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Herewith my first to FAPA. I hope to combine my little effort with Tuck's if that is okay with him, and in return I shall reimburse or send him books. ((Tuck speaking now: unfortunately, no could do. Mine effort was finished and stapled before this arrived.))

These little wramblings will have no coherence whatsoever due to the fact that I shall write whatever comes into my mind, whenever I think of it.

Speaking of sending Tuck books, I've wanted to get this off my chest for a long time. Frequently I make trips to Chicago and usually make a few stops at book stores and department stores, ever on the lookout for book bargains. Marshall Fields in Chicago usually has something I want, and I'm sure most fans would want also.

For instance the other day I was poring over the books on a table and came upon about 25 copies, no less, of "THE INCOMPLETE ENCHANTER", 1st edition, brand new, for the small sum of 39¢ apiece. Also picked up a copy of "THE UNHOLY CITY", brand new, for 29¢ a copy, and a copy of "BEFORE THE DAWN" by Taine for the same sum as the latter. Knowing EEE and Tuck would want these books I purchased four copies of the "Enchanter" and two of the "Unholy City", sending one copy of the former and one of the latter to Tucker, and one of the latter to EEE. But here's what I'm getting at.

Maybe fans in other cities have the same experience and run across such swell bargains in fantasy. Why not have, or start, a troupe who are willing to send each other notices whenever they see such bargains, asking whether they would like such and such a book for such and such a price, with no profit to themselves? I'm more than willing to do so and if any fans are interested I hope they will contact me. I know that I can get some more copies of the "Enchanter" for 39¢, and also may be able to get some more copies of "ODD JOHN", first edition, new, for the same price, as I've already got four copies myself and have sent Tuck one. ((Tuck says: Julie Unger please note.))

By the by, if anyone has any books in excellent condition that they want to trade for any of the above mentioned I will gladly do so. I also have a copy of "WORLD D", one of the best scientific books that I've ever read, barring none. Remember this affair will be on a non-profit basis and will cost receivees only the price of the book & whatever postage is required. As for trusting fans, I've never run across one yet I wouldn't trust, and never expect to. However, there is one catch. I don't want to be the goat on the whole affair and not receive anything in return. I mean, anyone who decides to get in on the plan will have to cooperate and look for bargains and send books just the same as I intend to do.

Seen a review of "THE WHITE WOLF" in Unknown, I believe, the other day. The reviewer says that it is the best werewolf novel he has read. (over)

I disagree. The best werewolf novel that I have read is a novel that I'm sure most fans have never heard of. It is "THE UNDYING MONSTER", by Kerruis. If you want to read a werewolf yarn that is off the beaten track, has suspense, good characterization and appeal, by all means get ahold of this book. By the by, "THE WHITE WOLF" can be obtained complete along with a complete detective novel in Two Detective Book magazine for 25¢.

Always, whenever fans meet or gather, comes up the question of what fandom means to them. I'm positive of what it means to me. It all boils down to one thing: FRIENDSHIP.

Made a trip to Chi the other day and picked up a copy of "INAVSION" for 19¢, and "AFTER THE AFTERNOON" for 39¢. I might recommend the latter to lovers of mythology and orgiastic literature. It concerns a faun who becomes enamored of the Goddess Aphrodite; she returns his love and requests Zeus to give him mortal form. He grants her request. He gives the faun power to enter the soul of any living thing, but once he is in the body he must stay until the body has died. First they make him a surberb body and he marries a Grecian girl, has an idyllic marriage, and from there goes to Egypt and becomes a part of orgies, intrigues, etc. A highly entertaining book for fantasy lovers.

Tried my damndest to get a copy for Tuck but they only had one copy left. That kind of story is Tuck's meat, anywho.

If anyone has, or can get a copy of "WINDLESS CABINS" or "THE SURVIVOR" in new condition, I will gladly trade a copy of "ODD JOHN" or "INCOM - PLETE ENCHANTER" for either.

Walt, ending initial FAPA contrib, and tho it is small and inconse - quential, I hope somebody gleans a little entertainment from it.

Always remember the rooster that wore red pants.

Walt.

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Tucker talking now, taking the liberty of filling this lower space wit wit, or something. The above arrived too late, as I mentioned on page one, to be included in Variety, so I took the liberty of creating an entire new publication for Walt. Hope he isn't mad at me.

I think his idea of a bargain book-club a wonderful one, and propose, here an now, it be considered open to organization. I propose that all who want to belong to such send a postcard to Walt... just a postcard. Walt can then file these cards handily, and publish here next mailing a complete list of names and addresses. Each member than assumes the responsibility of keeping those addresses always on hand; and upon the finding of a book, notify other members by postcard. What think?

A local bookstore often has copies of stf and semi-stf books at a buck a throw. Such as, "AFTER MANY A SUMMER DIES THE SWAN", phil stong's "THE OTHER WORLDS", "ERWHON & 'REVISITED'", "WOMAN ALIVE", etc.