

H.J. Ward's cover for the April 1938 issue of PRIVATE DETECTIVE STORIES illustrates Robert Leslie Bellem's "Death On Display." Richard Lathrop Steed, author of "Gold Code" in this same issue, is also a likely pseudonym of Bellem's. Ward was a prolific cover artist for PRIVATE DETECTIVE STORIES and its sister publications, the SPICY and SPEED titles. All of the essential elements are present in this cover--the scantily dressed damsel in distress (or nearly out of dis-dress, as the case may be) and a sinister villain.