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NO LETTER COLUMN IN NOVEMBER 1961 ISSUE
OF "AMAZING STORIES" BECAUSE OF LONG
NOVEL

NEW YORK, 14 August, (CNS) - The November 1961 issue of Amazing Stories will contain a complete novel, "Counterpsych" by Charles Eric Maine. This novel will take 80 pages, leaving only room for a short story, novelet, and the fact article by Tinsley. The book review column will be cut down to one page. This leaves no room for the readers' column. The readers' column will return with the December 1961 issue.

Science-Fiction Forecasts:

NOVEL BY E.E.SMITH & E.E.EVANS STARTS IN
NOVEMBER 1961 "IF SCIENCE FICTION"

The November 1961 issue of If Science Fiction will contain the first part of a two part serial, MASTERS OF SPACE by Edward E. Smith and E. E. Evans.

Also in the issue will be:

Novelettes: AT THE END OF THE ORBIT by Arthur C. Clarke, and GAMBLER'S WORLD by Keith Laumer. Short Stories: SWEET THEIR BLOOD AND STICKY by Albert Teichner, and THE MIGHTIEST MAN by Patrick Fahy. Special Feature: PENNY WISE AND FASHION FOOLISH by Theodore Sturgeon. Departments: SCIENCE BRIEF: "Lithium", and HUE AND CRY. Cover is by Phil Berry from "Masters of Space".

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THE COSMIC REPORTER
by J. Harry Vincent

Forrest J Ackerman has a science-fiction article in the August 1961 issue of American Sunbather, "Brave Nude World". It is an excellent article telling of Nudism mentioned in science-fiction stories -- like "Second Stage Lensman" by E. E. Smith, "Year of the Jackpot" by Robert A. Heinlein, etc. The article is illustrated by Bjo. Stated in the blurb on Ackerman: "He is a western member of the ASA (American Sunbathing Association) who has been a practicing nudist for the past six years".

BALANTINE HAS REISSUED STAR SCIENCE
FICTION #1, edited by Frederik Pohl. This was first published in March 1953 with two printings, February and April 1953. This re-issue is the Third printing, July 1961. This is one of the best in the Star series of 6 pocket-books. Stories by Asinov, Bradbury, Arthur C. Clarke, del Rey, Gold, Kornbluth, Kuttner & Moore, Leiber, Judith Merrill, William Morrison, Sheckley, Simak, Tenn, and Wyndham. Most of the stories are above average. Cover is a poor one by Powers. #521K, 202 pages, and 35¢. If you didn't pick up a copy in 1953, buy a copy now -- you'll enjoy it.

THE LATEST MAD POCKET-BOOK IS "FIGHTING
MAD" issued by Signet. #S1976; 192 pages. It reprints from the 1957, 1958 and 1961 MADs. As usual real zany mad, mad material. 35¢.

THE LATEST MAD is number 66, dated October 1961 with front cover by Kelly Freas, numerous times "Hugo" winner.

SATURN, ONCE A SCIENCE-FICTION MAGAZINE edited by Donald A. Wollheim, is still being published. Now it's a detective magazine; Saturn WEB Detective Stories. Still bi-monthly (with some months skipped), 35¢ and 112 pages. Latest issue, September 1961 contains stories by Henry Slesar (Slezar on contents and story page) and Harlan Ellison.

JAMES WARREN PUBLISHER OF THREE MOVIE MAGAZINES: Famous Monsters of Filmland, and Spacemen, edited by Forrest J Ackerman, and Wildest Westerns edited by Sherman and Bob Price, will add another movie magazine, Screen Thrills. Forrest J Ackerman will be contributing editor. This magazine will cover most "character" movies. Naturally among them will be Tarzan, Flash Gordon, Superman, and other science/fantasy type characters of the movies. It appears that this movie magazine will cover all the films not fitting the category of Jim's present three mags. This mag will round out the covering of all films.

WE MISS THE "CLASSIC REPRINTS" IN AMAZING STORIES, the last few months. We thought this was an excellent idea and well selected and introduced by Sam Moskowitz. We hope that Cele Goldsmith will make an effort to continue the feature on a monthly basis instead of "when space permits". We noticed a lot of talk on serials in the lettercol lately. In our opinion, serials are the real meat of science-fiction. Here is a place where the author can really go to town and develop his story and characters. In Amazing Stories; there should always be a serial running.

