

☐ **Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 12 No. 11** **(August 1952)**

Evaluation Date: April 12, 2026

Publisher: Dell Comics

Cover Price: 10¢

Format: Staple-bound comic magazine

Contents: Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Little Hiawatha, longer Disney feature stories

Cover Description: Donald Duck stands facing forward while Huey, Dewey, and Louie cling together beneath the water's surface as a large shark fin rises behind them, set against a vivid blue ocean background.

Summary of Observations

This comic presents as an especially visually appealing example with strong overall preservation, marked by vivid color and high retained surface gloss on the front cover. The cover artwork remains striking, with deep blue tones and clean character rendering contributing to excellent eye appeal. Structural components—including spine, staples, and centerfold—remain present and functional. Interior pages show strong color saturation and consistent age-related paper toning.

Notwithstanding the strong presentation, some age-related defects are present. Both staples exhibit visible oxidation, with localized paper discoloration surrounding each staple crown. Minor edge wear and small corner bends are present throughout the interior. Brittleness test imagery shows pre-existing edge damage on the tested page prior to flexing, which is documented separately from the act of testing. No evidence of moisture damage or restoration is observed.

FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2577):

The image is sharp, evenly lit, and fully framed, clearly showing the entire front cover, edges, corners, spine margin, and surface texture. Resolution is sufficient for evaluating color saturation, gloss, minor edge wear, and surface integrity.

Observations

The front cover retains **vivid and saturated blue coloration** throughout the ocean background, with strong contrast between Donald Duck and Huey, Dewey, and Louie. Character outlines are crisp and well defined, and ink density remains bold with no visible ink breakdown. **Surface gloss is high and evenly retained** across most of the cover, producing a reflective sheen when light is angled across the surface.

Minor handling wear is visible along the edges. Corners show light rounding estimated at approximately **3–4 mm** inward, without paper loss or fraying. No waviness, creasing, staining, writing, or surface scuffing is observed.

- Strong, vivid blue color saturation
- High retained surface gloss
- Clean cover surface with no waviness
- Light edge wear
- Mild corner rounding (~3–4 mm)
- No writing, stains, or tears observed

Overall Impression

The front cover is visually striking and well preserved, with strong color and gloss and only minimal handling wear.

BACK COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2578):

The image is clear and evenly lit, showing the full back cover with all edges and corners visible.

Observations

The back cover displays **uniform age-related toning**, transitioning to a light tan hue consistent with early-1950s Dell paper stock. Advertising graphics and text remain clear and legible, with intact borders and panels. Surface gloss is reduced compared to the front cover but remains even.

Edges are clean with only light wear along the spine side. Corners exhibit mild rounding estimated at **3–4 mm** inward. No writing, tape residue, tearing, or moisture staining is visible.

- Uniform age-related toning
- Reduced but even surface gloss
- Light spine-side edge wear
- Mild corner rounding (~3–4 mm)

- Advertisement intact and legible

Overall Impression

The back cover remains clean and well preserved with expected age toning and light handling wear.

INSIDE FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2579):

The image is sharp and evenly lit, clearly showing the entire inside front cover, margins, and indicia block.

Observations

The inside front cover exhibits cream to light tan paper coloration with even, age-appropriate toning. The page surface remains flat and intact with no writing, stains, tears, or abrasions observed. Subscription and promotional text is clean and fully legible.

- Inside front cover present
- Even, light age-related toning
- Clean margins
- No writing, tearing, or staining
- Indicia visible and legible: Walt Disney's Comics and Stories Vol. 12, No. 11 August 1952 Dell Publishing

Overall Impression

The inside front cover is complete, clean, and confirms publication information without defect.

SPINE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2685):

The spine image is clear and well lit, showing the full spine length and both staple positions in profile.

Observations

The spine remains **continuous, straight, and well aligned**, with no splitting or separation observed along its length. Paper integrity along the spine edge appears strong. No visible spine roll or curvature is evident when viewed in profile. Surface wear along the fold is minimal.

- Continuous, intact spine
- No splits or separation
- Strong alignment
- No visible spine roll

Overall Impression

The spine is notably strong and well preserved for the issue's age.

UPPER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2686):

The macro image is sharp, evenly lit, and centered on the upper staple.

Observations

The upper staple is present and embedded. **Visible oxidation** is present on the exposed metal. Surrounding paper shows localized discoloration extending approximately **3–5 mm** outward from the staple crown. No tearing, pull-through, or migration holes are observed.

- Staple metal present
- External oxidation visible
- Surrounding paper discoloration (~3–5 mm)
- No pull-through

Overall Impression

The upper staple shows typical age-related oxidation with limited impact on surrounding paper.

LOWER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2687):

The macro image is clear and properly framed around the lower staple.

Observations

The lower staple is present with oxidation comparable to the upper staple. Surrounding paper exhibits darkened discoloration extending approximately **3–5 mm**. Paper remains intact with no tearing or pull-through evident.

- Staple metal present
- Visible oxidation
- Localized paper discoloration (~3–5 mm)
- Attachment intact

Overall Impression

The lower staple remains functional, with oxidation consistent with age and storage conditions.

CENTERFOLD — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2684):

The image is evenly lit and in focus, clearly showing both centerfold pages and fold seam.

