Gratifying to know that we're wafting across thousands of miles of brine to make a commonwealth of bookworms. So says

#### L. M. BARRON

Having just finished another exceedingly good copy of the Argosy, I decided to let you know how good I thought it was.

I will also take the opportunity of congratulating Allan Elston on his great work in the serial, "Lost Harbors." In my opinion Marco Page comes up among the best with "Fast Company" and "Fast and Loose."

While I'm at it I might as well give you my opinion on "Seven Out of Time." I really like the general idea of the story, but I think Mr. Zagat tied a bit too much elastic on the ends of it.

The average Australian does not read too much. The daily paper is about as far as they usually get, but I believe if ARGOSY was introduced to more the average Aussie would rapidly become a bookworm.

Thanking you for the many hours of entertainment.

ATHERTON, AUSTRALIA

#### FRED MINTER

In reply to O.M. in the July 29th issue I should like to say that although I enjoy the science-fiction stories I should not care to see them, featured to the exclusion of all other types of stories. Variety is the reason that I have been a constant reader of Argosy since 1926. My favorite type of story has always been a Western, yet I do not care to read more than one each week be it in serial, novelet or short story form. I also look forward to the historical, Northern and sports yarns.

Am getting a big kick out of McDowell's "The Ringer." Having played college football and now in the coaching game myself it is refreshing to read the truth about college athletics in general. I know a football coach of a rather prominent Eastern college who starts with about two dozen youngsters each fall all of whom think that they are going to get "Everything" for four years. Yet it is very rare that more than six or seven are in college at the start of the second semester. After looking them over for three months he decides which ones he wants to keep and by devious ways gets rid of the others. Incidentally this particular coach is not paid any salary, but gets a per cent of the gate receipts.

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