

A Guide to the Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen Collection

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Item Listing

Manuscripts

"Idyls of Norway and Other Poems"[1882]

Unit Date 1893 Nov 4

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sonnets on "Evolution"; begins "I am the child of earth & air & sea. . ."]

"Three Sonnets"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Three sonnets beginning, "If I should lose thee, Darling. . ."; "I saw thee drifting. . ."; and "I wonder oft why God. . ."]

Letters

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesento Harriet Jackson

Unit Date 1877 Jan 21

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Refuses to part with autograph letters of Ivan Tourguenett Jackson's request; promises to ask Tourguenett to write a few lines for her which he will forward to her.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, Ithaca, New York, to Mrs. Foot

Unit Date 1878 Jan 23

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Acknowledges her 2 letters; says he is overburdened with literary and professional work and apologizes for not answering sooner; mentions his failure to meet her in New York City; expects to go to Europe for a year's stay; talks at length about evolution, a subject which haunts him; looks at evolution theory in its Goethe aspect; says he has written a series of "scientific sonnets!" soon to be published, to clear his mind of the subject of evolution; looks forward to a long literary talk with her; notes she is working on a story or a book.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York to [Alexander Wilson] Drake, [New York]

Unit Date 1883 May 12

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses Norwegian painter Hammerstead who plans to settle in [New York]; asks for Drake's help in bringing Hammerstead's paintings before the public.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, Nantucket, Massachusetts, to [Richard Watson] Gilder, [New York]

Unit Date 1886 Aug 3

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Encloses short poem which he feels good about; discusses a story he is working on.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to John M. Bunt

Unit Date 1889 Oct 2

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Responds to Bunt's request for him to recall an important incident in his life by saying he has nothing to offer other than his birth, which was too long ago for him to remember it.]

Charles Scribner, New York, to Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen

Unit Date 1891 Oct 16

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Agrees to publish a volume of juvenile stories, Boyhood in Norway, 1892, for Boyesen in the autumn of the following year; discusses term of publication.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to [Samuel Sidney] McClure, [New York]

Unit Date 1891 Nov 3

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends the requested ballad intended for recitation, "The [] of A Song"; hopes it will suit him but promises not to be offended if it does not.]

Charles Scribner, New York, to Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York

Unit Date 1891 Nov 11

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he will gladly publish Boyesen's Essays on German Literature, 1892; says there will be a market for the book; offers a 10 percent; royalty; mentions juvenile stories.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to [Samuel Sidney] McClure, [New York]

Unit Date 1891 Dec 22

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends postage stamps for the return of the manuscript of his ballad; says he will have no further communication with McClure; marvels at his "cheek."]

Charles Scribner, New York, to Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York

Unit Date 1892 Oct 18

Extent

TLS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Encloses a report on Essays on German Literature and a royalty cheque; says Scribner's is willing to publish a companion volume, Essays on Scandinavian Literature, 1895, provided that certain conditions are met.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1893 Jan 14

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Asks for a November 1884 copy of *The Dial*, in which a story of his on Hans Christian Anderson appears; intends include the story in *Essays on Scandinavian Literature*; congratulates Browne on the appearance and literary excellence of *The Dial*.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1893 Jan 26

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[States that he has written an article, not in the form of a book review, on Henrik Ibsen's play "Love's Comedy," which has not yet been translated into English; offers his article to *The Dial* for \$20, though he could get twice that amount, because he values *The Dial*; mentions Hans Christian Anderson's story, his busy lecture schedule.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Samuel Sidney McClure, [New York]

Unit Date 1893 Feb 28

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Decides to interpret his novel to write article on William Dean Howells at once; requests prompt payment; asks to see proof before article goes to print; says he could easily sell the article to *Cosmopolitan*, should McClure not be pleased with it.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1893 Mar 24

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends for approval if article on Henrik Ibsen, "The Wild Duck," which will be included in *Essays On Scandinavian Literature*; expects \$20 for it.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1893 Mar 29

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Assures him that there is no particular hurry to publish "The Wild Duck" as Scribner's will not put out *Essays On Scandinavian Literature* before 1895.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1893 May 7

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Asks him to watch out for an article of his literary criticism which will appear in The Forum.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1893 Jul 28

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Acknowledges \$20; speaks highly of and recommends writers [James] Brander Matthews, George Edward Woodberry, and William Hamilton Gibson whom he likens to John Burroughs; says that George Parsons Lathrop is interesting only to the select since he became Catholic.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1893 Sep 20

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Says Browne's letter reached him at Columbia via Geneva and Chicago; gives his impression of "The Fair," Columbia Exposition 1893 in Chicago; sums it up as the most magnificent the world has to offer; is especially taken with the wonder of electrical illumination.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, Southampton, Long Island, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1894 Jul 12

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Asks for the proof of "The Wild Duck" to be sent to Long Island, if Browne decides to publish it.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1894 Oct 6

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Requests a copy of article on Hans Christian Anderson, published in The Dial November 1884; intends to include it in Essays on Scandinavian Literature, to be published by Scribner's; names other essays he will include in the volume.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to Francis Fisher Browne, [Chicago]

Unit Date 1894 Oct 7

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he has found his own copy of the story on Hans Christian Anderson.]

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, New York, to J. Howard Rhoads

Unit Date 1895 Jan 20

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he has not published the lectures Rhoads refers to and that he does not intend to do so for a few years; says the substance of the lectures, with the exception of the lecture on Algernon Charles Swinburne, is in *Literary and Social Silhouettes* 1894.]

Elizabeth Keene Boyesen, Southampton, to William Stephen Rainsford, New York City

Unit Date n. d. Friday

Extent

ALS,
12 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses the quality of Sunday school for children at St. George's; gives reasons for sending her son to St. Bartholomus; pleads with him to persuade her husband to remain a member of St. George, the church they were both confirmed in; expresses thoughts on Robert Browning.]

Miscellaneous

Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, [New York] to Scribner & Co., New York City

Unit Date 1875 Nov 29

Extent

Receipt,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Receipt for the sum of \$105.50.]