ARKHAM HOUSE NEWS
by Lane Stannard

Arkham House's new list came out today, August 18, and I will give you a brief account of what is coming from this well

known publisher of science/fantasy books.

To be published late in August 1961 is THE REMINISCENCES OF SOLAR PONS by August Derleth. This is the fourth major collection of Solar Pons adventures and includes an introduction by Anthony Boucher and a chronology of the tales thus far published prepared by Robert Patrick. Jacket by Frank Utpatel. \$3.50.

Coming in November 1961 is FIRE AND SLEET AND CANDLELIGHT: new poems of the Macabre, edited by August Derleth. This anthology was originally announced as GHOSTS AND MARVELS. This volume includes poems by such well-known weird writers as Clark Ashton Smith, Manly Wade Wellman, Donald Wandrei, Dorothy Quick, Robert Bloch, Stanton Coblentz, Lin Carter, and many, many others including two hitherto unpublished poems by Robert E. Howard.

Now ready is: THE GHOST OF BLACK HAWK ISLAND by August Derleth. Uncanny adventures of Steve Grendon and Sim Jones on Black Hawk Island with a touch of fantasy. \$3.00.

To be published in April 1962 is DREAMS AND FANCIES by H. P. Lovecraft. This book consists, following an introduction by August Derleth, of more than a score of Lovecraft's dreams, to which have been appended stories he wrote as a direct result of some of these dreams. The stories are: MEMORY - MYARLATHOTEP - THE EZIL CLERGYMAN - CELEPHAIS - THE STATEMENT OF RANDOLPH CARTER - THE DOOM THAT CAME TO SARNATH - and - THE SHADOW OUT OF TIME. Jacket by R. Taylor. \$3.50.

To be published October 1962 is THE TRAIL OF CTHULHU by August Derleth. A novel in five episodes which begins in legend-haunted Arkham, Mass., and ends on a black island in the South Pacific. This novel carries on where Lovecraft left off, adding to the Cthulhu Mythos.

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CLARK ASHTON SMITH DIES AT 68

THE LAST PAGE

by Forrest J Ackerman

Certain story endings stick indelibly in the mind, e.g., All flowers love the sun--Eric Frank Russell; Here is the race that shall rule the sevagram--van Vogt.

Perhaps the most potent two word conclusion a fantasy story ever had was: Three slaves.

I read it in the June 1940 UNKNOWN; across 21 years I remember it like yesterday: "But Without Horns".

Norvell W. Page wrote it, this superior superman novel; Campbell published it and Cartier covered it. It is the uncommon (and inexplicable) loss of the fantasy field that to this day it has never been republished in either hard cover or pocketbook.

Norvell W. Page also contributed 2 other novels to UNKNOWN, "Sons of the Bear God" & "Flame Winds".

Latterly an official of the Atomic Energy Commission's public information division, Page died the same day as Clark Ashton Smith: 14 Aug 61, age 57, heart attack.

15 August, (CNS) - Science/fantasy author Clark Ashton Smith died last night at his home of a "stroke". Clark Ashton Smith known better for his "classic" weirds and fantasy, was also a master of the better science-fiction story. He was 68.

Two well-known science-fiction personalities have sent in reports of his passing: The first was a telegram received early Tuesday from Forrest J Ackerman: "CLARK ASHTON SMITH DIED PEACEFULLY CALIFORNIA MONDAY AGE 68 STROKE....." - Forry.

The second was a letter from August Derleth which stated: "...I must pass on to you the melancholy information that Clark Ashton Smith died last night following a cerebral in his home at Pacific Grove, California. He was 68, having been born in 1893. He had had a series of "strokes" over the past years, accounting for his relatively limited production during the past decade. Arkham House will publish his last two books -- TALES OF SCIENCE AND SORcery, the short stories hitherto uncollected, and the SELECTED POEMS, both of which Clark put together before his death. He leaves a widow, Carol, and three stepchildren. Burial at the family plot in his native Auburn, California.

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