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Dear Fellow enthusiasts,

Here once again is your favourite paper packed with everything the Burroughs and Fantasy 'fan' has been asking for.

As you know 'Burroughsania' had to be incorporated with 'Book Collector's News' as not enough people were subscribing. However, owing to the help of several 'red hot' fans and an advertisement in the 'Exchange and Mart' the mag. is back on the map.

I have decided against my first intention of publishing a full list of Burroughs books and the magazines the stories first appeared in as recently a great deal more information has come to light and has yet to be put into shape - for instance I know definitely that "The Land that Time Forgot" appeared in 1924 but the publishers of 'Amazing' state that it appeared as a three part serial in that mag. in 1927. Therefore, just in case my facts are wrong I won't risk publishing the list until I have full details of every book and the magazine it first appeared in - instead there are lists of other Burroughs stories which will prove just as informative and are much clearer.

Here's news - an EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS ANNUAL is being planned for Christmas, this annual will contain, among other things, a quiz, two maps - one of Barsoom and one of Pellucidar drawn by myself from information contained in the Martian and Earth's Core books to go with these maps I have drawn up a glossary of Tribes, Peoples and Places of Pellucidar and Mars, a Collector's Who's Who which will give names, wants, details of collection etc. of Burroughs and Fantasy fans. The revised list of Burroughs books will be ready by then.

How about a serial (fantasy) by that budding author Jim Taylor - Jim has submitted three and they are all, in my opinion, top class.

Now, this paper cannot continue existence without YOUR help so get busy NOW and send in those articles, illustrations and items of interest. They needn't be about Burroughs although Burroughs articles are preferable, they can be about ANY Fantasy writer - Robert E. Howard, Otis Kline, De Camp etc. etc. or about the illustrators - J.Allen St. John etc.

I have many more really interesting ideas lined up and will tell you about some of them in the near future but at the moment space does not permit.

Here's hoping you enjoy the mag. as much as I enjoy editing it,

MIKE.

NOTE: There will be a meeting at 36, Semley Rd., of the E.R.B. club on the seventh (Sunday) all readers are requested to attend if possible as at this meeting a Committee is to be elected.

BOOK REVIEW by "The Critic"

A late review of
THE PORT OF PERIL BY OTIS ADELBERT KLINE.
19/6 in England.
(Obtainable from The E.R.B. Club Library
at 6d. per period.)

Originally appearing in "Weird Tales" as 'Buccaneers of Venus' (1931) this book is really better Burroughs than some of E.R.B.'s own writings (and that's saying something).

It contains the original illustrations by J. Allen St. John (who, as you know, was the main Burroughs illustrator) and these too enhance the book.

The story, which is the last of the 'Peril' trilogy (the other two being "The Planet of Peril" and "The Prince of Peril") deals with the adventures of Robert Grandon of Terra and his recently wedded wife Vernai of Reason who is abducted by the Huitsenni, a race of detestable yellow pirates.

Later Zinlo of Olba (otherwise Harry Thorne of Earth) enters into the story and adds more action to this already action packed book.

There are also Martian and Luna stories by Kline which, if they are half as good as "The Port of Peril", will make you proud to own them.

"The Port of Peril" is definitely fit to rank with "Pirates of Venus", "Lost on Venus" and "Carson of Venus".

List of known Otis Kline tales.
(May not be quite complete)

"Man from the Moon" (short)
"Maza of the Moon"
"The Thing of a Thousand Shapes" (novelette)
"The Bride of Osiris" (novelette)
"The Planet of Peril"
"The Prince of Peril"
"The Port of Peril"
"Tam, Son of the Tiger"
"The Swordsman of Mars"
"The Outlaw of Mars"
"Call of the Savage"

All originally appeared in magazine form
("Weird", "Argosy" etc.)

BOOK REVIEWS LINED UP.

"The Weapon Shops of Isher" by A.E. Van Vogt.
"The Weapon Makers" by A.E. Van Vogt.
"Swords of Mars" by E.R. Burroughs.
(Subject to demand)
"Lest Darkness Fall" by L. Sprague de Camp.
etc. etc. etc.

SEND IN YOUR BOOK REVIEWS TO THE EDITOR OF 'BURROUGHSANIA'

EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS STORIES
DEFINATELY KNOWN TO BE IN MAG.
FORM.

"AMAZING"

"The Land That Time Forgot" - Part 1 February 1927.
- Part 2 March 1927.
- Part 3 April 1927.

(Probably divides into - "The Land That Time Forgot", "The People That Time Forgot" and "Out of Time's Abyss" this book was definitely published in 1924.)

"John Carter and the Giant of Mars" January 1941.
"The City of Mummies" March 1941.
"Black Pirates of Barsoom" June 1941.
"The Return to Pellucidar" February 1942.
"Men of the Bronze Age" March 1942.
"Tiger Girl" April 1942.
"Skeleton Men of Mars" February 1943.

