

**OPERATION
FANTAST
HANDBOOK
1952**

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Compilation for & on behalf of OPERATION FANTAST, by K.F.Slater
Our thanks to Peter Campbell, Bob Tucker, and many other fans &
professionals, for information and assistance.

NOTE TO MEMBERS

OPERATION
OF FANTAST

An Introduction . . .

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With the second issue of the HANDBOOK comes the feeling that we started something. Just what, we are not sure. Perhaps an annual reference work to be put alongside Debrett, Kelly's, The New Statesman, and other works of that nature. But at the moment the HANDBOOK is a minor affair. It contains quite a lot of information which we hope will be of interest and use to you, but it is sadly lacking in some ways. There are many things we wanted to include - rates paid - postal charges - paper sizes - printing costs - and a multitude of it - some of interest to the fan and the professional. But we lacked, or could not complete, the information.

If you have any suggestions at all, please send them in. We will be glad to have them. About November, in 1952, we'll be starting on the 1953 HANDBOOK. Your co-operation is invited!

Now a word (quite a few, in fact) about OPERATION FANTAST itself. Those of you who are members, operators, and so forth, may skip this, it is designed purely as an introduction to the new folks.

Basically, OPERATION FANTAST is the 'fanzine' of that title. On it has been founded the organisation. Your subscription, if you make one, entitles you to four issues of OPERATION FANTAST, and any NEWSLETTERS, LETTERZINES, etc., that we may put out in the same period. The period should be a year, O.F. being Quarterly, but if it happens that we issue less than four O.F.'s in the year, the period covered, naturally, is extended until the fourth appears. The subscription rate is five shillings sterling (75¢ USA) for four issues (that nominal year).

All other services and facilities are operated on a voluntary basis by member-subscribers of OPERATION FANTAST, and although the 'operators' do in the main give speedy and efficient service, hitches (due to illness, holidays, etc.,) cannot be avoided. As these services are privately operated, we cannot therefore "guarantee" them.

Where possible, we help each other out of difficulties - and extra volunteers are always welcome. There are also openings for other services, and we will be glad to assist anyone with a 'bright idea' - sometimes we can offer financial assistance if the scheme is worthy!

With the exception of the trading side of OPERATION FANTAST, the financial matters are the sole concern of the operator. Where possible reductions are made in favour of OPERATION FANTAST and NFFF members, but this is a matter left to the discretion of the operator concerned, naturally.

Profits from trading go to support publication of OPERATION FANTAST, the total publishing costs exceeding the revenue from subscriptions, and any surplus is devoted to any scheme which we feel will be of general use or benefit to science-fiction fans. In other 'services' the profits, if any, are considered to be the just recompense of the operator, for services rendered, and are usually devoted by him to a pet scheme of his own, such as publishing a fanzine.

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There are no elections, or other 'democratic' methods of putting folk into positions - the 'operators' hold their posts solely on ability and willingness to do things. The way to become an active participant in O.F. is to show sufficient initiative to DO something. We have found this the best system; an elected body may be all very pretty, but it is prone to the belief that getting itself elected was its major function! But if you have a scheme you'd like to put over you don't have to ask anyone's consent.....and that is an advantage. All you have to do is show that it is likely to work, and we will support you. Any assistance you may require can probably be obtained through the 'CONTACT BUREAU'.

There are no hard and fast rules to be kept. If any rules are required, we make them up as we go along. The LIBRARY, for instance, is operated under a set of regulations - it has to be - but when and if circumstances require it these regulations may be waived by the operator in favour of a member. In other words, we try to keep flexible, and not get stiffly bound in red tape.

So there you are..... take us or leave us! You can subscribe, and you'll get your money's worth being just a member, receiving the quarterly O.F., the NEWSLETTERS, and other items; or you can become an active participant; or you can just forget the whole thing! But don't forget this HANDBOOK. If you are seriously interested in science-fiction, we feel sure that it will be a help to you, in one way or another.

Fantastically yours,

Honourable F. Slater

IMPORTANT THINGS to remember:

If you are a member, you have a membership number. Please quote this on all correspondence when writing to 'operators'.

Credit held by one 'operator' may be transferred to any other operator. It does help, however, if you pay direct within your own country. In cases of difficulty, British folk may pay to Capt. Slater for transfer to other 'operators', USA members to Philip J. Rasch, and Australian members can pay to Roger N. Dard.

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aSF: astounding SCIENCE FICTION (magazine title).

Contact Bureau

As its name suggests, the function of this service is to enable fans to make contact with each other. Reasons for desiring to do this may be various - the most common is, of course, to contact other fans in the same locality with the object of forming a club, or at least a 'get together' circle. Less common reasons are to find someone to help on a project - a checklist, a fanzine, or some -thing of that nature; or to find some other fan who has an 'outside interest' akin to your own - philately or radio are two such.

OPERATION FANTAST members are automatically registered as possible contacts for the purpose of forming local clubs, and so names and addresses are supplied to enquirers on request, unless the member advises the CONTACT BUREAU that his/her name should not be included.

Other information is recorded from member's application forms, or from details they supply themselves.

