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- cripple: a derogatory term for someone who is physically impaired in some way
- 8. "whing-ding": a great writer; the best
- 9. "turning his hand": doing any work
- 10. looloo: a good-looking girl
- 11. yella-jackets: "yellow jackets"—a common name for wasps in North America
- 12. flop: intercourse with a prostitute
- 13. "walkin' bow legged": Whit is referring to a man contracting a venereal disease from one of the prostitutes from Clara's place
- 14. goo-goos: used to mean someone who is love-struck; a romantic
- 15. "see the fuss if it comes off": see the fight if it happens
- Jap: a derogatory term for a Japanese person
- 17. "flat bust": completely poor
- 18. "swing her": make it happen
- 19. "swamp out": clean and take care of
- 20. "sling": throw
- 21. "bind her": satisfy her
- 22. "lay offa me": leave me alone
- 23. "vella as a frog belly": a coward
- 24. "like a fish on a line": squirming like a fish that has been caught

Chapter Four

- 1. "crazy as a wedge": mentally unstable
- 2. colored: an antiquated term for African-Americans
- 3. "took a powder": left in a hurry
- 4. booby hatch: insane asylum
- 5. "take you out in a box": remove your dead body in a coffin
- 6. twicet: a Southern term for "twice"

- 7. "bindle bums": lazy migrants
- 8. floozy: another word for "prostitute"
- 9. "two-bit": two cents; cheap
- 10. "two shots of corn": two shots of corn whiskey
- 11. "roll your hoop": reference to a game played by children in which they roll a large hoop, trying to keep it from falling
- 12. trap: mouth
- 13. "strung up on a tree": hung from a
- 14. "got it doped out": got it worked out; figured out

Chapter Five

- "sonny boy": slang term for "young man"
- 2. "tenement" (tournament): game
- 3. "pitchers" (pictures): movies
- 4. "ol' lady": wife or mother
- 5. "fella": fellow
- 6. "previews": movie openings
- 7. "an spoke on the radio": radio was the major form of entertainment and news at the time; radio programs would interview celebrities before a movie premiere
- 8. "ringer": an expert

Chapter Six

- 1. "sonofabitching": similar to "damn"
- 2. "stew the b'Jesus outta": bother
- 3. "greased jack-pin": a jackhammer
- 4. "blow it in": waste it
- 5. "hoot in hell": darn
- 6. "eatin": bothering