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407 East 183 Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Dodson,

I'M very glad you got that typewriter. Now I can understand every word you say and we can go into a fuller discussion of various topics.

regard to

In your question on how I get so much information about the ~~author's~~ authors, I think I have already told you. But I'll repeat it anyway. I was appointed by the Scienceers to find out all I could about various science-fiction authors. And if we got enough information we would publish it in a leaflet as a sort of a Who's Who in Science-fiction. So I had to look through all my science-fiction magazines for letters in which authors had written in to the discussion columns for their addresses. After I had finished that I sent a letter to each author I had the address of, asking for date of birth etc. But not all of them replied. Even though they all did, I don't think it would be worth the bother to publish it in the leaflet and the Scienceers agreed with me. So since I had gone to the bother of writing the letters to the authors they let me keep the original letters. That's how I know all the information I've told you. Do you know any authors' addresses. Maybe we'll put out that leaflet yet.

We have very interesting times at the meetings of the Scienceers. Of course we have discussions on various ~~sci~~ stories, scientific topics, debates, etc. We publish a paper also, called The Planet. Glasser is the editor. It contains articles of scientific interest, and also news in science-fiction-land.

How do I know Gernsback don't write those editorials? Well to tell you that I'll have to tell you something else. Over a year ago, some really important members belonged to the Scienceers. Among them were Gernsback, Lasser (associate editor of Wonder Stories), T. O'Connor Sloane, (Editor of Amazing Stories), Fletcher Pratt, (the author) and G. E. Pendray (Gawain Edwards to you!) There Lasser freely admitted that he wrote the editorials. Now I suppose you'll say "why takes his word for it?" Well to tell you the truth, I don't think Gernsback has the intelligence to do it. He speaks with a German accent, ~~ness~~ speaks poor English, and other such faults.

You could get the expensive Amazing Stories at second hand book stores here in New York. But I don't think it is advisable.

About the first science-fiction story you ever read.... I never read it. I wish you could get the name for me. You see I'm trying to get a collection of science-fiction that will be one of the best in the U.S. I would also be obliged if you sent me the names of any stories that have appeared outside of the science-fiction ones and from Argosy, and if you have them. I would like to hear some of your personal opinions in regard to science-fiction. How about telling me how you were introduced to Amazing Stories?. Here's how I was. I was a detective story hound. I read them day and night. I even read Nick Carters! Well one hot summer day, I had not a thing to read. So I went up my friend's house to ask him for

a loan of a book. Of course he didn't have any. But he suggested that I read a magazine. He showed me the Amazing Stories that contained the story To the Moon by Proxy. Well I figured that that was better than nothing so I took it. Two hours later I went up his house for more. Then I forgot all about it, until one day while scanning the newstands I saw the Amazing Stories that contained the cover illustration for The Moon Strollers, Since then I haven't missed an issue, and have delved far into the past trying to collect old science-fiction. And my proudest possession is a book by John Jacob Astor "A Journey in Other Worlds," published in 1894!

Here's the dope on Eshbach (No "e" before the first "h".)

Full name: Lloyd Arthur Eshbach
Born: June 20, 1910 in Palm Pa.----not married
Vocation: Sho'card writing
Avocation: Fiction writing
College degree: None. ~~Was~~ Left school at the age of 15.
Self-educated by means of constant, private study.
Forthcoming Stories: A Voice from the Ether (Already published in Amazing Stories)
The Light from Infinity--(to be published in Am. St)
The Solar Visitation---- " " " " " "

I also liked the recent Amazing Quarterly. However I didn't think so much of Islands of Space. The science put me to sleep. But I thought Nathanson's Moon Men of Jupiter was great. What do you think about the interplanetray plot contest in the latest Wonder Quarterly? I'm trying to think up one, but ~~xxxxxxx~~ I simply can't.

I doubt if the Blind Spot was ever printed in book form. In regard to that announcement that Argosy was supposed to make about it, I might be able to explain it if I knew when that announcement appeared. If it appeared within the last year it means that Austin Hall (Homer Eon Flint, the co-author is dead) is working on a sequel.

Well, that's all this time.

Scientifictionally yours,

Julius Schwartz.