

Sunday, 16 February 2020

The Cheese Vault

Routines familiar to fans of the Jack Benny TV and radio shows become animated in the Warner Bros. cartoon *The Mouse That Jack Built* (1959). Other than becoming rodentised (the characters are mice), the Benny bits are treated without much exaggeration or parody, unlike celebrity caricature cartoons of the 1930s.

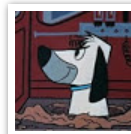
The famous Benny vault bit makes an appearance in Tedd Pierce's story. In this case, since we're dealing with mice, Jack's treasured valuables are cheese instead of money.



To stay safe, Jack trips all the anti-burglar devices before passing through. One is a guillotine. Jack stops and looks backs, then thinks about what could have happened before carrying on with his limp-wristed walk.



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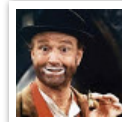
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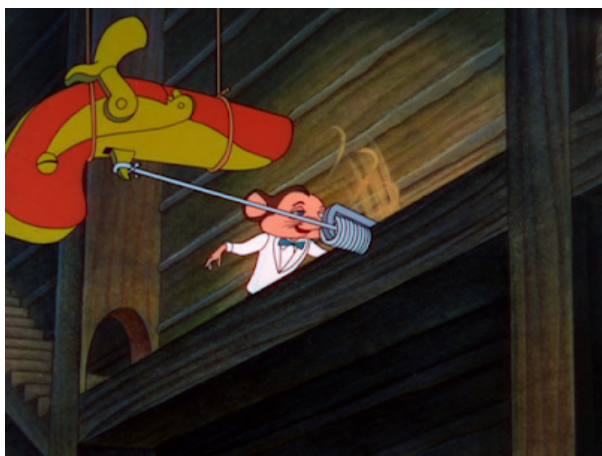


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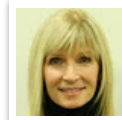
Next is a gun. Jack la-las the Warners song "We're in the Money" along his journey.



references may be found regarding two-strip Technicolor. I have been guilty of discussing Walter Lantz's King of Jazz (1930)...

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rocked the house. Normally when any of the jocks got a reaction, it'd be split. The ones that were really liked wou...

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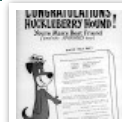
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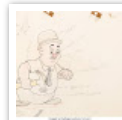


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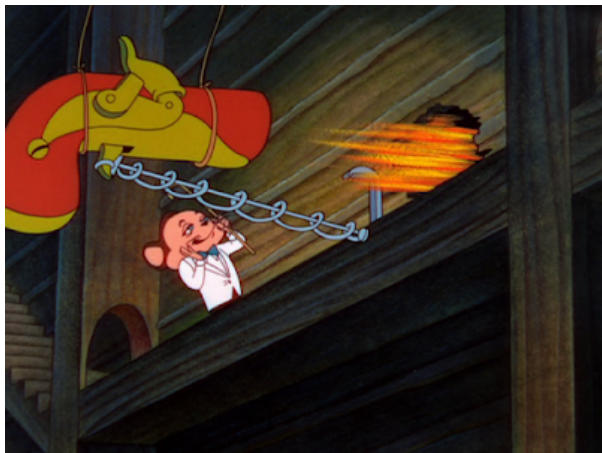
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Termite Terrace headlines

Porky's Hot Dog Intake - Western Publishing definitely isn't free of cannibalism when it comes



Next is a mouse trap.



Finally, he reaches the vault. Just like on radio, the alarm is sounded when the door opens. Because we're dealing with a 6½ minute cartoon instead of a 29½ minute radio show, the sound effects are reduced, though you'll hear the Lifebuoy foghorn at the end.



to comics featuring Porky Pig. These are just some of the covers in which

Porky is ei...
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An early Tom Thug page for sale and other comic art by Lew Stringer go

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Likely Looney, Mostly Merrie

That's all, folks! - My posts have gotten thinner over the years. I'm aware of that. I've been hopeful for a long time, that I can remain active with blogging and sharing furth...
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Willie or Won't He Have a Fish Gag?

The Booze Goes South



Jack chats with Ed the guard (played by Mel Blanc instead of Joe Kearns, who did the radio version after Sandy Bickert left for New York). Otherwise, all the voices are handled by the radio/TV show actors.

The background artist in this cartoon is Bob Singer, a young artist at the time who was put into the McKimson unit, where a fellow named Bill Butler had been painting backgrounds. Not too long ago, Bob explained to me:

For the cartoon "The Mouse That Jack Built" I drew the Bg's of Jack's vault in colored pencil, the 1st time that Bg's were rendered that way.... Since the vault was made of wood I felt that the pencil treatment would work. I asked permission to do it that way and got approval first.

The animation was credited to Tom Ray, George Grandpré, Ted Bonnicksen and Warren Batchelder with layouts by Bob Gribbroek.

Posted by Yowp at 07:05



Labels: [Bob McKimson](#), [Jack Benny](#), [Warner Bros.](#)

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J Lee 16 February 2020 at 08:45

Other than a brief voice cameo in one of Jack's early 1970s specials, this cartoon ended up being Sadie Marks' final appearance as Mary Livingston -- it came out two months after her final appearance on the TV show, in an episode where Jack feels threatened his sponsor is going to drop him and pick up Danny Thomas next season.

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Kamden Spies 16 February 2020 at 10:30

I speak to Noel Blanc frequently on the phone. He remembers this cartoon very well. He's told me several stories involving this cartoon.

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the picture of the Automobile in the background with the name "Maxwell" & the year 1908 on it, a reference to Mel Blanc himself as for Maxwell i don't have a clue yet.

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CJlikesouterspace 16 February 2020 at 13:51

* the year Mel Blanc himself was born in.

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