

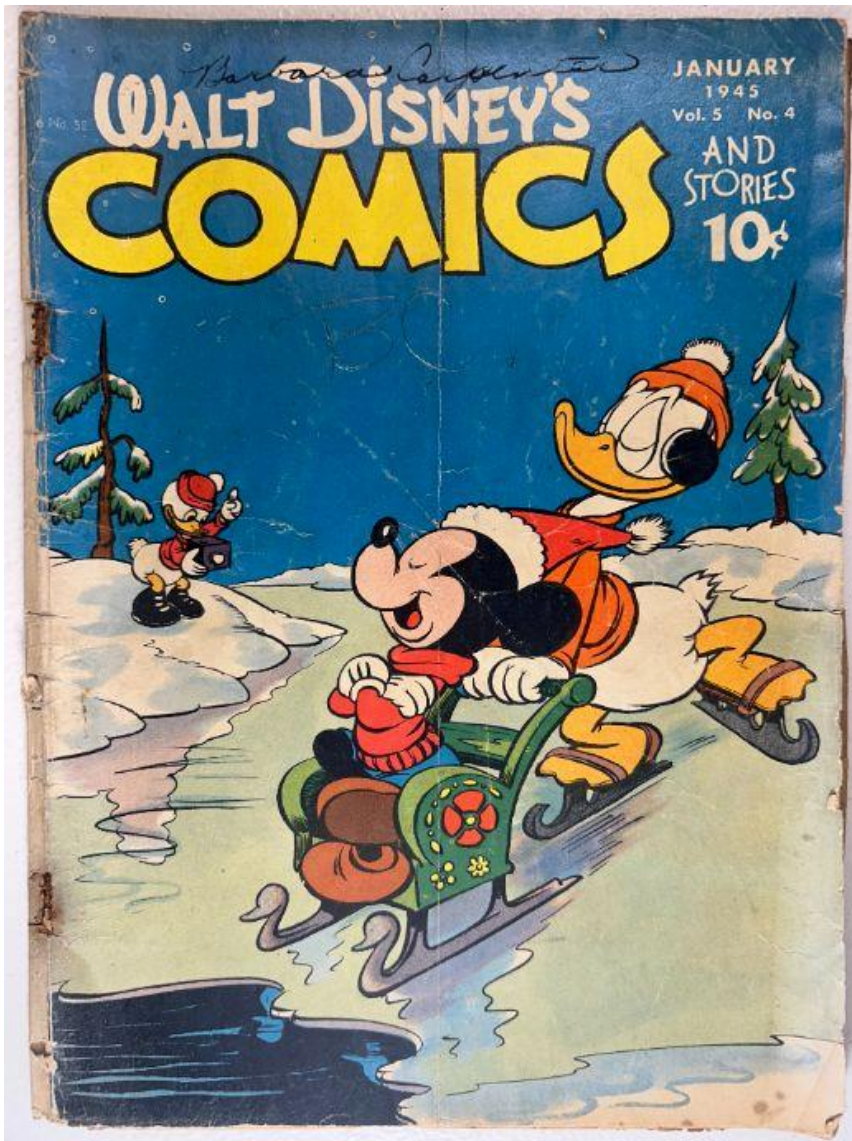
■ Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 5 No. 4 (January 1945)

Front Cover — Observations (IMG_1363)

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Photo Condition & Quality

The image is clear and high-resolution, showing the entire cover, including all corners, edges, and the full spine fold. Lighting is even, with no glare or shadow obscuring the artwork or masthead.



Scene & Composition

The cover depicts a winter scene featuring Donald Duck riding a sled while Mickey Mouse drives from the front. Donald Duck wears a knit cap and scarf, seated behind Mickey Mouse, whose arms are extended forward holding the sled's reins or handle. A smaller figure appears in the background standing on the snowy path holding a camera. Evergreen trees flank the scene, and a frozen stream or path curves through the snow beneath the sled. The masthead *Walt Disney's COMICS AND STORIES* spans the upper portion in yellow letters against a blue background, with issue text at the upper right reading **January 1945 – Vol. 5 No. 4 – 10¢**.

