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Dear Dick:-

Thanks for the picture---which, as you intimate, portrays a most scholarly and erudite young man! Have had a couple of letters from you since I wrote---which, od course, is par for me! But seriously, I never have worked so darn hard in my life as I have since I came here to Jackson. I was busy before---but here I simply haven't any time at all except on Sundays (sometimes) and that isn't enough to do everything I want to. For instance, I promised Tremaine quite a while ago that I would have "Galactic Patrol" done for him in the spring of 1937---and how I'm going to do it I haven't the slightest idea.

Do you still keep up with scientific fiction, or are you beyond such childish(?) things? If you do, you probably know Fantasy Magazine and its publisher, Crawford. Also, you may be interested in knowing that said Crawford is going to bring out the old "Skylark of Space" in book form.

I don't know how long it will take him to get it out; but you are on my list to get an autographed copy "if, as, and when" published. It will probably be somewhat amateurish as respects the art work---Ferguson is the art staff, as I understand it; although I think that I will also have them put in a drawing Schneeman made for me and which is at present hanging in my den. At that time Schneeman was also an amateur (he has has a few drawings published since then) but it really is a pretty fair piece of work.

Every publisher in the known Universe has refused to publish the "Skylark"---I think I showed you the choice collection of rejection slips on it when you visited us; and Sloane, as my agent, has accumulated twelve more in the last year. Therefore, in view of the fact that there has been some demand for it from the fans (but not enough, probably, to warrant a commercial publisher in bringing it out) I thought it best to let Crawford take a shot at it. Since he has no overhead, he may be able to make a nickel and a half off it; and if the job he does isn't too perfectly damn terrible maybe he'll publish some more of my stuff. I really want quite a few copies of the "Skylark" to autograph to some of my friends.

Cordially yours,

Doc

P.S. The girl is coming along, but slowly. And as for requiring weekly — don't worry! As I think I told you before, the outfit has been running at a loss for a year or so. What can I hope to charge that is in the meantime? 25% of zero equals what?
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