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INTRODUCTION

As far as we know, nothing like this has ever been attempted before. There have been fan magazines that appeared monthly, more or less, bi-monthly, annually (unintentionally, of course), and three-times-a-weekly. This, then, is the first weekly science fiction fan publication. It cannot be properly called a magazine, but since it will be in the form of a letter written to each subscriber, and will contain news of a sort, this name has been chosen.

Since it will appear weekly (and we fervently hope that there will have to be no change in these plans) it will actually contain news, and not items that were news when originally written but ancient history when printed.

There will be no attempt at formality. Neither will there be any rules governing what will or will not be published. We frankly state that the Science Fiction News Letter will contain whatever the editor deems fit to include. This content may range from one-thousand-and-one news items and opinions one week, to a short story taking up the whole issue the next.

Comicals, of course, will be treated with the respect due them.

MOVIES

We saw a movie a short while ago, called "The Man in the Mirror" which is an excellent science fiction comedy. An English production, released thru Grand National, it stars Edward Everett Horton. Horton plays Jeremy Dilke, a gentleman with wife trouble. After a verbal fracas with his better half, she packs up for mother's, while he wanders over to a mirror and gives himself a talking to, calling himself a brute and such-like. You can imagine his surprise when his reflection begins to talk back to him, and, finally, climbs thru the mirror. Then, when the reflection takes his place in his home and office, Dilke naturally has to go in to fight to forestall complications. E. E. Horton carries off the dual-role very well. Genevieve Tobin gives a good performance as his wife, and we saw these names as didn't catch play to hilarious perfection the scene at Sahara and his interpreter.

FAN MAGAZINES

This week we received the Science-Fiction Association's "FANTASY" magazine. It is the first issue, dated October, 1937, and contains one story by Temple Williams: "Mr. Craddock's Life-Line." It tells, in a style similar to H. G. Wells', how John Craddock tangles with the fifth dimension. The third (last) number of "FANTASY" also an A-1 publication, contains 25 pages, a hope for a printed format in the near future, and 9 articles dealing with science and science fiction: one by our own Donald W. Vallheim, entitled "No More Horror", which is an answer to "The Horror of the Future" by H. G. Wells, and "Horror of the Future" in the January issue of the magazine. Beginning with this issue, "FANTASY" is available to the readers of the A-1 format. 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... brings an exceptional short-story, "Rainbow's End" by David A. Kyle; "Kane the Mighty", a picture story by Oswald Train and John ... "The Race that Created Itself" by "Thomas E. Robertson" ... "Transflexion", in which he dabbles in religion, and Thompson on ... JEDDARI, the organ of the Queens SFPL, is bound with ST ... contains in this, its initial issue, a comprehensive--alho somewhat ... report of the Third Eastern Science Fiction Convention by William H. Bykora, and movie reviews by your editor. Also limericks, a la ... by Thompson. ... The second COLOR (An FAPA publication) arrives with a perfectly awful satire(?) by Jack Gillespie, called "The Return of Lugo", which takes up the entire issue--with the exception of the cover, drawn by James V. Taurasi, which runs neck-and-neck with the story ... horrorfence.

REMARKS

The Bizarre Series' First booklet, "Three Lines of Old French", by A. Merritt, is well worth the wait. Well printed, it makes--as do all works of this author--interesting reading.

HIGHLIGHTS

Impossible as it may seem, Broadway is housing, at the writing, four plays of science fiction. The most important is Maxwell Anderson's "The Star-Wagon", which deals with time-travel. The Theatre Guild is presenting Lunt and Fontanne in "Amphitryon 38", in which the gods visit earth. (There was a French action picture, "Amphitryon", based on the same story, which was released in March of this year.) Third is "Father Malachy's Miracle", starring Al Shean (of Gallagher & Shean), which tells of a priest who suddenly finds himself able to work miracles. Last is the Winifred Theatre production, "A Hero Is Born", a musical fantasy--extravaganza, which leaves the boards tonight (Nov. 27). When we saw this latter we thought the heroine looked familiar. It wasn't until later that we discovered that she is Druce Leyton, who had left Hollywood and Charlie Chaplin pictures for the stage. Unbeknownst to your editor, the performance we witnessed was also attended by the Society of American Magicians, which was interested in the illusions--flying Carpet, Cap of Darkness, Seven League Boots, Whirling Cap--made use of in the play.

FOUL

New York City, says the N. Y. ENQUIRER, is in imminent peril of being deluged with thirty billion gallons of water held in check by flimsy barriers of Croton Dam. Adding to the danger are caves and chambers under the dam. ... California, Here We Come.

RADIO

Robert L. Ripley's "Believe It or Not" program of November 27 told the true tale of a reincarnation in India ... Metropolitan entertainment say hear Jules Verne's "A Journey to the Centre of the Earth" dramatized ... by the Federal Theatre over WHN Sundays at 5 ... Zenith Radio continues its investigations into telepathy Sunday nights over the ABC ... which investigations are usually inspired by ... author of "New ... of Duke University, author of "New ...

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