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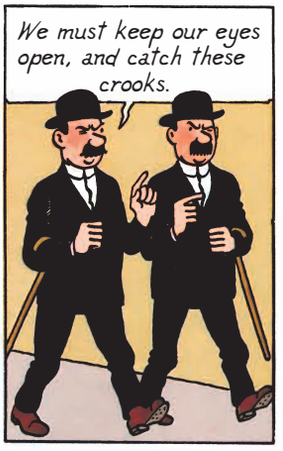
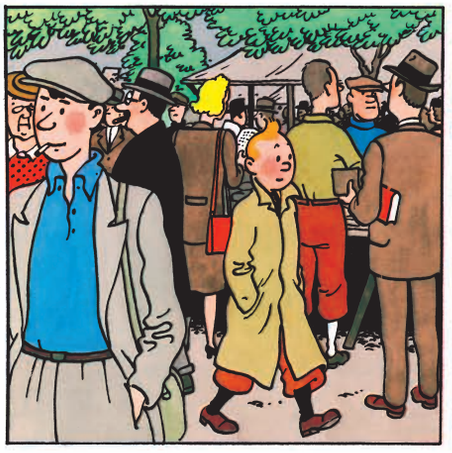
NEWS IN BRIEF

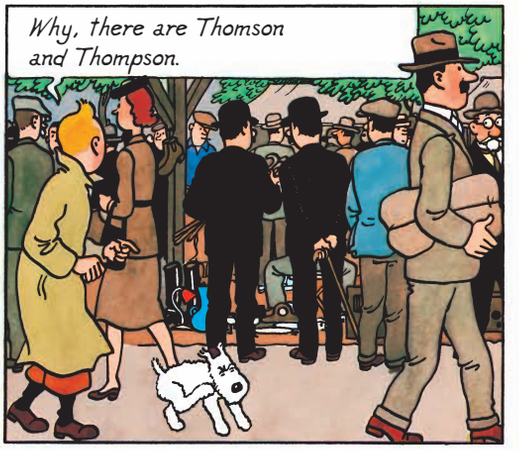
AN alarming rise in the number of robberies has been reported in the past few weeks. Daring pickpockets are operating in the larger stores, the cinemas and street markets. A well-organised gang is believed to be at work. The police are using their best men to put a stop to this public scandal.



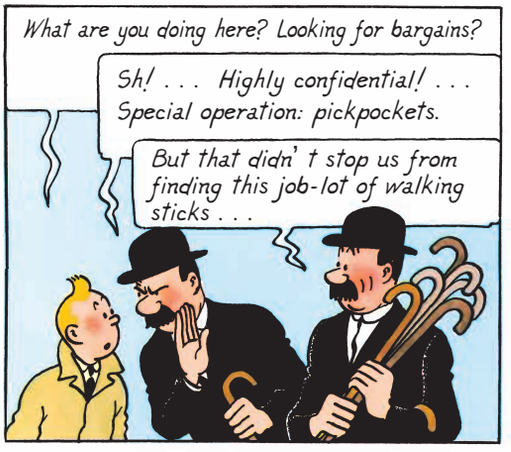

















See? You've always got to haggle a bit here.
?
My wallet's been stolen!
But that's absurd! . . . You must have left it at home . . . or perhaps you've lost it?
No, I'm sure someone's stolen it!
Here, you hold these sticks. I'll pay.
Just the sort of thing that would happen to you! . . . To go and let someone pinch your wallet!
?
Mine's gone too!
Here, let me pay for them.
Thanks very much, Tintin. We'll pay you back tomorrow.
There.
Goodbye! We're going to report this straight away
Stop thief! . . . Help! . . . My suitcase! . . .