

# OPERATION FANTAST

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WOT, NO PICTURES?

And here, my friends, you have once more the trading supplement. This effort has been decorated up just a little in the hope that even you folk who don't want nothing, and ain't got nothing, will be able to work your way thru the ponderous lists of people who do want something, or have got something.

For the benefit of newcomers, OPERATION FANTAST's own list of mags appears in the rear section of this issue. If you want anything listed, send the order form to:

Mrs. Joyce Slater, Riverside, South Brink, Wisbech, Cambs.

Do NOT send any money, until you receive the goods with our priced invoice. Sometimes we have dozens of an item, sometimes only a couple, or possibly, only ONE. So if you send money, we might have to return part of it. We trust you to pay us when you get the goods, and it speaks well for all fen, that this trust has not yet been kicked in the pants. Apart from being slightly crazy, I guess we fen would be classed as stupid by the 'Bright Boys' - we are HONEST! But that is all by the way, and just to fill the page up. Stupid! I'll say! But anyway, here it is - take it away.



MONEY FOR JAM!

WOT, NO JAM?

P.T.O

That there thing in the corner of that there bit of art work is a ration book. No Preserves.

I don't think it at all funny. You don't either? SHAME!

- 6. Dollars (more)
- 7. Cents (More)
- 8. Pounds. (more)
- 9. Shillings. (even more)
- 10. Can you guess ?

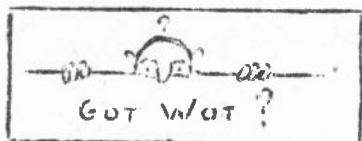
Student of Sadism requires American "HORROR STORIES"  
 & "TERROR TALES". VERY BIG PRICE PAID!!

ERIC LUMER, % BM/FRVV, LONDON, W.C.1.

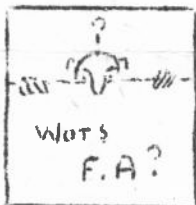
# JOE BAKER

HAS GOT IT!

DO YOU WANT IT?



SEE F.A.



SEE OVER!

MAGAZINES: for disposal !!!!!!!

All mags in GOOD condition !

UNKNOWN BRE

1945 Autumn, Winter	1/3 ea
1946 Summer, Winter	1/3 ea
1947 Summer, Winter	10da.
1948 Spring	9d ea.

A.S.F. BRE

1940 Oct.	1/6 ea.
1941 Jan. Sept.	1/3 ea.
1945 Feb. Nov.	1/- ea.
1946 May.	10d.
1948 Feb.	9d.

PLANET STORIES

1942 Fall	3/3
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A.S.F. USA

1936 Jun. Nov.	3/6 ea.
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Send your orders to:

P.G. Medcalf,  
 55, Elmbridge Road,  
 Perry Bar,  
 BIRMINGHAM, 22B.

F.V.A. SCALES, SOUTHDOWN FLAT,  
 North End, Portsmouth, Hants.

WANTED: A.S.F. BRE.

- 1939 Aug. Oct. Nov.
- 1940 April.
- 1942 August.
- 1943 December.
- 1944 February.

These are needed  
 to complete a set.  
 Can YOU help ?

OPERATION FANTAST IS ONLY TOO WILLING  
 TO DISH OUT FREE ADVICE TO ALL FEN IN  
 DIFFICULTIES. ANY SORT OF ADVICE !!

- We have in stock both kinds, please
- state which you want, GOOD or BAD.
- Most important, please enclose a 2½d
- stamp (or S.A.E.) when writing.
- KF.SLATER, 13Gp.R.P.C., B.A.O.R.5.

F.A.

SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH

F.R.

F. A. Stands for FANTASY ADVERTISER, the leading fanzine for advertising, both for what you want, and what you want to get rid of.

It is a planographed 'zine, published bi-monthly by GUS Wilmoth, 1503-3/4th 12th Avenue, Los Angeles 6, California.

