Sciencefictionists have been talking and writing about “flying belts” for years yet none have been built. It seems like it would be a simple task to construct a rocket that could be attached to your back. Why hasn’t anyone made one? And what happened to the fellow who was building the portable ‘copter outfit? Startling Stories came out with a real stinker when they published Wellman’s “Solar Invasion”—Guess it’s just a case where a name writer peddled an inferior product. The whole issue reeked with bad plots and stories. “Afraid” was the best and it wasn’t very good. Sgt. Saturn must keep all the good stories for . . . Thrilling Wonder Stories had several good pieces in the Dec. ish. Leinster’s “The End” was a darn good tale. Anything is better than “Pocket Universes” which appeared in the Fall issue. “Life on the Moon” was also good because it was different. We’ll review this mag more thoroughly next week.

Amazing Stories is still trying to convince everyone that the BEMS in the caves run this world. And I was blaming it on the Democrats. “Great Gods and Little Termites” was the best tale in this ish. But Shaver, author of the “Land of Kui”, ought to give up writing. He’s lousy. And the editors at AS ought to join Sgt. Saturn on the wagon and quit drinking that Xeno or the BEMS in the caves will get them. Copies of this cardzine are being mailed, gratis, to numerous fans in the hopes that they’ll subscribe. You can get the next fifty issues for one buck. Subscribe today. And we welcome letters from our readers.

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