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407 East 183 Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Dodson,

I knew all the addresses of authors you gave me. You see I also looked through the back numbers of my magazines and I had the ones you mentioned on my list.

It seems that everything went wrong in your last letter. The list for the most part was unnecessary. You see when I said to give me a list of science-fiction stories that have appeared outside the science-fiction ones and from Argosy I ~~also~~ meant excluding Argosy. You might have known that ~~since~~ I have practically all science-fiction that has appeared there, ^(in ARGOSY) as you might have noticed from the letter in Astounding Stories, and by the plots of the stories I gave you, which all appeared in Argosy.

However, I had not known of the stories you mentioned that appeared in American Boy and in the Saturday Evening Post. Do you think you could get them for me? I'll give you for them some 1926 or 1927 Amazing Stories that you might need. I heard of Into the Fourth Dimension but haven't got the copies. If you haven't got the aforementioned issues ask the one who has what he'll take or trade for them.

Now to some news. Do you remember in the second issue of Astounding Stories there appeared a story Into Space by Sterner St. Paul? Well, that is not his real name. It is Capt. S.P. Meek!!! Bates, editor of Astounding, changed the name because Meek had a story at the same time. (One of the Dr. Bird series.)

Another instance where Bates changed the name of an author is in the case of Charles Willard^R Diffin. It was changed to C.D. Willard. Remember him? It was changed for the same reason

that Meek's was.

Bates is going to put out two more magazines! One of them is to be called Soldiers of Fortune and is to deal with all war stories up to the Spanish American War. The second and most important, to us, is a magazine that so far is called Strange & Stories. It is going to be the same type of magazine as Weird Tales. By the way, do you read this magazine? If you don't I advise you to get acquainted immediately. The reason Bates is going to put out Strange Stories, according to Glasser, is because he's been getting some darn good stories for Astounding Stories, but these stories were not pure science-fiction. If he'd publish them the readers would jump at his neck. So rather than let these stories go, he's going to ^{publish them in} ~~put~~ Strange Stories. A story by Francis Flagg (one of my favorites) is to appear in either the first or second issue of this new magazine.

Aladra Septama's true name is Judson W. Reeves, whoever that is.

It has also been rumored that Kline has completed a sequel to The Prince of Peril. I just heard this from a friend of mine, and I don't want to say it's true until I read the fact with my own eyes. My friend also tells me that Jack Darrow has found out from the blond stenographer, who works in the Weird Tales office, that Farnsworth Wright is going to put out a sister mag. to Weird Tales.

Here's two things you probably never noticed. First Edmond Hamilton has never written a story that has a romantic element in it. But this won't hold for long, because his first story containing this element is soon to appear in Weird Tales. And

second that even though David H. Keller has written over 30 stories (excluding the ones that appeared in Amazing Detective Tales), he has never been given the cover!!! What's your opinion of Keller? He's my favorite with the possible exception of A. Merritt. His story in the latest Wonder, The Time Projector, is a wow. I say "his" because anyone can recognize his style. Most likely Lasser gave him the idea for the story and Keller did all the writing. As you might have known, Lasser writes the introduction to every story. Did you notice how he praised his own stuff?

The Scienceers have temporarily ~~dishanded~~ stopped publishing The Planet. But I could let you have some back copies. I haven't any on hand now but will ask Glasser for some. By the way his story appeared in the **current** All-Fiction.

You forgot to tell me which author you wanted ^{me} to write about.

My fingers are tired from typing so long, so I guess I'd better stop.

Scientifictionally yours,

Julius Schwartz.