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E D I T O R I A L

S-F War Digest's new format was apparently very welcome to the fans although the publicising was heartily condemned. However, like all well meaning people, we hope to improve. Also in this make-up we hope to be able to give more value for your money - you'll see how as time goes on.

Another important point, please note change of address. In future all brickbats and subs to address at the top. Look out too for a startling announcement that is going to knock the top off the fan world

"Every Reader a Reporter"

A. CLARKE, Welling, Kent.

The new film 'FOREVER' now being made in this country is very similar in plot to the works of H. Rider Haggard. The story concerns astral beings.

J. Belgier, Paris, France

The TOW reprint policy has an English tradition, it seems. Ever heard of 'World Stories' which was published by Atlas from '30 - '32? This mag. reprinted from ASTOUNDING and STRANGE TALES. The Atlas Publishing Co. is responsible for the new English Reprint Editions of U.S. Magazines. I wonder if Mr. Gillings is interested?

ENGLISH REPRINT EDITIONS.

It is interesting to note that no SCIENCE FICTION reprint has appeared for April. As S-F is a bi-monthly alternate months will have to be omitted otherwise the reprints would be of current issues.

GLEANINGS

Garnered by

Ron. Holmes.

Ted Carnell's Postal Preview has appeared once again, after 8 weeks absence, from which I have swiped the news that Phil Nowlan, creator of "Buck Rogers" and so recently the butt of Holmesian wisecracks, died on Feb. 4th. We tender our regrets.

Added to the news of Editor Wright leaving "Weird Tales, and its bi-monthly appearance", we add the current rumour in America 'Weird May go Horror'. We sincerely hope not.

Hugo (That I can again) Gernsback is publishing a S.F. Comic Mag, entitled "Super World". Which reminds me that "Modern Wonder" has ceased, and in its place "Modern World" rears its ugly head. I'll bet few fans have a complete set of "MW" tho it contained plenty of S.F.

The rumoured Barnes-Kuttner Hookup did take place, in the Oct. TWS. Gerry Carlyle and Anthony Quade have gotten together at last but it takes a 'reign of terror' on the Moon to do it. The same issue printed "Planet of Eternal Night" by J.W. Campbell, a great yarn - with one great illustration by Paul.

Talking of Campbell, he's enlarged the name of Unknown to Unknown Fantasy Fiction.

A recent reciplicant of my photo said "You bear a great resemblance to Sam Moskowitz". I can only apologise, and disclaim all responsibility.

C.S. Youd, England's S.F. Bard, has disowned all his pacifistical ideas and become a militarist, after reading his short story in "Liliput" we had suspicions. He is leaving the S.F. field forever and has decided to write his "Memoirs". They will appear in "Spaceways", Americas best fanmag. 6d per copy (or trade) from Harry Warner Jr. 303, Bryan Place. Hagerstown, Maryland. U.S.A.

The April issue of Thrilling Adventures has a story by the Burroughs Brothers. Not S.F.

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BUTTON BRAINS. By J. Storer Clouston. (Jenkins 1933). Humorous yarn about a Robot which is exceedingly lifelike resembling a prominent character. Falling into the wrong some extremely funny situations occur.

CHEMICAL BABY. By J.S. Clouston. (Jenkins . 1934. Lady Scientist creates Synthetic Baby much to her orthodox relations' horror. Another humorous Sfn story. Both well worth reading.

QUEEN OF ATLANTIS. By Pierre Benoit. (Hutchinson. early '20's). Lost Atlantian civilisation in the Sahara. Vampirish Queen who preys on men. Good.

Here are one or two Good reviews sent to us by J. Bergier of Paris, France. For which I am grateful - the first is very rare.

A STRANGE MANUSCRIPT FOUND IN A COPPER CYLINDER. Anonymous. (Harper Bros. 1888. New York). Tells of a hot land in the Antarctic around the South Pole, where prehistoric reptiles and strange civilisation are to be found. This would not be surprising in a 1940 magazine, but to find it in a prosaic 1888 book! I wonder did this book inspire Doyle's "Lost World" and Burroughs' "Land that Time Forgot" ?

TO VENUS IN FIVE SECONDS. By Fred. T. Jane. (A.B. Innes.) Tells of interplanetary communication through the pyramids (Shadows of the "Via" Series)

Both books are badly written, and the authors do not seem to believe in their own stories. But where did they get "advanced" STF ideas?

THE SECRET OF THE LEAGUE. E. Bramah. (Nelson 1907). This is true SF of the serious type, but with adventure and good characterisation, no one seems to have heard of it. (He is also the writer of "Max Carrados").

CALLING CAPTAIN FUTURE

is the name of the feature story in Captain Future No.2. A story of an interplanetary crook named Dr. Zarre (how original) who threatens the solar system and is wiped out by C.F. This yarn adds to the original group of adventurers a beautiful girl. Illustrations are superbly done by Wosso. Short stories are 'Jewel of Mars' by H.L.Gold (3 pages) & 'Men of Homer' by Will Garth. Also second instalment of the immortal 'Human Termites' by Keller. Next Cap.Fu story will be 'Cap Futures Challenge', still by our old friend Ed. Hamilton.

THRILLING WONDER STORY. Jan Issue of TW has a truly colossal yarn by M.Wellman, 'THE Day of the Conqueror' with two really fine illustrations by Finlay. - About Martians visiting Terra during the stone age with robots.

COLLINS 'White Circle Books' have published 'The Gas War of 1940' by Neil Bell at 6d. Another 'tanner' effort is 'Gullivers Travels'. 'Gas War' was originally known as 'Valiant Clay'.

There is a little controversy over names with Famous Fantastic Mysteries at present. If we're lucky FFM will reprint 'Shadow over Insmouth' & 'Colour of Space' by H.P. Lovecraft. Copies of first yarn can still be had in book form (illus. by FA Upetal) from Visionary Pub Co. 5000 Train Ave, Cleveland Ohio

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