When a request for contact is received, the index is checked to discover if people with the required 'qualifications' are recorded, and the enquirer advised of the details. The other action to make the 'contact' - the letter that needs to be written - is then up to the enquirer. If no suitable contacts are available, details are passed to Capt. Slater, who publishes them in the next available OF or NEWSLETTER.

The bureau may be used in any way, to establish contact. If you want a pen-pal in UK, and you live in the USA, you should write to the AMERICAN section, and the 'operator' there will forward names & addresses; a UK fan desiring a contact in America should write to the British 'operative'.

There is just one rule - YOU MUST SUPPLY RETURN POSTAGE ! The Bureau has no direct income, and cannot afford to pay for the some -what heavy postage bill it incurs. If you do not enclose postage your requirements will be recorded, but you will not receive a direct reply. Your name will just be passed on to some contactee who does send a stamp !

If you want a permanent registration to be advised of all folk, say, with an interest in 'Flying Saucers', you should forward several stamps, which will be used to notify you of names and addresses as they come to hand.

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Australia: Roger N. Dard, 232 James Street,
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* Assistance to the Contact Bureau is also given by: Mrs. Janie Lamb, Route 1, HEISKELL, Texas, of the N.F.F.F. Fan File. (6)

DOLLARS AND POUNDS

Swap-trading between fans of different countries is often hampered by the belief, on one side or the other, that they are being 'robbed'. This little table is included in the hope that it may be of some use to prevent this - we hope - misapprehension, and if in fact YOU are being robbed, you can stop it !

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2/6	35¢	3. 1%.
2/-	28¢	2. 6.
1/3½	25¢	
1/6	21¢	1.10%.
1/5	20¢	
1/-	14¢	1. 3.
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MAGAZINES—

This list includes (we hope) all magazines known to be in regular publication in February, 1952. Key to the notes is as follows: Country of origin; Size, N-normal pulp, S-small or digest, P-pocket book; approx. number of pages; Frequency, I-irregular, M-monthly, S-six weekly, B-bimonthly, Q-quarterly, A-annual; Price per copy; Sub-rate, country of origin, foreign; figure in brackets - number of issues covered by sub; Editorial Address, followed by address for subscriptions if different. If THREE sub rates are quoted, the second is the Pan-American rate.

- AMAZING STORIES:** USA;N;162;M;25¢;4.00,5.00,(12); 366 Madison Ave New York, 17, N.Y.; Subscription Service, 64 E. Lake St., CHICAGO, 1, Illinois. Original material only, edited by Howard Browne.
- astounding SCIENCE FICTION:** USA;S;170;35¢;3.50,4.75,5.00,(12);6.00,8.00,8.50,(24); Canada - 4.50 (6); 7.75 (24); 575 Madison Ave., NEW YORK, 17, N.Y.; 304 East 45th Street, New York, 17, N.Y. Original material only. Edited by John W. Campbell, Jr.
- astounding SCIENCE FICTION:** British;N;64;M;1/-;13/6 (12); Atlas Publishing & Distributing Co., Ltd., 18, Bride Lane, Fleet St., LONDON, E.C.4. This British edition contains material specially selected from the original American edition.
- Authentic SCIENCE FICTION Monthly:** British;P;112;M;1/6;10/6,1.50 (6); 21/-, 3.00, (12); 1 & 2 Melville Court, Goldhawk Road, LONDON, W.12. Edited by H.J.Campbell; one book length original story per issue.
- Avon FANTASY Reader:** USA;S;128;I;35¢;no subs; Avon Novels, Inc., 575, Madison Ave., NEW YORK, 22, N.Y. Anthologies of material compiled and edited by Donald A. Wollheim. 3-5 times per year. Back issues 40¢ (5¢ handling charge).
- Avon SCIENCE Fiction Reader:** as for Avon FANTASY Reader above.
- Famous FANTASTIC Mysteries:** USA;N;114;B;25¢;1.50,2.00,(6);205 East 42nd St., NEW YORK, 17, N.Y., Edited by Miss Mary Gnaedinger. Reprints book-novels; original and reprint short stories.
- FANTASTIC ADVENTURES:** As for AMAZING STORIES above, except 130pp; Sub rates 2.50, 3.50 (12). Edited by L.E.Shaffer. Original material only.
- FANTASTIC STORY Magazine:** USA;N;146;Q;25¢;3.00 (12); Foreign postage extra (1.00 ?); Suite 1400, 10 East 40th St., NEW YORK, 16, N.Y. Edited by Samuel Mines. Reprint and original material.
- FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION (The Magazine of):** USA;S;126;B;35¢;2.00,2.50,(6); 2643 Dana Street, Berkeley 4, Calif.; 570 Lexington Ave., NEW YORK, 22, N.Y. Edited by Anthony Boucher and J.Francis McComas; reprint and original material.
- FANTASY BOOK:** USA;S;82;I;25¢;2.50 (12); 8318-20 Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles, 3, Calif. Edited by Garret Ford. Mainly original material. A deluxe edition on book paper is printed for collectors, at 3.00(12).
- FUTURE Science Fiction Stories:** USA;N;98;B;20¢;1.20 (6); 241 Church St., New York, 13, N.Y., Edited by Robert W. Lowndes. Original material only.
- FATE:** USA;S;130;S;35¢;3.00 (12);1144 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. Edited by Robert N.Webster. Non-fiction; 'science' articles, etc.

