



Dear Ludwig:-

Congratulations on the recent acceptance of "Druidic Doom"! You certainly are getting to be a WT fixture... taking grandpa's place, as it were! Was extremely glad to see the "Scivide" in print, & am on the lookout (or will be in September) for the flatteringly dedicated "Shambler".

Glad you had a congenial session in the Land of Pharoahs - & hope your sketch did not shock that tender soul too violently. You must be careful to derive something very wholesome & cheerful for "The Druidic Doom". Wright's kindly opinion of my stuff rather amuses me in view of his repeated rejections. His attitude toward my most ambitious performance - "At the Mountains of Madness" - is more than half responsible for my showing up as a writer. However, I'd like to see the cuss - who is probably a much nicer chap than his capricious decisions would indicate. Interested

to hear of your working with one of the enterprising Brindens. As for the errors in his Roman tale - the one mentioned in the Eyrir is really wild as compared with the art of mentioning Heads over 3 centuries before there was any such tribe... on any such tribe known to the Romans. Sorry you couldn't get over to the Brinden mansion... but hope you can make the Chicago visit of July 14th. So Count d'Eslette's book is landing big... darned glad to hear it! Trust you'll be able to get Satrap Pharoahs up to Milwaukee before long. Your club surely seems to be a bustling organization - & the responsibility of being sole wind representative is it must be a heavy one. However, I fancy you are adequate to this not wholly unpleasant burden!

Regarding the L & M pipe-dream - I no longer expect any results. It is merely a question of when, & in what condition, my A&M will come back. Crawford is talking of printing "Innocent" & the "Atto" in some form or other - & I shall let him do what he can, although I don't fancy that will be much. Incidentally - some young fellows in San Francisco - Fred Rogers & Louis Smith - intend to issue my "Kings From Yugoth" as a whole, in the form of a unimagined booklet. This is part of an informal & economical publishing enterprise, another item of which will be a complete index of WT from its foundation to the present. I shall certainly get this last-mentioned item, since at present the finding of any story in a back number is a veritable needle-in-haystack proposition.

Well - as you see, my Florida trip indeed materialized. Barlow returned home from Washington June 3, & I started out on the 5th. I shot straight south with no intermediate stops save ancient Fredericksburg, Va. & my ever-beloved Charleston. As you may see by the enclosed cards, both of these places include excellent feeding-grounds for our Esarient subterranean friends! After a winter & spring of wretched lazzitude, I began to feel a certain strength & comfort the moment I struck the hot Carolina lowlands - & by the time I