

# Only the Brave

By PAUL EVAN LEHMAN

(Chapter 28)

Connie sped to the back of the stable on winged feet. Her neck was thumping madly, her cheeks were hot and the tears on her cheeks were beads of joy. Chuck, dear old Chuck!

She seized the shadow which was Jeff by an arm, clinging to it tightly.

"You must go at once, Jeff. When this thing's settled you can come back. You must come back!"

"Connie, I can't go until some things are clear to me. How do you know I'm not guilty?"

"Because I know who it is! It's— She stopped.

"Yes, Slug Benjamin, of course. I've got to find him, get the truth from him. And if he won't confess, I'll prove that he murdered John Stover by that broken shoe on his horse's left hind foot."

"She could not hide her distress. 'Jeff, I wish you wouldn't. It's not safe to stay near Chuck. It's only a matter of little time before they find you've gone.'"

"I've got to, Connie."

"If you stay, I'll stay with you," she said firmly. "Where are you going to look for Slug?"

"I've a hunch I can locate him through Mike Pacheco. Mike knows all the riff-raff in and around Coogear."

He took her arm and they went out the rear entrance and turned to follow a course parallel with the alley. They were behind Pacheco's saloon.

"I've got to get him out here," said Jeff. "But how?"

"I'll get him for you. I can send somebody in to claim that a man is waiting in the alley for him."

Jeff got the gun which Chuck had put in the saddle bags, and with it in his hand went to the back door of Mike's place.

The door swung wide and Mike Pacheco stood limned in the entrance.

"Yes?" he said, and stepped outside.

Jeff reached out a long arm and clutched him by the shirt collar. He jerked Mike away from the entrance and kicked the door shut.

"Not a peep out of you, Pacheco," he warned.

He heard light footsteps behind him and turned his head.

"It's me," came Connie's voice. They entered the building which was partly filled with empty beer and whiskey kegs.

"Where's Slug Benjamin?"

"What you want weeth heem?"

"I'm going to pin a few murders where they belong."

"Slug's not here," Tolson or Stover. "I swear it!"

"If he can prove that, he has nothing to fear from me."

"I'm take you to heem!"

Mike stopped in the alley and turned to the left. Jeff followed closely, still gripping him, and Connie marched beside Jeff. Mike kicked his way along the alley for some forty yards, stopping behind a darkened cabin. He gave a peculiar rap on the door and almost instantly Jeff heard the noise of a bar being removed. The door opened.

"That you, Mike?"

It was Slug Benjamin's voice. Jeff couldn't see the man, but he knew Slug was standing just within the doorway. Slug spoke again, and there was sudden suspicion in his voice.

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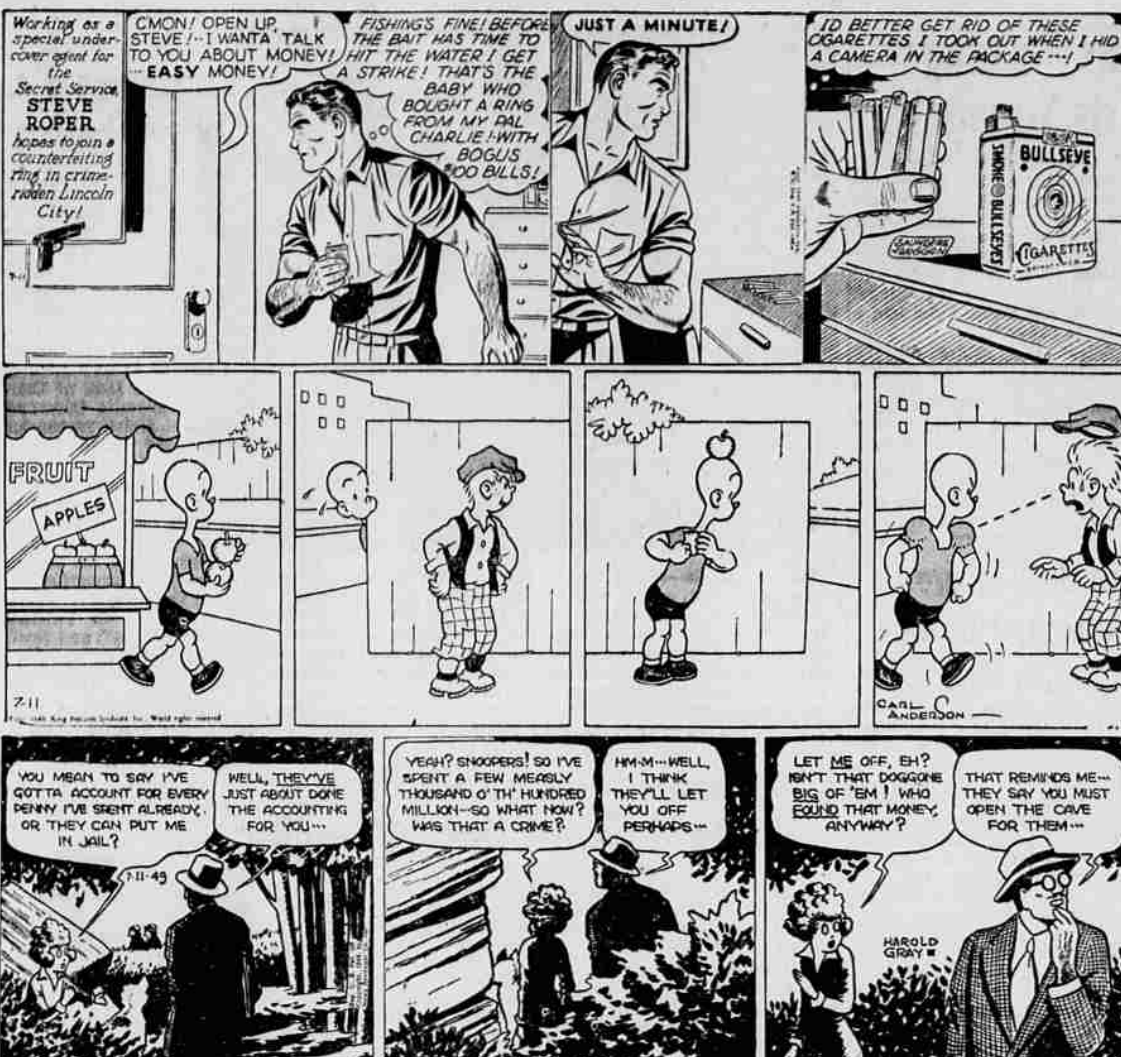
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### Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Existence
- Complete col
- Drones
- Smooth: comb
- Chief
- Article
- Spike of corn
- Merch
- Note of the scale
- Woman's form
- Turkish title
- Fort
- Feminine
- Evergreen tree
- Intervene
- Cereal
- Small barrel