Physical Condition Findings

There are multiple creases across the cover, including a noticeable vertical crease through the center. The blue background shows surface abrasion and rub wear. The spine has visible paper loss at the staple opening, with splitting and small fragments missing. Edge wear is present along the bottom margin with small chips. Corners are rounded, particularly at the lower corners. General surface soiling is mild to moderate.

Color & Printing Quality

Blues, yellows, and greens remain vibrant but show dulling from age and rub wear. The yellow masthead lettering retains good contrast. Black outlines remain sharp and registration appears stable throughout.

Paper & Structural Notes

Paper exhibits moderate oxidation along all edges. The cover remains attached, but the spine area is structurally weakened due to paper loss around the staple.

Overall Impression

The cover maintains strong visual appeal with clear, well-preserved artwork despite notable wear. Condition issues are concentrated at the spine and along crease lines, while the central imagery remains intact and readable.

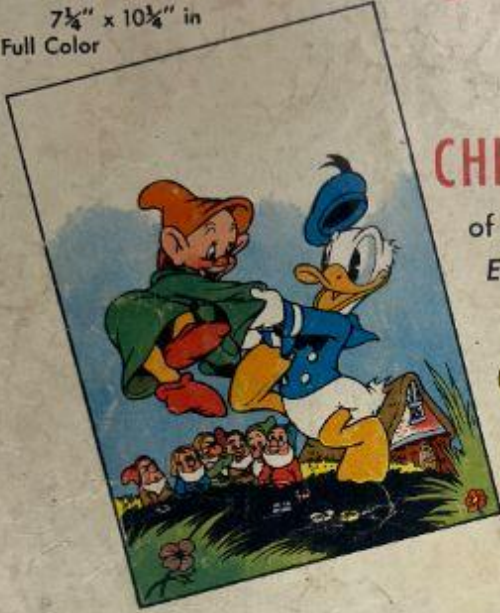
Back Cover — Observations (IMG_1364)

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Photo Condition & Quality

The image is evenly lit and fully captures the back cover, including margins and the subscription offer text.

Free!
7¼" x 10¼" in
Full Color



DONALD DUCK
Pin-Up Pictures

With This
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER
of One Picture With
Each Year of Subscription to
WALT DISNEY'S COMICS AND STORIES
Together With
Attractive Christmas Gift Card
Bearing Your Name
(See Reverse Side for Illustration)

Everyone, young and old, loves comics. And everyone loves Walt Disney's Comics & Stories, filled with the hilarious antics of Donald Duck, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and all the rest of the Disney gang. Clean and wholesome, it is tops in comic entertainment, suitable for everyone, from 3 to 90.

3 Year Subscription (36 issues)	\$2.50
(3 Free Pin-Ups)	
2 Year Subscription (24 issues)	\$1.75
(2 Free Pin-Ups)	
1 Year Subscription (12 issues)	\$1.00
(1 Free Pin-Up)	

Use Convenient Order Forms on Reverse Side

Scene & Composition

The back cover features a subscription advertisement promoting **Donald Duck Pin-Up Pictures** as a special Christmas offer. An inset illustration shows Donald Duck standing beside a child character, with several smaller characters gathered below. Text outlines subscription lengths and prices, with a mail-in order form printed at the bottom.

Physical Condition Findings

The surface shows heavy soiling and discoloration. Creasing runs vertically and horizontally through the center and lower portion. The bottom edge displays wear and thinning, with minor chips. Corners are rounded, with the lower corners most affected.

Color & Printing Quality

Colors are noticeably muted, especially reds and blues, though all text remains legible. Background areas show pronounced age toning.

Paper Condition

Uniform tan oxidation is present across the back cover. No moisture rippling or staining is visible.

Overall Impression

A substantially worn back cover with prominent surface dirt and creasing, but complete and readable advertisement content.

