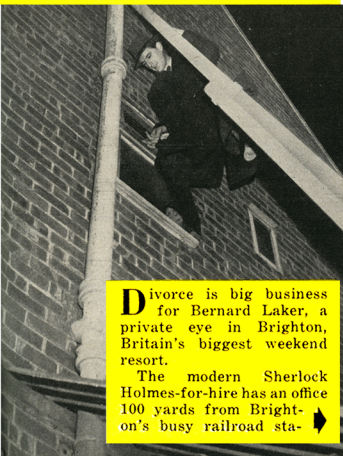


DIVORCE DETECTIVE



Divorce is big business for Bernard Laker, a private eye in Brighton, Britain's biggest weekend resort.

The modern Sherlock Holmes-for-hire has an office 100 yards from Brighton's busy railroad station. ➡



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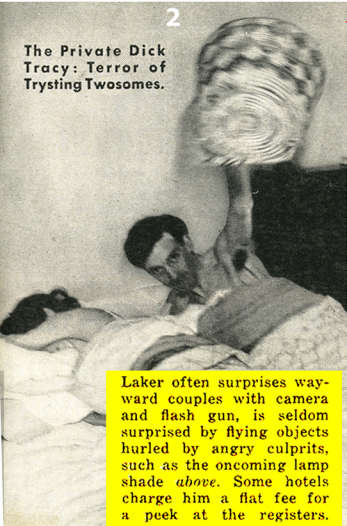
Laker and assistant set up walkie-talkie, field telephone gear while stalking errant husband in nearby house, carefully obeying trespass laws.

Divorce cases are a specialty with Laker and his 4 assistants; suspicious wives pay him to keep an eye on husbands. The husband's photo and description are sent to Laker, who watches incoming trains. Hotel registers are examined, rendezvous checked until the quarry is caught cheating. Laker has been assaulted, threatened, warned and chased, but after 11 years, he wouldn't change jobs.

Climbing in windows, or using periscopes (l.) to get evidence is routine, as is impersonating women (r.). Other tools: tape recorders, skeleton keys.



The Private Dick Tracy: Terror of Trysting Twosomes.



Laker often surprises wayward couples with camera and flash gun, is seldom surprised by flying objects hurled by angry culprits, such as the oncoming lamp shade *above*. Some hotels charge him a flat fee for a peek at the registers.

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