

"Mistress of Death and Desire" by Arthur J. Burks is one of the few stories in the March 1940 issue of MARVEL TALES to appear under the author's own name. Joining Burks is Robert Leslie Bellem with his sole contribution to this title, "Blood for the Vampire Dead." Bruno Fischer, who wrote a great deal of material for the weird menace pulps, hid "New Girls For Satan's Blood Ballet" (shall we dance?) under the Russell Gray pseudonym he used for much of this material. When the weird menace market folded in 1941, Fischer had several written several weird menace stories which had not yet been published; these unpublished tales were collected in A MATE FOR MURDER (1992, Gryphon Books). The cover artist for the March 1940 issue, Harold Winfield Scott, managed to fit not one, but two buxom babes on the cover this time out. Scott contributed many covers to MARVEL TALES, but also contributed to many other types of pulps, including UNKNOWN and Street & Smith western titles.