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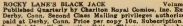
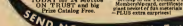
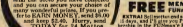
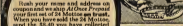


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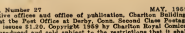
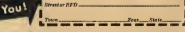
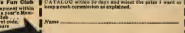
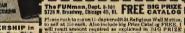
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**ROCKY LANE'S**

**BLACK JACK**

ROCKY LANE WAS SICK--DELIRIOUS WITH FEVER--AND HIS STALLION, FOAMING AND ENRAGED AT MEN, WAS SAID TO HAVE CAUSED IT! THEY SAID BLACK JACK HAD HYDROPHOBIA--THE DREAD RABIES--AND HAD BITTEN HIS MASTER! ALL MEN TURNED AGAINST THE STALLION, TRYING TO DESTROY HIM IN ANY WAY THEY COULD!

**IN THE MAD STALLION**



LOOK OUT! IF HE GETS NEAR YOU, YOU'LL END UP DYIN' LIKE ROCKY LANE! THAT HORSE HAS HYDROPHOBIA!



WHAT'S THIS, WHAT'S GOING ON? DON'T SHOOT BLACK JACK!

SHUT UP, DOC! HE'S GOT RABIES-- WE'VE GOT TO DO IT!

# BLACK JACK

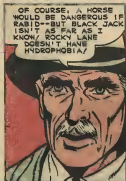


DON'T BE A FOOL, MAN!

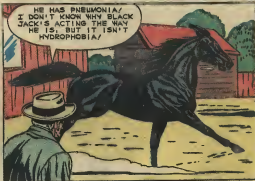


WHY NOT? WE SHOOT A DOG IF HE GETS HYDROPHOBIA-- WHY NOT A HORSE?

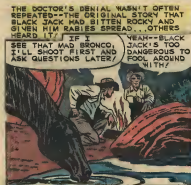
HE'S RIGHT, DOCTOR! ISN'T A RABID HORSE DANGEROUS TOO?



OF COURSE, A HORSE WOULD BE DANGEROUS IF RABID--BUT BLACK JACK ISN'T AS FAR AS I KNOW, ROCKY LANE DOESN'T HAVE HYDROPHOBIA!



HE HAS PNEUMONIA! I DON'T KNOW WHY BLACK JACK'S ACTING THE WAY HE IS, BUT IT ISN'T HYDROPHOBIA!



THE DOCTOR'S DENIAL WASN'T OFTEN REPEATED--THE ORIGINAL STORY THAT BLACK JACK HAD BITTEN ROCKY AND GIVEN HIM RABIES SPREAD... OTHERS HEARD IT! IF I

SEE THAT MAD BRONCO, I'LL SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER!

YEAH--BLACK JACK'S TOO DANGEROUS TO FOOL AROUND WITH!



LOOK OUT, JIM! IT'S BLACK JACK!

# BLACK JACK



NEITHER MAN WOULD EVER KNOWINGLY CAUSE PAIN OR INJURY TO A HORSE UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES--BUT BOTH WERE BADLY FRIGHTENED!



NOR WOULD BLACK JACK EVER ATTACK MEN--BUT HE HAD NO CHOICE! HE WENT AT THEM, A WICKED BLACK DEVIL, FIGHTING TO SURVIVE!



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# BLACK JACK

A FARMER SAW BLACK JACK TWO DAYS LATER--HE CAME OUT OF HIS HOUSE AT SUN-UP--BLACK JACK WAS AT THE WATER TROUGH, DRINKING!



IT'S A NICE...  
THAT HORSE IS A  
STRANGER!



IT'S THAT  
HYDROPHOBIA  
HORSE--IT'S  
BLACK JACK/  
ELLEN, GIVE  
ME MY  
RIFLE,  
QUICK!



BILL, WHAT IS  
IT? OH--YOU'RE  
NOT GOING TO  
SHOOT A HORSE,  
ARE YOU?

GET INSIDE,  
ELLEN! THIS  
HORSE IS MAD--  
HE HAS RABIES!

THE FARMER FIRED HURRIBLY AND MISS-  
ED--BLACK JACK KNEW WHAT IT MEANT  
IF HE SHOT AGAIN/ HE HAD TO ATTACK  
A MAN ONCE MORE!



LOOK OUT,  
BILL!