DOWN

- Transgression
- Hurled
- Flurried
- Four covering
- one's life
- Land measure
- Point
- Ball on the court
42. Rainy odor
- Jumbled type
- Manner
- Deep hole
- Verdant
- Through the white
- Underline
- Writing table
- Full suddenly
- Depletion of
- The beautiful

1. Click beetle

2. Number

3. Thus

4. Mineral

5. Toward the source of a stream

6. Make a mistake

7. Palm fly

8. Express contempt

9. Measure

10. Toward the source of a stream

11. Ill will

12. Due for appointment

13. Affectedly shy

14. Age

15. Mottled

16. Large

17. Forbid

18. Swearing

19. Cut off

20. Young goat

21. Children's game

22. Understand

23. Our cat

24. Grated

25. Energetic

26. Deep track

27. Cows

28. Gynecological sex distinction

29. Obtain by compulsion

30. Carry across

31. Behave

32. Peruke

33. Kitchen appliance

34. Large flatboat

35. Plural ending

36. Babylonian deity

37. Exclamation

### ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern

THE EARL SOLD 25 OF THE COBERS TO A LUNCH COUNTER WHERE HE EATS. AND THE OWNER IS GOING TO GIVE THE WEEBEE-PO A FRANKFURTER BAKED IN A POTATO—THE FEATURE BILLING ON HIS MENU!—AH, UM—I THINK HE SHOULD GIVE ME A COURTESY MEAL OR TWO EACH WEEK, EH?

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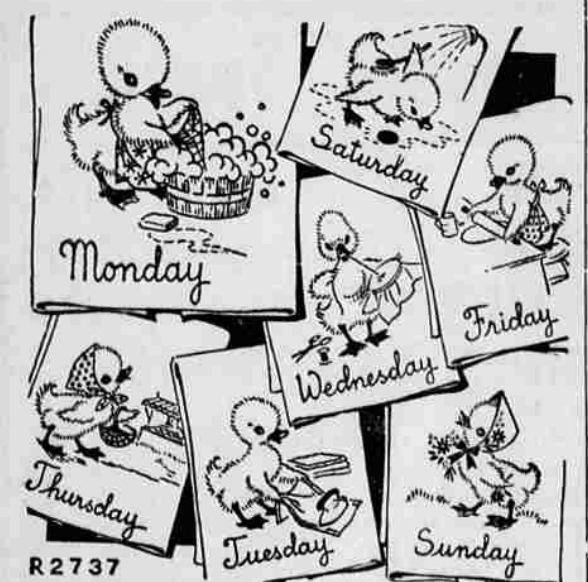
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HUMPH! SHOULD'VE KNOWN I COULDN'T FOOL YOU ABOUT WHAT WAS ON MY MIND, MRS. WORTH!

BUT YOU'LL KEEP THIS—THIS MARRIAGE PROJECT—A SECRET BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, EH?

I'M SURE IT WOULD BE WISE—UNTIL YOUR SON IS BETTER ADJUSTED TO THE IDEA!

ME?—I THINK IT'S SWELL, FOLKS! I'D LIKE TO RUSH IN AND SAY: BLESS YOU, MY CHILDREN!—AND MAY YOUR SECOND CHILDHOOD BE AS FULL OF JOY AS YOUR FIRST!