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- GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION:** USA;S;160;M;35¢;3.50,4.50 (12); 421 Hudson St., NEW YORK, 14, N.Y., Edited by H.L.Gold.Original material only.
- GALAXY science fiction NOVELS:** USA;S;160;B;35¢;2.00,2.50 (6); as above; One long novel, reprint or original.
- IF; Worlds of Science Fiction:** USA;S;160;B;35¢;3.50,4.50 (12); Canada - 4.00; Quinn Publishing Co. Inc., KINGSTON, New York. Edited by Paul W. Fairman, a new magazine first appearing in Feb '52, issue dated March.Original material only.
- IMAGINATION: stories of science and fantasy:** USA;S;162;B;35¢;3.00,3.50 (12); P.O.Box 230, Evanston, Illinois. Edited by William L.Hamling. Original material only.(Note: considered probable that increase in US postal rates will cause raise in foreign sub rate).
- MARVEL Science Stories:** USA;N; ;B;25¢; 2.50 (12); 350 Fifth Ave., NEW YORK, 1, N.Y. Edited by R.O.Erisman. Original material only. (Note: No Feb '52 issue published. Issue scheduled to appear in April (dated May) is first of return to size P. Other changes probable).
- MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLER (The):** USA;S;160;B;35¢;2.00, (2.75 ?) (6); Studio 4, 105 E. 15th St.,NEW YORK, 3, N.Y. Edited by Robert Arthur. Reprint & original, but only part s-f material.
- NEW WORLDS:** British;S;96;B;2/-; 13/-.(6), 1.75 (5); Nova Publications, Ltd., 52 Stoke Newington Road, LONDON, N.16. Edited by John Carnell. Original material only (an occasional USA story previously printed in a USA magazine is however used).
- OTHER WORLDS:** USA;S;162;S;35¢; 3.00 (4.00?) (12); Address as FATE; Edited by Raymond A. Palmer. Original material only.
- PLANET STORIES:** USA;N;96;B;25¢;none quoted;Love Romances Pub.Co., 130 W.42nd St.,NEW YORK,18,N.Y. Managing editor is Malcolm Reiss. Original material only. (Note: shortly before going to press we learn that this publisher is re-organising. No definite information is available, but subs are not being taken).
- SCIENCE-FANTASY: SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY:** As for NEW WORLDS, but quarterly at present.
- STARTLING STORIES:** USA;N;130;Q;25¢;1.00 (4); as for FUTURE.
- STRANGE:** USA;S;160;B;35¢;3.50,4.50 (12); Canada - 4.00;as for IF; Editor is James L.Quinn. Non-fictional accounts of strange happenings, supernatural, or otherwise extra-ordinary.
- TALES OF TOMORROW:** As for Futuristic SCIENCE STORIES.
- THRILLING WONDER STORIES:** USA; as for STARTLING STORIES, but bimonthly.
- THRILLING WONDER STORIES:** British;N;64;B;1/-;6/9 (6); as for Astounding S.F. British edition.
- THRILLS;INCORPORATED:** Australian;S;34;M;8d;none quoted;Transport Publishing Co.Pty.Ltd., 26 Hunter St.,SYDNEY, NSW.
- TWO COMPLETE SCIENCE ADVENTURE BOOKS:** USA;N;112;Q;25¢;none quoted;Wings Publishing Co. Inc.,130 West 42nd St.,NEW YORK,18,N.Y. Edited by Malcolm Reiss. New and reprint material, two long tales, normally one of each type.

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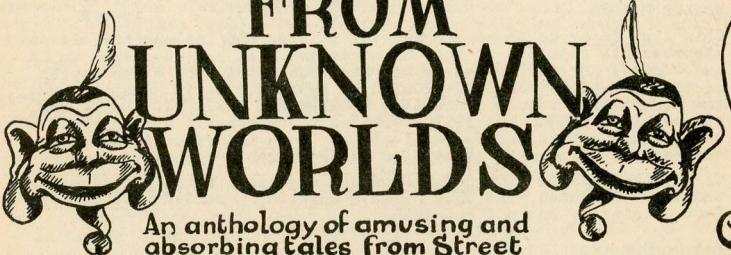
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- WEIRD TALES:** USA;N;96;B;25¢;1.50 (6);foreign postage extra; Weird Tales, 9,Rockefeller Plaza, NEW YORK, 20, N.Y. Edited by D. McIlwraith. Normally original material only, but occasional reprints.
- WONDER STORY ANNUAL:** USA;N;162;A;25¢;none; as for FANTASTIC STORY Magazine.
- WONDERS OF THE SPACEWAYS:** as for Futuristic SCIENCE STORIES.
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- FOOTNOTE:** Futuristic SCIENCE STORIES and the other three titles issued by John Spencer & Co. are all included in one subscription rate of 20/- (4.00) per year.
- A new magazine is due in MAY from Ziff-Davis, publishers of AMAZING STORIES and FANTASTIC ADVENTURES, titled FANTAS-TIC (QUARTERLY), 35¢, digest sized, colour plates (?).