Interior Pages — Observations (IMG_1365–IMG_1369, IMG_1371)

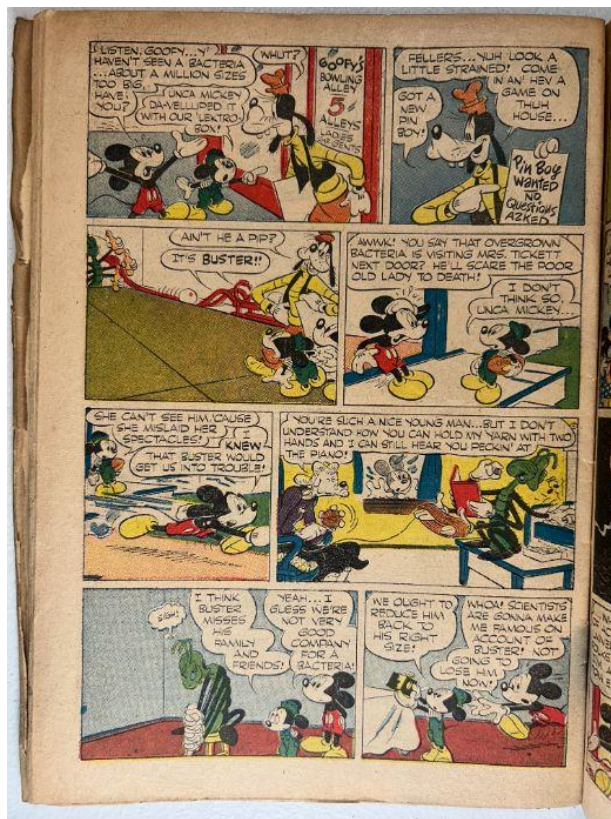
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Photo Condition & Quality

Interior images are clear and well framed, showing full panels, gutters, and margins without obstruction.

Page Color

Tan to medium brown.



Interior Pages Findings

Artwork & Story Content

The interior includes multiple story types: Mickey Mouse science-fiction and invention-themed adventures; Donald Duck domestic and wartime humor sequences; Bucky Bug woodland comedy pages; and additional gag strips. Dialogue-heavy panels alternate with action-oriented scenes. All primary story components appear present.

Individual Page Notes

Some pages show heavier margin darkening than others, particularly those with large white or background areas. Pages with denser ink coverage retain stronger contrast.

Color & Printing Quality

Primary colors remain visible but softened by age. Pastel tones show fading. Halftone patterns are consistent with mid-1940s Dell printing. Linework remains crisp and readable.

Paper Condition

Moderate oxidation is present throughout, with darker edge toning. Margin foxing is visible. Minor corner creases and small edge nicks appear on several pages. Slight natural waviness is present, consistent with age.

Structural Notes

Pages remain firmly attached along the fold. No tearing, detachment, or separation is visible in the gutter. Paper retains flexibility.

Overall Impression

The interior is complete and structurally sound, showing typical Golden Age aging with good overall readability despite oxidation and edge wear.

Centerfold — Observations (IMG_1356)

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Photo Condition & Quality

The image clearly shows the full two-page centerfold and spine fold.



Physical Findings

The centerfold is intact and securely attached. No lower staple is present, consistent with apparent single-staple construction. Paper shows even tan toning with a darker fold line. No tearing or separation is visible; only light surface wrinkling is present.

Overall Impression

A structurally intact centerfold with good integrity and typical age-related toning.

Spine — Observations (IMG_1372)

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Photo Condition & Quality

A clear side-profile image shows the spine edge, thickness, and surface wear.



Structural Findings

Paper loss and splitting are visible at the single-staple location, with exposed paper layers. The spine exhibits a forward roll but remains aligned overall.

Surface Condition

Heavy abrasion is present, with complete loss of original gloss. Fibers are exposed along much of the fold.

Overall Impression

The spine is significantly worn yet remains functional, consistent with repeated handling of a single-staple Golden Age comic.

Upper Staple — Observations (IMG_1373)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image showing the staple area and surrounding paper fibers.



Staple Findings

The staple slot is enlarged with tearing around the entry point. The metal shows moderate oxidation. Surrounding paper fibers are frayed, with localized loss of printed surface.

Overall Impression

The upper staple remains functional but offers limited structural support due to surrounding paper degradation.

Lower Staple — Observations (IMG_1374)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear image of the lower spine fold area.



Staple Findings

No lower staple is present. The lower fold and centerfold region remain intact with no tearing or separation.

Overall Impression

This issue appears to have been manufactured with a single staple; the lower fold remains stable.

Brittleness Test — Observations (IMG_1376)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image capturing page-corner flex.



Findings

The page bends with noticeable stiffness but does not crack or flake. Dryness from oxidation is evident, yet flexibility remains.

Overall Impression

Paper shows advanced aging but has not reached true brittleness. Careful handling is advised.