

Richard Marsh Collection

MS 2051

The collection consists of 2 photographs of Marsh and typescripts and manuscripts, many fragmentary, of articles; novels, including 'The interrupted kiss', 'Too strange not to be true', 'The Land of Tweedledum where the children rule', and 'The house with the open window' (Book one of 'The Beetle'); short stories and plays, including 'Sir Frank's engagement', 'The colonel's cane', 'Mr Justice Gray', and 'A corner in Bohemia'.

The Collection covers the year's [1895-1915].

The physical extent of the collection is 3 boxes.

Introduction

Richard Benjamin Heldmann, who wrote under the name of Richard Marsh, was born in London around 1857. He showed a precocious literary talent and contributed to boys' magazines from the age of 12. As a young man he travelled widely and there were few parts of the world that he had not seen. After his marriage he lived with his wife Ada and their five children in various parts of Sussex including Worth, Brighton, Hove, Three Bridges and Haywards Heath. Richard Marsh was a keen lover of all kinds of recreation - motoring, cycling, football, cricket, golf, chess, bridge, billiards and many more.

As a professional writer Richard Marsh was prolific, producing more than 60 popular novels from 1895 onwards as well as short stories and several plays. Perhaps his best-known work was *The Beetle*, a Mystery published in 1897. In 1913 his health began to fail and he was forced to dictate his books to a secretary. Eventually Richard Marsh died of heart failure on 9 August 1915 at his home in Haywards Heath at the age of 57.

MS 2051/1 MS of 'A plain Englishman to plain Americans': an essay.
Undated

14 leaves

MS 2051/2 MS of 'Music halls abroad': an essay.
Undated

7 leaves

- MS 2051/3** MS of 'Suicide': an essay.
Undated

10 leaves
- MS 2051/4** MS of 'Cockney humour': an essay.
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9 leaves
- MS 2051/5** MS of 'Cricket': an essay.
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13 leaves
- MS 2051/6** MS of 'Proverbs': an essay.
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9 leaves
- MS 2051/7** MS of 'Caste': an essay.
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9 leaves
- MS 2051/8** MS of 'Gambling': an essay.
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9 leaves
- MS 2051/9** MS of 'Literary grumblers': an essay.
Undated

5 leaves, incomplete
- MS 2051/10** MS of 'A chat with young authors': an essay.
Undated

4 leaves
- MS 2051/11** MS of 'One hundred and sixty eight dramatic authors': an essay.
Undated

10 leaves

- MS 2051/12** MS of 'The land of Tweedledum, where the children rule': a story.
Undated

153 leaves
- MS 2051/13** MS of an untitled story.
Undated

16 leaves
- MS 2051/14** MS of 'Too strange not to be true': a novel.
Undated

57 leaves
- MS 2051/15** MS of an untitled novel (Ch. I, 'Gilbert Hayter goes in search of adventure').
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53 leaves
- MS 2051/16** MS of 'When we were boys together': a novel.
Undated

31 leaves, incomplete
- MS 2051/17** MS of an untitled novel.
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7 leaves, incomplete
- MS 2051/18** MS of 'The Penitent': a short story.
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6 leaves
- MS 2051/19** MS of 'The Shipper's daughter': a short story.
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5 leaves
- MS 2051/20** MS of 'The Lady and the river of light': a short story.
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6 leaves

- MS 2051/21** MS of 'The Tarket necklaces': a short story.
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8 leaves
- MS 2051/22** MS of 'The Burglary in Berkeley Square': a short story.
Undated

7 leaves
- MS 2051/23** MS of a fragment of an unidentified novel or short story.
Undated

2 leaves
- MS 2051/24** MS if an untitled novel (Ch. I, 'The inclining of a twig').
Undated

30 leaves, incomplete
- MS 2051/25** MS of 'The Parrot', a short story.
Undated

33 leaves
- MS 2051/26** MS of 'The girl in the light blue dress': a short story.
Undated

5 leaves
- MS 2051/27** MS of an untitled short story.
Undated

2 leaves
- MS 2051/28** MS of 'My sweethearts': a short story.
Undated

22 leaves
- MS 2051/29** MS of 'The Interrupted kiss': a novel.
Undated

48 leaves

- MS 2051/30** MS of an untitled short story.
Undated

7 leaves
- MS 2051/31** Two leaves of unidentified novels or stories
Undated

2 leaves
- MS 2051/32** MS of 'The House with the open window': a novel.
Undated
Identified as part of novella entitled 'The Beetle'

27 leaves
- MS 2051/33** MS of part of an unidentified novel. Fols. 36-72, 142
Undated
Identified as part of novella entitled 'The Beetle'
- MS 2051/34** Two leaves of unidentified novels or short stories
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- MS 2051/35** MS of 'Mr Justice Gray: a comedy in three acts'.
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10, 11, 12 leaves
- MS 2051/36** MS of 'Sir Frank- engagement: a comedy in three acts'.
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12, 13, 13 leaves
- MS 2051/37** MS of 'The Colonel's cane: a play in three acts'.
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10, 13, 12 leaves
- MS 2051/38** MS of 'Mr Ely's engagement: a comedy in one act'.
Undated

31 leaves
- MS 2051/39** TS of 'The Romaunt of the rose: an original comedy in one act'.
Undated

32 leaves

- MS 2051/40** TS of Act III of 'A study for moralists'.
Undated

28 leaves
- MS 2051/41** TS of 'An old rake: a comedy in three acts'.
Undated

32, 66, 91 leaves. Two copies of each act
- MS 2051/42** TS of Acts II and III of 'Mr Justice Gray'.
Undated

127 leaves
- MS 2051/43** TS of 'The Widower, an original comedy in three acts'.
Undated

21, 33, 42 leaves
- MS 2051/44** TS of 'A vision of the night: a comedy in one act'.
Undated

22 leaves
- MS 2051/45** TS of 'A Corner in Bohemia: original comedy in 3 acts'.
Undated

21, 20, 39 leaves. Two copies
- MS 2051/46** TS of 'A Don Quixote of today: a comedy in three acts'.
Undated

34, 73, 98 leaves. Two copies
- MS 2051/47** TS of 'The Lady of the sands: a comedy in three acts'.
Undated

102 leaves. Two copies of acts I and II
- MS 2051/48** TS of 'The Colonel's cane: a play in three acts'.
Undated

116 leaves. Two copies

- MS 2051/49** TS of 'A private cram: farcical comedy in three acts'.
Undated

23, 21, 21 leaves. Three copies
- MS 2051/50** TS of 'Sir Frank's engagement: a comedy in three acts'.
Undated

124 leaves
- MS 2051/51** TS of 'Peggy's little flutter: a comedy in three acts'.
Undated

33, 30, 26 leaves. Two copies
- MS 2051/52** TS of Act I of 'Peggy's little flutter'.
Undated

14 leaves
- MS 2051/53** MS of an untitled short story.
Undated

3 leaves
- MS 2051/54** TS of 'The purse which was found': a short story.
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27 leaves
- MS 2051/55** TS of 'Outside': a short story.
Undated

12 leaves
- MS 2051/56** TS of 'For one night only': a short story.
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16 leaves
- MS 2051/57** TS of 'George Ogden's will': a short story.
Undated

33 leaves

MS 2051/58 Two photographs of Richard Marsh
Undated

2 items