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PREVIEW OF THE PROFESSIONALS

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Recently accepted by AMAZING are, "WHEN GIANTS FALL" by Harl Vincent; and "WINGS OVER WASHINGTON" by Ralph Milne Farley....FANTASTIC ADVENTURES will feature an illustrated Detective Strip adapted from a short story, "ATOMS DON'T LIE" by J. Harvey Haggard...."PINK ELEPHANTS" and "THE SEAL OF THE SATYR", both by Robert Bloch, have been accepted by STRANGE STORIES.....Details can't be revealed as yet, but the novel to appear in the 4th issue of STARTLING STORIES is the most "startling" to appear in science-fiction since "THE RETURN OF GEORGE WASHINGTON"!!!!-----

PREVIEW OF NUMBER TWO "SCIENCE FICTION"

-----The cover of the June, 1939 issue of SCIENCE FICTION will portray the World's Fair being destroyed by an alien space-ship. This will not illustrate any story, but will be explained in a one-page staff written article. Background of cover will be white--the space-ship will be red. Cover by PAUL.-----
The stories in this issue will be: "WHERE ETERNITY ENDS" by Erndo Binder(Novel); "SHORT-WAVE MADNESS" by Robert Castle; "MOON HEAVEN" by Don Passante(Novelette); "BROTHERS OF FATE" by Manley Wade Wellman; "THE TRAITOR" by THOS.S.GARDNER (Short-Short); "TELEPATHY IS NEWS" by Paul Edmonds; & "THE BLACK COMET" by John Coleridge.-----A reader's Department will be inaugurated in this issue, entitled, "THE TELEPATH". There will also be a 1,000 word article, "ESPERANTO---TONGUE OF TOMORROW" by the editor. Writes

Hornig, it's editor, "I am planning to provide space for the WORLD STF CONVENTION in a conspicuous place at the end of some story....SCIENCE FICTION (June issue) I expect to be on sale about the middle of March.. From England we hear that the 2nd issue of FANTASY, which was to have been issued at the end of January '39 has been delayed till the middle of March '39-----

AUSTRALIAN TOPICS by MARSHALL L. McLENNAN

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Saw a science-fiction story in CHUM'S ANNUAL, 1939, an English publication. It was the first story in the book and is called "THE MASTER OF THE WORLD" by Geoffery Meridith. The story of the story mentions Jules Verne and his ideas, and the story itself concerns a war of the future (which seems to be a favorite topic with British and Australian writers)....American opinion is sincerely wanted on the idea of publishing a professional Australian science fiction magazine. It is wondered if such a magazine would also receive some patronage from U.S. The idea of an Australian stf magazine is being broached soon to a regular Australian publisher who seems to have tendencies toward fantasy. If he can be convinced, the magazine probably will put out a trail number, selling for about 8d (12 cents).....The news that "Double-Action" plans a companion publication to SCIENCE FICTION, tentively titled FUTURE FICTION brings to the fore an item which I believe will interest all stf fans. Some time ago a stf reader who runs a book shop in Australia

told me of a magazine called FUTURE FICTION printed in Canada. The size about the same as ASTOUNDINGS. It was issued quarterly, and contained practically all reprints, and about 5 issues of this magazine were published up to 1st September. I never saw a copy, to my disappointment, all efforts to find more about it have met with failure, as only this particular shop had 3 or 4 odd copies as back numbers among the hundreds of American's large list of mags import. ANYONE HAVING HEARD OF A CANADIAN MAGAZINE TITLED "FUTURE FICTION" GET IN TOUCH WITH "FANTASY NEWS"----- (MM)

NEWS ITEMS BY JOHN GIUNTA

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The cover of the 4th MARVEL SCIENCE STORIES is by Saunders; and there is an editorial by Eando Binder discussing the cover, which in turn illustrates Taine's TOMORROW.-----CARL H. CLAUDY author of "THE ADVENTURES IN THE UNKNOWN" series, his first book, THE MYSTERY MEN OF MARS has been condensed into cartoon form & is now featured in the new comic mag, ALL AMERICAN COMICS, this new company which puts out this new mag has also put out something new in the form of a comic magazine, MOVIE COMICS. It features scenes from different movies in cartoon form. The only movie of scientific interest to the readers is THE SON OF FRANKENSTEIN----- (JG)

OVERFLOW by SAM MOSKOWITZ

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The April number of Marconette's SCIENTI-SNAPS will feature a short-story by S.F. Balboa and articles by Harry Warner, Richard Wilson and J. Chapman Miske. Moskowitz will continue his "CAN YOU REMEMBER?" series in the future..... "Did you notice that the Chicago Sunday Tribune's Feature Section cover was drawn by Herman R. Bollin, Art Director of AMAZING STORIES?" informs

Ted Iikty..... JNCANNY TALES, available on all news stands is the Marvel publisher's answer to the weird side of fiction. It is to be lamented however, that the new magazine, shows, to a degree, the more or less sadistic tendencies of the run-of-the-mill horror magazines. Perhaps time will remedy that.-----Ralph Milne Farley has a rather unique way of estimating the wordage of his stories: "I subtract half of the number of Chapters from the number of pages, and then multiply by my telephone number. Actually!" Farley also states: "My hobby is raising black iris, which my Harvard Classmate, the President of the American Iris Society, says there ain't any such. I also raise several other non-existent kinds of iris"-----