The cost of this excellent little book is 2/6 sterling per annum, and your subscription will be accepted by

J. MICHAEL ROSENBLUM,  
4, Grange Terrace,  
Chapelton,  
LEEDS, 7.

F.A. also has articles and reviews !

U.S.A. Fen contact Gus Wilmoth.

In case of difficulty, write to Ken Slater.

F.R. Stands for FANTASY REVIEW, the leading fanzine for articles and reviews. It can be relied upon to tell you what are the best books, and to give you all the latest information on the Fantasy World. It is a printed 'zine, published bi-monthly by Walt Gillings.

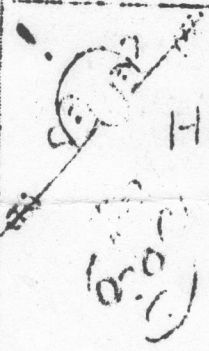
The cost of this equally excellent little book, is 3/6 per annum, and your subscription will be accepted by

WALTER GILLINGS,  
115, Wanstead Park Road,  
ILFORD,  
Essex.

F.R. also has advertisements !

U.S.A. Fen contact Walt Gillings.

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HEY! SLATER, YOU SUCKER! DID YOU WRITE THAT?

WHAT ABOUT "OPERATION FANTAST"?

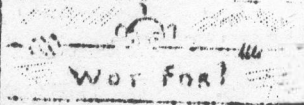
OH, YES! SEE BELOW (OR UNDOCK) THIS WAY

BE WISE! ADVERTISE!!

Adverts in OPERATION FANTAST cost:

- Smalls .....3d.
- Quarter Page.....1/6.
- Half page.....2/9.
- Full page.....5/-.

We will word the ad. for you, if you wish. Give us the details, and state the space.



SO THAT:

Everyone will know what YOU want: so that you can tell everyone what you have: so that twisters like me can't buy from one chap and sell to another at an exorbitant price (?): So that I make some returns on this 'ere 'zine: so that people get to know you: so that folks who have stuff can contact you, when they don't want it.



\* THE ALEMBIC ' offers:

WORLD AFLAME (by Engel and Pillier) Dial 1947 AN-DJ (Pub. \$2.00)	9/-
THE CROQUET PLAYER (H G Wells) 1st Amer. edition AN-DJ (Pub. \$1.25)	5/-
STAR OF THE UNBORN (F Werfel) Viking 1946 AN-DJ (Pub. \$/3.00)	15/-
MCNOVAN'S BERLIN (Kurt Siodmak) Triangle 1944 VG	6/6
HUNTED AIRWAYS (R. Curtis.) Doubleday-Doran 1936 VG	6/-
MISTRESS MASHAM'S REPOSE (T H White) Putnam, 1946 VG-DJ (Pub. \$ 2.50)	11/6
PHANTOM VICTORY (E. Lessner) Putnam 1944 AN-DJ (Pub. \$ 2.50)	11/6
GREAT SHORT STORIES OF DETECTION, MYSTERY, AND HORROR, Part I - Detection and Mystery, edited by Dorothy L Sayers. (Pub. 6/-) Gollancz AN-DJ (1947)	4/6
SKIN AND BONES (Thorne Smith) Barker 1939 FG	1/3

First come, first served. SAE to Norman Ashfield, 27 Woodland Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE !



Raymond R.F. Bailey,  
14 Market Place,  
Melton Mowbray,  
Leics.

Are YOU a member of the BRITISH

FANTASY

LIBRARY ?

WANTS:

- A.S.F. USA.
- 1940 Apr. May. Jun. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec.
- 1941 Jan. Mar. Apr. May. Jul. Aug. Sep. Dec.
- 1943 Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep.
- 1945 Feb. Mar. Apr. May. Aug. Sept.
- 1946 Feb. Apr. May. Aug. Sept.
- 1939. NOV. DEC.

you ARN'T ? !

then write at once to

Ron Holmes,  
67, Lineside Road,  
Belle Vue,  
Liverpool.



UNKNOWN, U.S.A.