SEE THAT, ELLEN?  
HE TRIED TUM GET ME--  
IF HIS TEETH NICKED  
ME ANYWHERE, I'M A  
DEAD MAN!

YOU'RE ALL  
RIGHT, BILL!  
I KNOW!

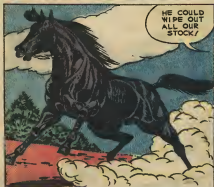
# BLACK JACK



THE DOCTOR WHO TREATED ROCKY LANE KNEW IT--A FEW OTHERS DID TOO! BUT MOST MEN IN THE REGION DIDN'T, AND BLACK JACK WAS HUNTED EVERYWHERE!



WE'VE GOT TO GET BLACK JACK--IF WE DON'T, HE'LL INFECT EVERY HORSE ON THE RANGE WITH HYDROPHOBIA!



I KNOW HOW TO TRAP HIM! ROCKY LANE'S IN TOWN--HE'S SICK! THAT HORSE WILL CIRCLE AROUND AND GO THERE! WHEN HE DOES, WE GOT HIM!





# BLACK JACK

THE MAN WAS RIGHT--BLACK JACK WAS THINKING OF HIS MASTER AS HE AVOIDED THE ROADS AND POPULATED PLACES, TROUBLED THAT ALL MEN HAD BECOME ENEMIES, THE STALLION STARTED FOR TOWN...



THEY'D BEEN HUNTING THE BIG BLACK ALL DAY--NOW, AT NIGHT THEY WERE RELAXED, PLANNING THE NEXT DAY'S CHASE, AND NONE OF THEM KNEW BLACK JACK WAS IN TOWN!

I'VE GOT TO GET UP, DOCTOR, I'M WEAK BUT BLACK JACK NEEDS ME! IF THOSE IDIOTS CATCH HIM, THEY'LL...



# BLACK JACK

WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF TOWN! IF SOMEONE SEES HIM, THEY'LL GET HYSTERICAL AND DO SOMETHING THEY'LL REGRET!

NO ONE WILL SEE HIM, DOC/ OPEN THE BACK DOOR, WE'RE BRINGIN' HIM INSIDE!



THE NEXT DAY, CROWDS IN THE STREET WERE RIPE FOR ACTION/ ONE LOUD-MOUTH FIGURED IT WAS TIME FOR A SPEECH!

ROCKY LANE SAYS HIS HORSE IS ALL RIGHT/ THE SAWBONES SAYS SO TOO- BUT THEY'RE LYIN'! THAT HORSE IS MAD-- HE'S GOT HYDROPHOBIA/ IF HE WAS HERE NOW, YOU'D SEE I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!

DR. LEW



HEY, GUS-- YUH SAY BLACK JACK IS MAD/ YUH MEAN HE'S DANGEROUS?

HE'S WORSE'N A HOUNDED GRIZZLY/ HE'D KILL US ALL IF HE GOT THE CHANCE!



THIS THE HORSE YOU MEAN, MISTER?



I WAS TAKEN SICK--I DRANK SOME BAD WATER/ BLACK JACK DRANK SOME TOO/ THAT'S WHY HE LOOKED THE WAY HE DID WHEN I RODE HIM INTO TOWN/ ALL OF YOU KNOW HE'S ALL RIGHT NOW, THOUGH!



SO THE NEXT MAN WHO LIFTS A HAND TO HURT MY HORSE IS GOING TO REGRET IT/ SPREAD THAT STORY AROUND LIKE YUH DID THE OTHER ONE/ THAT'S ALL!



END

# SUE, SLIM AND

# SOME SHOOTING

I first met John Seligman in the summer of 1925. I would say that he was then about seventy-three or seventy-six at the most. But a strong, healthy, fine looking man. In fact he had more hair on his head than I had on mine. He didn't mix with people in the neighborhood. We understood he was retired on some kind of a company pension. What brought us together?

My younger boy was riding his hicycle and the wheel hit the street hydrant. The spokes were bent in and my son started to cry. John Seligman saw what happened and comforted my son.

"I have a little workshop in the basement of my house," he said. "You and your dad come with me. We'll have that hicycle fixed in half an hour."

That was the beginning of our friendship. He learned something more about me for, a week later, he invited me over to his home.

