

kun T////////, PSYCHO, SCIENTIFIC -
TIONIST, googol, kaj METAMORPHOSIS,
ember estas FRONTIER PUBLICATION...

((Ember is distributed free, as far as they go; but those sending requests or comments will head the circulation list; those sending small contributions of a financial sort, such as a 1½ cent stamp, will find EMBER burning their mailbox approx. once/week...))

13- K. MARTIN CARLSON sends me a letter quoting an article from FACTS MAGAZINE entitled: "The Strangest Spot on Earth". Funny thing about this "strangest spot on earth"; it's always in a different place. I remember reading in some Sunday supplement and even quoting the thing in my now defunct MARIANAS MODICUM, that the same effects listed in this article as occurring in Oregon occurred in California. On this little plot of ground called 'the Oregon Vortex' strange things happens earth exerts a centripetal pull no one can stand erect, a thrown stone horizontally will return to you hand, balls roll uphill, a cane will balance itself upright on one certain spot, smoke will swirl in spirals though there's no wind etc. Naturally the geologists are puzzled. So am I. Not for the explanation (because I've been in such houses and plots of ground at carnivals where I suffered certain delusions and mystifying sensations) but for the reason that this strangest spot on earth is apparently mobile.

14- Carlson liked #8 item last time; he says: "I think it is a swell idea to come out with strange facts and ideas. Many of the fan do not hear of these things. Some, like #8, were a surprise to me. (call RAP) Maybe there is more to these things than we are willing to admit.???"

15- Ron Christensen writes that he read where small frogs were actually carried short distances by the rising vapor from bodies of water. He concludes, "Idunno..." He liked #6 the best. You know, perhaps in time, I could run a popularity poll of favorite items, and with certain elaborations and extensions of the winners have a YEARBOOK of EMBER.....

6

In one chapter of Albert Neuburger's THE TECHNICAL ARTS AND SCIENCES OF THE ANCIENTS he speaks of the pyramids of Egypt, their construction, and so on. In speaking of five chambers above the royal chamber in the Cheops pyramid he says: "What purpose these chambers served has remained a secret to the present day. Nor has it ever been explained how the empty and lidless royal sarcophagus was conveyed into the sepulchral vault, all the galleries, shafts and adits being much too narrow to let it pass." p.345.

17- NICHOLAS GARR, CHIFAN, writes that Hollywood is planning to film a pic about life on the Moon. Einstein was asked to act as adviser, but refused.

20. ROBERT STEIN cards me that he'd like to see short reviews of fantasy books of the new or little known. He mentions AFTER MANY A SUMMER DIES THE SWAN, LADY INTO FOX, and APPIUS AND VIRGINIA. I am agreeable to this idea, even extending it to scientific or philosophical works if the review is kept short. Send some in everybody. /// These returned in this issue and the first two are drawn by either Stein or Robert Nelson. Stein hails from Milwaukee, so does Nelson though he works in Chicago as a draftsman. The brain is Nelson's; the "De" is Stein's.

28- The heading this time uses some ESPERANTO words. You'd be amazed at the ease with which you can pick up the international language. I've been studying a month, and already I am no worse off than I was after two years of FRENCH. Having studied French and Latin makes Esperanto easier, it is true; German knowledge would help very much too. Do instruct Prof. Dudley Books (watch for stories by

22 In my work at the Public Museum I deal with children and adults of all ages. One day I showed some of the Chinese exhibits to a little girl. Among the items was a tung horse which I explained was buried in the tombs and was intended for the spirits to ride. On noting their foot-high size, she said: "But how big is a spirit?"