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Dear Dick;

I guess you'll have to have a try at reading my handwriting. Something's gone wrong with it and God knows what it is. Anyway, I'm writing my best. Towards the end of the letter I might lose my patience and start writing fast, and then, God help you! Even with the help of E. A. Poe you won't be able to decipher it!

I'm glad you liked The Blind Spot. I'm also ~~not~~ glad to note that you've rereading it. You do get more out of it. I hope you'll have reread it by the time this reaches you -- and so you can return it.

It's too bad you couldn't get that bargain ^{from} the Smith Book Co, i. e. - First volume of Amazing Stories. It so happens that I know the person who beat you to it. He's a correspondent of mine; ~~his~~ name Oswald Train. He has a letter in the current Astounding Stories: If you sent Argoany the dollar for the ship of Ishtar you'll get it. They always take long in answering. I'm making a drive to get back some of the old masters of science-fiction: England, Hall, Hawthorne, etc. See my letter in the current Argoany. Did you ever send them the 10 choice coupons from the last page? I have -- twice. I got one original, and one reproduction.

I'm sorry, but I don't know Cummings's address. But, Bates says, you can send it to Astounding Stories and it'll reach him.

The Dick Company who now owns Amazing has the same address as MacFadden so ---. I've heard that Science and Invention and Popular Mechanics are to be combined.

Strange Tales has come out! I bought it, - read it thru in one day and wrote a letter to Bates praising him on ~~me~~ putting

out such an excellent issue on his first try. You noticed that they're attracting the best Weird Tales writers. They pay so much better rates! But, one author who won't desert W. T. - I think - is Howard P. Lovecraft. He's a personal friend of Farnsworth Wright, its editor. By the way, Glasser brought this to my attention - one of the gods' names in The Whopie in Parkers was something like this "Klarkash-ton". It, of course refers to Clark Ashton Smith, Lovecraft's best friend and serious critic - ~~the~~ the editor of Weird Tales tells Glasser. Did you read the latter's story in the current Mind - Magic? If you can get hold of the current Woolworth "Illustrated Detective Magazine" you'll see another story by him. (I'm writing too fast. I'll have to slow down)

- 1 - (Mrs.) Clare Minger Harris
- 2 - Born - Jun 18 - 1891 - married - to Frank C. Harris
- 3 - Had attended college 2 years, one year at Smith College.
- 4 - Vocation - housewife and mother of three boys - ages 15, 14, + 12

Did any of your friends get a look at The Blind Spot? What do they think of it. I would like to have them read it -- but since Zambock is coming home the 21 or 22 I would like it to be in the book case.

How are you getting along on your job? Do you mind telling me what kind of a job it is?

Well, I guess that's all

Scientifictionally yours,
 Julius Schwartz