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### ASTOUNDING FACTS

After last week's report that ASTOUNDING's circulation had dropped, we investigated and found that the circulation of ASTOUNDING has been going steadily up since last year & has, in fact, gone off the top of the graph that Campbell drew for it. The list of ASTOUNDING on the newstands in New York is being investigated by STREET & SMITH.

Cladney is doing both the coming May and June issues of ASTOUNDING. Coils of Time by P. Schuyler Miller cops the May cover, while HERMIT OF MARS does likewise with the June cover.

Probably to be found in the June issue of ASTOUNDING are WHEN THE FUTURE DIES by Nat Schachner - DONE IN OILS, another Josh Menab yarn, by Arthur J Burks. In the July issue will be found BLACK DESTROYER by a new writer.

L Ron Hubbard has SLAVES OF SLEEP in the June issue of UNKNOWN. The cover of both the June and May issues of UNKNOWN are by Scott. Other tales in the June number are, THE SUMMONS by a new writer named Don Evans - DON'T GO HUNTING by Robert Coley and GNERLY MAN by L.S. deCamp.

### CONVENTION FACTS

Ted Dikty's convention magazine will be titled WHO'S WHO IN SCIENCE FICTION FANDOM. If you receive a circular letter requesting informa-

tion about yourself, please answer it, for it means that you have been chosen as one of the fans to be included in this volume. Bob Formanek's magazine will deal entirely with fantastic poetry - A motion will be brought before the QUEENS SFL to form a soft ball team, to challenge the PSFS Panthers, softball stf fan team of Philadelphia, to a play-off game, as one of the features of the WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION. CHARLES D. HORNIG editor of SCIENCE FICTION will donate a dozen or so scientifilm stills for auction at the convention. The big "RED LETTER" day of the Convention has definitely been set as SUNDAY JULY 2nd, 1939, at which time the super film, METROPOLIS will be shown

### OVERFLOW by SAM MOSKOWITZ

THE TOAD, a short story by David H. Keller MD contained in the latest issue of STRANGE STORIES was originally scheduled to appear in the now defunct FANTASY MAGAZINE - HARBOR WHISPLES the poem by H P Lovecraft in the latest issue of WEIRD TALES appeared originally in the old fan magazine, THE PHANTAGRAPH - Such pen-names of regular authors as Robert Castle John Coleridge, Don Passente, contained in the latest issue of SCIENCE FICTION are "stock" pen names of the company. They are used in a



half-a-dozen or more publications, and serve, individually, as pen names for an ever increasing number of writers. - Through an error, the author of the story in the first number of SCIENCE FICTION, ~~THE~~ MACHINE THAT THOUGHT, was omitted at the front of the story. The editor noting this before the entire number of copies had been run off, had it corrected, and now states that copies of SCIENCE FICTION with and without that particular author's name was circulated. Which have you? Newstand reports indicate that FANTASTIC ADVENTURES is selling amazingly well, and more important newstand men say that a class of people who never before bought a copy of a science fiction magazine are waxing enthusiastic over FANTASTIC ADVENTURES. They think it is the first magazine of science fiction ever published. What a laugh on the small size advocates. - The fourth issue of FANTASY DIGEST will have a special hard paper cover and will be mailed flat like NEW FANDOM, in an envelope. A special array of surprise material, and different methods of presentation is promised. - The essay by yours truly commemorating the third anniversary of THE SCIENCE FICTION COLLECTOR will be titled DEEP PURPLE! It will be a vertible rhapsody in purple and will attempt to turn the COLLECTOR into a living, throbbing entity. - PAUL is said to have dropped the job of illustrating MARVEL SCIENCE STORIES and DYNAMIC SCIENCE STORIES, because his work with SCIENCE FICTION does not leave him enough time. sm

#### WALTER SULLIVAN TO LEAVE NEW YORK

Walter Sullivan, member of THE QUEENS SFL and RADIO EDITOR of FANTASY-NEWS, will leave New York on April 10, 1939 for his mother's farm near Bristow, Oklahoma. While there he hopes to visit, Dan McPail

who lives not too far way, about 125 miles. He will still continue as Radio Editor of FANTASY-NEWS sending us the news via Air Mail. He plans to come in for the Convention, if at all possible. jvt

#### BOOK NEWS FROM BRITAIN by J. M. ROSENBLUM

A new addition to the sixpenny paper-backed series of popular novels issued in this country is THE DEVIL RIDES OUT by Dennis Wheatley, a story of modern satanism in England. Published by Hutchinsons, PENGUIN BOOKS announces the publication in April of two more reprints in a 6d (12¢) series, of interest to fantasy fans. These are: CAN SUCH THINGS BE by Ambrose Bierce and George Bernard Shaw's BACK TO METHUSALAH; the breathtaking epic of the future development of Humanity. jmr

#### NEWSHORT by JIM AVERY

In the March issue of the French semi-pulp mag, LECTURES POUR TOUS, starts a future war-air novel by Gaston Pastre, entitled "LES AVIONS DE LA MORT". The author is hailed in the blurbs as the "new" Jules Verne and anticipator!! True to form, the first installment ends with, "nous aurons la guerre avec l'Allemagne dans un mois!" It is suggested that NY-NJ members ask Willy Ley if he knows anything about this story. Included in the same issue of the mag is an article on sea-serpents. ja

STARTING WITH THE JUNE ISSUE (THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY ISSUE) FANTASY-SCOUT will feature a cover drawn by a different artist every month. Walter Marconette will do the first one, John Giunta, the second and so on. ls



# PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE - FICTION RATINGS

by HARRY WARNER jr

## STARTLING STORIES May 1939

	T	1%	C	15%	P	20%	N	36%	Total	72%
THE PRISONER OF MARS										
THE LOST HOUR	3			16		22		35		76
PIGMALION'S SPECTACLES	3			18		33		39		93
total for the entire magazine										77%

## UNKNOWN April 1939

		4%	17%	29%	36%	86%
THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE						
THE CHANGELING	2		18	25	36	81
YOU THOUGHT ME DEAD	2		16	28	34	80
DEATH TIME	3		15	22	35	75
STRANGE GATEWAY	4		18	26	36	84
total for the entire magazine						83%

/ title T - characterization C - plot P - narration N /

## NEWS FLASHES by HARRY WARNER jr

There will definitely be an Australian fan mag soon. Its publisher will be John Deoern, the mag's name to be SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW, priced at 3d (6¢). Issued bi-monthly, it will consist of 8 or 10 hectoed pages. Most of the material will be by Australian fans. The 4th issue of FANTASY DIGEST will consist of 20 large size pages, hectoed, with TWO covers, by Marconette and Maskwitz. Inner material by Moskowitz-Warner-& many others-plus regular departments hw

## FANTASTIC ITEMS by WALTER SULLIVAN

"The Man From Mars" by Paul on the back cover of FANTASTIC ADVENTURES was copied from another "Martian" Paul did for the cover of the Aug. 1924 issue of SCIENCE AND INVENTION. A few minor changes were made, but they are still almost the same.

FOR SALE - THE SCIENCE FICTION SCOUT - Vol 2 #1&2 5¢ ea. Write % FANTASY-NEWS-137-07 32 Av Flush

## FAN - A - MAG REVIEW by LOUIS KUSLAN

SCIENCE FICTION COLLECTOR: Vol 4 #5 Jan - Feb 1939 - small size, 20 well hecto'd pages. Excellent cover by Baltadonis - The material includes "Scrambled Titles" by Hart "Signing the Petition" an outdated article on why he signed the petition at the 1st National Convention by John Weir - "Typewriter Tappings" by E Dale - The extremely interesting "Eternal Wanderer" by O Train - "Fan Mag Review" - A very interesting column "Fantaglimmerings" by Bob Madle - "The Reader's Say" - A short article on FANTASTIC ADVENTURES. - Altogether a fairly good issue, tho not worth 10¢ - Edited by JVBaltadonis - 1700 Frankford Ave - Philadelphia - Pa. 1k

You can get all 1937 issues of ASTOUNDING - all 1938 issues except Feb. - July-Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov 1936 issues - All 1939 so far - None 1935 1934 or before. Price 20¢ postpaid From ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION (BACK ISSUE DEPARTMENT) 79-89 7th Ave - New York - New York



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# R A D I O     N O T E B by WALTER SULLIVAN

The first in the series of "ARCH OBOLER'S PLAYS" was heard last Sat-March 25-. The play, entitled-"THE UGLIEST MAN IN THE WORLD", was inspired by Boris Karloff. In spite of all that has been said about it it did resemble "LIGHTS OUT" very much. However, it did differ, in that it had a happy ending. It dealt with the life of a very ugly man who was scorned by everyone. He befriended a blind girl who fell in love with him, and decided to kill himself when he found she would see again. She stopped him in time and told him that it did not make any difference what he looked like. The play was very well acted and produced, and Mr. Oboler has again proven that he is probably the best writer of this type of plays in radio today.

Last Thursday, James Hilton, author of "LOST HORIZON" was heard on Rudy Valley's program. On the program for March 30, Rudy and Claud Raines (The Invisible Man) were heard in a play by Arch Oboler.

Sunday night also had its share of interesting programs. Madeline Carroll and Don Ameche were starred in "THE LITTLE THINGS YOU DID" a play dealing with mental telepathy on the CHASE & SANBORN PROGRAM. The play was later replayed by Charlie McCarthy and Edward Everett Horton. Later in the evening, Basil Rathbone (The son of Frankenstein) and Maureen O'Sullivan (Tarzan's mate) dramatized part of "DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY" on THE CIRCLE. ws

## S C I E N T I F I L M S by MARIO RACIC jr

Orson (The Martians are coming) Welles, will probably play the lead in the RKO remake of "THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME"-----Roland "TOPPER" Young will appear on the April 4th Bob Hope program-----REVIVALS: "WHITE ZOMBIE", 1932 supernatural film, starring Bela Lugosi, at the Luxor, 156 Bleecker St., NY., April 4th.-----Fans, send in your entrées for the Second STFILM Contest. There is plenty of time yet.--- Browsing around our stf collection we came across some old SCIENCE & INVENTION issues, which contain STF FILMS material. The issue of DEC. 1930 devotes several pages to the fantasy musical "JUST IMAGINE", showing the Rocket ship leaving the Earth, also a scene of the twin (one good, & one bad) Martians.--- The MAY 1925 issue has dozens of scenes of the A. Conan Doyle pre-history "THE LOST WORLD".---This issue also has the fantasy film "PET\* ER PAN".-----The NOVEMBER 1923, issue devotes a page to the film, "RADIOMANIA"; a story of a scientist who contacts Mars, by radio, the Martians are shown as monstrosities with enormous ears. - - - - -

## N E W - F A N D O M

The fourth issue of this magazine will be out next week. This is the finest of them all, well mimeographed with a fine 2 color cover by John Giunta. Don't miss this swell issue of NEW FANDOM. Join NEW FANDOM and get the magazine free. Dues are only \$1.00 a year.

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