



HARRY WARNER TELLS US that Famous Fantastic Mysteries is to turn bi-monthly and the serial, "The Blind Spot" will be cut off in the middle. The reason Munsey Publications is making FFM bi-monthly is that they will issue another bi-monthly magazine! The name of the new magazine is to be Fantastic Novels and will each issue, one long complete story, first of which is to be the "Blind Spot". In all probability the magazines will appear alternately.

GLEANED FROM AMERICAN MAGS

Mid-West Fan News: "The tentative title of a quarterly science fiction magazine soon to be published by Ziff-Davis is "Amazing Stories Quarterly". It will not be the old time quarterly revived however; the format will be the same as that of the monthly; 250 pages of complete science and fantasy fiction.

"Editor Palmer states: 'The magazine will be slanted to the general pulp readers; and, for that reason I'm afraid the fans won't be exactly satisfied. The idea behind the quarterly is to introduce a whole new group of readers to science fiction, and, in that way to benefit the entire professional stf field, as well as ourselves.'

Science Fiction Weekly: "Office: 'Astonishing Stories', Neil R. Jones, author of the Gernsback-Sloane days, and originator of the famous "Professor Jameson" stories, returns to science fiction in the fourth issue of "Astonishing Stories" with another of this series. Story is entitled "The Catmen of Aemt" and has been illustrated by Hannes Bok. For the benefit of those not familiar with Professor Jameson, a brief introduction by the author is made. If this tale goes over with the readers, the series may continue."

More From SFW: "Among the highlights of the day were a deal with Moskowitz and Wilson, whereby Wilson would receive Fantasy News direct each week, in return for a stock of back issues of S-F Newsletter etc, a friendly session between Lowndes and Moskowitz, whereat the first steps in a possible reconciliation between Futurians and New Fandomites were made, groundwork for which was laid by the efforts of Bob Madle and the Philadelphians, and the rather awed silence when Wollheim came in, unaware of what was transpiring."

"OBS" TAKES A POLL: By this time your readers will have had time to read the series of magazines dated 1939. Right! Well this is the idea behind our poll. We want to know which were the most popular stories of that year; we want to see what the majority liked best. Will you help? Just list the three stories which appealed to you most on a slip of paper or postcard and send them along to the editors of "OBS". Our next issue will carry progress results whilst our 13th issue shall carry the completed poll. Points are awarded: 3 for the first story listed, 2 for the second, and one for the third. Now jump to it! So far, several fans have cast their votes and the leading story is "Gray Lensman". Note: Owing to the fact that three quarters of "Gray Lensman" appeared in 1939 and the final installment has not been released, it is considered in the poll. Reprints are not included.

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