("Invisible Men of Mars" is thought to be an "Amazing" story probably August 1941 but this is not stated by the publishers. The first three and, I think "I.M. of M." were later published as "Llana of Gathol" the others, too were later books apart from "Skeleton Men of Mars" which was to begin a new series but Burroughs stopped writing them after the first)

"FANTASTIC"

"Scientists Revolt" Vol. 1 No. 2 July 1939.
(A poor story which was probably the work of a ghost writer)

"ARGOSY" It is obvious that many more stories appeared in "Argosy" but I'm only including those that I definitely know of as 'hear say' can often be misleading.

"Red Star of Tarzan" (Later "Tarzan and the Forbidden City")
- part 1 March 19th. 1938.
- part 2 March 26th. 1938.
- part 3 April 2nd. 1938.
- part 4 April 9th. 1938.
- part 5 April 16th. 1938.
- part 6 April 23rd. 1938.

(Others are known, of course, but the full dates are not)

"All Story"

"Son of Tarzan" (Six Part Serial)
-part 1 December 4th. 1915.
-part 6 January 8th. 1916.

"The Girl from Farris'" (Four Part Serial)
-part 1 September 24th. 1916.
-part 4 October 14th. 1916.

=More Titles will be published next month=

"EXCITING EXTRACTS"

Sent in by - D. Penfold, R.S.Lumley.

"Anticlimax"

"As he clung there, desperately searching about with his feet for some slight projection, he reproached himself for not having discarded his heavy weapons and ammunition. And why? Because his life was in jeopardy and he feared to die? No, his only thought was that because of them he would be unable to cling much longer to the cliff and that when his hands slipped from their holds and he was dashed into eternity, his last, slender hope of ever seeing again The Red Flower of Zoram would be gone. It is remarkable, perhaps, that as he clung thus literally upon the brink of eternity, no visions of Cynthia Furnois or Barbary Green impinged themselves upon his consciousness.

He felt his fingers weakening and slipping from their hold. The end came suddenly. The weight of his body dragged one hand loose and instantly the other slipped from the tiny knob it had been clutching, and Jason Gridley dropped downward, perhaps eighteen inches, to the bottom of the cliff"

(From "Tarzan at the Earth's Core")

"A moment later, a wounded Jap shot the Dutchman who was trying to help him. Shortly thereafter there were no wounded Japs."

(From "Tarzan and the 'Foreign Legion' ")

Now, you might consider this column as 'cheating' if you like it - send in your extracts - if you don't like it don't hesitate to tell me and if enough people dislike it it will be cut out or vice versa.

"INFORMATION PLEASE"

Next month if we get enough queries we're going to publish a column for answering people's queries. I'll start the ball rolling with - "Has anyone ever heard of the sequel to "The Moon Maid" entitled "The Moon Man" if so can they give details of this book?" This is the idea - someone sends in a query which is published, if I can answer it I do so but if I can't anyone who does writes in and the answer is published in the next issue. This ought to prove useful to many people - not just the people who send in the question.

I W A N T A R T I C L E S ! ! ! SEND THEM IN N O W ! ! !

NOW, FROM THE PEN OF AN UNKNOWN WRITER COMES THIS VERY CONTROVERSIAL ARTICLE WHICH, ALTHOUGH YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH A LOT IT SAYS, WILL AROUSE A LOT OF INTEREST. SEND IN YOU VIEWS ON IT, OR, BETTER STILL, SEND IN AN ARTICLE OPPOSING IT!

"W ~~ARE~~ MOST OF BURROUGH'S FANTASY PLOTS
TOO SIMILAR?"

It is my opinion that Edgar Rice Burroughs' adventure yarn plots were mostly all alike, based on the same pattern every time - the arrival of the central character in some strange place, the meeting with the heroine, the chase across plains, mountains and seas and finally - the reunion and all turns out right in the end.

Take almost any of Burroughs' science-fiction or fantasy novels - Barsoom, Amtor, Pellucidar and in cases even Africa, the same thing is repeated time after time with the handsome hero winning the beautiful herbing and becoming, if not an emperor or a king, at least a noble of some kind - the only differences being the settings and the assorted villains and races they encounter.

Yet I am gripped by Burroughs in the same way as thousands of others are gripped. What magical charm has this author got which allows us to overlook the same time-worn scenes, the same threadbare plots? I can't explain what it is, can you?

His other novels are real masterpieces of prose and plot. "The Bandit of Hell's Bend" keeps you enthralled and eager for the finish right up until you actually reach it, "The Outlaw of Torn", "The Mucker", "The Girl from Hollywood", "The Man Without a Soul" (how I wish I could get hold of that again) et cetera are really novel novels.

Why is it that so many writers have imitated his own inimitable style, so many people clamour for yarns of the "Burroughs Type", that so many collectors will pay a small fortune for a book, the plot of which they know by heart?

I would really like a logical answer to this question.

(Well, there you are, he's asked for it - give it to him)

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"JOHN CARTER" By Jim Taylor.

"INFORMATION PLEASE" A column which answers reader's questions.

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