"I understand you write western stories," he began. "Want some material? Yours for the asking. I was a cowboy out in the early days of the Southwest. Covered every bit of territory from Texas to Nevada."

So I listened with opened ears and a good memory. Here's one story he told, and I think it is the best of the lot.

"I was working for the Bar-H outfit in those days. North of us was the mining region. We sold a lot of stock right in that territory. We were growing and that meant families and kids. So, soon, there was the problem of getting a school teacher.

Teacher was to get thirty dollars a month and board. Let me explain what they meant by board. She was to stay two months at each ranch. She would get her room, meals and a horse. That included the summer time if she wanted to remain there.

But we also had another problem. Stage agents were holding up the coaches that went between Bolton and Roger City. Not a clue

as to their identity. The reward money grew larger and larger without any takers. In fact they even had two men from the Pinkerton Agency try to get a line on those road agents. But they, too, had to admit failure and went back to St. Louis.

Came the great day when the teacher arrived. It was June so it meant she wouldn't have to teach school until September. All the cowboys on the Bar-H Ranch began to spruce up. For that was the place where she was going to spend her first two months. We all rode into Bolton to meet the stage that was bringing her there. We never expected a gal so good-looking and nice. Must have been just twenty. Wore her blonde hair in a pig tail. And when she smiled you were willing to hand her the entire West as a present. Dave Garman, foreman of the ranch, came with a huckboard to the station.

We put her and her bags on the buckboard and about thirty of us escorted her right back to the ranch. That night there was a sort of party in her honor. Even some of the miners came to look at teacher.

"I think I will go to school," announced Jim Cartleight as he, too, fell under the spell of school teacher, Sue Davonport.

It was hard for work to go on when she was around. One of the cowboys, called Slim, fell for her completely. Like a sickly cow he would follow her everywhere. Once he went and picked flowers and gave them to her. But he found the words stuck in his mouth.

"Thank you, Slim," she cheered him. "I do love flowers very much."

The next day half of the territory started to pick flowers for teacher. But that stopped when word came that the road agents had struck again, killing the driver and seriously wounding the shotgun messenger. Sheriff Ben Simmons called a meeting.

"These three men in the gang must live

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around here somewhere. We got to get them this time. The reward money is now over ten thousand dollars. So you fellows go out and look for clues."

A few days later, Sue Davonport bought a stage ticket for Roger City. She wanted to go there to get some school books. When Slim heard this he managed to get a few days leave. He was going to follow that coach to see that no harm was going to come to his Sue.

It was a two day trip by stage and there were two other passengers in the coach. Everything was fun for the first half of the trip. Then there was a fallen tree on the road.

"Looks like a trap," warned the driver.

"I can smell it," replied Jake who was shot gun messenger.

They had to dismount from the stage to remove the tree. And they were scared. Then the three road agents appeared. There was no fighting or shooting. They got the bullion box and loaded it on an extra horse. The leader looked at Sue. "New school teacher. Don't worry, Miss. We won't rob you or any of the passengers. Maybe you should teach your students how to catch us road agents. They can't do it even with a hundred men."

The three men were about a quarter of a mile from the coach when Slim rode up. He heard what happened and was mad. He was going after them.

"Don't," pleaded Sue. "They will be caught. You will be killed or wounded."

But Slim was young, and in love. He wanted to prove himself a hero. So he chased the three road agents and got a bullet through his right arm in the shooting that took place. And Sue had to give him first aid. It made him feel better. He even got a kiss on his forehead.

"I'm goin' to marry you, Miss Sue," he told her.

"Not unless you listen to me," she retorted. "You might have been killed. I said they would be caught — and they will."

They went looking for those stage agents and then came bigger news. Slim and Sue were going to be engaged! So they prepared the biggest affair ever held in that section of the West. Everybody was invited and everybody came.

They had one safety rule: You checked your guns when you came into the Bar-H Ranch, for it was a big outdoor affair and it lasted more than a whole day. One thing they had was called "Congratulatin'." You went up to Miss Sue and Slim and wished them all the good luck in the world. And, of course, you brought a present with you. This was put on a big table. That table almost fell down under the weight of the stuff the boys brought.

