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Item Listing

Manuscript

The Adventures of Captain Horn

Unit Date 1895

Extent

TMs,
582 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes autograph corrections; in slipcase.]

Letters

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1876 Nov 7

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Instructs him to have 2 Ferris blocks engraved as soon as they come in; suggest having 2 engravers do them as they must be ready in January.]

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1877 Jan 20

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for notes and favors; instructs him how to forward his mail to Philadelphia; mentions article that will appear in the Midsummer number, a "Letter-Box" item by the daughter of Benson John Lossing, and Amalie LaForge.]

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date [1877 Jan]

Extent

AL,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Apologizes for sending the proofs late; points out that he introduced " The Baby Camel, " " Prairie-dog's Home, " and " Prairie Wolf"; criticizes animal drawing by [William Holbrook] Beard and specifies 3 drawings he disagrees with, should any pictures have to be omitted.] (incomplete)

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1877 Mar 28

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he had a delightful trip to the Bahamas and is enjoying Florida; reports on letters lost in forwarding; inquires about fees for " Sam Clemson" and " The Lion"; asks for reading material to be sent to him in Jacksonville; sends regards to "immortals of 743"; says he is anxious to see St. Nicholas magazine which he cannot get in Florida.]

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1877 May 15

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Acknowledges receipt of manuscripts which he will revise; inquires about the \$100 English serial he is to revise; declines invitation to Carnival; asks him to come see a permanent exhibition in Philadelphia, 1905 Broad St.]

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1877 Jul 7

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Returns a corrected, shortened proof; refers to a Russian story in the possession of Mary Mapes Dodge; mentions batch of electro-work he sent to Clarke and his need of money.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1877 Jul 31

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes two 1 1/2 page manuscripts requested by [Mary Mapes] Dodge; mentions that he has 3 Scannell pictures, but no manuscript yet.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto Mr. Scott

Unit Date 1877 Aug 30

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Refers to revised manuscripts he has sent to William Fayal Clarke's office, the charge being \$53; asks him to hand Clarke a letter when he returns from vacation.]

Frank Richard Stockton, steamer " City of Illinois, " off Cape Cod, to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1877 Sep 2

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he is leaving for Europe rather suddenly without having revised manuscripts; advises him to repage and shorten them; discusses social matters.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1878 May 24

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends requested address; promises to write about schedules, etc.; wants drawing of the expression on a boy's face, which is to appear changed in a story.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1878 May 27

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Speaks about a frontispiece which he finds improved; leaves the execution of his ideas, by process or wood, to Alexander William Drake; says he will discuss "schedule" when coming in on Wednesday.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Talks about stories and illustrations to appear in St. Nicholas; agrees to some formats and suggests some changes; leaves decision about frontispiece to Alexander Wilson Drake.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto Samuel Sidney McClure

Unit Date 1890 Nov 8

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he will have requested story by mid-December and it will be divided into 5 chapters of about 2000 words each.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1878 Jun 1

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses changes and omissions on proof for July; mentions contributors Trowbridge, Dodge, Richards, and Foote.] (On St. Nicholas stationary)

Frank Richard Stocktonto William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1878 Jul 1

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Announces his visit for July 3.] (On St. Nicholas stationary)

Frank Richard Stocktonto William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1878 Jul 25

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Endorses a note to [Mary Mapes] Dodge; requests to be sent all manuscripts that have to be read; says he has time for manuscript work right now.]

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1878 Sep 10

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Acknowledges receipt of proofs; says they will be take care of promptly.]

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1878 Sep 15

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Criticizes proof of a portrait; finds it worse that the photograph; makes suggestions for the January edition of "A. J. F." in regard to manuscripts and drawings; talks about the December edition; suggests insertions; feels upset about rumors regarding his health; says he won the championship-badge at the Archery Club; writes with a quill from an eagle's wing and promises to send such a quill to him.]

