciate your comments and that ions have carefully been taken under consideration. Dear Sir: Thank you for y get down to specifics. Which brings us to this specific article: "Form Answer-Letters" could certainly be specific in cases where many thousands of letters pour in-each having the same basic "comment" or asking the same "question" or making the same "complaint." So here are some MAD suggestions for:

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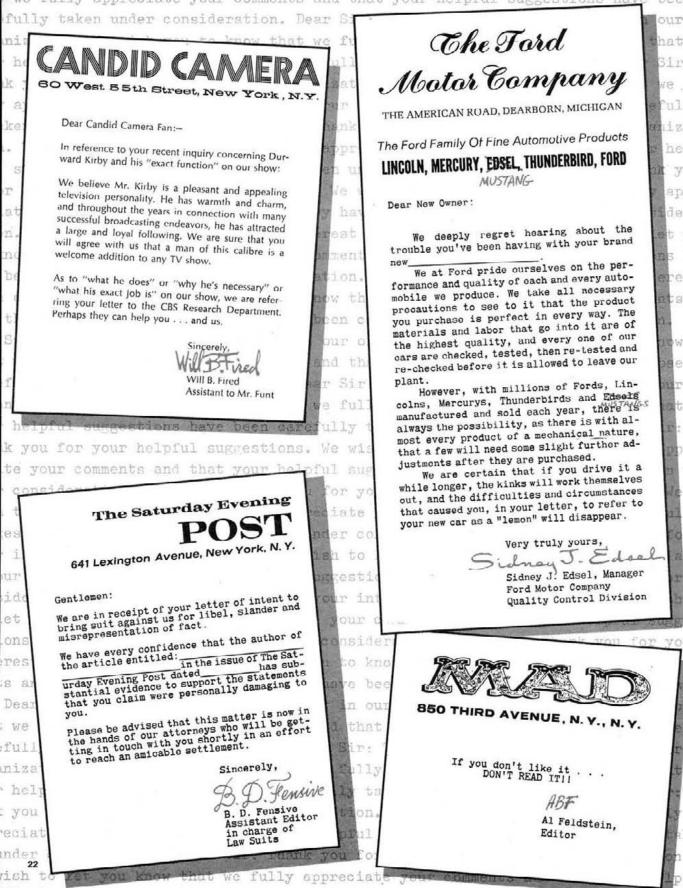
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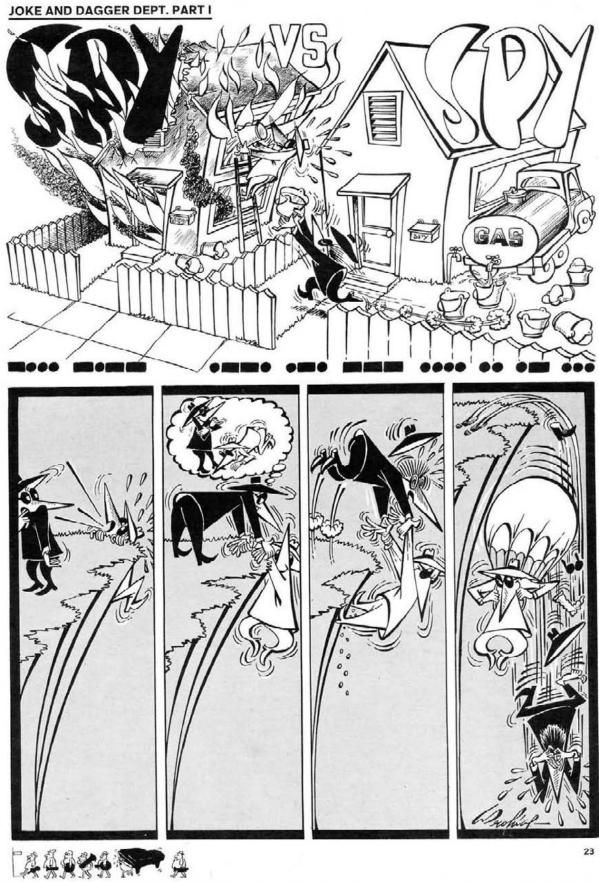
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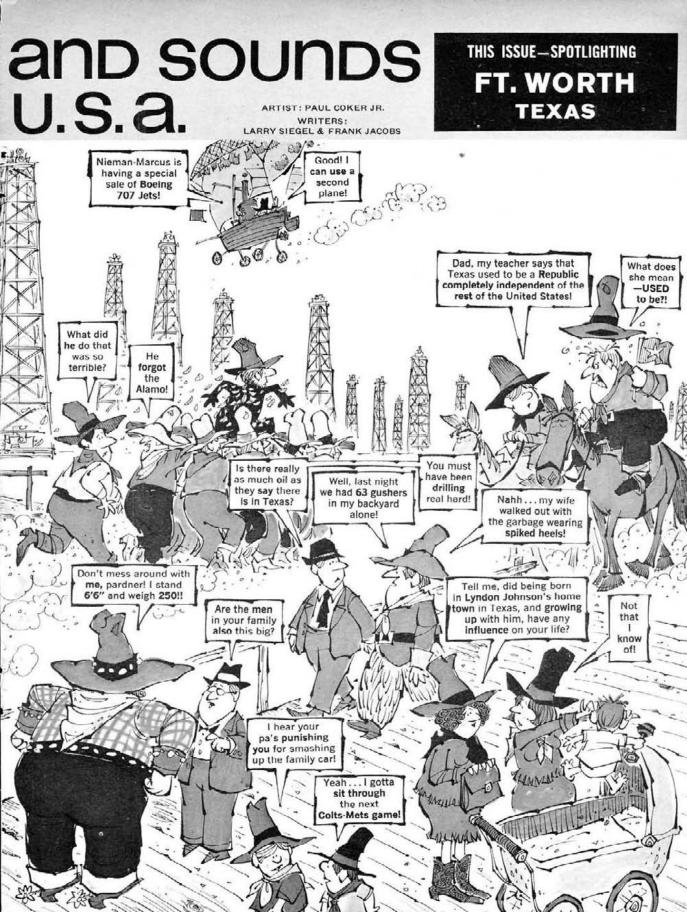


