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## Mail By Rockets Soon

### A BRITISH "STRANGE TALES"

Two undated issues of a magazine bearing the title Strange Tales, and consisting of reprints of weird and science fiction stories from American magazines, have recently appeared in England.

A venture by Utopian Publications, it is a pocket-size book of 68pp., printed in Eire. The "First Selection", labelled "Weird and Fantastic Fiction", was priced one Shilling; the second, which (due to distribution difficulties) appeared almost simultaneously, sold at ninepence. Both carried cover illustrations by the fan artist Alva Rogers.

Contents of the first selection were: Non-Stop to Mars by Jack Williamson, Pink Elephants by Tarleton Piske, The Brain of Ali Kahn by Lloyd Arthur Mahbach, The Hunters from Beyond by Clark Ashton Smith, Experiment in Murder by John Russell Fearn and The Tomstone by Ray Bradbury.

A back-cover blurb said the magazine had been designed "for-  
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#### NOTICE TO EASTERN FANS

The meetings of the Eastern Science Fiction Association will now be held THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH at Slovak Sokol Hall 358 Morris Ave., Newark NJ. All are welcomed; next meeting, Sunday September 1st at 2:00 P.M.

The British paper, The Daily Graphic, reported recently that if certain experiments, now under way by The Air Ministry, are successful, there will be rocket ships carrying mail and light freight between England and the United States in the very near future.

These ships would be radio controlled and travel at 2,000 miles an hour and the trip would take one and one-half hour. The world of tomorrow is here.

### "OUTLANDS" NEW BRITISH FANTASY MAGAZINE

The first issue of Britain's new fantasy magazine will be out next month. Outlands will be its name and for the present it will be published quarterly. It will not be sold on the news stands, but only from the publishers, Outlands Publications, 19 Richmond Ave., Liverpool, 21, England. It will sell for 35 cents a copy \$1.25 for a year (4 issues).

The motto of the new magazine will be "A Magazine for Adventurous Minds" It will not be 100% fantasy. The publishers have this to say: ".....it is for all who seek wider fields of Thought and Imagination, and who aren't afraid to face facts that run counter to accepted beliefs. (this statement may bear care-  
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"THE WORLD OF TOMORROW TODAY!"

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the devotee of the fantastic in fiction. But its contents are not reprints of stories you have read many times before. They are the work of modern writers who are among today's masters of imaginative fiction."

The Second Selection comprised: The Moon Devils by John B Harris, The Nameless Offspring by Clark Ashton Smith, The Sorcerer's Jewel by Tarleton Fiske, The Song of the Dark Star by Richard Tooker, Cool Air by H P Lovecraft and The Mannikin by Robert Bloch.

Illustrations were by a new British fantasy artist, Fredric We understand it is doubtful if any more issues will be published, or if they are, that it may be some time before a third issue appears.

During the past twelve months Utopian Publications has produced several small booklets of science and weird fictions all of which have been American reprints. Authors represented.. have included Robert Bloch, Jack Williamson, Edmond Hamilton, Johnson Harris, E Hoffman Price, Raymond A Palmer, Otis Adelbert Kline and Stanton A Coblentz.

The firm, which was founded over two years ago by Benson Herbert, the British science fiction writer and Walter H Gillings, editor of the former Tales of Wonder, is planning to issue

further booklets of weird material in the near future. Among these will be novelettes by Ralph Milne Farley and Manly Wade Wellman.

A partial reprint of Weird Tales issue for October 1937, with cover illustrating David H. Keller's Tiger Cat, has also appeared in England recently, priced at one and sixpence. (35¢).

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ful watching, remember Palmer) We feel that present and former readers and writers of Science Fiction, the Weird and Fantastic will be particularly interested in what we have to offer, though our object is not by any means to confine the contents of the magazine to these three fields.. ....writers with original ideas will be very welcome.....we have no set formula for our contents of facts and fiction, what we print must be above all things unique and significant....."

The first issue will feature Pre-Natal by John Russell Fearn, Bird of Time by John Gabriel, Mystery Power by L V Heald, Psychic Scents by A Hastwa and others, including a number of interesting departments. Future issues will give full scope to readers' comments.

## ODDS AND FANTASY

Collier's for August 31, 1946 contains a fantasy yarn, A Deal With the Devil by Lord Dunsany and well illustrated, in color by Concetta Cacciola.

The New York Post for Sat.-- August 24, contained the science fiction story The Time Machine by the late H. G. Wells.

No science fiction pulp magazine came out this week!

FOR SALE: The Cosmic News-Letter Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Fantasy-Times No. 13; 5 cents each. James V. Taurasi, 101-02 Northern Blvd. Corona, New York.

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