NEWS FLASHES BY HARRY WARNER JR

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F.A. Kummer had a non-stf short story published in the Washington Times-Herald on Feb. 14; it was probably syndicated.-----AD ASTRA, the new Chicago fan magazine, will appear shortly, possibly within a month. Material is scheduled for the first issue by Ray Palmer, Hugo Gersback, E.E. Smith, J.W. Campbell, Jr. and many others. The mag will contain about 20 pages mimeoed and sell for a dime. Mark Reinsberg and Richard Meyer are the editors. Burrough's CARSCN OF VENUS has been published in book form by Schribners. W. Lawrence Hamling, in collaboration with Mark Reinsberg, has just had his 1st story accepted by the pro magazines. It is a 5,400 word short, to appear in AMAZING very soon, entitled "WAR WITH JUPITER.----- (HW)

ITEMS: ERIC FRANK RUSSELL, English author of "Sinister Barrier" is to visit the UNITED STATES late in APRIL. Paul Rowberger, who did that swell heading in Discussions recently, is to illustrate for SPACEWAYS exclusively----Avery's Magazine, FUNTASY, should be out any day now!-----

PROFESSIONAL STF RATINGS

by HARRY WARNER, JR.

(NOTE: Thanks to the help of John W. Campbell, Jr., I have changed about the values of several of the departments. They are now as follows: TITLE: T: 5%; CHARACTERIZATION: C: 20%; PLOT: P: 35%; NARRATION: N: 40%)

U N K N O W N -- (March, 1939 - Vol. 1-No. 1)

	T: 5%	C: 19%	P: 35%	N: 38%	TOTAL: 97%
SINISTER BARRIER.....	4	20	32	32	88
WHO WANTS POWER?.....	3	17	24	35	79
DARK VISION.....	5	18	34	38	95
TROUBLE WITH WATER.....	5	16	35	39	93
"WHERE ANGELS FEAR".....	4	17	29	38	88
CLOSED DOORS.....	4	17	29	38	88
DEATH SENTENCE.....	3	16	30	34	83
Total for the entire magazine.....					93%

S T R A N G E S T C H I E S -- (April, 1939 - Vol. 1-No. 2)

	T: 4%	C: 18%	P: 32%	N: 38%	TOTAL: 92%
DEATH HAS FIVE GUESSES.....	3	16	20	36	75
LOGODA'S HEADS.....	4	15	30	36	85
CURSED BE THE CITY.....	4	15	30	36	85
LORD OF EVIL.....	2	18	34	37	91
THE BOX FROM THE STARS.....	5	17	26	30	78
THE DEAD WOMAN.....	3	20	35	39	97
THE VENGEANCE OF AI.....	3	15	28	34	79
THE CREEPER IN DARKNESS.....	2	15	28	34	79
MIRACLE IN THREE DIMENSIONS.....	3	18	35	38	94
A QUESTION OF IDENTITY.....	5	14	27	30	76
THE BOTTOMLESS POOL.....	5	20	32	39	96
FILFILLMENT.....	2	16	33	34	85
BELLS OF HORROR.....	3	14	20	34	71
Total for the entire magazine.....	3	16	30	32	81
Total for the entire magazine.....					84%

BERNARD MASKWICZ, SENSATION
"FANTASY DIGEST" ARTIST TO VISIT
NEW YORK CITY

BERNARD MASKWICZ, who has done such a remarkable job of illustrating "FANTASY DIGEST," will be in NY Feb. 28th, 1939. Maskwicz will visit Turasi, the evening of Feb. 28th, and probably will be greeted by a number of other fans as well. And speaking of Maskwicz reminds us of Ted Dikty's coming issue of FANTASY DIGEST. The 3rd issue, out somewhere about March 1st, will easily be the finest of the lot. There are articles by Sam Moskowitz, Harry Warner, 4SJ Ackerman, Dale Hart, Jane Stannard and Kenneth Macklin. Departments include the work of Robert Bahr, Bernard Maskwicz (Tour

Thru Fandom), Sam Moskowitz, Readers Corner and Editorial. There will also be poetry by Helen Cloukey & Jack Johnson. There will be at least 3 pages of drawings by Maskwicz, in which he goes in for back-ground & scientific apparatus, to silence those who claim he cannot draw anything but Humans. The issue will be 32 pages. No more fiction will be included in FANTASY DIGEST. The mag may go large size with its fourth number to facilitate speed in production----- (SM)

CONVENTION FACTS: Jack Speer IPO man of Washington D.C. reports that he will have a special booklet out in time for the convention, also of good size. He states: "Have been recently working on a rough draft for my memories, a history of Fandom (Cont. F.4)

Send in the names of as many pictures that KARLOFF appeared in, STF or otherwise. And the one mailing in the highest correct number of said films will receive "TWO EXCELLENT STILLS from LOST HORIZON. 2nd prize: 10 issues of FANTASY NEWS 3rd prize: 5 " " " " " CONTEST CLOSING: MARCH 18th, 1939