The next morning we all heard strange news. Ted Gaffey, Mike Harper and Lou Sellin had all been arrested by the Sheriff and his men. They were charged with being the three stage agents. On an old well on Ted's place they found the masks and a lot of bags carried by the different stage coaches. They found a pile of money under the floor boards in Mike's cabin.

And to think that those three had been at the affair! Nice peaceful fellows. Never thought they would have turned out to be stage agents — and killers. But how were they caught? Who told the sheriff about them? We figured it would be easy to learn this because somebody had to get the reward money.

You can see the roof almost busted in when they learned that Miss Sue was a special agent from the Pinkertons. She rode the stage waiting for them to bold it up. Mask or no mask she got her clues. Looked at the boots worn by the three men. Smart enough to have seen a lot of hoots so she could tell their sizes. And when they spoke she watched their teeth. One had a chipped tooth. One had spaces between his teeth. The third had an upper tooth missing. The sheriff knew who she was all along.

She married Slim and they left the territory. But she could have had anything for the asking. Some wanted her to be a judge. Others said she should be the first female sheriff. But she was heap smart.

"I'm married now," she replied. "First job is to be a good wife to my husband. The reward money, and presents will sort of give us a good egg nest to help us along when the years get lean."

"Thanks for the story," I told John Seligman. "I know an editor who will use it in his magazine."

The old timer took a look at the clock on the mantel piece. Then he turned to me.

"Suppose we just have a little something to eat before you go. You know what I mean. The old Western tradition."

I just wasn't hungry but nodded in the affirmative and smiled. He turned towards the kitchen door. I hadn't as yet met his wife.

"Sue, darling, get some of the strawberry shortcake you made. And a pot of your coffee. We have company and we'll all eat together."

"Yes Slim," she replied. "Give me ten minutes and the table will be set. I know you won't mind eating in the kitchen."

I got it in that flash — I now knew who Slim and Sue were! And by their voices I also knew that happiness and contentment must have been their lot all these years — either as Westerners or as Easterners.

# ROCKY LANE

## BADMAN'S PRISONER

THE CHICAGO GUNMAN HAD A SUITCASE FULL OF CURRENCY... A DEADLY GUN... AND HE WAS DESPERATE! ROCKY LANE, SECRET MARSHAL, KNEW HE HAD TO WAIT FOR HIS CHANCE TO DISARM THE GUN-TOTIN' TENDERFOOT!

DON'T MAKE ME SHOOT YOU, COWBOY! I NEED A HORSE AND A GUIDE IN A HURRY! THERE'S A SHERIFF AT THE STATION SEARCHIN' FOR ME RIGHT NOW!

WE HAD A TELEGRAM ABOUT THIS GUY— HE LOOTED A BANK IN ST. PAUL AND HEADED WEST! HE'S DESPERATE — I'VE GOT TO DO WHAT HE SAYS!



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ROCKY LANE HEADED FOR THE TIE-RACK WHERE BLACKJACK WAS HITCHED... THE GUNMAN WAS WATCHING FOR TRICKS...

THIS IS MY HORSE— NO, I'LL TAKE THE BLACK YUH O'N TAKE THE — HE'S FASTER LOOKIN'! OTHER ONE!



OKAY— BUT DON'T BLAME ME IF ANYTHING HAPPENS! EASY, BLACK-JACK! NOT YET!

DON'T TRY ANYTHING, COWBOY, OR I'LL BLAST YUH!



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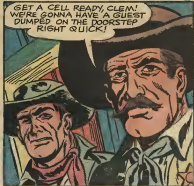
THE CHICAGO BADMAN KNEW HOW TO RIDE! HE KEPT HIS GUN ON THE SECRET MARSHAL AS THEY STARTED DOWN MAIN STREET...

"YOUR FRIENDS CAN'T HELP YOU! IF THEY TRY I'LL DO SOME SHOOTING!"

GO EASY WITH THAT GUN—THERE ARE INNOCENT PEOPLE AROUND HERE!



GET A CELL READY, CLEM! WE'RE GONNA HAVE A GUEST DUMPED ON THE DOORSTEP RIGHT QUICK!



BLACKJACK KNEW HE DIDN'T LIKE THE MAN ON HIS BACK... HE HAD HIS ORDERS NOT TO BUCK! BUT HE WAITED HIS CHANCE...

"YOU'RE DOING FINE, COWBOY! JUST KEEP IT UP! THIS HORSE IS REAL GENTLE TOO!"