Frank Richard Stockton, Philadelphia, to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1880 May 19

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he will leave for Charlottesville, Virginianext week; gives instructions for forwarding the valise with manuscripts via Adam's Express, which is faster and more reliable than United States[mail]; feels ill; intends to spend time in the Blue Ridge Mountains; promises to send the electro-stories; asks if the new edition of Rudder Grangehas appeared.]

Frank Richard Stockton, Venice, Italy, to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1883 Jul 1

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Wonders if his mail has been sent to Europe; misses the June number of St. Nicholas; reports on his illness in Florida; finds Veniceenchanting, urges him to take his bride there; mentions letter his wife received from [Mary Mapes] Dodge; asks if he ought to do more for St. Nicholas; requests Mr. Smith's address; states that letters sent to him have been lost.]

Frank Richard Stockton, Geneva, to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1883 Aug 18

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Regrets that he did not write The Lion and the Lamb, which he received a request for a copy of; talks about David Douglas' idea to publish his collected short stories; mentions a check Douglas sent him

before he sold a single copy of Rudder Grange; recalls meeting him in Florence; mentions suggestion to write "The Candid Adventurer," but does not feel up to it.]

Frank Richard Stockton to William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date 1883 Sep 16

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Talks about their travels through Switzerland, their 2 days on the Rigi, their plans a trip to the Rhine, England, and Scotland, and then home to America; says he will write requested article and furnish photographs; mentions idea for serial story, set in Rome, Venice and various parts of Italy and Switzerland, for children, for St. Nicholas if the publishers want it; looks forward to promised letter; mentions having spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Smith and Dr. Robinson.]

Frank Richard Stockton to John Eliot Bowen

Unit Date 1883 Nov 5

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Says the Century Company's request for an occasional story for The Independent cannot be complied with at once, because he is otherwise engaged; promises to write a story of 8 to 10 columns when time allows; asks fee of \$100 for a story of that length.]

Frank Richard Stockton to John Eliot Bowen

Unit Date 1883 Dec 31

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Encloses "A Penny Walk" for The Independent; instructs him on where to divide the story should it be necessary to publish it in 2 installments; hopes story will be liked.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Samuel Sidney McClure

Unit Date 1884 Nov 25

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Regrets not being able to meet him at this time; says he will be back in New York the following week and spend the winter there; promises a humorous story for February, if not sooner.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1885 Feb 11

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Authorizes him to deposit Stockton's vote of favor of admitting William Fayal Clarketo membership, as he is unable to attend the Author's Clubmeeting.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Samuel Sidney McClure

Unit Date 1885 Nov 4

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Expresses disappointment that an important part of the manuscript The Demon Plague was lost while in McClure's possession; includes attempted replacement which was exceedingly difficult to write; discusses another sketch; points out where his portrait, to accompany the sketch, can be obtained.]

Frank Richard Stockton to William Henry Rideing

Unit Date 1887 Jul 8

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Asks him to send a proof to his new house in Madison, New Jersey and to come visit there when he comes that way.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Messrs. Sampson, Low & Co.

Unit Date 1887 Jul 12

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks the company for letter containing royalty accounts and money; refers to The Dusanter which appears in 3 parts in The Century; assumes the story will be printed by the Century Company in book form in 1888; wishes the company luck with his books; acknowledges receipt of copies of his books; says he is pleased by their appearance.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1889 Jan 1

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends note to accompany paragraph for the McClure column.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Editor, The Eagle

Unit Date 1889 Nov 21

Extent

LS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Asks for the correction of a statement in a New York paper in regard to his travel intentions.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1889 Dec 29

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Informs him that he is unable to go to Chicago to read; promises to send an item for McClure syndicate; sends New Year's wishes.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1890 Mar 7

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he is unable to attend copyright meeting; promises to come to the next meeting on a Club-dinner night at the Aldine.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1890 Jun 24

Extent

LS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Promises to write a Christmas story for him, although he is very busy with The Squirrel Inn; mentions "The Illinois Farmer" by Johnson.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Samuel Sidney McClure

Unit Date 1890 Oct 25

Extent

LS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Writes children's stories only occasionally now but is willing to write a ten thousand word piece for McClure's circular for \$500; compliments him on his magazine for young people.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1891 Mar 6

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Congratulates him on the copyright victory; says that the authors of America owe Johnson everlasting gratitude; declares himself proud to be a citizen of the United States.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1891 Apr 11

Extent

ALS,

4 p.