- 1939 Nov. Dec.
- 1940 Jan. Feb. Mar. May. Jun. Jul. Aug. Sept. Dec.
- 1941 Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct.
- 1942 Feb. Apr. Oct. Dec.
- 1943 Feb. Apr. Aug.

AWARDS FOR S-F ON THE LINES OF THE

FILM 'OSCAR' AWARD !

How does that idea strike you ?

If you are interested, write to:

I Will SWAP 'HOUSE ON THE BORDERLAND'  
by William Hope Hodgson - Arkham House -  
MINT - for any 5 copies .....

Raymond J. Van Houten,  
409, Market Street,  
PATTERSON, 3,  
New Jersey, U. S. A.

Dr. I.R. Innes, 76, Garden Place,  
ABERDEEN.

- Wants: A.S.F. U.S.A.
- 1944 Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. Jul. Aug. Oct.
- 1945 Jan. Feb. Jul. Oct.
- 1946 May.

- \* JOHN BENNYON HARRIS, c/o Fantasy Review,
- \* wants all British Fen to send him news of
- \* all new British S-F or Fantasy books they
- \* may discover. Books sometimes get published
- \* and they are often missed by fen, until
- \* out of print. If you find something, help
- \* to spread the news.

If you've any of these, and you don't  
need them, let me know.

P. Pennington, 59 Dale Gardens,  
Mutley, Plymouth.

I have the following for sale or swap

ASF BRE's 1946 July, Sept., Dec.  
1945 September.  
1947 Jan. Aug. Oct. Dec.

What will YOU offer ?

OPERATION FANTAST would like to take this opportunity of offering its congratulations and best wishes to Leslie Flood, and his wife, and the newly joined Miss Flood. Miss Flood, Les tells us, arrived at 3 a.m. on Monday July 5th.

We are sure that all other O.F. readers and B.F.L. members will be pleased to add their congratulations also.

P.G. Medcalf, 55 Elmbridge Road,  
Perry Bar, Birmingham, 22 B,  
invites you to take your pick  
from the following.

- ASF 1936 Jan Nov. 3/9 ea.
- 1937 Feb Apr. 3/6 ea.
- 1939 Jan Feb May Jun. 3/6 ea.
- ASF BRE 1940 Oct. 1/6
- 1941 Jan Sept. 1/6 ea.
- 1945 Feb Nov. 1/- ea.
- 1946 May 6d.
- PLANET 1942 Fall 3/3
- WONDER SOCIETIES QUARTERLY,  
1933 Winter (Interplanetary  
Bridges) 3/6.
- FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

Some time last June, the 19th, to be exact, a ringing in my ear woke me up whilst I was snoozing in the School of Admin. After slanging my seat mate for bringing an alarm-clock into the class room - the lecturer always made enough noise when leaving to waken us - I realised that it was the note for an alarm. It was much too joyful.

Now I know why. On that date a young lady named Peggy Tuddenham managed to get Don Doughty to the altar. Or should I say Don managed to get Peggy there? With fen, you can never be sure. Anyway, OPERATION FANTAST, who only recently performed the same deed, extends them both hearty congratulations, and I guess that the same goes for all other fen. A little gnome, who operates as part of the O.F. S.S., tells me that they are returned from their honeymoon, and look quite well and happy. So to any other fen who are thinking of it, I can truthfully say - 'Come on in, the waters lovely'.

OPERATION FANTAST extends its regrets to all those correspondents who have had short and snappy replies of recent date, but the job, tho not quite getting us down, is rather on top of us. We apologise for all errors in Want List Advices, and various other failures. Please give your attention to all notes on the order sheet, and help us get back to normal operating. To those folk who have asked to place subscriptions, I have not had definite replies yet, but in each case a sub. has been requested, and you will be notified as soon as we have some more definite information. We fear that most of our USA correspondents must be on holiday or something. But never fear, as soon as we can say 'yes' - or 'no' - you will be told individually. By the way, I say 'WE' these days, because we are 'WE' - Joyce and I. Someone did ask me why, and now they know. It is NOT the Editorial 'WE'. I detest that. I don't know Joyces's opinion, but I do the writing, so I give mine.

