With the December 1942 issue, the long run of SPICY MYSTERY STORIES came to an end. Unfortunately, the three names probably most associated with the title were not part of this last issue--H.J. Ward, Howard Parkhurst and Robert Leslie Bellem--but artist Allen Anderson ably filled in for those two artistic stalwarts, and regulars E. Hoffmann Price and Hugh Cave were on hand to ensure a good read. Like the phoenix, however, SPICY MYSTERY would not stay dead and would be reborn in its new guise of SPEED MYSTERY STORIES with the January 1943 issue.