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**OUR THANKS:-** Ever since the ban on U.S. Magazines was announced OBS has been finding it increasingly difficult to get fresh news. Therefore it is with much gratitude that we acknowledge receipt of the news of the Standard Publications fantasy mags, which has been sent to us by Mr Leo Margulies. For his action has saved us some trouble and has enabled us to issue this OBS a week early, a rare occurrence in Australian fandom. Though we may not see some of these mags, the news following is certainly interesting. Many thanks Mr. Margulies!

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**THRILLING WONDER STORIES:-** Harry Bates, veteran science fiction editor and fantasy scribe, returns to scientifiction in the July TWS with the feature novel – “The Experiment of Dr. Sarconi”, the tale of a scientist who was able to create human beings in duplicate. (Sounds like “Sculpters of Life” in a recent ASTOUNDING.) Alfred Bester, first winner in TWS's contest for amateur authors, is also featured in the July TWS with an unusual novelette, “Voyage to Nowhere”. This is claimed as the first interplanetary story with non-terrestrial characters, but someone is evidently very mistaken. Other stories in the same issue include Willard E. Hawkins' “Romance Across the Ages”, concerning a superman from the future who finds a perfect mate in the past; a perfect mate who is an “oomph” girl.

In the August TWS the feature novel is Eando Binder's “The Secret of Anton York”. More information as to how the immortal scientist escaped destruction will be obtainable at a later date.

**STARTLING STORIES:-** “The Kid from Mars”, a complete book-length novel by Oscar J. Friend will feature in the September STARTLING, “and opens a brand-new vista in the realm of pseudo-scientific literature”, says the Thrilling Fantasy Bulletin. “You'll find strong characterisation plus strong suspense in this distinctive novel of a Martian stranded on Earth. And the illustrations are by Schomburg!”

**CAPTAIN FUTURE:-** The Fall (Autumn to Aussies) issue of CAPTAIN FUTURE offers “The Triumph of Captain Future”, being the fourth account in the exploits of the Futuremen. Edmond hamilton takes them to the weird machine City of Mars and the Mistlands of Saturn in this latest adventure.

We are certain that none of these magazines will appear in Australia as all will cease to come through after six weeks have passed from the time of writing. Still we have included the contents of STRANGE STORIES (which has never appeared in Australia) for the weird fans who may send for it.

**STRANGE STORIES:-** Two of the yarns for the August issue of STRANGE are: “Satan's Sideshow”, a novelette of a Siamese twin who murders his brother by Carson Judson; and “The Seal of Sin”, a novelette of evil powers by Henry Kuttner.

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**BRITISH REPRINTS TO COME HERE!!!:-** News received from Brisbane indicates that the British reprint editions of American magazines will come here. This leads us to believe that the new British monthly will come also!

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We had a word with some of our good FAN friends and fans and they told us some of their complaints of things happening at the present moment. (And other moments for that matter!) CHATTER They have even put them on paper, so we have decided they should have their chance to make their complaints public. Not all these letters are complaints however, or at least not at the time of writing. There may be changes further down this stencil.

RONALD B. LEVY asks: "Does Cosmos aim at becoming an outlet for Australian fans to air their views on science fiction fandom, or does it aim at merely expressing the private opinions and grievances of the editor, Vol Molesworth, on WD – er a certain Sydney fan, and the Futurian Society in general from which he has recently resigned? I hope Molesworth not disappoint my expectations for the next editorial --- that it will be full of sweet words and flowery (Floury? - OBS) phrases in describing the FSS. Why? --- Naturally, Molesworth has decided to re-enter the club! His unofficial explanations have been proven to be entirely groundless. --- We know Molesworth at least tried to be tactful."

RALPH A. SMITH raises a protest: "The drawing in Luna No 3 was a flop and I admit it. Background etc was definitely mine, but Boris Karloff Smith, or whatever his name was not drawn by me!! Why did Molesworth alter it?"

I met Vol Molesworth through a letter in the August AMAZING STORIES stating that he had built a rocket that flew 12, 000 feet! Through practical experience and experimenting I and Keith Hooper can prove this to be utter rot! What do you say Molesworth?"

KEITH HOOPER obliges with a few dimensions of his and Ralph Smith's model rocket: "You ask for details – here they are! Our new model rocket has a length of 12 inches with a tail of 9 inches. Balance rods are 4 feet in length and will have one main rocket tube. Ralph and I hope to have it ready by the 11th meeting of the FSS so that we can bring it along and show the members. Our new discovery is still a secret."

Here's a nice little piece that came from the one and only VOLTAIRE MOLESWORTH of 12, 000 ft rocket flight fame: "Twas written during a vacation some time ago: "I tried out the Fuel-Tester yesterday. . . I lit the fuse and beat it. Over on Maroubra cliffs I tried it. . . there was a bang and the next thing I knew the grass was alite. I rushed along and found that the balsa had caught alite by the fuse – and U noe how balsa burns – and the whacking big tube had cracked – though it was strong Pyrex – and set alight the grass. I put out the fire and departed in sorrow. Am going to buy some paper and cover ULTRA (another model as yet untried – OBS) soon and will try her out if I find a finer fuel than that stuff you buy in twopenny rockets in Coles – for that's what I used!" (Well, well, well! - OBS.)

This one came to us some time ago and we've delayed printing it because of the lack of space. Won't say who wrote it: "Latest OBS has been contemplated, digested, spewed up and eaten all over again. . . and it still stinks! Er. . .hmm. . .thought this letter was for Eric. OBS is great, ULTRA stinks! But what if Eric reads this letter? OBS and ULTRA are good, I stink!"

NEWS FROM MOXON: Though we have to keep secret many points of his mag, we are sure Keith Moxon will not mind us saying that it will be bi-monthly with about 20 pages. It is now to be mimeod, but it will still be a semi-pro. Wanted: long and well-written stories for the first issue to appear some time in the near future. Send your contributions to the editors of this magazine if you reside in Sydney. Otherwise to J. Keith Moxon, c/- Y.M.C.A. Edwards Street, Brisbane, Queensland.

CORRECTION: You have seen the name La Coste and La Costa printed in this mag. The correct spelling is La Coste. Our apologies to Charles La Coste for the errors previously made.

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