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Dear Folks,

Yet another circular letter.....

Some of you have have queried the 'why for' of these duplicated items that accompany O.F. I would have thought the reason pretty obvious! Most of what I put in these is applicable to a certain section of O.F.'s circulation, and of no interest to others. This particular one, for instance, may be of interest to USA and Canadian folk, but serves little purpose for folks outside that area.

However, I'll move on to the important points.

I think we have pulled up quite a bit from the very far in the rear position that our 'OPERATION' occupied some three months ago - if anyone is unsatisfied with the way things are going, please write and let me know. Hear your letter 'COMPLAIN' in red, to ensure prompt attention. One thing I am still way behind on is mail, but I'm afraid that as there is only me to write the letters, that can't be helped. Your letters are appreciated, and I do my best to answer 'em all, but it is a full time job of its own. Please do your best to write letters giving me information, and telling me your wants, but which don't need a real answer! I have a conscience that seems to insist when you ask my opinion I have to give it. It holds things up when I have to spend half an hour writing a lengthy letter about what I think of Korea, or what have you!

Now, for your end of it. I'm hoping that I can enclose herewith a list of currently available books. That depends a lot on what I hear from the dealers in the next few days. Those I actually have in stock I'll note with a number in brackets...that will be number of copies. Circumstances beyond my control (the international situation) enforce me to keep stocks as low as possible, so I am now ordering books in half-dozens, as soon as I get enough orders for the particular book, and then despatching them as soon as they arrive.

Payment: Folk paying cash are requested to send their money to Phil Rasch, whose address is given inside the front page of O.F. Non-N.F.F.F.-ers add 5% to list price for postage, on cash purchases. That means 5¢ in each dollar, 1¢ in 20¢.

Folk who work on swaps will have to be limited, I am afraid, as I am now stocked up on most mags from 1947 to date. Early items are still wanted, and I'll quote you special prices if you'll tell me what you want to send me. But on current issues, I'd like to make a contract with several folk to send me regular issues as they finish reading 'em. A list showing what quantities of each mag, and the amount I'll credit, is attached. If you are willing, please write and let me know what mags you will send regularly. I know that this will make things a bit difficult for some of you, but you can still purchase for cash, or I will accept 1947 to 1949 mags at a flat rate of 15¢ a copy, irrespective of name, provided they are complete with both covers. As soon as present stocks are depleted, and I can make it wide open again, I'll let you know.

I've mislaid the list of folk who want copies of NEW WORLDS regularly, so if you are one of 'em, please add a note in your next letter. But I can place you a sub, 6 issues, for the mag-value of five current mags. Or 1.50 cash to Phil Rasch. Same goes for SCIENCEFANTASY, first issue of which is delayed.

By the by, cash payers don't have to pay until they get my invoice. So send your order to me, when you get the books and invoice, you pay Phil.

Other odd notes will be included in these sheets as I progress, but for the moment, adios, and best wishes.

Fantastically,

K. F. Slater

MAGAZINES REQUIRED CURRENTLY.

Title.	No. of copies each issue.	Credit.	Title.	No. of copies each issue.	Cr.
AMAZING STORIES QUARTERLY	2.	50¢.	OTHER WORLDS	12.	35¢
AMAZING STORIES (monthly)	9.	25¢.*	OUT OF THIS WORLD		
A?MERRITT FANTASY	6.	25¢.	ADVENTURES	6	25¢
ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION	9.	25¢.	PLANET STORIES	6	20¢
AVON FANTASY READER	9.	35¢.	MARVEL	6	*
FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES	8.	25¢	STARTLING STORIES	15	25¢
FANTASTIC ADVENTURES QUART.	2.	50¢	SUPER SCIENCE STORIES	12	25¢
FANTASTIC ADVENTURES Month.	4.	25¢	THRILLING WONDER ST.	15	25¢
FANTASTIC NOVELS	9.	25¢	FANTASTIC STORY QUART.	6.	25¢
FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION	10.	35¢	WONDER STORY ANNUAL(51)	6.	25¢
FANTASY FICTION	6.	25¢	FANTASY BOOK	6.	25¢
FATE	3.	25¢	First issues of any new mags		
FUTURE	6.	15¢	will always be wanted, from any		
IMAGINATION	6.	35¢	one, cover price.		

