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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.

THE TORPEDO TERROR, by Edsel Newton. It has already been acknowledged that it is possible to send an airplane into the air and guide it by radio controls without the need of a pilot. The immense importance of this in a war in the air cannot be overestimated. For by means of radio controls it will be possible for a nation to send thousands upon thousands of planes laden with high explosives over the enemy lines. But "The Torpedo Terror" is not a war story, in fact it is the working out of a great mystery and the saving of the world from a terrible disaster.

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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THE MASTER ALLEGORY

By THE PLANET PRINCE

As I read beside the lamplight
 On each pleasant summer night,
 Thoughts come crowding to my memory
 Earthly things are dropped from sight.

Something, coming from the Unknown
 Seems to take me by the hand,
 Lifting me above all mortals
 Guiding me to some strange land.

Taking me to other planets
 Over starry cosmic lanes,
 Wandering along the spectrum
 Exploring all the different planes.

Space means nothing, distance nothing,
 For us Time is but a word,
 And we travel through the ages
 Seeing sights to man unheard.

And I marvel by whose power
 (But 'tis told e'en as I ponder)
 "I am the Vanguard of Knowledge
 Making way for Science wonder.

"Though I'm but a formless vision
 But an imaged thought-condition,
 I'm the master allegory,
 The great symbol—"Science fiction!" "