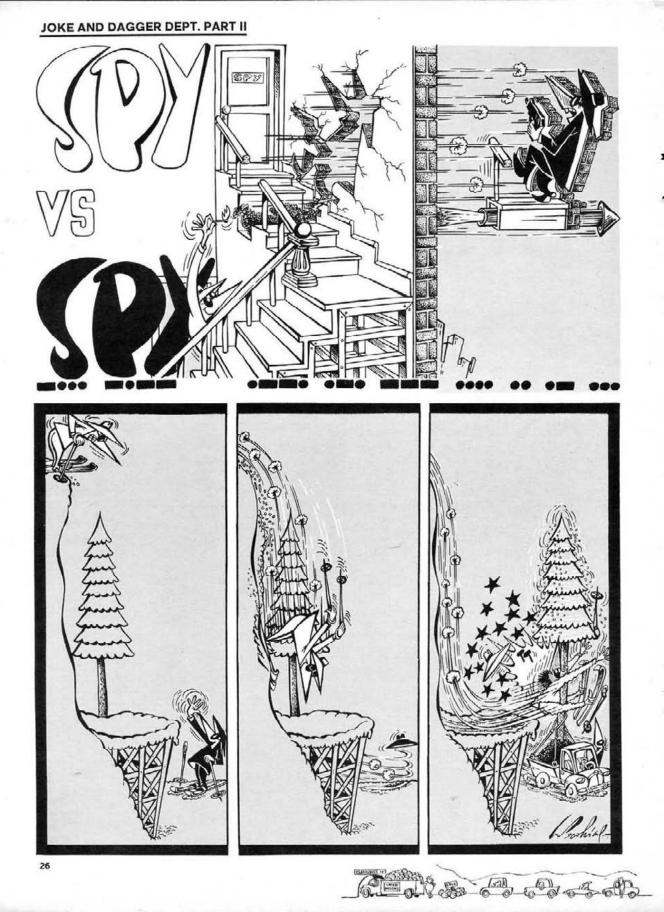
TALK OF THE TOWNS DEPT.

In this, its seventh installment, "The MAD Information Service" continues to inform Americans about America—by presenting

THE SIGHTS OF THE







SICK-SICK-SLICK DEPT.

