

A Guide to the Frank Norris Collection

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Item Listing

Letters

Frank Norristo Paul Reynolds

Unit Date 1898 Oct 22

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Informs Reynolds of his intention to sell the rights to his stories " From Dawn to Dark-Fighting" and " Surrender" to the Century Company.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date [1889] Jun 1

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Replies to Richards' letter with mention of Norris' book Moranand McTeague; chides him for inadvertently changing the title of Moran; thanks him for an invitation to London.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date 1899 Jun 13

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Promises to send copy of Blix; mentions completion of The Heroine, which will be published after serialization "somewhere"; says he is excited about material for a series of 3 novels based on the subject of American wheat; guesses that this project will take 3-4 years.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date 1899 Oct 4

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Tells him that Samuel Sidney McClure is syndicating one of his stories which will be called A Man's Woman in the book publication (handled by Doubleday and McClure Co.); wonders if Richards would put this book on his list for publication in England; inquires about the success of Moran and McTeague in England, also about the royalties he might expect from their sales; requests critics' reviews of his book published.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date 1899 Nov 27

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for 2 volumes that have not arrived yet; says he is curious if the book sells as well as the reviews indicate; speaks about an unpublished novel, Vandover and the Brute.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date 1899 Dec 4

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he is glad to know that McTeague is well received by English critics; wonders if Richards might consider taking over Blix, which is in the hands of failing English branch of Harpers; wonders about serialization of Blix, and also of his last novel A Man's Woman, in England, before publishing in book form; says a royalty of 10% is not satisfactory; asks for a better offer; requests the contracts for Moran and McTeague.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date [1900] May 25

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Gives him specific ideas for the printer regarding A Man's Woman; requests copies of the English edition of Blix and A Man's Woman.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date [1900] Jun 29

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for copy of Blix; hopes that the publisher (Richards) will improve the cover design for A Man's Woman, although he does not mean to interfere; hopes a secondary title will be omitted from A Man's Woman; says he was not pleased to see the subtitle "Love Idyll" under Blix.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date 1900 Aug 28

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Alludes to the fact that to date he has received only one statement for Moran from Richards' firm; says he would like to know how the books McTeague and Blix have done; says he would, finally, love to see some money.]

Frank Norristo John O'Hara Cosgrave

Unit Date 1900 Oct 31

Extent ALS, 1 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Discusses the possibility of an editor's position for him with Doubleday and Page but cannot promise anything; looks forward to his visit.]

Frank Norristo John O'Hara Cosgrave

Unit Date 1900 Nov 5

Extent

Telegram

Scope and Content

[Complains that his statements and pecuniary settlements are now almost a year overdue; says his letters have been ignored; realizes that the English publication of his books has not been a financial success for the firm, but expects royalties just the same; threatens to find another publisher if the matter is not cleared up.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date 1901 Mar 19

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he is willing to have A Woman's Man run in a London paper if he gets \$100; announces the publication of The Octopus and brings up the possibility of an English publication.]

Frank Norristo Benjamin Orange Flower

Unit Date 1902 Mar 18

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he is encouraged and honored to see his work reviewed in the important magazine Arena.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date 1902 May 6

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Acknowledges receipt of a letter and check for 48 pounds; mentions proofs of The Pit, and its serializing.]

John O'Hara Cosgraveto Elizabeth Sutton

Unit Date 1902 Oct 18

Extent TLS,1 p.(carbon)

Scope and Content

[Verifies receipt of a manuscript.]

John O'Hara Cosgraveto Frank Norris

Unit Date 1902 Oct 18

Extent

TLS,3 p.(carbon) (w/ autograph
corrections)

Scope and Content

[Proposes that he write an adventure novel in the style of Moran of the Lady Letty; says it could be serialized in Everybody's and help the magazine along; expresses concern over Mrs. Norris' illness.]

Frank Norristo John O'Hara Cosgrave

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Gives suggestions on how to alter a manuscript slightly, to make it a great story for Everybody's; urges Cosgrave to read the proofs of The Squid quickly, as the book has to be out by March 15.]

Frank Norristo Grant Richards

Unit Date n. d.

Extent ALS,1 p.(fragment)

Scope and Content

[Discusses serializing, dramatizing and translation of an unknown work; requests a contract if all is agreeable.]