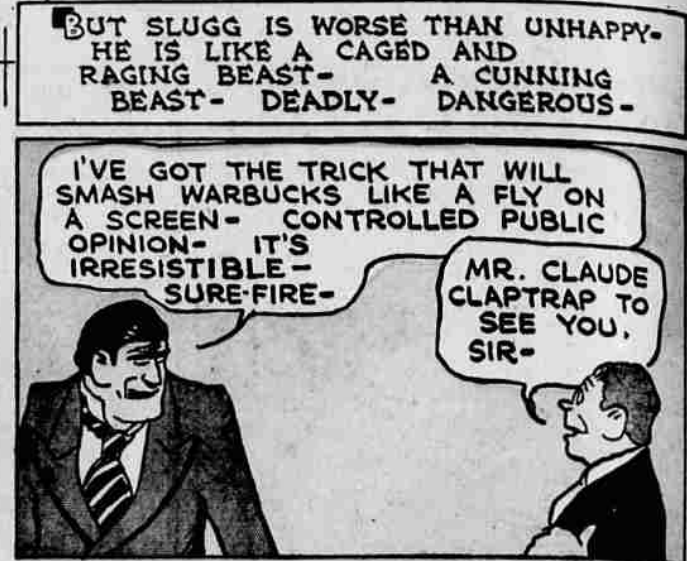




SO SLUGG IS PRETTY SORE, EH? THAT'S NATURAL-



HIS KIND GIVE HONEST BUSINESS A BAD NAME- BUT HE CAN'T STOP US NOW- EONITE IS GIVING HONEST BUSINESS MEN A FAIR PROFIT- MEN ARE GOING BACK TO WORK BY THE TENS OF THOUSANDS, THANKS TO EONITE- EVERYTHING IS GETTING BETTER- EVERYONE IS HAPPIER--- EXCEPT SLUGG-



BUT SLUGG IS WORSE THAN UNHAPPY- HE IS LIKE A CAGED AND RAGING BEAST- A CUNNING BEAST- DEADLY- DANGEROUS-

I'VE GOT THE TRICK THAT WILL SMASH WARBUCKS LIKE A FLY ON A SCREEN- CONTROLLED PUBLIC OPINION- IT'S IRRESISTIBLE- SURE-FIRE-

MR. CLAUDE CLAPTRAP TO SEE YOU, SIR-



HELLO, CLAPTRAP- SIT DOWN- I'LL GET TO THE POINT- YOU'RE THE POLITICAL BIG SHOT IN THESE PARTS- WELL, I DON'T WANT ANY FAVORS- I'M GOING TO DO YOU A FAVOR- GOING TO KICK IN A MILLION DOLLARS FOR YOUR COMING CAMPAIGN-



WHEW! THAT'S GREAT, SLUGG- B-BUT--- ER--- ISN'T THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU IN RETURN?

NO! I MERELY WISH TO SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THIS, OUR GLORIOUS LAND, BY ASSURING THE ELECTION OF SUCH STERLING PATRIOTS AS YOU AND YOUR WORTHY FOLLOWERS-



BALONEY! IT SOUNDS GREAT, AND WE CAN USE THE DOUGH- BUT WE CAN'T WIN A CAMPAIGN WITH MONEY ALONE- CAN'T BUY ENOUGH VOTES- WE MUST BE FOR SOMETHING-

AH! RIGHT THERE IS WHERE YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY WRONG, CLAPTRAP.



YOU CALL YOURSELF A SMART POLITICIAN- NEVER BE FOR ANYTHING, IF YOU CAN HELP IT- OPPOSE EVERYTHING- PROPOSE NOTHING- BE AGAINST SOMETHING OR SOMEONE-

YEAH- YOU'RE RIGHT- BUT WHO OR WHAT CAN WE BE AGAINST?



HM-M- LET'S THINK REAL HARD- IT MUST BE BIG- SPECTACULAR- WHO'S THE BIGGEST FIGURE IN THE PUBLIC EYE TO-DAY?

WHY, OLIVER WARBUCKS, WITH HIS EONITE-- BUT---



WOW! YOU'VE HIT IT- WARBUCKS- WHY HADN'T I THOUGHT OF HIM? IT'S PERFECT, DON'T YOU SEE?

B-BUT HOW CAN WE ATTACK HIM? WON'T THE PEOPLE--?



NO- LISTEN- THE GREAT SECRET HE POSSESSES SHOULD BELONG TO THE COMMON PEE-PUL- NO ONE MAN SHOULD HOLD SUCH TREMENDOUS POWER- HOW DOES HE DARE SET HIMSELF UP AS A MONSTER CONTROLLING THE LIVES AND HAPPINESS OF MILLIONS?

GREAT!



GET HORATIO HACK, THE WRITER- GET ALL THE BOYS- PETER PAWN- RONALD RENEGADE, THE PARK AVENUE SWELL; PHINEAS PLUNDER- GET LESTER LACQUEY AND BYRON BUNKUM- TURN 'EM LOOSE-

YOU SAID IT- WHY, THIS IS SURE-FIRE-



WHY, IN A MONTH, CLAPTRAP, YOU'LL BE A POPULAR IDOL- A PATRIOT- THEY'LL CHEER YOU WHEREVER YOU APPEAR- YOU'LL BE A HERO-

I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR ME AND THE BOYS, SLUGG- YOU'VE GOT A HEAD FOR POLITICS AND A HEART OF GOLD-

HAROLD GRAY

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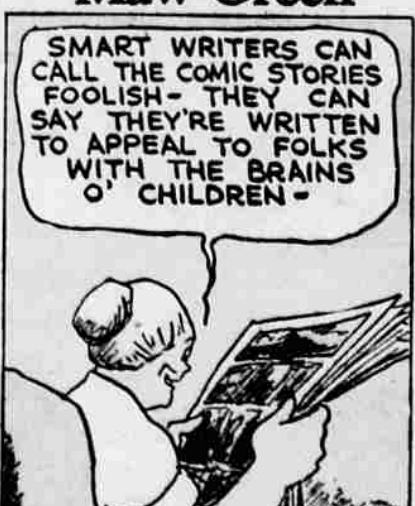
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"COMICS" THEY CALL 'EM- I CAN REMEMBER WHIN IVERY COMIC ARTIST, SO-CALLED, TRIED TO PANIC HIS READERS IVERY DAY- THIM DAYS IS GONE, THANK GOODNESS-



WITH ALL THE "COMICS" THERE IS TO-DAY, IF IVERY ONE WAS FUNNY I'D LAUGH MESELF TO DEATH- HEIGH-HO- IT'S THE STORIES I LIKE-



SMART WRITERS CAN CALL THE COMIC STORIES FOOLISH- THEY CAN SAY THEY'RE WRITTEN TO APPEAL TO FOLKS WITH THE BRAINS O' CHILDREN-



HA! SO THEY ARE- BUT WHAT A LOT O' WRITERS MISS IS THAT KIDS ARE A HEAP SMARTER THAN A LOT O' GROWN-UPS REALIZE-



YES- NIVER MAKE TH' MISTAKE OF TALKIN' DOWN TO KIDS, UNLESS YOU'RE READY TO HAVE KIDS MAKIN' ALLOWANCE FOR YER OWN SENILITY-

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