NOW, BLACKJACK! THROW HIM!



"ATTABOY, BLACKJACK!"



W-WHERE AM I?

IN JAIL, BUSTER! —BLACKJACK DELIVERED YUH RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!



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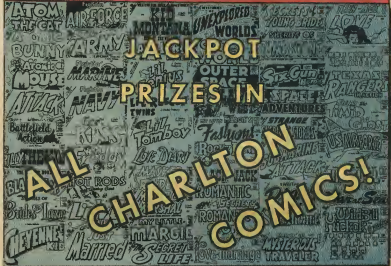
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# BLACK JACK

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# BLACK JACK

BLACK JACK WAS DAZED... THEN, THE FOAL WHISTLED HIS ALARM, AND BLACK JACK FOUND NEW STRENGTH...



THE SILVER-TIP WAS HURT -- AND NOTICEABLY SLOWER AS BLACK JACK'S HOOF DRUMMED HIS RIBS...

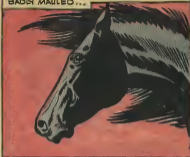


THE GREAT STALLION WAS LAME, HIS SHOULDER ACHED AND HE WAS BRUISED FROM HOCK TO WITHERS...



# BLACK JACK

THE STALLION HAD WON -- HE'D SAVED THE COLT / BUT MORE THAN HIS BODY WAS BRUISED -- THE GREAT HORSE'S PRIDE WAS BADLY MAILED ...



HIS RAMADA WAS IN DANGER AS LONG AS THE SILVER-TIP WAS AROUND ...



THE STALLION LEFT THE HERD AT DAWN -- HE HAD TO GO AFTER THE BEAR ...



THE GRIZZLY BEAR WAS HAVING THE MISERIES TOO -- HE COULDN'T HUNT OR FIGHT, HE COULD BARELY MOVE, BUT INSTINCT TOLD HIM IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO STAY THERE ...



THE STALLION SEARCHED ALL THAT DRY -- WITH NO SUCCESS ...



...AND THE NEXT, AND THE DAYS AFTER THAT / THE GREAT BEAR WAS CUNNING AND KEPT MOVING ...



# BLACK JACK

BLACK JACK'S LEG HEALED QUICKLY... HE TOOK TIME TO BATHE IN A HOT SULPHUR SPRING HIGH IN THE ROCKIES. IT TOOK THE PAIN FROM HIS BRUISED SHOULDERS...



HIGH ABOVE TIMBERLINE, BLACK JACK BEGAN CLOSING IN. THE GRIZZLY-TURNED-KILLER KNEW HIS ENEMY WAS DRAWING NEAR...



BLACK JACK SPIED THE BEAR AHEAD -- HE CAME ON WITH A RUSH...



THE STALLION LEAPED, HARD HOOF STRIKING QUICKER THAN THE EYE COULD SEE...



...AND MISSED! THE GRIZZLY MOVED IN-CREDIBLY FAST, DODGING TO THE SIDE...



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# BLACK JACK

BLACK JACK HAD TO GIVE UP--HE TURNED BACK TOWARD THE FOOTHILLS, OUT OF THE HIGH PEAKS...



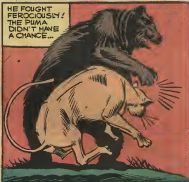
THE GRIZZLY WAS MOVING FAST TOO, TAKING ROADS THE HARD-HOOVED STALLION COULD NEVER FOLLOW...



THE SILVER-TIP WAS HEADED FOR HOME--TIRED, MADDENED, EAGER TO BATTLE ANYTHING THAT STOOD IN HIS WAY...



HE FOUGHT FEROCIOUSLY! THE PUMA DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE...



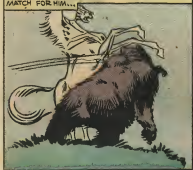
AT THE WATER-HOLE, THE RAMADA SCENTED THE BEAR IN PLENTY OF TIME, BUT THEY WERE USED TO FOLLOWING A LEADER--AND THERE WAS NONE...



# BLACK JACK



THE GRIZZLY CHARGED! THE MARE WAS NO MATCH FOR HIM...



