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Dear Mr. Dodson,

Yes, you've solved the mystery. Allen Glasser is Booth cody etc. etc. So, I guess that's another hoax credited to him. Here's another! Recently one of the New York papers wanted to run an article on the Scienceers. Since Allen was the secretary, they interviewed him. You notice the result on the article enclosed. Certain parts are emphasised for certain reasons. Among them you will notice the name of Edgar Ray Merritt, noted British Astronomer. Now I hope you don't think that he actually came from England for the said purpose. So Allen took the names of his favorite three science-fiction authors and following was the result? Edgar, from Edgar Rice Burroughs, Ray from Ray Cummings, and Merritt from A. Merritt. And the reporter took it seriously! And did we have some laugh? I wish you would return the article as it is the only copy I've got.

AND MADE UP THE STORY OF HIS VISIT!

I've heard of G.K. Chesterton. In fact I've read some of his detective stories. The ones I'm referring to are The ~~xxx~~ Father Brown Detective stories. I'll read The Man who was Thursday on your recommendation. But I'm afraid I won't have time to read it until next summer, and I'm overburdened with reading matter now.

What do you think of Miracle Stories? I don't think ~~it's~~ it'll last long, that is if they continue to print the same type of stories that they are printing now. In both issues of the magazine the first story was terrible. And did you notice that they were both by a member of the Dold Family? Rousseau is always good. The other two were pretty good. In fact I was so disgusted with the Miracle Stories that I took Glasser's idea of pseudonyms and wrote a letter in under the name of Eben Ebenezer. Previous to writing this letter in, I wrote one in under my own name praising them to the skies. And the "Ebeb Ebenezer" one "knocks" them. I hope they appear in the same issue right next to each other. An "Ebenezer" letter is also to appear in Astounding Stories, I hope.

Now to the matter of The Blind Spot. As you remember I told you that George Zambock and I were partners. So, in ^{his} order that I may lend you the book I have to get permission, too, and he refused point blank to do so. I'm sorry. But after all, put yourself in his shoes. You have a very rare book. Your partner knows someone, thru correspondence, out in Kirksville Mo. I never saw him, he never saw him. After all, I don't think you'd want to lend the book. Would you?

I admit you're right in regard to the science in the Return of George Washington. But you got to admit it's a fantastic story. And since fantastic may be considered the "amazing type" of story, I still think I am justified in naming it. I think you mentioned on your list (I'm not sure) "The Snake Mother". This is another fantastic novel in the same class as the Return of George Washington. So, if you mentioned Merritt's, I think Worts' story should also be included, if you thought it worthy of the honor.

How much do you think old Amazing Stories cost? Plenty, bu-lieve me. So, if you intend to get the back numbers I suggest you start now. I might be able to get a few for you, if you'll tell me how much you're willing to pay for the 1926, and 1927 issues.

Now for a tough job. A reveiw of the Moon Pool. I guess I can't tell you much about that. You see I read it about two years ago, and only a dim memory of the story comes back again. It's about a rock in the middle of the Pacific that rises when the Moon's rays beat upon it reavealing a world inside the earth. There in this world are curious creatures, one that is especially impressed in my mind is the "Shining One" I forgot what relation the moon pool bears to the story, but I assure you Mr. Merritt can not be beat in descriptive literature. If you are so anxious to get it, I could probably get it for you here in New York. How much would you be willing to pay for it? It was published in 3 issues May, June, July, 1927. It may interest you to know that The Moon Pool was originally published in the All-Story as a novelette. But then Merritt wrote a sequel entitled The Conquest of the Moon Pool. In the Amazing Stories edition both parts are printed to-gether.

Well, that's about all I have to say this time. You notice each time I write to you the letters are getting smaller. Well, that's because each time there's less to say. But I'll try and not make my letters shorter that this.

Scientifictionally yours,

Julius Schwartz.

P.S. What author do you want to hear about next. R.F. Starzl?, Jack Williamson?, Clare Winger Hariss?, L.A. Eshbach? or Charles Cloukey?