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### ON THE COVER

this month, taken from Charles P. Tanner's "Flight of the Mercury," our space traveler is shown waving his fist in defiance to the creature who has kept him marooned. Toward the rear of the space ship is seen the three "ether" propellers that carry the ship across space.

### NEXT MONTH

**THE ANNIHILATOR COMES**, by Ed Earl Repp. Yielding to the demands of our readers our popular author gives us now a sequel of his "Beyond Gravity." In this thrilling story, we get the further adventures of the great airship "Annihilator," and its brave commander, Bob Allison. Into the frozen north they go, to search for the missing explorers; and they encounter adventures and a terrible menace that man had never dreamed of. Incidentally our author gives us a new view of the Arctic zones that is startling and revolutionary, yet has a good deal of authority for it.

**THE MARTIAN REVENGE**, by Hendrik Dahl Juve. You can always depend on this author to furnish an unusual story, and in this interplanetary adventure he has indeed fulfilled our expectations. He has shown us indeed the perils that attend communication with a strange civilization and in this story has illustrated vividly the horror that might attend the revenge of an outraged race. Indeed, through the stirring story, he shows us many of the things which must be avoided if interplanetary travel is to be a success.

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**A SUBTERRANEAN ADVENTURE**, by George Paul Bauer. The third installment of this marvelous story of subterranean life finds our two explorers from the surface again at grips with their captors. Stupendous are the scenes pictured by our author—as he shows two men, aided by a girl, engaged in battling against a hostile nation in their own land. This story with every page is approaching an inevitable climax of drama and power.

**PRIZE CONTEST**—The second prize winning story from the February, 1930, AIR WONDER STORIES COVER CONTEST will be published in the August issue.

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From the dark, medieval ages  
Comes the infant tread of Science  
Stumbling soft as if in wonder—  
Seeking courage, self-reliance.

But its pace grows quickly firmer  
And its step becomes a stride  
With its measured march resounding,  
Keeping pace with Human tide.

Now it travels even faster  
Roaring like some rampant soul  
Surging, leaping, stronger, vaster—  
Howling like some demon goaled.

Blinding, searing, it darts onward  
At an untold, timeless rate;  
Crowding, forging ever faster,  
It's an avalanche of Fate!

Science, whither is thy journey:  
What inferno is thy goal?  
Will your rush be ever checkened  
Or your story ever told?