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E D I T O R I A L

In spite of Hitler, Blitzkriegs and the new regulations, SFR shows its perky head again in the hope that fans have not forgotten about sf altogether. News is scarce and not much seems to be doing in the fan field on this side of the Atlantic but we are trying to keep sf alive notwithstanding.

Bad news for the fans who feverishly chase bargains in sf mags: Pro-mag service is suspended due to government's demands on Ron Holmes.

WAYFARER who was crowded out of the last iss. is back again with a larger ration this time.

ANOTHER SCIENCE FICTION MAG....

Our American correspondent informs us that yet another sf mag has appeared and again from the Munsey stable. FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES has reverted to its original bi-monthly publication and in the alternate months FAMOUS FANTASTIC NOVELS is appearing, featuring a long, book-length yarn. 'The Blind Spot' is being discontinued in FFM and is appearing complete in the first issue of FFNovels. Complete stories only will be featured in future issues of both mags.

For those of us who like the extra long yarns but not in serial form this method will be welcome.

Our correspondent also states Marvel Tales is again on the stands. However, he gives no details but we hope to get these later. Material is of same sexy science type for those who like it, and prefer figures to facts.

GLEANINGS.

Garnered by

Ron. Holmes.

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: WANDERINGS BY WAYFARER :
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Remember we mentioned "Dr. Cyclops", a film of S.F. nature? Well, yours truly saw that film a few weeks ago, but did not notice who was the author of it. Now I find that the July issue of Thrilling Wonder has the story of the film in it, illustrated by 'stills' from the film, and, wait for it, the story id by Hank Kuttner. I wonder if he wrote it from the scenario or did the original, and I would like to mention that Hank lives in Los Angeles. It gives food for thought - or panning.

I must thank one of my correspondents for bringing to my notice a copy of "The Grand Magazine" for Dec, Last. It has a full page advert for No. 4. "Fantasy" on the inside back cover. The advert shows the cover of the new "Fantasy", which depicts a 'very' SF. machine, which is being rayed out of existence by space-suited Earth Men. Running from this terrible scene is two beings of human form with rattle-like heads. Above the title is "The Mercurial People" - which I presume is the feature story. And a half-concealed plaque reads "Also in the issue" - "Bound for..." "Man without ..." and "When the ... struck tw...". It was billed (last December) as "Out Today" and boasted 128 pages. If the issue had been so thoroughly pleased, why did it not appear?? And I assure you it has not - I promise to find out more of it.

"Postal Preview" has staggered into view once more, and its at its worst, when one side of a post card has to be "padded" it looks bad. How you like one at us Ted.

While I'm panning, I might as well do it well, "Hey, Wayfarer, if you don't make your reviews much longer you will lose all your public, and I don't mean Maybe".

THE THOUSANDTH FROG By W. D. Hubbard (Blackie 1935). America is plagued by myriads of insects some being tremendously huge and menacing. A fine Fantasy I had to read it all at one sitting.

THE TIME BARGAIN. By F Anstey, or Tormalin's Time Choques. (Arrow Smith 1891 & 1920 3rd Edn). A fantasy dealing with time. Quite a pleasant little work of its kind. Rare too.

ANNA PREMIA By A Sims (Chatto & Windus 1930-). An amusing fantasy of England 100 years hence. Rather farcial at times, but satire is sustained throughout.

Here are a few reviews sent to me by J. Michael Rosenblum of Leeds, who runs a regular feature in the American fan-mag. "Spaceways", and also runs a column of this type in his own fan-mag "The Futurian".

A NEW EARTH AND A NEW HEAVEN. By William Boyle Hill, (Hatts and Co. 1936). - a tale of a young mans travail of mind, as an elderly mentor attempts to tell him how the world ought to be run, culminating in a visit to "Down City" hidden away for over 200 years and which has surpassed 'civilised' man's evolution; largely as a result of help and advise from disembodied spirits, received via seances.

AND MARS SHALL CEASE. BY Carl Marsh (Broadway Pub. Co. 1939). The Great White Brotherhood have come to the conclusion that mankind cannot be allowed to destroy itself, so one of their three earthly masters, use new scientific instruments and inventions (a) to make Britain; 'the only country sincerely seeking for peace' (!!! Ed). his agents (b) to force the other countries to disarm. SO the golden age dawns.

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