* Amazing may be 35¢ by the time you get this, and I don't know the price of MARVEL. But you can always accept it that cover price will be credited. WEIRD TALES is not wanted. If I have missed any others from the list above, please tell me !

BACK ISSUES SPECIALLY REQUIRED, in '47 to '50.

IMAGINATION No. 1 (Oct.'50)	35¢.	OTHER WORLDS '49 Nov. '50 Jan. Mar.	
May Jul. Oct. '47	35¢.	AVON FANTASY READER 13.	35¢.
SCIENCE FICTION GALAXY	35¢.	Amazing '47. Jan. May. Jun. Jul.	
A.S.F. '47 July. Aug.	30¢.	Sep.	25¢.
'49 Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep.	25¢.	Weird Tales '46 May. Sep.	25¢.

POCKET BOOKS, MAGAZINES, currently available.

NEW ITEMS:	FUTURISTIC SCIENCE STORIES Nos. 1 & 2.	21¢ ea.
	WORLDS OF FANTASY Nos. 1 & 2.	21¢ ea.
	TALES OF TOMORROW (Avail. shortly) No. 1.	21¢ ea.
	NEW WORLDS No. 7 (Summer '50) Cash 30¢, OF swap 25¢	ea.
	SCIENCE-FANTASY 1 (Summer '50) Cash 30¢, OF swap 25¢	ea.
	(The first issue of this companion to NEW WORLDS, edited by Walt Gillings, contains tales by Arthur C. Clarke, J.M. Walsh, P.E. Cleator, and others).	
	OPERATION VENUS John Russell Fearn.	21¢ ea.
	ANNIHILATION ! Vargo Statton	21¢ ea.
	WANDERER OF SPACE Vargo Statton.	21¢ ea.
	2000 YEARS ON Vargo Statton.	21¢ ea.
	THARKOL, LORD OF THE UNKNOWN. Edmond Hamilton.	21¢ ea.
	WORLDS AT WAR F.G. Rayer and others.	21¢ ea.
	THE TREMBLING WORLD Astron del Martia (last 3)	21¢ ea.
	THE HUMAN BAT Edward R. Home Gall	21¢ ea.
	THE WHISPERING GORILLA David V. Reid (due soon)	21¢ ea.

SECOND HAND, BACK ISSUES, etc.

OUTLANDS No.1	30¢
TALES OF WONDER No.11	70¢
UNKNOWN WORLDS, BRE '49 Winter.	20¢
A. S. F. BRE assorted dates, '46 to '48	20¢
INTO THE FOURTH DIMENSION Ray Cummings.	50¢
THREE TIME PLAYS, J.B. Priestley	30¢
STRANGE ROMANCE Benson Herbert	30¢

Subscriptions for NEW WORLDS and SCIENCE-FANTASY accepted, 1.50 cash to Phil Rasch, or 6 current mags to Ken Slater, for 6 issues. Clients with credit may ask for subs to be debited to their a/cs.

Current issues of British Reprint Editions (BRES) at 15¢ to 21¢ will be supplied on request. Issues 1, 2, & 3 of NEW WORLDS are available in limited quantities, at 60¢ a copy, from some UK agents. We will be pleased to obtain for you if desired.

BOOKS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE NEW....please note this list is accurate to our knowledge, but we are having difficulty in obtaining certain titles listed. Titles actually held in stock as at today are shown (*6) - figure represents number of copies held. Titles which appear difficult are noted +; orders will be accepted, but supply cannot be assured.

