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THE UNIVERSE WRECKERS, by Edmond Hamilton. (A Serial in 3 parts) Part II. In this instalment our four travelers experience many dangers with the extraordinary beings of Neptune, which is nearly 3 thousand million miles from the sun, but they learn the source of the power that has caused the increased rotation of the sun, which threatens the life of all the nearer planets in the solar system.

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Our Cover

This month illustrates a scene from Part I of the story entitled, "The Universe Wreckers," by Edmond Hamilton, in which the four travelers, fitted out in their space-walker suits, are making the necessary repairs to their space-flier, which sustained some damages while going through the asteroid zone on their way to Neptune.

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The Dead Sailor

THE sailor was undoubtedly dead and there was a mark on his head as if he had been shot. But they could find no bullet, and besides, the men who witnessed the accident heard no shot, nor saw anyone else around. There was no doubt about the testimony; too many men verified it.

The sailor had been lowering an experimental half shell from the side of the ship when the rope broke and the shell dropped into the sea. Some of the witnesses claimed they saw a bright object come up from the sea and hit the sailor. But no bright object was found.

The device which was being lowered was a half sphere, open at the bottom, and with a short length of small pipe fixed in its top. This pipe was open at both ends.

One of the scientists on board resolved to clear up the mystery. He had an idea and decided to follow it out, but to do some computations before he told anyone—for he was a serious scientist and did not want to be

laughed at, for practical men are given to ridicule.

He finally came to the conclusion that the sailor was shot and killed with a bullet of water. After many expressions of doubt on the part of the rest of the party he proved conclusively to them that it was not only possible but that that was just what had happened. He proved it in this wise: the entire weight of the heavy shell was used when it hit to compress the air caught under it. The air of course would start leaking out of the small pipe, or shooting out, very rapidly. When the end of the small pipe was submerged, however, which operation took place almost instantly, the compressed air shot a plug of water up to the sailor's head with the force of a bullet—and slew him. The scientist fortified his remarks with citations from accidents from water-hammer, etc., that clinched belief.

"We know neither the day nor the time."

By A. L. HODGES.