"COMIC" MAGAZINES

No attempt has been made in this publication to cover the vast number of "Comic" (a misnomer if ever there was one) magazines which have been, and are being, published in the s-f field. However, for those interested in sampling this form of the creative art, we can recommend STRANGE STORIES, SPACE DETECTIVE, WITCHCRAFT, and TARRANO THE CONQUEROR as typical examples. All four of these are issued by the AVON PUBLISHING CO. INC., of 575 Madison Avenue, NEW YORK, 22, N.Y. There are many more such items, both from AVON and other publishers. Average price is 10¢ a copy, and in certain cases subscriptions are accepted.

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"Dead" Magazines

Many magazines have been published during the 'boom-cycles' of s-f, and a brief note of these follows. Collectors who wish may obtain further information on these magazines from Capt. Slater, under the terms of the INFORMATION BUREAU.

AIR WONDER STORIES	USA	1929/30	11 issues
AMAZING STORY ANNUAL	USA	1927	1 issue
AMAZING STORIES QUARTERLY	USA	1928/34	22 issues
AMAZING (SCIENTIFIC) DETECTIVE	USA	1930	11 issues
A. MERRITT FANTASY	USA	1949/50	5 issues
ARKHAM SAMPLER	USA	1948/49	8 issues
ASTONISHING STORIES	USA	1940/43	16 issues
COMET STORIES OF TIME AND SPACE	USA	1940/41	5 issues
COSMIC STORIES	USA	1941	3 issues
CAPTAIN FUTURE	USA	1940/44	16 issues
DYNAMIC STORIES	USA	1939	2 issues
ERIE TALES	Canadian	1941	1 issue
FANTASIE en Wetenschap	Dutch	1948 (?)	4 issues
FANTASTIC NOVELS (revived)	USA	1940/41	5 issues
		1948/51	20 issues
FANTASY	British	1938/39	3 issues
FANTASY	British	1946/47	3 issues
FANTASY FICTION (STORIES)	USA	1950	2 issues
MARVEL TALES	USA	1934/35	5 issues
MAGIC CARPET	USA	1933/34	5 issues
MIRACLE SCIENCE AND FANTASY STORIES	USA	1931	2 issues
ORIENTAL STORIES	USA	1930/32	9 issues
OUT OF THIS WORLD ADVENTURES	USA	1950	2 issues
OUTLANDS	British	1946	1 issue
SCIENCE FICTION	USA	1939/41	12 issues
SCIENCE WONDER QUARTERLY	USA	1929/35	14 issues
SCOOPS	British	1934	20 issues
STIRRING SCIENCE STORIES	USA	1941/42	4 issues
STRANGE STORIES	USA	1939/41	11 issues
STRANGE TALES	USA	1931/33	7 issues
SUPER SCIENCE STORIES (revived)	USA	1940/43	16 issues
		1949/51	15 issues
SUSPENSE	USA	1951/52	4 issues
TALES OF WONDER	British	1937/42	16 issues
TEN STORY FANTASY	USA	1951	1 issue
UNCANNY STORIES	USA	1941	1 issue
UNCANNY TALES	Canadian	1940/43	21 issues
UNKNOWN WORLDS (UNKNOWN)	USA	1939/43	39 issues
UNUSUAL STORIES	USA	1934/35	3 issues
WITCHES' TALES	USA ?	1936	2 issues
WORLDS BEYOND	USA	1950/51	3 issues

This list is by no means exhaustive; it does not include the almost innumerable reprints of the USA magazines that have appeared in UK and Canada; nor such items as the Japanese reprint of seven copies of the Ziff-Davis' AMAZING STORIES in 1951; nor again does it cover the 'quarterly' issues of AMAZING STORIES and FANTASTIC ADVENTURES, issued between 1940 and 1951, containing three monthly issues bound in one volume. But it covers, we feel, the more important items that a collector will need to possess to be 'reasonably complete'!

We will appreciate firm details of any magazines which you consider should be included, and that we have omitted, provided these are in fact originals, and not reprints.

FAN JARGON (continued)

ajjay:	Amateur Journalism.	BRE	British reprint edition of any mag. (i.e. ASF)
ASFm:	Authentic Science Fiction Monthly. (Mag. title).		BRE means the British edition of astounding Science Fiction).
AS	Amazing Stories (mag. title)		
AFR	Avon Fantasy Reader (ditto)		
ASFR	Avon Science Fiction Reader		
Bem	Bug-eyed monster. Applied to monsters depicted in s-f yarns, irrespective of whether they have eyes or not!	Checklist:	A list of magazines, by issues; of an author's works; or any similar listing of use to a collector.

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MAGAZINES - some general notes

Late 1950 saw the advent of "GALAXY" SCIENCE FICTION, a magazine which was immediately recognised by fandom as a challenger for the 'top of the list' position so long held by Street & Smith's astounding SCIENCE FICTION. 1951 has seen the development of GALAXY into a magazine that has replaced ASF in the hearts of many readers, as their 'favorite'. The question of which is the better is, however, a matter of personal taste - they are both excellent, having sound scientific backing to their tales, and a good literary standard.