Beresford, J.D.	THE HAMPSHIRE WONDER	84¢
Blackwood, A.	TALES OF THE UNCANNY AND SUPERNATURAL +	1.75
Bowen, Majories	THE BISHOP OF HELL (a collection of macabre tales)	1.19
Bradbury, Ray	DARK CARNIVAL +	1.33
Cabel, J. B.	JURGEN	84¢
Campbell, R.	THE ABOMINABLE TWILIGHT (*3)	1.19
Crayshaw-Williams E.	HEAVEN TAKES A HAND (*4)	1.33
	THE MAN WHO MET HIMSELF (*5)	84¢
Capon, Paul	THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SUN. A new one we have not yet read. reputed to be an interplanetary novel...no comment on how good.....	1.33
Cummings, Ray	THE SHADOW GIRL +	70¢
Desmond, Hugh.	THE TERRIBLE AWAKENING (*4)	1.05
Doyle, Arthur C.	THE LOST WORLD & THE POISON BELT (*3)	1.05
Dunsany, Lord	THE MAN WHO ATE THE PHOENIX (*4)	1.33
	THE FOURTH BOOK OF JORKENS (*5)	1.33
Donnelly:	ATLANTIS, THE ANTEDILUVIAN WORLD	2.60
Clarke, Arthur C.	INTERPLANETARY FLIGHT (*5)	1.19
Haggard, H.R.	AYESHA	70¢
	SHE; ALLAN QUATERMAIN; MONTEZUMA'S DAUGHTER; ERIC BRIGHTYES: NADA THE LILY. McDonald illoed edition. All Haggard titles are at present re-printing, but we hope they will shortly be available again.	1. 19.
Hesse, Hermann.	MAGISTER LUDI +	2. 10.
Levi, Eliphas	THE HISTORY OF MAGIC +	3. 50.
Long, Frank B.	THE HOUNDS OF TINDALOS +	1. 19.
Marson, C.F.	GHOSTS, GHOULS, AND GALLOWS	1. 19.
Munby, A.L.N.	THE ALABASTER HAND (*3)	1. 19.
Newman, B.	SHOOT !	1. 33.
	THE FLYING SAUCER (*1 +)	1. 33.
Orwell, George	NINETEEN EIGHTY FOUR (we have copies in stock now, but in view of the publication of this book in pb form at 25¢, we will not send unless you confirm that you still require a copy)	1.40
Romilly, Eric.	BLEEDING FROM THE ROMAN	1.19
Stewart, G.R.	EARTH ABIDES	1.75
Suddaby, D.	THE STAR RAIDERS. Another new one, which as yet we are unable to comment upon.	1.05
Stapledon, Olaf.	A MAN DIVIDED (*6)	1.33
Temple, Will F.	THE FOUR SIDED TRIANGLE (+	1.33
Thorndyke, Russell	THE MASTER OF THE MACABRE	84¢
Williams? C.	DESCENT INTO HELL	1.19
	PLACE OF THE LION (*3)	1.19
	SHADOWS OF ECSTASY(*1 +)	1.19
Winn, Rowland	MY DEAR, IT'S HEAVEN	1.33
Ley & Bonestell:	THE CONQUEST OF SPACE. This will be published in a British Edition at 18/- in October. Swap deals only.	
Velikovsy, I.	WORLDS IN COLLISION, 15/-, as above.	

Recommended title: THE ASTROLOGER, by Edward Hyams. (1.33). If you are British, and can't stand having the 'BRITISH WAY OF LIFE' torn to shreds, DON'T READ this book. If you are American, and think that the AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE is the last word in human perfection, don't you read it either. Mr. Hyams makes no bones about tearing all and sundry to shreds, and disposes of the 'great' with a few well-chosen words. Hero (?) of this tale is a mathematician who out-Einsteins Einstein, and comes up with a set of mathematics that encompass everything...including predicting the future. Set up as a new Delphic Oracle by a party of folk with an eye open for world

domination, the 'forecasts' bring mankind to the verge of ruin.

ATLANTHUSIASTS ! Subscribe to ATLANTIC RESEARCH, the journal of
the Research Centre Group...bi-monthly, 1.80 per
annum.

H.S. Bellamy's works are available:
MOONS, MYTHS, AND MAN 2.45 inc. postage.
THE ATLANTIS MYTH 1.65 inc. postage.
BUILT BEFORE THE FLOOD 3.20 inc. postage.
IN THE BEGINNING GOD 1.35 inc. postage.
THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IS HISTORY 1.35 inc postage.

W. Angus Jones: BLAVATSKY AND HOERBIGER 40¢.

E.S. Virpaha: THE TIME FACTOR 35¢.

