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"The rich red light from the chamber beyond the door spilled like liquid fire, so fierce and vivid that it seemed as if it could only be accompanied by the scorching heat of an open furnace; but it held only a slight appreciable warmth. It blazed down from huge crimson arcs ranged along the cornices of the inner room, among a haze of shining tubes and twisted wires; there was a great glass ball opposite in which a pale yellow streak of lightning forked and flickered with a faint humming sound. The light struck scarlet highlights from the gleaming bars of a great metal cage like a gigantic chicken-coop which filled the center of the room to within a yard of the walls. And within the cage something monstrous and incredible stood motionless, staring at them. Simon could see it sometimes, years afterwards, in uneasy dreams. Something immense and frightful, listening like burnished copper, balancing on angled legs like bars of plated metal. Only for a few seconds he saw it then, and for the most of that time he was held fascinated by it's eyes, understanding something that he would never have belived before . . . And then suddenly the thing moved, swiftly and horribly and without a sound; and Sardon slammed the door shut, blotting out the eye-searing sea of red light and leaving only the austere cold whiteness of the labratory.

/Reprinted from a work of a popular non-stfn author. He is a stfn fan and had a letter in a '38 TWS. He is English but lives in U.S.A. who is he, and which book is this passage from?? Answer next month, Liverpool.

D. McIlwain.

"After the present orgy of bloodshed is finished, an international movement like Esperanto - with the peace-aims which it has, will be like a breath of fresh-air in a slaughter-house. You, Yes, YOU as a pacifist, If you are one or not/upholding the ideal of world peace and world-fraternity, and as a S-f fan, supporting the conception of a world-state and the dissolution of national fronteers, should definit- become an Esperantist. While the peoples of Europe and the world are devided into petty national groups which cannot understand each other without the aid of an interpreter, there will always be divisions, nationalism leading into militant jingoism, suspician, and finaly -- conflict. People may talk of the "United States of Europe", but it can never be anything but a myth while a Frenchman can only understand Frenchmen, while a German can only understand Germans, and so on.

It is this lack of interfraternization between national groups which is responsible for the success of the Hitler movement in Germany. The German youth have been trained to regard the germanic race as a superior strain to that of other races: they regard Frenchmen, Poles, Englishmen etc, as degenerates. But if, through some international medium they could have got to know - personally - some of these "degenerate" races, (instead of obtaining all of their knowledge per the "Voelkie - scher Beobachter" -- Hitler's official mouthpiece) they would have come to realise that these "degenertes" were, after all, not so very different from themselves. "

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"My humble thank to those readers who have written to give their criticism of "H.S.", both of them, I'm glad they liked it, and I hope I shall be able to keep it up. I must appologise for the bad cutting of this stencill, I didn't account for the contrariness of this typer. "