AMAZING STORIES, the earliest of the true science-fiction magazines (first published under the guidance of the 'father' of pulp s-f, Hugo Gernsback, in April, 1926) bears little resemblance to the 'thing of awe and beauty' which it was in its early days. Present editor, Howard Browne, is to the best of our knowledge and belief, the first s-f editor to publicly express the opinion that spacetravel is scientifically impossible, now and always! (Feb '52 issue). In that statement is revealed the average fans' reason for dislike of much of the material used - excellent reading at times, but only too frequently totally implausible by the 'commonly accepted' rules of 'space travel'. FANTASTIC ADVENTURES, second of the Ziff-Davis twins, is today publishing some fine fantasy, with no pretence to science, but enjoyable and entertaining fiction.

The oldest, and perhaps the most consistent, of the fantasy mags is WEIRD TALES, first published in March, 1923, and then edited by Edwin Baird, continues today; still supplying reading matter for those people who like tales to send sudden chills down the spine. It is irregularly reprinted in U.K.

THRILLING WONDER STORIES, direct descendant of the old "SCIENCE-WONDER STORIES" (commenced, edited, and published by Hugo Gernsback in June, 1929, after he had severed his connection with AMAZING), is still one of the best magazines, and along with STARTLING STORIES, & FANTASTIC STORY QUARTERLY, WONDER STORY ANNUAL, is now edited by Mr Sam Mines (Sam Merwin retiring in 1951); it is our opinion that the four combined give the reader the best all-round selection of s-fic - tion to be obtained today. PLANET STORIES continues with a good selection of 'action type' tales, while FUTURE, SCIENCE FICTION Q., and MARVEL try to fill the bill in a manner similar to that of the TWS/SS magazines. Ray Palmer's OTHER WORLDS, and Bill Hamling's IMAGINATION cater to fandom, giving the fans what amounts to the full run of the magazines, while the editors experiment with stories. To-day OTHER WORLDS is favouring extremely lengthy works to the exclusion of almost all else except 'fandoings'.

SUSPENSE, a short-lived effort to mingle s-f, detective, and mystery yarns, finished with its fourth issue, Winter '52, but has a successor in THE MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLER. FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES, a mag which reprints long novels mainly from hard-backed stuff, is now the sole survivor of the POPULAR PUBLICATIONS four s-f magazines.

F&SF, and the two AVON READERS continue, each in its own way, to bring good fiction to the attention of the newer fandom. F&SF finds most of its reprint items 'off-trail', whilst Don Wollheim delves deeply into the older magazines to produce an occasional gem.

FANTASY BOOK, currently printing as a serial a fantasy tale that was printed complete in the January Startling, we feel to be on the skids, and is of interest only to collectors. IF, the new mag from Quinn Publishing Co., is too new for us to have any opinion, but we were favourably impressed with its first issue.

In the British field, NEW WORLDS and SCIENCE-FANTASY are still leading the field, both now under the editorship of E.J. Carnell. Of these two, the former is now bimonthly, and the latter quarterly; it is hoped by Nova Publications, Ltd. (the only fan-financed magazine publishers in the world) that they will continue to hold the lead.

Their only serious competitor is Authentic SCIENCE FICTION Monthly (it has finally settled down under that title) edited now by H.J. Campbell. This magazine still continues to print one long yarn alone, in each issue, in which it differs from NW and S-F, both of them short-story mags. But it does print reader's letters, give fan-zine reviews, a strong point in its favour - so far as fandom is concerned. The four Spencer items, after a short recess towards the end of 1951, have re-appeared, and in content show a vast improvement. It will be worthwhile to keep a watchful eye on them, as the general standard is now far more adult in appeal.

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THE FANTASY ART SOCIETY



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FOR ARTISTS - an Art Bureau in which professional artists answer questions and criticise the work of amateur artist members, and assistance in finding markets for their work - besides its own enterprises, the society also has contacts with many fanzines.

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Alan Hunter, 124, Belle Vue Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth

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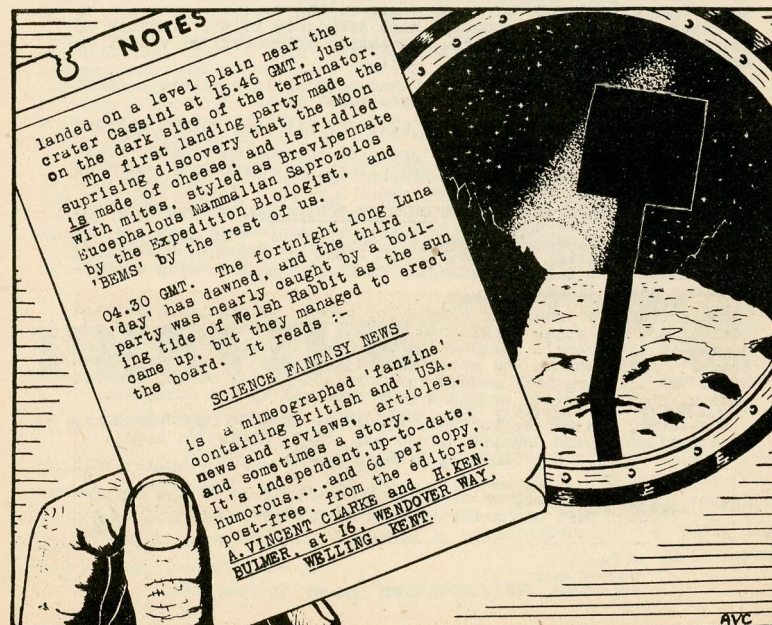
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A WORD ABOUT FANZINES

