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Editorial Matters

I came back from London on November 3rd and collapsed for most of the week with flu, a twisted left knee, and post-travel lassitude, so this issue isn't our marvelous catch-up mailed before Thanksgiving, as originally planned. Our printer closes for the holidays, so we don't know exactly when you'll get it. I'll go no more aroving till next spring, so maybe I'll be able to catch up on the brilliant stories and editorials I've really meant to write, and even get the next issue out before Christmas. But don't hold your breath. HELP WANTED

While Shelly and I were in London, our new editorial assistant decided to leave without notice because 'the vibrations weren't right." (And we didn't even know there was an earthquake.) We're now looking for at least one and probably two new assistants. A knowledge of and interest in sf and some general office skills are needed. You need a driver's license, probably a car, and must be able to type, use a computer, and talk intelligently on the telephone. The office is also a smoke-free, but alas, not a lowcalorie or low-stress, environment. The starting salary for an assistant is five to six dollars per hour.

CORRECTIONS

The photo caption on page 38 last issue should show Mike Moir of Kerosina Books with Terry Pratchett. John Jarrold works for Futura, not Sphere Danny Low took the hotel photo shown on the cover. We messed up the address for Midgard, a play-bymail game in the classifieds. It should have been P.O Box 460, Mt. Prospect IL 60056.

MAILING HELP

Shelly and I were in London for the last mailing, so it was run by Faren and Pam; Pam cooked gumbo for the masses. The masses: Faye and Stephen Matlock, Trevin Matlock, Mikey Roessner-Herman, Elizabeth A. Lynn, Susannah Redelfs, Tony Stubbs, Carolyn Cushman, Dave Clark, Tim Maroney, Jim Dumond, and David Nee. The main surprise was that, for the first time in months, nothing went --C.N. Brown wrong.