OPERATION FANTAST magazine offers. Use the order form, please.

As far as possible, where items below appear on want-lists, prior offers to 'Want List' clients have been made, but in order to reduce stocks, all items are being offered. If you have not claimed those items, I fear you will have had it, unless you speed off a request. Were an item has appeared on more than one want list, it has been offered to at least one person - so please don't complain. So much money has been laid out to produce subs, that the cash columns of our accounts show a DEBIT balance !! So we gotta sell some stock !!

All prices, price each, including postage.

A.S.F. B.R.E.		A.S.F. U.S.A.	
1939	Aug.Sept.Oct. Nov. Dec.	1932	Jan. Jun.
1940	Jan.Feb.Mar.May.Jun.Jul.	1933	Mar.
	Sept.Oct.Nov. Dec.	1934	Jan. May, Aug.
1941	Jan.Feb. Mar. Jul.Sept.	1938	May. Jun.
	Nov. Dec.	1942	Aug.
1942	Jan. Mar.	1943	Sept.
1943	Jan.Feb. Apr. Jun. Dec.	1945	Jul.Nov.Dec.
1944	Jun.	1946	Mar.Apr.Jul.Aug.Sept.Nov.Dec.
1946	Jan.	1947	Jan.Feb.Mar.Apr.May.Jun.Jul.
1947	Jan. Jun. Oct.Dec.	1947	Aug.Sept.Oct.Nov.
1948	Feb. Jun.	1948	Mar. May. Jun.
UNKNOWN B.R.E		PLANET STORIES	
I WANT THESE BETWEEN 1939 - 1944.		1946	Winter. Fall
UNKNOWN U.S.A.		1947	Winter. Summer. Fall.
1939	Sept.	1948	Fall.
AMAZING STORIES		FANTASTIC ADVENTURES	
1937	Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug.	1943	Mar.
1938	Feb.	1945	Dec.
1940	May. Jun. Aug.	1947	Mar. Nov.
1941	Jun. Jul.Aug.Sept.	1948	May.Jun.Jul.
1943	Jan.Feb.Mar.Apr.May.Jun.		
	Jul.Sept.Nov.	AVON FANTASY READER	
1945	Sept.	No. 1.	3/-
1946	May.Jun.Sept. Oct.	No. 4.	3/-
1947	Jan.Feb.Mar.Apr.May.Jun.	No. 5.	3/-
	Jul.Sept.Oct.Nov.Dec.	No. 6.	3/6
1948	Jan.Apr.		
1948	May. Jun. July. Aug.	ARKHAM SAMPLER 1948	
		Winter.Spring.	6/-



O.F. Magazine offers, continued.

SCIENCE (THRILLING) WONDER STORIES.

1930 Jan.	4/-
1931 Dec.	4/-
1932 Mar. Apr.	4/-
1941 Apr. Dec.	3/6
1943 Feb. Apr. Jun. Fall.	3/3
1946 Winter. Summer. Fall. Dec.	2/9
1947 Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.	2/3
1948 Feb. Apr. June.	2/-

FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES

1942 Feb. Jul. Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	3/6
1945 Dec.	3/-
1946 Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.	2/9
1947 Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.	2/3
1948 Feb. Apr. Jun.	2/-

AMAZING QUARTERLY

1927 Spring.	9/-
1930 Spring. Summer.	8/-
1948 Summer	4/-

Several copies of each magazine are held in many cases. Grab 'em before the prices go up again !!!

