

# The Collector's Miscellany

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## **BROTHERS OF THE BLOOD**

BY J. P. QUAINÉ

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SOUTH Africa has its group of collectors also. Every now and again overseas enthusiasts who know my weakness, send me copies of journals containing matter relating to the hobby. Of such is the Johannesburg Outspan which has featured several interviews with South African collectors. These have been written in the main by a brilliant scribe named Rosenthal. And in Australia Leon Stone, of Gordon, N.S.W., well

known as a collector of amateur journals, is also a modern "old-boy" and is linked, through correspondence, with most of the overseas Billy Bunterites, including the creator of Bunter himself, Frank Richards. I think I have written enough to show that there are Brothers of "the Blood" in every country where there are men who are still boys. Anyway, brother collector, don't you think that he's a poorer man who never, in his boyhood, dabbled in "Bloods", and he'd be a poor collector who would not make just a little shelf-room for a Sweeney Todd, Varney, the Vampire, Jack Harkaway, Deadwood Dick, or even Billy Bunter, Sexton Blake and Nelson Lee. But I do regret the passing of the good old "Cult of Blooddrinkers".

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## THE MIDNIGHT HOUR

By the late HENRY STEELE

I HAVE always found that the most effective time to read one of the old "thrillers" is round about the witching hour of midnight, when graveyards are supposed to yawn and give up their dead. My favourite custom is to wait until everyone has gone to bed, the street traffic ceased and the house is deadly quiet. This is the time. Of course I would not recommend this to some people, as, it might result in a sleepless night and nightmare, but providing they can stand it, I think it is very fascinating. Let me take for instance an extract from "Blueskin". Jonathon Wild has entered the vault of Tottenham Church with the object of robbing the coffin of an unfortunate bride who died suddenly on her wedding day and has been buried with all her jewellery on her.

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