Egerton Sykes: ATLANTIS: THE KEY TO THE
PAST 10¢.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CLASSICAL
REFERENCES TO ATLANTIS 15¢.

Please note that this list has been compiled from books which we
have actually received in the last month. Titles previously listed
may still be available from wholesalers, but we have not included
these owing to lack of information. A title not included which you
already have on order will either be supplied, or you will be advis-
ed of non-availability direct.

SINGLE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS, NOW OUT OF PRINT, are available
All items listed are NEW.

John Keir Cross	THE OTHER PASSENGER	1.75	J.W. Dunne	1.05
	THE ANGRY PLANET	1.19		AN EXPERIMENT WITH TIME
E. Crayshaw-Williams			Roald Dahl	
	NIGHT IN NO TIME	1.33		SOMETIME NEVER 1.19
Storm Jameson	MOMENT OF TRUTH	1.05	Arthur Lee Gould	
THE BEST OF M.P. SHEIL		2.10		AN AIRPLANE IN THE
John Pudney	THE SHUFFLEY WANDERERS	1.33		ARABIAN NIGHTS 1.33

SECOND HAND - A few odd items picked up here and there, which may
interest someone !

Baker, Frank.	Mr. ALLENBY LOOSES THE WAY (Boardman '46) 231pp.	
	with d.w. Good.	90¢
	Ditto. No d.w., fairly good.	50¢
	BEFORE I GO HENCE (Dakers, '45) 233pp. d.w. Good	75¢
Benson, R.H.	LORD OF THE WORLD (Burnes Oates '44) 243pp. d.w. G.	80¢
Bishop, M.	STAR CALLED WORMWOOD (Gollancz '41) 279pp. Fair.	35¢
Chase, J.H.	MISS SHUMLEY WAVES A WAND Jarrolds. 169pp. Poor	35¢
Cunningham, B.	WIDE WHITE PAGE (Hutchinson) rebound, 288pp. Fair.	75¢
Fraser, Ronald	THE FIERY GATE (Cape, '45) 185pp. fair.	50¢
Gratacap, L.P.	THE CERTAINTY OF A FUTURE LIFE ON MARS. Bretano's, New York, 1903) 266pp. Cloth soiled, but good.	1.50
Heard, Gerald.	REPLY PAID. (Cassell '43) 199pp. Good.	60¢
Haggard, H.R.	ALLAN QUARTERMAIN (H&S '31) 320pp. Good.	75¢
Korby, S.A.	MISS CARTER AND THE IFRIT 160pp. Fair.	50¢
Large, E.C.	ASLEEP IN THE AFTERNOON (Cape, '38) 413pp. Good.	1.50
Lawrence, M.	NUMBER SEVEN QUEER STREET. (Hale '46) Mint but no d.w. 350pp.	1.00
Lewis, C.S.	OUT OF THE SILENT PLANET. (Lane '43) 264pp. G.	75
Linklater, Eric.	CRISIS IN HEAVEN. (McMillan '44) 103 pp. Fair.	50¢
Nathan, Robert.	MR. WHITTLE AND THE MORNING STAR 171pp. Good	50¢
Cuspensky, P.D.	STRANGE LIFE OF IVAN OSOKIN. (Faber '48) 204pp G.	1.00
Rose, F.H.	THE MANIAC'S DREAM (Duckworth '46) 237pp. Good.	55¢
Rohmer, Sax.	THE DEVIL DOCTOR (Methuen '33) 253pp. Fairly Good	70¢
	BROOD OF THE WITCH QUEEN (Pearson '27) 212pp G.	75¢
Sieveling, L.de	G. STAMPEDE ! (Cayme P. '24) 1st Ed., illored by G.K. Chesterton. 306pp. Good, rubber stamp on fly.	2.00
Wells, H.G.	MEANWHILE, & THE KING WHO WAS A KING. 1933 287pp F. Good.	1.00

late notes:

Two latest arrivals on the bookmarket are a reprint of T.W.White's Arthurian fantasy 'THE SWORD IN THE STONE', at 84¢, and those who remember Mervyn Peakes' TITUS GROAN will welcome the opportunity to obtain the conclusion of the history of the House of Groan, as given in "GORMENGHAST", available this autumn at 2.10 from Eyre & Spottiswoode. (456pp).