Here we go with another MAD suggestion to all the money-hungry publishers who want to cash in on the vast untapped audiences for today's "specialized magazines" —this one to appeal to the largest untapped audience of all. Why not put out . . .



MENTAL HEALTH -AND HOW TO AVOID IT by George Lincoln Rockwell WHEN THEY ACCUSED ME OF A CRIME I DID NOT COMMIT I REFUSED TO DENY IT BECAUSE I CRAVE ATTENTION by Orville Weekeego

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Mr. R. L. writes ...

"I used to have a beautiful straight nose that made me quite handsome. And this created great problems for me. Being afraid of girls, I would shudder whenever they flocked around me, making demands upon me that I knew I was unable to meet. When people stared at me, I felt as though I were deceiving them-looking bold and handsome on the outside but feeling small and ugly on the inside. I didn't want to be loved for my looks-but for my mind. After I had my nose fixed, all my problems disappeared. Also, all the girls disappeared. But at least I don't have the anxieties of having to live up to standards that were thrust upon me by a cruel trick of fate!"

Do as Mr. R. L. did ... CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY! STACEY INSTITUTE OF PLASTIC SURGEONS

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don't *look* as sick as you feel!



Ever call a doctor in the middle of the night because you were running **105**° fever? And when he finally came, were you terribly embarrassed because you didn't look very sick? Well, now you can avoid this problem with **CARVER'S LITTLE FEVER PILLS.** These scientific pills make you look as sick as you are, and give you the wonderful feeling that you were justified in calling a doctor to treat your raging fever. Take one pill for every degree of temperature over normal. For example: If you have **104.6°**, take **6** pills. We guarantee you'll look absolutely awful.



THE INQUIRING **neurotic**

QUESTION: Are you neurotic? (Asked of people stuck in an elevator between floors for two hours)

MR. ARAM PITTS Advertising Executive



No, you can rest assured that I am not neurotic. A neurotic is someone who cannot find the proper outlets for his anxieties, so he chainsmokes or over-cats or indulges too heavily in alcohol. I do none of these things. I merely keep calm by rolling these two steel balls in my hand.

MISS RITA COPLEY Private Secretary

I guess I am neurotic. I get depressed very often. And when I do, I say to myself, "This, too, shall pass!" But, unfortunately, it doesn't work too well. Because when it passes, and I'm feeling happy again, I also say to myself, "This, too, shall pass!"



MR. LOUIS STRIKER Taxi Cab Driver



I ain't no neurotic, but there are plenty of weirdos running around loose. See dat guy over there pretending to mind his own business? *He's* one! I can tell by the way he's dressed—all Ivy League. I'll bet he thinks he's better than me. He probably hates me 'cause I'm different from him. Guys like dat should be put away. Anyone who hates a total stranger is sick.

DR. WOLFGANG SCHMIDT Psychiatrist

I am not neurotic, but some of my patients are. And then again, some are normal. It is difficult to classify a person in advance, so I have developed a system for determining if a patient of mine is neurotic or normal. If he gets better, he was neurotic. If he gets worse, he was normal.



MISS MINERVA MINESTRONE Maiden Aunt



Oh-so you finally got around to asking me! Why am I always the last one? Why am I always the last in everything? Nobody cares about me, that's why! Everyone thinks he can abuse me because "good old Minerva" doesn't mind. Well, "good old Minerva" doesn'

NEUROTIC MAGAZINE is published monthly except during those months when we feel too depressed to work. There are no subscriptions, because if someone subscribed and didn't renew, we'd feel rejected and wouldn't want to go on. Please do not send unsolicited manuscripts, because if you do, we would feel a compulsion to use them rather than hurt your feelings by returning them. All letters should be addressed to "The Editor," but perhaps it would be best not to write at all since complimentary letters will make us suspect you want something, and criticism will only make us feel more inadequate.



by SEYMOUR MELMAC

H, WHAT FOND MEMORIES I cherish of those first months of our marriage. Velda and I were the perfect couple. We shared everything together—like our feelings of inadequacy and insecurity at cocktail parties when someone would mention an author we never heard of ... or our feelings of persecution when the butcher or the druggist would over-charge us. And then there were those wonderful nights when we would lie awake, just making plans for escaping new situations, or discussing people who had rejected us during the day. It was a time that glowed with the warmth of our mutual unhappiness.

