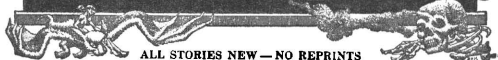


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ALL STORIES NEW—NO REPRINTS

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## NOVELETTE

- THE DEAD MAN** . . . . . Fritz Leiber, Jr. 8  
*One could fairly see the tabloids playing up a story about  
"the doctor who ordered a man to die."*

## SHORT STORIES

- THE THIRD SHADOW** . . . . . H. Russell Wakefield 24  
*Roped together were two mountaineers on the treacherous  
cone—but three shadows on the snow.*

- THE BODY-SNATCHERS** . . . . . Seabury Quinn 33  
*"Jules de Grandin, I ask me, 'are it not odd that a man  
and a woman should have the same delusions,  
and at approximately the same time?'"*

- GROTESQUERIE** . . . . . Harold Lawlor 47  
*. . . the inmates of the house scuttled away in the purposely kept  
dimly lighted halls; the latest comer was never seen about at all.*

- SOMETHING OLD** . . . . . Mary Elizabeth Counselman 59  
*"Something Borrowed and Something Blue . . ." so the old  
Babylonian ring was on Celia's finger on her wedding  
day. A ring with a secret compartment.*

- THE INVISIBLE REWEAVER** . . . . . Margaret St. Clair 70  
*So many fatal accidents couldn't be just chance; one man  
certainly had a fantastic theory that covered them.*

- BLUE PETER** . . . . . Murray Sanford 76  
*"A year an' a day the curse will haunt ye, and  
your own words will bring you ruin!"*

- THEY WORKED THE ORACLE** . . . . . H. S. W. Chibbett 82  
*Black Markets weren't due to be thought of for thousands of  
years, and Hades hadn't sunk that low as yet.*

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## About Ghosts

IT WAS ONCE BELIEVED THAT AFTER DEATH, SOULS IN THE POWER OF THE DEVIL WERE RETURNED TO EARTH AS APPARITIONS TO SOLICIT SOULS FOR THE EVIL ONE. THEY WERE ECSTASYING THINGS - TRANSPARENT & WISPY BUT NOT OBTUSIOUS. THEY RATTLED NO CHAINS NOR HAUNTED HOUSES. RATHER THEY WERE PLEASANT & GIFTED WITH CHARM - THE EASIER TO LURE UNFORTUNATES IN THE PATH OF THE DEVIL. ONE FORM OF SEDUCTION WAS THAT OF GIVING TO UGLY, DEFORMED FEMALES GREAT BEAUTY AS WELL AS THE POWERS OF PROPHECY & HEALING. SOME OF THESE WOMEN GAINED ENVIABLE POSITIONS IN STATE AFFAIRS & WERE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED IN THE ARTS OF THE PHYSICIAN. - IN RETURN THEY PLIGHTED THEIR TROTH WITH THE DEVIL, RENOUNCED THEIR CHURCH AFFILIATIONS & AT DEATH THEIR SOULS DESCENDED TO THE REGIONS OF DARKNESS.