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Dear Mr. Dodson,

Yes, you are writing to me, Julius Schwartz. Here's how it is. As I said in my last letter, George Zambock⁺ are partners in science-fiction. That is, when Astounding Stories comes out George pays 10¢ and I pay the same amount. When we sent that letter into Astounding Stories saying that we had some stories to sell, George wanted it sent under his name. He received so many replies that I had to answer them for him because he never wrote letters and didn't know what to answer those who wrote him. Therefore I answered that letter to you, and naturally I had to sign it George Zambock. Then when you answered a la Sherlock Holmes, George ~~answered~~ gave the letter to me and asked me to answer it. I did, but I asked you in that letter to write your return letter to me, for George didn't have to read our mail. Do you understand now? I don't know how I can make it any clearer.

Well you answered my questions correctly. I'll now reveal to you the science-fiction mad reader of all times---Jack Darrow. He reads science-fiction, eats it, and I guess dreams about it. He's 18 years old. In his spare moments he counts the number of lines on the pages of the Amazing Stories Monthly as contrasted with that of the Quarterly. Recently he took all his Amazing Stories and classified the stories, interplanetary, future, etc. I haven't the results right now, but if you want to know them let me know, and I'll get them from a friend of mine.

Booth Cody wrote some letter--Believe me! In fact I saw him write it! But, as you probably guessed that's only a pseudonym. Since you evidently like to solve mysteries (remember your most amazing ^{perceptive} conclusions in your second letter?) I'll let you find out who Booth Cody is. I'll give you a hint. If you look in the Readers' Corner of the April issue of Amazing Stories or in the Jan. issue of Astounding Stories (I think) you'll notice that someone wrote in under the name of George K. Addison. Well, he's Booth Cody. But here's the catch--George K. Addison is a pseudonym also. (Pardon, Left out the u in pseudonym). Next letter I'll give you another hint to this most Amazing character.

Well, I belong to the Scienceers. I just wanted to know what outsiders thought of it. Allen Glasser is our secretary. He^x is only 21 and already has had accepted four stories, not science-fiction however. One in the March issue of Sky Riders, one to be published in All-Fiction, and two more in The Illustrated Detective Magazine. He got 100 dollars apiece for the last two. That's going some! Yes he's an atheist. And does he believe in reincarnation? and how! HE's been the author of some very successful hoaxes here in New York City. If you want me to tell you them let me know. I'm afraid they'll change your opinion of him.

I'd like to know where you saw The Moon Pool and The Blind Spot advertised for 25¢. I sold the extra copy I had for \$5.

I don't understand what you mean when you say "--if you would tell me a little about some of these old classics--" Do you want the date they were published or a brief synopsis of the plot?

Here's all the information I have on Edward Smith.

Full name--Edward Elmer Smith
Born--Sheboygan, Wisconsin--May 2, 1890
Married--on Oct. 5, 1915 to Jennie Craig MacDougall, of
Glasgow, Scotland. Three children, ages 12, 10, and 9.
Vocation--Chief chemist F.W. Stock and Sons, Hillsdale, Mich-
igan.

Avocation--Golf--not such a good player. Was club champion,
once, by accident, but seldom breaks 80. (2) ~~Paris~~ Radio nut--
(3) Writer of science-fiction--Works hard and long at the stuff,
and likes it ~~immensley~~ immensley, but somehow he can't seem to
make a story half as strong as it should be. He's been working
on a story for over a year, provisionally named--Spacehounds of
the I P C.

College, etc.

B.S. Chem Eng. University of Idaho-----1914

M.S. George Washington University-----1918

Ph.D. George Washington University-----1919

I'll now give you the lowdown on Wonder Stories or as the
Scienceers call it--Blunder Stories. First of all-Gernsback
does not write those editorials!!! Lasser, associate editor ~~writ~~
writes them. Wonder Stories pays for a story 1/4 a cent a word!
Astounding pays 2 ¢ and up! Do you see now why Astounding Stories
gets all the classics? And besides Wonder Stories very rarely pays
you at all for the stories. They are on the rocks.

Did you know that Miracle Science and Fantasy Stories was
supposed to come out a year ago? They were intending to call the
magazine Astonishing Stories then.

Here's my list of 15 stories.

1. Into the Infinite--Hall
2. The Blind Spot--Hall & Flint
3. Earth, the Marauder--Burks
4. The Return of George Washington--Worts
5. The Human Termites--Keller
6. Between the Earth and the Moon--Hanstein
7. The Other Man's Blood--Ray Cummings
8. The Rescue from Jupiter--Edwards
9. The Fatal Gift--England
10. The Outpost on the Moon--Maxwell
11. The Power and the Glory--Diffin
12. The Second Deluge--Serviss
13. The Moon Pool--A. Merritt
14. The Skylark of Space--Smith
15. Draft of Eternity--Rousseau

These are the order of their preference, but the first four
are tied.

I don't read H. Rider Haggard, but maybe ~~if~~ I'll start in
the summer.

Well, I guess that's enough. Let me hear from you,

Scientifictionally yours,

Julius Schwartz.