But as the months rolled by, Velda became restless. With me working, she had a lot of time on her hands. Time to conjure up her own neurotic fantasics. She soon developed a deep suspicion of people, and spent all day worrying that someone wanted to do her bodily harm. At first, I was glad that she had this preoccupation, since it gave her something to do and filled her day. But then, it got out of hand. Tragedy struck!

One day, I returned home from work to find Velda gone! A week passed and she did not return. I was desperate. I wanted to call her folks, but I didn't, for fear of upsetting them and having them hate me for bringing bad news.

After weeks of loneliness, I found that I, too, was falling prey to the same suspicions that had so cruelly victimized my wife. Suddenly, I, too, began to feel that someone was after me and wanted to do me bodily harm. Although I fought it, the feeling was too powerful. One night, I yielded to my fears. I double-locked the door, propped a chair against it, and nailed all the windows shut. Then I searched the apartment. After looking into every closet, I suddenly realized that the best place for an assassin to hide would be under the bed. I knelt down . . . and to my horror, I heard someone breathing!

Summoning all my courage, I looked. And I was shocked! There, under the bed, was Velda, my wife! She had been hiding there for two months. You can imagine the warm feeling that flowed through me when I realized that I had not been alone all that time. And to this day, I am still thankful for the neurosis that put Velda under the bed, and for mine that made me look. Now, it's almost like old times again. We lie awake at night, talking about the people who are taking advantage of us... as we hold hands through the bedsprings.

The **NEUrOTIC** of the

9:15 A.M.

Each month, we show a day in the life of a person who best exemplifies the typical neurotic. This month, we applaud (but not too loudly, because we do not want to burden him with a feeling that he now has to live up to something):

8:00 A.M.



Every morning, for breakfast, Woodrow eats hot cereal. Actually, he loathes hot cereal . . . but his mother loves to baby him. Woodrow would like to tell his mother that he's a grown man, but he's afraid-because then she might expect him to act like one. So every day, he pretends to love hot cereal.

5:00 P.M.



When the pretty secretary leaves with the goofy mail room boy, Woodrow knows he was right in not asking her for a datc. "If she can go out with a clod like that, she's not the kind of a girl to appreciate me!" He decides to call the bright girl he met at the library, but puts it off. "She's probably out tonight – and if she's not, why should I go out with someone so unpopular?"

Woodrow Reifschneider



One of the secretaries where Woodrow works appeals to him, but he's afraid to ask her for a date-because if she said "No!" he'd be so humiliated that he'd have to quit his job. And since he must support his mother, Woodrow compliments himself for not becoming involved in a "dangerous situation". 10:22 A.M.



During the morning. something happens to Woodrow to reinforce his feelings of persecution. Sent on an errand to a part of town he has never been in before, he steps on a glob of gum as he walks down a strange street. "How did they know I was going to walk on this street today?" he asks himself.

11:15 P.M.



Woodrow's mother believes her son should start his dinncr with something hot, and so she serves him some warmed-over oatmeal from his breakfast-knowing how very much Woodrow seemed to enjoy it that morning.



Before going to sleep for the night, Woodrow watches the "Late Movie." He really hates the idiotic commercials that keep interrupting the movie, but he feels too guilty to ignore them. "Gee," he tells himself, "companies pay lots of money to put their ads on TV. The least I can do is watch them!"

MONTH

12:44 P.M.



At lunch, which he always eats alone, Woodrow summons up all his courage and actually decides to add up the check. To his horror, he finds that the waiter made a mistake in addition and has overcharged him \$2. Naturally he doesn't say anything about it . . . since Woodrow hates unpleasant scenes.

1:00 A.M.



In bed, Woodrow visualizes himself in a courtroom being cross-examined by the shrewdest lawyer in the country. With brilliant, rapier-like remarks, Woodrow cuts him dead time and again, making the lawyer look the fool. The smile on Woodrow's face is reassuring to his mother when she tucks him in.