The 'word' this year differs but little from that of last year. Strange but true, the FANZINE is still the fan's name for an amateur magazine, published by a fan, and connected with science-fantasy. It varies from a single mimeographed sheet, to a professionally printed periodical. In the last year the latter type has increased in number but the 'hard core' of the amateur fan-publishing world is the enthusiast, who, with limited capital but boundless energy, a battered type-writer and a mechanical monstrosity he calls a 'duplicator', manages to put out his 'fanzine'.

The contents of fanzines vary as much as their format, ranging, as they still do, from very poor quality fiction to articles of outstanding worth. The articles are usually better, the fiction being often a crime, unfortunately unpunishable! Not always, however. We raise the hat to SLANT, from which stories have been taken for professional publication!

Some fanzines concentrate on one aspect of fantasy, such as FANTASY TIMES and SCIENCE FICTION NEWS LETTER, the newspapers of the fantasy world; SCIENCE FICTION ADVERTISER, self-explanatory in name; and all those 'zines which are the 'official organs' of various clubs. Other 'zines set no limits, and publish a mixture of fiction, news, reviews and articles. In the main they form the harmless outlet of a lot of energy, and thwarted creative ability, and are the source of considerable amusement. Very rarely are they profitable. Every worth-while fan should subscribe to at least two, and should try his/her hand at writing for them; the first to keep in touch with the field, and the second for the fun of it - and once again, I assure you it is fun!

Outstanding items of 1951 were Sam Moskowitz' THE IMMORTAL STORM, an inch thick mimeo-ed history of fandom, published by Henry Burwell; THE BRADBURY REVIEW, a 64 page photolithed booklet edited and published by William F. Nolan for the SAN DIEGO SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY. In the periodicals we must acknowledge the excellent work of Walter A. Willis, with SLANT; Lee Hoffman with QUANDRY; and Manly Bannister, whose NEKROMANTICON was easily the finest effort of the year.

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- "Meanwhile, ASF has been mentioned by the BBC, (1st time), through a dramatis-
- "It's happened at last! Shasta Publications, (U.S.) announce the forthcoming publication of Bob Heinlein's entire 'Future-History' series ...23 stories
- "Our favourite sentence from 'MoF' is--"Dawn, and Lew Gordon was flying a streamlined turbo-jet into space", but similar gems, such as the rocket that
- "To these others fantasy has acquired a distorted importance. It has become a dope, as much a dope as opium. It provides a perfect escape medium from life
- "Arthur Clarke, who's Ego was heard to remark the other day - "I hate a story I've only sold once", will have a technical book on space-flight published
- "Strangest BRE ever is the 64 page 'Cosmic Science Stories'. Though bearing the title of an extinct US prozine, the stories are from the Sept. '43 Super
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Literary Agents

Some 'new' writers start right out and send their 'Great British (or American) Novel' direct to a publisher, and sometimes they manage to sell it. Much more frequently they don't - don't sell it, that is.

They often do this in the some-what misguided belief that an agent is a species of leech, sucking the monetary blood from the veins of hard-working authors. In fact, nothing could be farther from the truth. The Literary Agent HAS to sell the stories the Literary Gents send to him, for usually he works on a percentage basis, and if he doesn't sell, his wives and child starve.

Okay, he has got to sell yarns to live. It follows that he will know the best market - he will be making a poor living if he does not keep advised of what publishers and editors want. So by sending your manuscript to him, you cut down on postage, and time, wastage. YOU may start off by mailing it to several editors who have piles of similiar yarns, and who don't want any more. The agent knows - he has to - what the editors need. HE won't.

The agent has got to sell. An editor hasn't - at least - he has to sell a book, or a magazine, not a story. He has plenty of those from which to take his choice, and he may not be able to spare time to give yours a close examination. If he likes it, he may decide to give you a hint or two on his reasons for pinning a rejection-slip to it this time. If he is a busy editor (most of them are) he very probably won't. But if your tale has even a glimmering of worth, an agent will take an interest. He will say "Here is another possible source of income for me. If this chap can make that a little better I can make some money on it". Not just like that, of course, but in general that is the principle. And if he thinks he can sell what you write, then he is going to get it written the way he can sell it.

So there are two good reasons for using an agent. One - he is able to place your story where it will be wanted. Two - he has what amounts to a personal interest in seeing that your yarn is well constructed, and the best writing of which you are capable.

Some agents are listed in the next column. They specialise in science-fantasy. Use them.

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The CINCINNATI FANTASY GROUP. Meetings every Saturday night. Full details from Don Ford, 129 Maple Avenue, Sharonville, Ohio. PR 6666.