MEANWHILE, ROCKY LANE'S GREAT STALLION HEARD THE MARE'S WHINNY OF FEAR, HE PROBABLY SENSED THE QUINING EARTH BENEATH HIS RAMADA'S HOOF AS HE SPED TO THE SCENE AS FAST AS HIS LEGS COULD CARRY HIM...





# BLACK JACK



MORE THAN HALF A TON OF FIGHTING BEAR AND STALLION BATTLED THERE IN THE MOUNTAIN MEADOW - AT STAKE WAS THE STALLION'S HERD! THE GRIZZLY HAD NOTHING TO LOSE...



THE SMASHING HOOF WON THE BATTLE -- THE SILVER-TIP, RUNNING ANKWARDLY, GOT AWAY AT A PAINFUL SHUFFLE ...



... AND BLACK JACK TRUMPETED THE VICTORY TO THE WORLD ... HIS WORLD ONCE MORE! HIS FRIGHTENED MARES AND FOALS RELAYED, THEY KNEW THEY WERE SAFE! THE GRIZZLY NEVER DARED TO RETURN!



END



# BLACK JACK

## THE RUNAWAY

THEY'D TRIED TO HOLD HIM--THEY USED LARIATS AND KEPT HIM PENNED IN A HIGH CORRAL, BUT NONE OF THEM HELD BLACK JACK--HE KNEW HIS WILD BUNCH NEEDED HIM AS THE ELECTRIC STORM HOVERED OVER THE HILLS WHERE THE MUSTANGS GRAZED IN THE TIMBER!



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IN THE BEGINNING, BLACK JACK HAD BEEN EASY TO KEEP PENNED...

MIKE, BLACK JACK'S LEG WON'T HEAL IF I LET HIM ROAM THE HILLS!



KEEP HIM IN THIS CORRAL-- CHECK ON HIS BAD LEG OFTEN, WILL YUH?

HE'S A GRAND HORSE, ROCKY! I'LL PUT HIM TO BED IN THE HOUSE IF I HAVE TO, TO CURE HIM! HE'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW WHEN YOU COME BACK.



# BLACK JACK

ROCKY LEFT--BLACK JACK LIMPED AROUND THE BIG CORRAL, TAKING IT EASY, FATTENING UP EVERY DAY!

HE'S GETTIN' RESTLESS, MIKE! THINK IT'S THE DRY SPELL WE'RE HAVIN'?



HE RUNS WITH A BUNCH OF MUSTANGS WHEN HE GETS THE CHANCE, LOOK AT HIM--SOMETHIN'S BOTHERIN' THAT HORSE!



WHAT WAS IT? COULD IT BE THE BLACK CLOUDS ROLLING IN THE MOUNTAINS--BLACK CLOUDS LACED WITH LIGHTNING THAT COULD FIRE THE TINDER DRY FORESTS BELOW AT ANY SECOND?



SUDDENLY, DESPITE HIS LIMP, BLACK JACK WANTED TO BE FREE! HE TRIED TO MAKE A RUN TO LEAP THE CORRAL BUT MIKE ANGRADGE STOPPED HIM!



TAKE IT EASY, PEPE! DON'T HURT THE ANIMAL!



# BLACK JACK

THEY KEPT HIM TETHERED TO A STAKE FOR THREE MORE DAYS OF HEAT WITHOUT RAIN! MEANWHILE, BLACK JACK'S LEG WAS GETTING BETTER!

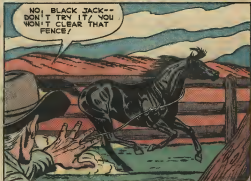


WE OUGHT TO GET ANOTHER LARIAT ON HIM, BOSS! HE'LL SNAP THAT ONE!



NOT EVEN BLACK JACK CAN GET AWAY FROM ME, PEPE!

THEN, IT HAPPENED... BLACK JACK USED ALL HIS TREMENDOUS POWER AND...



NO, BLACK JACK-- DON'T TRY IT! YOU WON'T CLEAR THAT FENCE!

BLACK JACK SEEMED TO BE FLYING AS HE NEARED THE FENCE-- HIS GLISTENING MUSCLES BUNCHED AS HE LEAPED AND...



# BLACK JACK

BLACK JACK DIDN'T HESITATE ONCE HE WAS FREE... HE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE HILLS WHERE THE THUNDER AND LIGHTNING RIPPED THE SKY!