Scope and Content

[Tells him that he has not been asked by anyone to take part in the reading on the 22nd; says he will be happy read, but only parts of Squirrel Inn; says the same presentation was like by another audience; refers to European trip; congratulates him on hors received from France.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Mr. Robinson

Unit Date 1892 Jan 7

Extent

ALS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Informs him that he will have to get permission to use The Great War Syndicate from Messrs. Dodd & Mead; says he has talked to them about the matter.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1893 Jan 18

Extent

TLS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Refers to a will, with property bequeathed to Stockton; explains how much he expects to get and what percentage should go to Johnson.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1893 Feb 14

Extent

TLS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses will of Stockton's great great great grandfather from New Jersey; says it is authentic, but no possessions come with it and Johnson will get nothing in return for his endeavors.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1896 Apr 14

Extent

LS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Regrets not having been able to attend the meeting of the Council of the Copyright League; says he is enjoying culinary and other delights of the Bayou country; intends to return to New Jersey by May 1.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Mrs. Frederick Gotthold

Unit Date 1897 Aug 19

Extent ALS,3 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Responds to request for his help in manning the Gotthold houseboat; suggests "The Halcyon," and "The Angler."]

Frank Richard Stockton to E. Leslie Gilliams

Unit Date 1897 Sep 24

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends manuscript of "A Sailor's Knot" for \$850, giving him all the serial rights in the United States in Europe with the stipulation not to offer it to American monthlies; says the story had been written for Ladies Home Journal of Philadelphia; says he took it back after a disagreement with the editor.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Professor [Harry Thurston] Peck

Unit Date 1898 Oct 21

Extent

TLS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Agrees to lend a hand in the compilation of the New Library of Literature, provided the new duties will not interfere with his present engagements; says he cannot do any editorial work, only assist in choosing authors for the series.]

Frank Richard Stockton to John Brisben Walker

Unit Date 1900 Aug 23

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Requests payment of \$500 for "The Conscious Armada," published in Cosmopolitan in June; reminds him of the terms agreed upon; says that if "The Conscious Armada" was shorter than average, it was evened out by "The Cot and the Rill" which was much longer than average; insists on \$500 for each story published.]

Frank Richard Stockton to Robert Underwood Johnson

Unit Date 1900 Nov 5

Extent

TLS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Relates a strange dream, pertaining to his writing of humorous stories; comments on letter from Johnson, received the day after the dream, in which Johnson requests another humorous story; says he is glad that Johnson liked Pomona's Travels, he is pleased with illustrations by Mr. Steele.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto Samuel Sidney McClure

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Requests meeting to discuss story, ready to print, of about 30800 words; says it could be divided into 5 segments to be published in newspapers; asks to see a notice from the Commercial Advertiser.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto William Fayal Clarke

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he is in bed "with a ten pound boil"; expects to be all right soon; asks him to keep his mail in the office unless something looks very important.]

Frank Richard Stocktonto Kate Douglas Wiggins Riggs

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Regrets not being able to come to a benefit in New York; hopes to get better acquainted with Mr. Riggs in the future.]

Photographs and Prints

Frank Richard Stockton, profile, by T. Johnson

Unit Date [1886]

Extent

Engraving

Magazine photographs, Frank Richard Stockton, head and shoulders

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Photos
3 copies

Miscellaneous

Quotation from " The Lady or the Tiger"

Unit Date 1892 Feb 19

Extent

AQ,

Scope and Content

["Without the slightest hesitation . . ."]

Signed note regarding International Copyright Law

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Printed note

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