CHICAGO. There must be a club in CHICAGO!! Why don't they tell us? Ask Ed Wood, 31 N. Aberdeen St., CHICAGO, 7, Ill., USA, for local information, if you are a neo-fan in the Chicago area!

The ELVES', GNOMES', AND LITTLE MEN'S SCIENCE FICTION, CHOWDER, AND MARCHING SOCIETY. Full details from the Secretary, c/o The Garden Library, 2524 Telegraph Avenue, BERKELEY 4, Calif.

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The WASHINGTON SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY. Full details from the Secretary, P.O. Box 7595, Benj. Franklin Station, WASHINGTON, 4, D.C.

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AUSTRALIAN

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The AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY. Open to all Australian fans. Membership fee 2/6 per annum. Sec: Graham B. Stone, Box 61, The Union, University of Sydney, N.S.W.

BRITISH

The BRADFORD SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION. Meetings held alternate Sundays. All enquiries to the Secretary. Derek Pickles, at 22 Marshfield Place, BRADFORD, Yorks.

The FANTASY ART SOCIETY. See full page notice.

The BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY. For those interested in space-flight and rocketry. The Secretary, B.I.S., 157, Friary Rd., LONDON, S.W.3.

BOURNEMOUTH: Fans in the Bournemouth region interested in starting a club should contact Peter Hallifax, 105 Kingswell Road, Bournemouth, Hants.

CARDIFF: Contact Fred J. Robinson, 37 Willows Ave., Tremorfa, Cardiff.

The FORTEAN SOCIETY: Secretary (British); Eric Frank Russell, 3, Dale Hey, HOOTON, Cheshire.

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GLASGOW: Contact Matt A. Elser, 37 Moray Place, Glasgow, S.1.

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The NORWICH S-F FANS. Meetings fortnightly in Manchester. Full details from Dave H. Cohen, 32 Larch St., Hightown, Manchester, 8.

The RESEARCH CENTRE GROUP, covering Atlantis, the Hoerbiger theory, and similar facets of s-f. The Secretary, 9, Markham Square, LONDON, S.W.3.

SWEDISH

FUTURA, förening för science-fiction. At the beginning of the year, this newly-born club had fifteen members. Address is Klubbbacken 24, Högstersten, Sweden. Chairman is Mr. Sture Lönnnerstrand, and Foreign Relations member is Sigvard Ostlund, Smedsbacksgatan 71, STOCKHOLM, Sweden.

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A NOTE ABOUT FAN CLUBS

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FANZINES British (cont.)

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— Porry Ackerman.

FAN JARGON (cont.)

- GHU** - one of fandom's 'gods'. Others are 'Beer', Foo-Foo, and from the pages of the E.E. Smith's LENSEMAN series, comes Klono.
- HECTO** - one of the messier forms of reproduction used by fanzine publishers. Good for 50-100 copies. Inexpensive. Contaction of hectograph.
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- ill.** or **illo** - an illustration.
- ish.** - issue of a publication.
- LETTER HACK** - steady writer of letters to prozines. (from 'hack-writer', a writer who turns out sellable stories...but with-out any great value to them). (Pardon ?)
- MIMBO** - mimeograph, used to cover any form of duplicating by the stencil process, despite the fact that 'MIMBOGRAPH' is the trademark of a particular make of machine.
- MINT** - used to denote 'in perfect condition' in reference to books or magazines, etc.

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Pocket Book Publishers

In this section have been included only those publishers who consistently issue pocket-books, or paper-covered items, in the science fantasy field. PENGUIN and PAN both print the occasional s-f story, but these are rare. Some such publishers have been included, but in these cases have issued a fair number of s-f pbs, and presumably intend to continue doing so.

AMERICAN

- AVON PUBLISHING CO. INC., 575 Madison Avenue, NEW YORK, 22, N.Y.
(Have issued nearly all the A. Merritt works at 25¢ each, & also a large number of other items of s-f.)
- BANTAM BOOKS, 850 West Haines Street, CHICAGO, 22, Illinois.
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AUSTRALIAN

- WHITMAN PRESS PTY., LTD., 80 Elizabeth Street, SYDNEY, N.S.W. (Issued several 8d 32pp paper-covers, including many of Oscar J. Friend's yarns, reprinted from USA magazines).
- TRANSPORT PUBLISHING CO. PTY. LTD., 26 Hunter St., SYDNEY, N.S.W. (Issued numerous 8d 32pp paper-covers, on semi-fantastic themes, usually with a strong element of 'detective').

BRITISH

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- CURTIS WARREN LTD., 81 Lambs Conduit Street, LONDON, W.C.1. (One of Britain's most prolific pb publishers in the s-f field, having produced some two dozen titles by the end of 1951).
- GAYWOOD PRESS, LTD., 30 Gaywood Street, LONDON, S.E.1. (Have as the 'name' author Astron del Martia, advertised as the penname of an American scientist. Six titles to date, four by adM).
- HAMILTON & CO.(STAFFORD) LTD., 1 & 2, Melville Court, Goldhawk Road, LONDON, W.12. (Besides publishing Authentic Science Fiction this house issues p-bs on s-f themes).
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- WORLD FANTASY CLASSICS, Clydesdale House, Turner Street, MANCHESTER. (Going strong in '50 and early '51, with reprints of USA novels, this publisher seems to have ceased to issue s-f).