Rumour once more whispers that ASF may go slick and large sized come next year.

Walter J. Norcott, s-f fan, living at 41 St.Johns, Worcester, Worcs., England, wants to get books by Frank Gruber, Westerns or Detectives, for his brother, who is a Dunkirk casualty. Walt will swap British books or mags, or pay Sterling to anyone you care to name, for any titles he wants. Please write him direct.

You know I am anti-begging by British fandom, but occasionally an honest case turns up of a chap who deserves some assistance, and who is not just the 'Normal Scrounger'. Such a case is British fan W.A.Brewer, 16-20th Avenue, N.Hull Estate, Hull, Yorks., England. He has been sick and unable to work since February this year...he hopes to be admitted to hospital shortly...one of those cases where the doc has gotta wait til the time is ripe... At the moment, all he can do is read and write, and he'd welcome a few letters, and any spare mags you may have. We have already sent him some that you have sent us, (free to us - we save 'em up for these things), but we don't have time to write the brightening letters that are suitable to the occasion. Anyone who can kick in, please do.

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ! If you are visiting the FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN, do it May of 1951....12th, 13th, and 14th, will see the British fans gathered in LONDON, to have their own Festival. We hope to see plenty of USA folks, and we are sure most of the Continental fans will be coming.

E.C.Tubb, 27 Clarendon Gardens, Maida Vale, London, W.9., England., has the following mags to sell:

AMAZING STORIES	1.20	1927	Sept.Oct.Nov.Dec.	
	1.40	1928	Mar.Apl.May.Jun.Aug.Sep.Oct.Nov.Dec.	
	1.30	1929	Jan.Apl.May.Jun.Jul.Sep.Oct.Nov.Dec.	
	1.20	1930	Feb.Mar. Apl- rebound in manilla.	Jul.Dec.
	1.10	1931	Jan.Feb.Mar.Apl.May.Jun.Jul.Aug.	Dec-rebound.
	1.00	1932	Feb.Apl.?ay.Jun.Jul.Aug.Sep.Oct.Nov.Dec.	
	.90	1933	Jan.Feb.Mar.Apl.May.Jun.Jul.Aug-Sep.	Oct. Dec.
	.80	1934	Jan.Feb.Jun.Jul.Oct.Nov.Dec.	
	.70	1935	Jan.Mar.May.Jun.Jul.Aug.Oct.Dec.	
	1.60	1936	Apl.Jun.Aug.Oct.Dec.	
	.50	1937	Feb.Apl.Jun.Aug.Oct.Dec.	
	.50	1938	Feb.Apl.Jun.Aug.Oct.Nov.Dec.	
	.50	1939	Jan.Feb.Mar.Apl.May.Jun.Jul.Aug.Sep.	Oct. Nov.Dec.
WONDER STORIES	1.30	1929	Jun.Jul.Aug.Sep.Oct.	
	1.20	1930	Jan.Feb.Mar.Apl.May.Jun.Jul.Aug.Sep.	Nov.Dec.
	1.10	1931	Jan.Feb.Mar.Apl.May.Jun.Aug.Sep.	Oct.Nov.Dec.
	1.00	1932	Feb.Jul.Aug.Nov.Dec.	
	.90	1933	Jan.Feb.Apl.May.Jun.Aug, Sep-Oct	Nov.Dec.
	.80	1934	Feb.Mar.Apl.May.Jun.Jul.Aug.Oct.	
	.70	1935	Mar.May.Jun.Aug.Oct.	Nov-Dec.
	.60	1936	Jan-Feb.Apl.	Dec.
	.50	1937	Feb.Jun.Aug.Oct.	1938 Apl.Aug.Oct.Dec.
	.50	1939	Feb.Apl.Oct.	

Orders for any of the above may be placed thru OPERATION FANTAST, and clients with accounts may use their credit for purchasing. Clients desiring to purchase for cash should contact Mr. Tubb direct.

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That seems to be about all the 'extras' for this time.... with the December issue of O.F. I hope we can send you a more complete listing of books available, but until then, we will try to get out one intermediate sheet, telling you of nay items.