Observations

The centerfold is present and aligned. Staples are visible through the fold. Paper coloration matches surrounding interior pages. No splitting, tearing, or loosening is observed.

- Centerfold present
- Attached at both staples
- Uniform toning
- No splits or tears

Overall Impression

The centerfold remains securely attached and structurally intact.

INTERIOR PAGES — OBSERVATIONS

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 12 No. 11 (August 1952)

Photo Condition & Quality (img_2680–img_2683):

Interior images are sharp and evenly lit, showing full pages with margins visible.

Observations

Interior pages exhibit cream to light tan paper coloration with **strong interior color saturation** and clean print registration throughout. Pages are complete and readable. Minor edge wear and small corner bends estimated at **2–3 mm** inward are visible on select pages.

- Cream to light tan interior pages
- Strong interior artwork color
- Complete and readable page set
- Minor edge wear
- Small corner bends (~2–3 mm)

Overall Impression

Interior pages are visually strong and well preserved with light handling wear only.

BRITTLENESS TEST — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2688):

The image shows a page being flexed, with pre-existing edge damage clearly visible before flexing.

Observations

The page edge displays **prior damage** before bending, including small chips and weakened fibers. Flexing shows limited smoothness due to this existing damage. No new cracking or fiber fracture attributable solely to the test is visible.

- Pre-existing edge damage visible
- Limited rebound due to weakened edge
- No newly induced cracking observed

Overall Impression

Paper remains flexible overall, though localized edge damage is present independent of brittleness testing.

CONSOLIDATED DEFECT LISTING

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- External oxidation on both staples
- Localized paper discoloration around staples (~3–5 mm)
- Minor edge wear on interior pages
- Small corner bends (~2–3 mm)
- Pre-existing edge damage visible during brittleness testing
- Moderate back cover toning

Ralph KINER

SPARKS TEAM IN CLUTCH!

THE PITTSBURG PIRATES ARE PLAYING A BIG GAME AWAY FROM HOME. SCORE TIED 2 TO 2 RIVAL TEAM AT BAT...

KINER PLAYS FIRST. HITLESS IN 3 TIMES AT BAT. HE TAKES RAZZING FROM RIVAL TEAM FANS ...

CAN'T YOU SEE THE BALL, KINER?

YEA, OUR PITCHER'S GOT YOUR NUMBER!

IT'S A HIGH FOUL!

DON'T WORRY, KINER CAN'T GET IT!

I'LL SHOW 'EM I'VE GOT THAT SPARK!

I GOT IT!

FIRST OF NINTH, PIRATES HAVE 2 ON - 2 OUT!

COME ON, RALPH, IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

THERE'S THAT SPARK IN THE CLUTCH!

IT'S A HOME RUN! WE'RE AHEAD 5 TO 2!

CRACK!

GAME ENDS 5 TO 2. PIRATES WIN!

GEE, RALPH, I HOPE I CAN DO THAT SOMEDAY!

YOU WILL! TRAIN HARD... EAT WELL... TRY WHEATIES!

WHAT HAVE WHEATIES GOT?

A WHOLE KERNEL OF WHEAT IN EVERY WHEATIES FLAKE THERE'S ENERGY FOR YOU!

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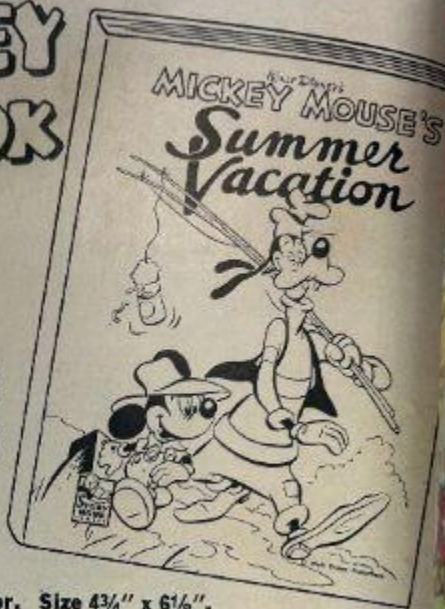
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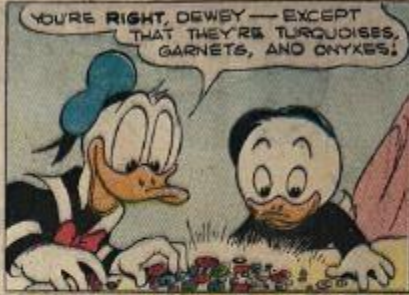
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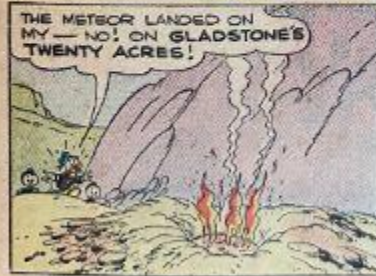
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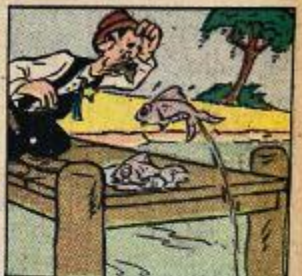
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