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FAN JARGON (cont.)

- MoF - Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction (also MoF&SF, F&SF)
 NÆCRONOMICON - mythical book purported to have been written by Abdul Alhazred, a mad Arab, telling of the mysteries of the 'Old Ones' and the 'Elder Gods', beings inhabiting the universe before man. Used in much horror and weird fiction of the Lovecraft school. Invention of Howard Phillips Lovecraft.
- NEOFAN - a new fan. Newcomer to fandom
 NFFF or N3F - the NATIONAL FANTASY FAN FEDERATION (of USA).
 Null-A - Non-Aristotelian logic, adopted from Korzybski's SCIENCE and ANITY, and popularised among fandom by a novel of A.E. van Vogt's, THE WORLD OF NULL-A (also A)

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For simplicity, in the following where we say 'American', or 'USA', it should be read to include Canada. When we say 'British' or 'UK', we mean not only the UK, but Australia, Europe, etc.

In explaining the process, we'll treat it as two halves. First -ly, the USA half, USA members who want British books or magazines, or who wish to use one of the 'services' operated from Britain, establish credit by sending into the Trading Bureau magazines, or books, etc., which are valued and placed to the credit of their accounts. In respect of magazines a table of credits follows, and on pocket-books full cover-value credited is normally given, provided the pbs are in good condition. Unfortunately we can't give such good rates on books, and the best that you can expect is 70% in the dollar on books in very good, near mint, condition intact, with dust wrappers. You can probably do better elsewhere....

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That covers things, basically, from the point of view of the USA members.

Now, the magazines, etc., obtained are passed on to the British members, either by 'regular orders', which means that the member has registered to receive every issue of a certain magazine as it comes to hand, or else he buys the occasional one from the lists published. Rates for pbs and mags are 2/6 for 25 issues - 3/- for 35 issues. Payment this end is usually in cash, but now and again the British members have material that the USA members want, and then the procedure goes into reverse!

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Two things you must bear in mind. Although we put cash values on items, these are only to help in accounting and clearing material. There is no interchange of currency between the sterling & dollar areas, and therefore the 'credit' established is really a

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THE TRADING BUREAU (cont.)

fictitious figure, and for it's realisation it requires a member of the faction to need what you have contributed, and to be willing to supply what you want. In other words, it is a glorified and centralised barter system. But it has operated very successfully over the last five years. The second point is that all transactions are conducted on an 'honour' basis. We trust you - and you trust us. We all trust each other. That gives raise to a point - some folk, now and again, get worried because nothing seems to happen. That, we are sorry to say, usually means that your requirement has been overlooked - ed ! A letter will usually put it right - the snag is that there is an awful lot of work being done by a very few people, as a spare time hobby. And we don't how it can possibly be further decentralised - ed without getting completely out of hand !

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Capt. K. F. Slater, (RPC.), No. 18, PCLU Detachment, BAOR 19 (c/o GPO England)

The Information and Research Bureau

The INFORMATION AND RESEARCH BUREAU is one of our lesser 'services', and therefore we have not devoted a large amount of effort to developing it. Nevertheless, it can prove useful to you in many ways.

Let us outline the information we can supply. Firstly, we are in possession of fairly complete records of every s-f magazine ever published, and can give you dates, contents, and so forth. We have first edition records of books, covering most of the works issued prior to 1946. We have a morass of data on authors, & lists of their works in many cases, but this is very deficient in many respects. But we can generally manage to track down any story you want, and if we fail we will always refer the question to the membership for possible answer.

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FAN JARGON (cont.)

- one-shot: a fan publication which appears but once, either intentionally or otherwise. Some of the best productions are intentional one-shots. Some of the worst, fortunately, are also one-shots - unintentionally !
- OO: Abbreviation for 'Official Organ', used to define a fan-zine put out by a club, as representing that club.
- OOTWA: Out of This World Adventures. Defunct prozine.
- original: Usually in connection with illustrations. The drawing or painting from which the printing plates were made.
- pb: paper-back or pocket-book.
- pro- prefix used to denote 'professional', 'prozine' - a professional magazine, as opposed to a 'fanzine'. There are also 'profans' - people who make a profession out of fandom ! Also used to denote authors, artists, etc. "Sam Mines is a pro." (Sam Mines is a professional editor).
- pulp: A magazine printed on newspaper-type paper. 'pulp-size' - the common size of such magazines, around 6 1/2" x 9 1/2".
- Scienti- a prefix commonly used to denote something is science-fictional in content. Sciencecomics, scientificfilm, Scientificfiction. The art of word-combination is attributed to Forrest J. Ackerman, but we have the opinion it's somewhat older even than that long standing (sit down, Forry) fan. He may have introduced it (the art) to fandom, however.

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slick: a magazine or other material printed on a smooth or glossy surfaced paper.

space opera: melodramatic science-fiction.

SS: Startling Stories (magazine title).

SSS: Super Science Stories (magazine title).

TWS: Thrilling Wonder Stories (magazine title).

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A reduction of 25% will be made for any advertisement entered without charge for four consecutive issues.

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