Ask Doctor Jungblood

Dear Dr. Jungblood:

I have a terrible compulsion to answer the phone whenever it rings, but I also have a terrible fear that it might be bad news—especially when it rings after 10:00 P.M. What do you suggest?

Dorothy Longo Ypsilanti, Mich.

Dear Dotty:

Try this: Next time the phone rings, say, "The number you have called has been temporarily disconnected—this is a recording!" The party will hang up without telling you the bad news he probably called you about. In fact, now he'll start worrying about why your phone has been temporarily disconnected.

Dear Dr. Jungblood:

I am a teenager. I keep my room spotlessly clean and neat, I never stay out past my curfew on a date, and I always obey my mother immediately whenever she asks me to do something. Yet she is constantly yelling and screaming at me. What can I do? It's terrible living with a neurotic!

> Selma Frum Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Selma:

Yes, Selma, it is terrible living with a neurotic! No wonder your mother is constantly yelling and screaming at you! Why not try acting like a normal teenager for a change.

Dear Dr. Jungblood:

Every time I go out to dinner or a movie, I always become tense and anxious as the evening ends. But when I say, "It's been a lovely evening, please don't spoil it!", my husband always gets angry. What should I do?

> Faye Welch Boston, Mass.

Dear Faye:

Actually, it's not your probelm. It's your husband's problem. After all these years, he still does not seem to realize that you're just not that type of girl!

Dear Dr. Jungblood:

I am mortally afraid of mice. Last week at a party, I saw a mouse and I jumped on a chair and pulled my dress over my head. Do you think I have a problem? Irving Blintz Chicago, Ill.

Dear Irving:

You have no problem that I can see, and you should not concern yourself. It is perfectly normal of any boy who wears a dress to be afraid of mice!

Dear Dr. Jungblood:

Every time my mother and father go out, I worry that they will forget me and never come back home. This fear is not something new with me—I've had it for the past thirty-five years.

> Paul Klotz San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Paul:

I am surprised that a man of your age should have such a problem. You should know by now that Mummy and Daddy would never do a thing like that!

Dear Dr. Jungblood:

I am a teenager. Last week I went to a party wearing patched dungarees, a torn sweatshirt and old sneakers. When I came in, I thought I heard some of the kids laughing at me. Do you think they wcre laughing at the way I looked, or am I over-sensitive?

> Susan Leigh Merrick, N. Y.

Dear Susan:

Yes, they were probably laughing at the way you looked. No one comes dressed formal to a teenage party.

Dear Dr. Jungblood:

I am a 67-year-old spinster living alone in New York City. Every day I see men eyeing women and read about attackers on the prowl. Should I get a double lock and bolt for my door, or would that be too neurotic?

> Hortense Freep New York City

Dear Hortense:

By all means, fix your door. And when you come home at night, make sure your door is double locked and bolted from the inside. This is not neurotic. If there's an assailant in your apartment, it'll make it tougher for him to get out.

ALONG THE PSYCHO PATH

by TRAUMA TISHMAN

Frieda Maltz became a kleptomaniac because she craved love and needed to be wanted. Now she is—by police in three states . . . Rickie Hall is showing improvement. He no longer argues with recorded telephone messages . . . Rita Samuels reports that

her therapy group is planning a theater party to raise money so they can buy identical jackets . . . And talking about psychiatry-actor Bill Burner, who was so promising in those romantic "leading man" parts, but was afraid to face an audience, has just completed his therapy. Now he's too old to play romantic "leading man" parts . . . Want a good rainy day activity? Just sit down and start thinking of all the things



you should feel guilty about! DEPARTMENT OF SHOCKING NEWS: After 42 years, Ellen and Bill Quinlin have decided on a trial separation. Ellen is Bill's mother. Friends say it won't last, though. If you have a minute to spare, drop a sympathy card to hypochondriac Irv Zinn. Seems Irv went to the doctor recently and got a clean bill of health . . . Frank Allen's on his way toward conquering his inordinate fear of flying. He now talks out his problem with his co-pilot on their daily N. Y.to-Washington TWA flights . . . Bob Drubman quit his job because he didn't get that raise. "I knew that cheapskate boss wouldn't give me a raise," he told us, "so I didn't even ask him!"

