As lovingly illustrated by H.J. Ward on the August 1940 issue, science fiction made its way into the pages of SPICY MYSTERY STORIES in the mid-1940's, as it also would with SPICY ADVENTURE STORIES. The sf content kicked off with the June 1940 issue and "From Time On" by George Shute, and continued in the August issue with "Giant from Babel" by Lew Merrill. Merrill, under his real name of Victor Rousseau, was an old hand at science fiction, turning it out for not only the sf pulps but in the pages of ARGOSY as well.