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T A L E S O F W O N D E R.....

Clark Ashton Smith's famous story 'City of Singing Flame' and its sequel, 'Beyond the Singing Flame,' will be published as one complete story in ToW No.10 due March 19th. Cover illustration by W.J. Roberts will illustrate this yarn.

Stanton A. Coblenz has 'Missionaries of Mars' somewhat similar to his 'Men Without Shadows' voted most popular story in ninth issue. Other contents are

- Lunar Missile by Coutts Brisbane
- Worlds to Barter by John Beynon (a time travel story) and
- The Man from Earth by J.B.Harris (an interplanetary yarn).

Search for Ideas continues with readers' vivid conceptions of 'War of the Future' and they will be next invited to submit their notions of what 'The World of Tomorrow' will be like, in view of the widespread talk of the New World now taking place.

Editor Gillings' also informs us that he has received many letters of appreciation and that it seems likely that the magazine is to continue indefinitely. He is, however, anxious to receive criticisms of the publication, the stories, set-up etc and we hope all our readers will let him have their reactions whether favourable or otherwise after reading the next issue.

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DON'T GIVE UP HOPE FANS. The Atlas Publishing Co. managed to get a couple of hundred copies of Cap Future & Future Fiction over from the ~~USA~~ a week or two ago. The big newsagents got them and they were circulated only so we hear, but it shows they can get over. Price was 1/9 a copy.

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Who doesn't know that Lord Tweedsmuir was John Buchan? But how many fans knew he wrote 'THE GAP IN THE CURTAIN' a real sf effort?

FANTASY TO RETURN????

We have heard a rumour that the second British professional sf mag FANTASY may resume publication shortly. We only hope this is true. The magazine field has not been so badly hit by the war as publishers thought it would and there is no reason to doubt that this publications return should be long delayed.

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RETURN OF THE INVISIBLE MAN

is a new film featuring Vincent Price as the brother of the original also able to put himself out of sight. Similar tricks are demonstrated to those in the first film. And this time they don't kill off the hero. Looks like we are going to have an Invisible Man series.

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PRO-MAG LINE-UP

- ASTONISHING February 1940
- Chameleon Planet by Polton Cross
  - White Land of Venus H. Kummer
  - Half Breed Isaac Asimov
  - Life Stone Paul Edmonds
  - Elephants Earth Oal. Barclay
  - Asteroid Lee Gregory
  - After the Plague A. Vaeth

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- FANTASTIC ADVENTURES Feb 1940
- Prince of Mars by Phil Nowlan
  - N.Y. fights the termites Surtloff
  - Lon Briggs cooks a pirate N.S. Bond
  - Thuror flees the devils R. Storm
  - Mystery of the White Riders. T. Ayre
  - Let New Gods Clash Don Wilcox.

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- AMAZING February 1940
- Undersea Prisoner by Harl Vincent
  - Rockets over Europe R.M. Williams
  - Adam Links Revenge E&O Binder
  - Truth is a plague DW O'Brien
  - 12th Mr. Tumps RO Lewis
  - Sons of the Deluge N.S. Bond
- (2nd of two parts)

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"Adam Link in Business" was in the Jan. iss. Say ! What is this ???

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:WANDERINGS BY WAYFARER:  
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Even in these days of war and strife your humble servant still manages to wander around nosing out obscure sf. These have been some of my finds recently. (Lack of space cuts down details).

NORDENHOLT'S MILLION by J.J. Connington, (Benn, 1923). Here is a yarn in the best sf vein. Earth is attacked by a mysterious blight which destroys vegetation - result a foodless world. Nordenholt establishes a colony in S.Scotland and takes all food from England there, thus condemning the bulk of the population to death. How it all works out is not for me to tell, it would spoil your interest. Look out for it.

VAMPIRES OF THE ANDES by Henry Carew (Jarrolds, 1925) Atlantis! Descendants of the ancient land dwell in a vast subterranean cavern beneath the Andes, and exert influence on mankind. Full of suspense and mystery, this book is one of the best of its kind.

TO WALK THE NIGHT by Wm. Sloane (Barker 1938) A recent book. An alien entity stalks the earth in the body of an Earthwoman. Not the best of this type of sf but interest is well-sustained.

BEYOND THE SWAMPS by Robert Tarnacre (Lane 1929) This is as near Burroughs as anything. Present day men lost in a hidden Roman city in Africa. Modern arms v bows and arrows etc. Very good story running throughout. This yarn gripped me. I can recommend it to all fans.

MENACE FROM THE MOON by Bohun Lynch. (Jarrolds, 1925) Earth is threatened with extinction by Moon-men. A lively novel well worth reading.

You should manage to obtain the above books at your local library; they are all fairly recent. A further tip if your library has not got them, ask the librarian to obtain them for you.

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MORE about sf books in our next issue some of which have been contributed by Master A. Clarke. If any of you have any of these books why not write us about them?

CLEANINGS

Garnered by Ron. Holmes.

We all knew that Everybody's Weekly has been running 'Buck Rodgers' as a serial. And now we find this complex spreading. The author of this famous strip is Phil Nowlan and he has written a two-part serial which commences in the Feb. issue of FANTASTIC ADVENTURES entitled 'Prince of Mars'. Seems Phil is on the upgrade. The cover for this issue of F.A. is done by Krupa in the true 'Rodgers' style.

Ziff-Davis has a new weakness it seems, for two-part serials. Feb iss of Amazing hands another serial 'The Sons of the Deluge' by Nelson Bond. This was quite good while it lasted.

ASTONISHING has seen Britain & has proved itself worth following up. The first issue was 10 cents and had an excellent cover illustration for Cross' 'Chamelion Planet' which is outstanding for this author.

MODERN WONDER has shown a new serial to its readers, 'The March of the Robot Army' by A.J. Murray, starting Feb 17th No. 144. About an army of Robots in Tibet. The secret of how to make them move is continually being sought throughout England by Tibetan LLamas and the hero.

The English reprint editions are due the first week in March. UNKNOWN Oct; ASTOUNDING Sept. & SCIENCE FICTION Dec. 3d each, as before.

'GARGOYLE' the new all humour Liverpool Famag is out at last. We have read the first issue and can heartily recommend it. Contributions by CSYoud, DRSmith, JFBurke, DonJCameron, ECWilliams and Paul Kent. Price is 1/6 for 6 months sub and is well worth price. Address Dave McIlwain 14, Cotswold St., Liverpool 7, Eng.

Further news has come to hand regarding the new English magazine we mentioned in our last issue, but as we are not yet able to publish details until further developments take place, we ask our readers to wait patiently.

In fact folks, your favorite News Hound wonders if he's bitten off more than he can chew. Maybe ....