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Rumor has it that Phil Garten suffered terrible feelings of rejection when he didn't make his school basketball team. Too bad for Phil-he's got enough problems just being a midget . . . Len Brown is broken-hearted because his brother won't make



up and shake hands with him. Len's a compulsive nose-picker ... If you have nothing to do, you might spend some evening wondering if your phone is being tapped—and who would want to do such a thing—and why? Then you can start worrying about what they've got on you so far! ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL DEPARTMENT: Louise Sugerman wanted to invite her neighbors, the Gribbleys, to a dinner party—which meant

she'd also have to invite her other neighbors, the Judds, so they wouldn't feel insulted. But the Judds were good friends of Louise's cousins and they'd hear about it so she'd have to invite them-which meant inviting the rest of her cousins-also her uncles and aunts-and she could not have the whole family without inviting her sister and brother-in-law. So she was delighted to get out of the uncomfortable situation by coming down with double pneumonia.... Also greatly relieved was mailroom clerk Albie Knadel, whose boss frowns on gambling. Albie just learned that he didn't win the Irish Sweepstakes again this year. Herman Mushgum, who has a fetish about always being right actually admitted he erred once in his life-about ten years ago, when he said "No one is perfect!"... Hope that Arthur and Rose Blitz enjoy their vacation in Maine. The Blitz's were headed for Connecticut, but got lost-and Arthur hates to impose on anyone by asking for directions. HATS OFF DEPARTMENT: Hats off to the parents of Little Leaguers who are giving their children things they never had, like feelings of rejection and inadequacy....

Hats off to Oscar Levant for not hiding it, but being proud of his neurosis, and appearing on nationwide television programs like "The Jack Paar Show" to prove

that neurotics are as good as the next person-except maybe at lighting cigarettes . . . Hats off to Jack Paar for his ability to see the humor inherent in people with neurotic problems. How many times have each of us wanted to make fun of people with neuroses, but didn't because we haven't the courage of Mr. Paar . . . Hats off to Barry Goldwater for not being afraid to say what he feels, whether it makes sense or not. Next



time you feel you haven't the right to your ill-founded opinions, think of this brave man . . . Pity poor Mrs. Fanny Fishman who for years couldn't find anyone good enough to marry her daughter. Now Fanny can't find anyone *old* enough to marry her daughter . . . Ken Bagel, who never joined in conversations for fear people would laugh at his stuttering finally took speech lessons. Now people who hear him talk for the first time are amazed. They never guessed he was so stupid. In closing, let me paraphrase the wise words of the great Garry Moore: "Be very kind to each other and pray they'll be very kind to you!"

NEUROTIC CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

SLEEP-IN PSYCHIATRIST, for large sick family. Own room, TV, every Thursday and every other Sunday off. Light cleaning. No cooking. \$450 per week or by the hour. Box 66.

BUMBLING INEFFECTIVE IDIOT ASSIST-ANT, wanted by Executive of successful firm to replace my son who finally told me off and quit. I need someone I can scream at and blame for my own inadequacies. Box 48.

FOR SALE

BACK DATE CALENDARS. We have calendars from 1910 to 1968. Relive your good year. Send \$1.00 to "That Wonderful Year Calendar Company," Oshkosh, Ill.

STRING. I have thousands and thousands of miles of string which I have collected over the years. My whole house is filled with string. Imminent death in family, mainly my own from strangulation, forces me to sell. Write Box 52.

REAL ESTATE

ROOM TO RENT. I am looking for a young woman with tremendous hostility toward older people, who resents suggestions of any kind, and throws temper tantrums regularly. My daughter was married recently, and I miss having her around the house. Box 92.

PERSONAL

ALVIN, my darling son, please come home. I love you very much, and I'm worried sick about you. I cannot live without you. Please return. You've been gone all afternoon. Your loving Mother.

ALVIN, keep on going. I haven't received so much attention since the day you were born and I love it. Your jealous Dad.

SITUATION WANTED

SLIGHTLY DISTURBED YOUNG MAN seeks position with local firm. Willing to start at the bottom, where you will probably keep me and exploit me until I crack up from exhaustion because I know your type. Box 77.