O.F. POCKET BOOK offers:

Thorne Smith:

Topper	2/9
The Passionate Witch	3/-
The Stray Lamb	2/9
The Bishop's Jaegers	2/9
The Night Life of The Gods	2/9
The Glorious Fool	3/-
Topper Takes a Trip	2/9
Turnabout	3/-

H.P. Lovecraft:

The Lurking Fear	3/-
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Colmes: Rocket to the Morgue	2/6
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Sinak: The Creator	3/6
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Out of this World	3/-
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Terror at Night	2/9
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Great Ghost Stories	2/9
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WEIRD TALES

1944 Mar.	3/3
1945 Jan. Jul. Sept. Nov.	3/-
1947 Jul.	2/9
1948 Jan. May. July.	2/-

FANTASTIC NOVELS

1948 Mar. May. July.	2/-
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STARTLING STORIES

1943 Jan. Mar. Fall.	3/3
1944 Spring. Fall.	3/-
1945 Winter.	3/-
1946 Winter. Summer.	2/9
1947 Jan. Mar. Jul. Sept. Nov.	2/3
1948 Mar. July.	2/-

SPECIAL ITEMS

F A T E, Spring, 1948 (all about the Flying Saucers)	2/6
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ARGOSY excerpt, SEVEN OUT OF TIME by Arthur Leo Zagat, with orig. Argosy cover. (6-pt.)	5/-
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VOYAGER No. 2	2/-
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Herritt:

Burn, Witch, Burn	3/-
Creep, Shadow, Creep.	3/-
The Metal Monster	3/-

Karlova: The Dreadful Hollow.	3/-
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McCardle: The Uninvited	3/-
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Bram Stoker: Dracula	3/-
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Garnett: Lady into Fox	3/-
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Hilton: The Lost Horizon	2/6
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Hitchcock: Bar the Doors	2/9
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Tells: 1st Men in the Moon	2/6
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Anthologies:	
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P.B. of Stf.	3/6
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Avon Ghost Reader	2/6
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COLLECTOR FANFAST Pocket Book offers: cont.

Engel & Pillier: World Aflame 3/- Thorne Smith: Skin and Bone 3/-  
A.Reynolds Long: Murder by Magic 2/6

NEW BOOKS:

.....and some were human. Lester Del Ray 16/6  
Skylark of Space E. E. Smith. (autographed) 16/6  
World of A A. E. Van Vogt. 14/-  
Out of the Unknown \* \* A. E. Van Vogt & E. Mayne Hull 14/-  
Brave New World ... Aldous Huxley (U.S.A. New Edition) 14/-

All orders for U.S.A. books will be gladly accepted, and passed to Joseph B. Baker, of Chicago. Let us know your requirements.

And that is everything on hand, so take your pick. If we may advise you, and you are just buying something to read, and not something you want to collect, it will be best to give alternatives, in case items are out of stock.

Notes on the order form.

1. An order form is enclosed because fanzine collectors complain that it spoils the zine if they have to take a part of a page out. If anyone writes in and says they are collecting fanzine order forms, I shall scream. This could go on indefinitely!
2. Pt. I is self explanatory, I think.
3. Pt. II Specify here if you want current issues of any magazines sent direct, until you get your subscription thru. We will do our best to supply you.
4. Pt. III is for completion if you desire any book or P.B. ordered for your collection. Will any readers who may have had POCKET books on order, please re-order. It is regretted that just recently our records have gone a bit hay-wire.
5. Pt. IV is for any other queries, requests, or what have you. Please use it, if you wish, and if it is just a question you want answering, and not connected with any order, please enclose either a 2<sup>d</sup> stamp, or an S.A.E.

B. F. L. We are sure that all B.F.L. members sympathise with Ron Holmes in his present somewhat difficult circumstances, and we hope that some individual has rallied around the standard (Nice work, that little symbol) and taken over the temporary operation of the Library. Had we both been in the U.K., we would have gladly done so. But at the moment, it is imposs. We have also regretfully had to stop, for at least a couple of months, magazine reviews for Walt Gillings. Is there anyone in receipt of sub copies who would be good enough to write comments on story and article content of mags, and send them to Walt. ? If you can do one, or two, specific mags, please let me know, and I'll arrange with Walt to accept your very kind services. On this subject, let us hand out congrats to members John Gunn, and Tony Young, to their two very welcome additions to BOOK-LIST. One of these days we shall all be able to get together and really produce a fanzine, to cover all British Fen requirements.