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### OVER THERE

From Douglas W. F. Mayer, 20, Hollin Park Rd., Roundhay, Leeds 8, England: "Here are one or two news items you are at liberty to use. The new British s-f magazine, entitled FANTASY (not ASTONISHING TALES OF S-F, as previously announced), will be on sale July 29th. An article by its editor, explaining its policies, etc, will appear in the Summer issue of TOMORROW. In this issue, also, there will be the first of a regular series of articles on current rocketry activities, entitled 'Interplanetary Parade', and written by F. E. Cleator. A new s-f serial is now running in PASSING SHOW, entitled 'World Without Time', by W. J. Fassingham. This magazine featured a detective story by John Russell Fearn three weeks back. . . . Recently released during the British spate of film revivals were the s-f films 'Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde' (1931) featuring Fredric March and Miriam Hopkins, also 'Things to Come' (1936) featuring Raymond Massey and Margaretta Scott. Announced to be released in July is 'King Kong'. . . . A Liverpool branch of the SFA was inaugurated on June 14th, when author H. O. Dickenson showed the film 'Metropolis', together with a rocketry film. . . . Cheap edition of Stapledon's 'Star Maker' issued by Methuen June 23rd, price 3/6. . . . An account of a cricket match as it would appear from the standpoint of a Martian appeared in 'John O'London's Weekly' dated June 3rd."

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MGM offered \$125,000 for the movie rights to "I Married an Angel." The owners are holding out for \$150,000. . . . Sabu, star of "Elephant Boy," will take the part of Mowgli in Rudyard Kipling's jungle stories, to be filmed by Alexander Korda's studios, very likely in technicolor. . . . A condensed version of Lawrence Edward Watkin's novel, "On Borrowed Time," appears in the August issue of the Ladies' Home Journal. . . . Leo Morey is now painting covers for Secret Agent X Magazine. . . . Brick Bradford, having just returned from the future (in the weekly page), will make use of the Time Top to go back to 1738. . . . The CPASF is once again the CPASF. . . . James V. Taurasi has been impeached as Chairman of the Greater New York SFL for refusing to allow a vote on a motion at the July meeting. . . . It is reported that Harry Dickweiler has been secretly married. . . . Latest still film is "If War Comes Tomorrow," from Soviet Russia, the scene of which is laid in the future.

## BIRD-WOMEN

If you saw Paramount's "Big Broadcast of 1938" you noticed Mme Kirsten Flagstad as a Valkyrie in a bit from Richard Wagner's "Die Walkure." The original opera boasted eight of the winged goddesses, but when it was presented recently at Hollywood Bowl there were thirty-two Valkyries, all of them actually flying about the stage.

## THREE INCHES DONATED BY JACK SPERR

"United States Senate Memorandum of July 18/1938 Editor, the News-Letter dear editor: Please publish the following, free, in the N:L: Notice to all and sundry: My address is now 1812 R NW, Washington, D C (Aside to Wollheim: Doo!) Editors and mailing manager: Change this on your lists immediately. Correspondents: Let's make the change-over as quickly as possible. If I owe you, expect a letter from me within a week or two; remember that the mail must be relayed here from Oklahoma City.

"Items gleaned while on the trip: 'New Tarzan books now available at Tan-Am stations.' If I remember correctly, this is the first time Tarzan has advertised, tho of course his radio program had a sponsor. . . . Speaking of gasoline, have you seen the new Texaco tank trucks? The only difference between their shape and a tear-drop is that they're a little longer. Beautiful. . . . For the next Foo-only-know-how-many weeks I'll be treading the pavings in quest of a soft guv job, from the halls where they make mazuma to the shores of the Triple-A."

WRITTEN JULY 20, 1938 (Yes, we know the NL is late.)

Only yesterday we wended our way into the wilds of Brooklyn, bearded Frederik Fohl in his den and relieved him of two dollars and twenty-five cents' worth of ancient and crumbling fan magazines, among them such rare items as the complete set of Superfluous Stories, Queer #1, copies of Arcturus and the 15, Unusual Stories, the Fourteen Leaflet and The Polymorph(e)cleated Leucocytes. (That parenthetized e worries us. Vol XLII, No 297 of the PL is spelt without it, while Vol CCLIX No 769, Whole No. 2 (1935), makes use of it twice, possibly more. Can some one lift the veil of the past and correctly inform us?)

And while we walked thru the rain with F. Fohl, gradually losing the crease in our pants, we found ourself in possession of a few of the following items:

A play by Fohl, taking place in the 21st Century, will shortly be given by one of the numerous YGLs that are to be found in B'klyn. . . . Edward J. (Ted) Carnell, the English columnist, has broken off with John V. Baltadonia and will no longer write for the Science Fiction Collector. . . . "Just Imagine," a play, is coming to Broadway, but it's not what you hope---merely a farce by Richard Butler. . . . An article by Josef Stalin will appear in the next Science Fiction Advance. And it will have to do with s-f. . . . Sam Barlow, who wrote the music for the play, "Amphitryon 38," is writing a ballet of that name. . . . In Jumbo Comics, size 11" x 15" (No. 1, Sept.), are to be found: Bob Kane's "Peter Pupp," in which Pete and Fingmite are captured by Matt A. Dogg, Mad Scientist, and shot to the Moon in a rocket gun; Dennis

Colebrook's "Spencer Steel in 'The Man who Lived Twice,'" wherein a man will be brought back to life; Curt Davis' "The Diary of Dr. Hayward," a story of brain transference and W. Morgan Thomas' "Queen of the Jungle," which concerns a female Tarzan. The price is 10¢

---Richard Wilson, Jr.