MISCELLANEOUS

MAKE MONEY IN YOUR SPARE TIME. Sell greeting cards to your friends. If they're as neurotic as you, they'll rather die than refuse. Write Imposition Sales, Yonkers, N. Y.

STAMPS, COINS, ROCKS AND OTHER COLLECTORS' ITEMS. We have a complete line of Hobby materials. Why face the real world and its real problems when you can bury yourself in some all-consuming hobby and thereby escape reality? Write for free catalogue. OSTRICH ENTER-PRISES, Box 19. DON MARTIN DEPT. PART II

THE SPECTATOR









COURT JESTING DEPT.

Here we go again with MAD's little game which consists of taking typical action sports shots—like the kind we've been subjected to in newspapers and magazines— and captioning them with appropriate idiotic remarks. Like f'rinstance these

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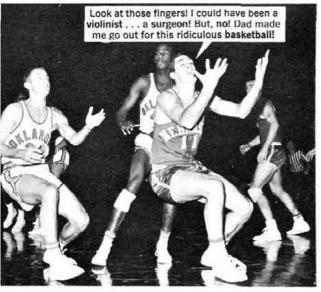






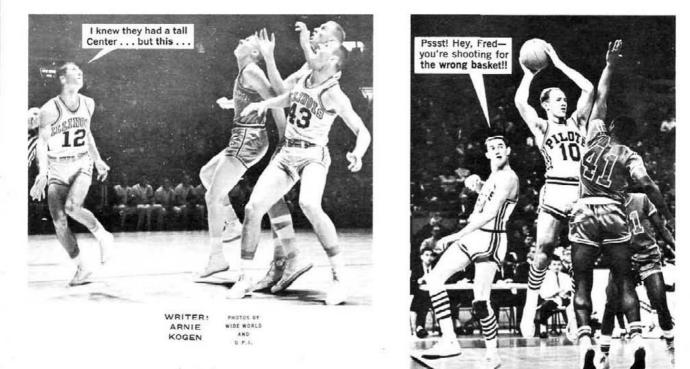




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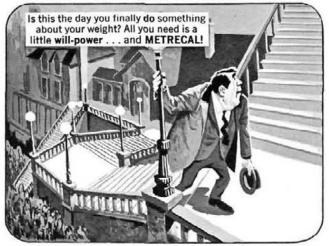
NO SALE DEPT.

When a company advertises on television, it pays a rate based on the number of idiots who are likely to see the commercial. Which seems pretty stupid to us. The rate should be based on the number of idiots who are likely to see the commercial AND are also likely to *buy* the product! Mainly because some advertisers are squandering fortunes to bring their messages to the wrong people. Just look at these ...



COMMERCIALS

How about this familiar message-aimed at the people who are concerned about the amount of food they consume daily?



Many men are interested in the Stainless Steel Razor Derby:

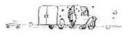


It's wasted on the folks who live in Appalachia who really are concerned about the amount of food they consume daily!



Many, that is . . . but not all . . .





Here is a commercial that features an alluring girl with a sexy voice-appealing to the male vanity. How can it miss?



Ahh, but it can . . . by a mile!



. AND SOME FOLKS WHO COULDN'T CARE LESS

This summertime commercial might have meaning for some ...

Don't be a pale-face-get out in the sun! Get a Coppertone ... Coppertone tan! GET A COPPERTONE TAN

This late-night ad is directed at people with a problem:



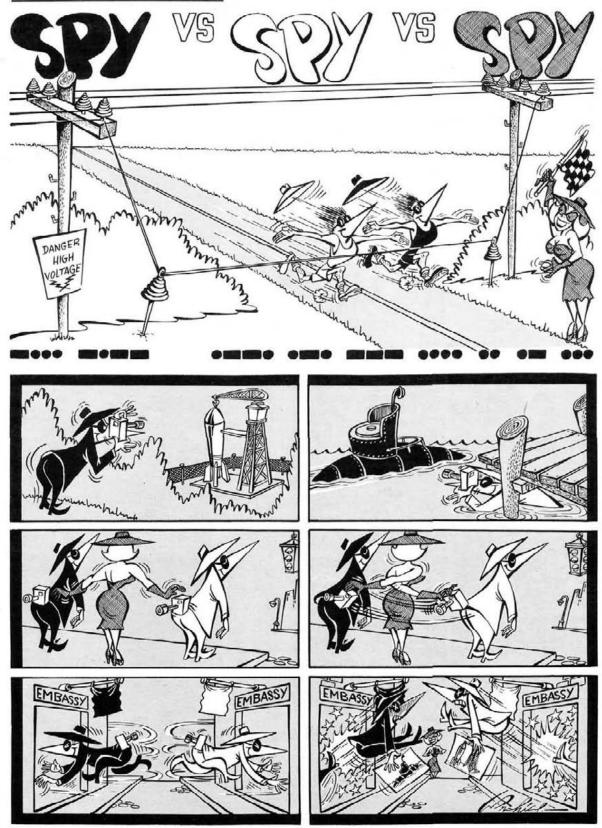
... but there are others upon whom it is completely lost!



However, after watching a full night of moronic, dull TV commercials, the average person never even sees this ad!



JOKE AND DAGGER DEPT. PART III



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WHAT TIME DOES THE BABOON GO UP? DEPT.

Nowadays, when you go to the movies, you see sickness, violence, murder . . . and that's only the cartoon! Films today have deep psychological meanings and shock endings. What ever happened to all the good old movies where you knew the ending long before you entered the theater, but you sat there engrossed, anyway? Today, when Hollywood speaks of "monster" movies, they mean anything starring Tuesday Weld. In the good old days, when they spoke of "monster" movies, they meant such great flicks as "King Kong," "SonofKong" and "Mighty JoeYoung." And so, in an attempt to bring back the good old days, MAD proudly presents:



Deep dark Africa . . . hundreds of miles from civilization . . . and even a good ten miles from the nearest Howard Johnson's!













HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER CLEVER, WITTY AND RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

The recent national election was one of the roughest, dirtiest and mudslingingest in history. Each political party accused the other of the worst things possible, and everyone took a beating, regardless of whether he won or lost. Now we should try to bind up the wounds. If you fold page in as shown, you'll discover...



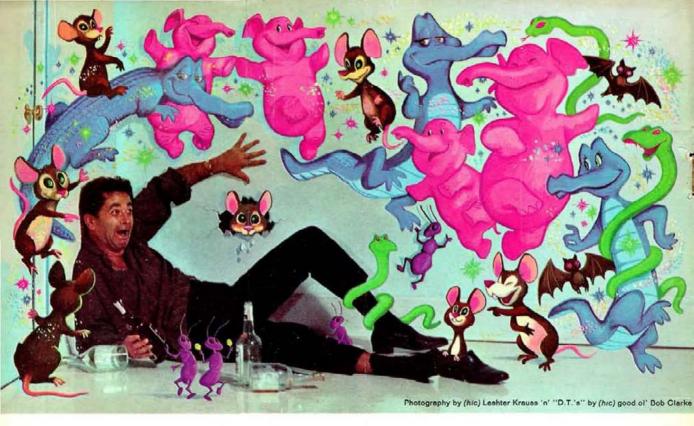
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After the most hair-raising adventure of my life, I took the pledge and swore off booze!

"They were all around me!" writes Sid and pink elephants and blue alligators and **1** "They were all around me." writes Sia Tippler, an ex-friend of Canadian Club. "I could see them so clearly-bats and mice" green snakes and a million cockroaches-all laughing, shrieking and dancing the cha-cha.



4 "After my wild adventure, I rushed down to my local A.A. Chapter-and swore off!"

THE PLEDGE Addney Tipplan. 20 solemnly swear to abstain from partaking of any and all alcoholic boverages, including Whiskey, Wine, Beer, Vitalis, Sharing Lotion. Sternaetc. ever again, so bely me!



"I started my weekend as usual 2 by hocking my trusty typewriter. That gave me all the loot I needed.

Do yourself a favor! Take the pledge nowtoday! Swear off . . .



3 "Back in my room, down to some serious boozing "Back in my room, I settled with the 4-day supply I'd bought.



... or Four Roses or Cutty Sark or any other. brand! They're all the same! Mainly, if you drink enough whiskey, you could end up like Sid Tippler-an Alcoholic with the "D.T.'s"!