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In 2004, **The Arthur Conan Doyle Collection** was bequeathed to Portsmouth by **Richard Lancelyn Green (1953–2004)** - The original collector. He started collecting things to do with *Sherlock Holmes* since he was five years old. It is one of the world's greatest collections of memorabilia from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Mr. Lancelyn Green was considered an authority on all things Conan Doyle.

Richard Lancelyn Green's London house and the family flat in the Wirral. The collection comprised of 40,000 archives, 16,000 books and 3,000 other items. It wasn't always clear what was just a household item and what was associated with Arthur Conan Doyle. Everything had to be boxed up to be brought back to Portsmouth.

Items were boxed, moved and delivered to central library. Items included many items personally owned by Arthur Conan Doyle.

Other very important items included photographs and letters about Doyle and his family and his spiritual beliefs. With numerous other posters used in stage, screen and television productions. Scripts, publicity and photographs about stage, screen, TV and radio adaptations.

Books in a huge variety of languages.
Newspaper and magazine articles.
Lancelyn Green's own work.

Even memorabilia such as mugs, tea towels, chocolate and clothing were given.

Everything then had to be catalogued – e.g. organised and labelled so it was clear what was in the collection and how to find it. Here are boxes of catalogued items. To catalogue the whole collection took 10 years to complete (2004-2014).

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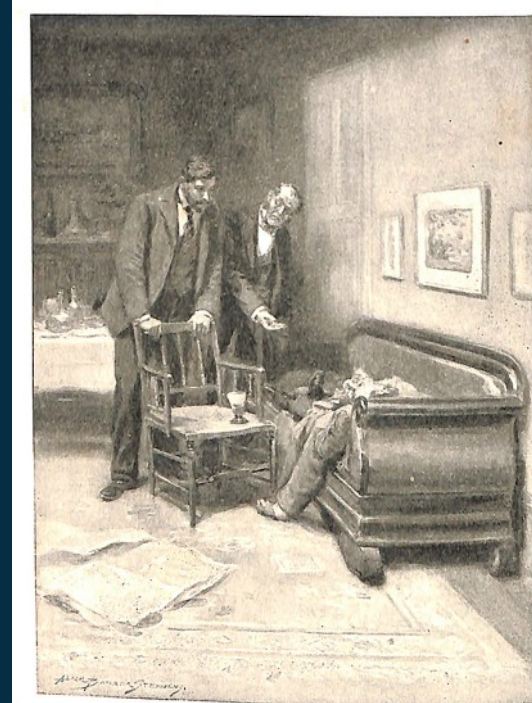
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NOTEBOOKS

A DETECTIVE'S PERSONAL INQUIRY

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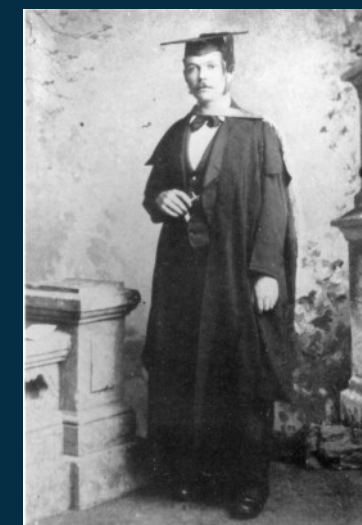
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On the sofa was stretched our unfortunate host.

Stark Munro Letters

Published London, 1895



J. Stark Munro, 1881



Stark Munro Letters ~ TIMELINE ~

1881
STARK MUNRO
LETTERS

J. Stark Munro starts writing his personal letters to Herbert 'Bertie' Swanborough of Lowell, Massachusetts

J. Stark Munro completes writing his 16 personal letters to Herbert 'Bertie' Swanborough of Lowell, Massachusetts

1884
STARK MUNRO
LETTERS

1895
LONGMANS &
GREEN,
LONDON

Conan Doyle edits the "Stark Munro Letters" by 1895. The selected 12-Letters are only published in novel form by Longmans & Green, London

The published novel is autobiographical - somewhat - comic in it's medical content. It is popular with the public

1894+
MAGAZINE
PERIODICAL
'THE IDLER'

The New York City based publisher and Monthly Periodical serialized 14 (OF 16) Letters between October 1894 and November 1895

Arthur Conan Doyle: An adventurous life

CITED FROM: ('MEMORIES & ADVENTURES,' HODDER & STOUGHTON, LONDON, 1924.408PP.)

I have had a life which, for variety and romance, could, I think, hardly be exceeded. I have known what it was to be a poor man and I have known what it was to be fairly affluent. I have sampled every kind of human experience. I have known many of the most remarkable men of our time. I have had a long literary career after a medical training which gave me the M.D. of Edinburgh. I have tried my hand at very many sports, including boxing, cricket, billiards, motoring, football, aeronautics and ski-ing, having been the first to introduce the latter for long journeys into Switzerland. I have travelled as Doctor to a whaler for seven months in the Arctic and afterwards in the West Coast of Africa.

I have seen something of three wars, the Sudanese, the South African and the German. My life has been dotted with adventures of all kinds. Finally I have been constrained to devote my latter years to telling the world the final result of thirty-six years' study of the occult, and in endeavouring to make it realize the overwhelming importance of the question. In this mission I have already travelled more than 50,000 miles and addressed 300,000 people, besides writing seven books on the subject. Such is the life which I have told in some detail in my *Memories and Adventures*.

ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

CROWBOROUGH, ENGLAND

June, 1924

Stark Munro Letters

A SERIES OF TWELVE LETTERS:
AN UNUSUAL MEDICAL NOVELLA

The novella *The Stark Munro Letters* (Longmans & Green, London 1895) follows the early struggles of a young practitioner. In a series of letters to an old friend, Dr. J. Stark Munro describes his failed attempts to conduct a partnership with his eccentric university friend, Dr. James Cullingworth, and his efforts to launch their own private medical practice in the small town of Birchespool [drawn on ACD's own Southsea, (Portsmouth) England experiences].

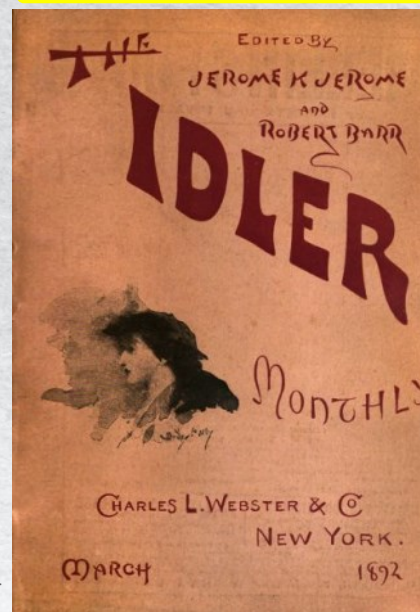
DR. JAMES CULLINGWORTH:

A PECULIAR MEDICAL SENSATION

Stark Munro writes to dear friend "Bertie" Swanborough of Lowell, Massachusetts, and describes Cullingworth's unusual demeanor ... "Cullingworth is a man of great charisma and energy, but he is also selfish, unreliable, and even somewhat vindictive." ... "Heavens! I must say Cullingworth is a physically ugly character who also displays a strange 'quick-step' motion whenever walking. However, to be fair, he is able, magnetic, unscrupulous."

<https://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/conan-doyle/blog/read/2022/06/newsletter-stark-munro-letters-b74> For more reading, please follow the link

THE IDLER MONTHLY, NYC



The original 16-letters were first serialized by the New York City-based popular magazine between October, 1894 and November, 1895.

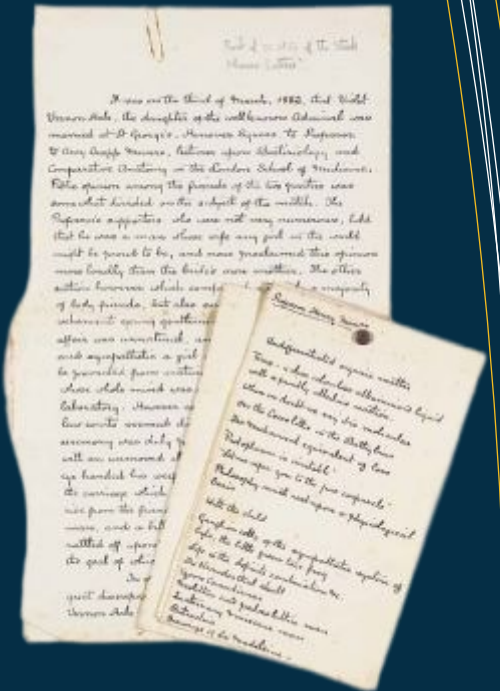
Publication and exposure of the material preempted the published British edited version of the letters in the form of fictional narrative. The single volume book was first published in London, England in 1895.

TWELVE FINAL LETTERS WERE EDITED
BY CONAN DOYLE FOR THE PUBLISHED
BRITISH NOVELLA DURING 1894-1895.

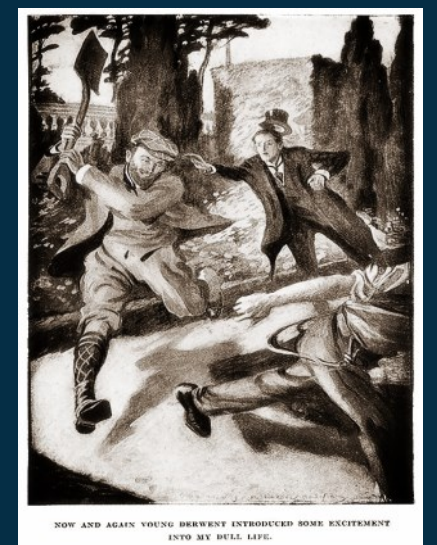
"In a book written some years afterwards called "The Stark Munro Letters," I drew in very close detail the events of the next few years, and there the curious reader will find them more clearly and fully set out than would be to scale in these pages. I would only remark, should any reader reconstruct me or my career from that book, that there are some few incidents there which are imaginary, and that, especially, the whole incident of the case of a lunatic and of Lord Saltire in Chapter IV occurred to a friend and not to myself. Otherwise the whole history of my association with the man whom I called Cullingworth, his extraordinary character, our parting and the way in which I was left to what seemed certain ruin, were all as depicted."

Arthur Conan Doyle, 1895

STARK MUNRO LETTERS:
A FRAGMENT OF ACD'S
ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT
AND WRITTEN NOTES



CHARACTERFUL
ILLUSTRATIONS



WORDS & PICTURES

George Wylie Hutchinson (1852-1942) was a British illustrator. He was born in Nova Scotia (Canada) which he left at 14, as a cabin boy. He studied painting in London at the Royal Academy (1880-1885) and later painted portraits and created illustrations and cartoons for numerous publications. He illustrated the works of [Arthur Conan Doyle](#) (130 illustrations).