HE FOUND THE WILD BUNCH WHERE THEY ALWAYS WENT IN A DRY SPELL--GRAZING IN THE FOREST WHERE GRASS AND MOISTURE REMAINED!



THE MUSTANGS DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE... BUT NONE OF THEM CHALLENGED BLACK JACK'S RIGHT OR ABILITY TO MOVE THEM TO NEW PASTURE!



# BLACK JACK

THE STALLION WAS JUST IN TIME--THE TINDER-DRY FOREST WAS SWEEPED BY A WALL OF FLAME SECONDS LATER!



MIKE ANDRADE AND HIS SEGUNDO FOUND THE STALLION HOURS LATER--HE WAS ALONE, LIMPING BACK TOWARD MIKE'S RANCH!



LOOK, BOSS-- THE BLACK STALLION!

HE'S SMART--HE KNOWS HE REINJURED THE LEG/ HE CAME BACK TO HAVE ME HELP HIM ONCE MORE!



MIKE ANDRADE SPLINTED BLACK JACK'S LEG THIS TIME...

YOU WON'T LEAP THE FENCE NOW, BLACK JACK! THIS TIME YOU WON'T GET AWAY!

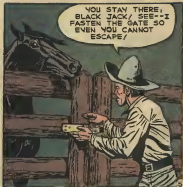


BOSS, WE GOT TROUBLE/ MANGAN AN' HIS PAL ARE AT THE HOUSE, HE'S GONNA MAKE TROUBLE!

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YOU STAY THERE, BLACK JACK/ SEE--I FASTEN THE GATE SO EVEN YOU CANNOT ESCAPE!



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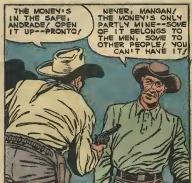
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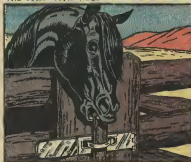
# BLACK JACK



MIKE ANDRADE HAD GUESSED CORRECTLY-- BUT HE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO DEFEND HIMSELF/ MANGAN WAS WAITING...



BLACK JACK HEARD THE VOICES--EVEN BEFORE THEN, HE'D BEEN WORKING ON THE HASP THAT HELD THE GATE CLOSED!





# BLACK JACK

NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW HOW MUCH BLACK JACK UNDERSTOOD... BUT HE ACTED AS THOUGH HE KNEW EVERYTHING!

NOW I'LL FIX IT SO YOU DON'T TESTIFY ABOUT THIS...

BLACK JACK! GET HIM, BOY!



DON'T TRY TO BLUFF ME, ANDRADE, IT JUST...???

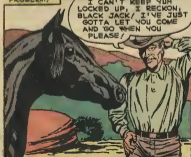


ALL RIGHT, BLACK JACK-- HE WON'T MAKE ANY MORE TROUBLE FOR US!

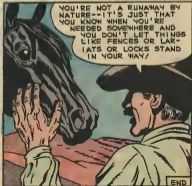


MANGAN WAS TIED UP AND PEPE ESCORTED THEM TO TOWN. MIKE ANDRADE WAS LEFT WITH BLACK JACK... AND A PROBLEM!

I CAN'T KEEP YOU LOCKED UP, I RECKON, BLACK JACK! I'VE JUST GOTTA LET YOU COME AND GO WHEN YOU PLEASE!



YOU'RE NOT A RUNAWAY BY NATURE-- IT'S JUST THAT YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE NEEDED SOMEWHERE AND YOU DON'T LET THINGS LIKE FENCES OR LARIATS OR LOCKS STAND IN YOUR WAY!

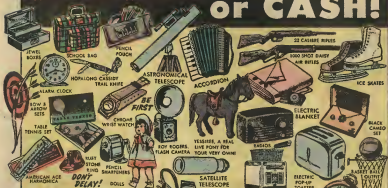


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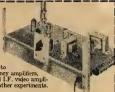


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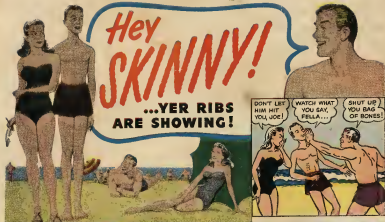
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