

# M. P. Shiel:

## An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** Shiel, M. P. (Matthew Phipps), 1865-1947
- Title:** M. P. Shiel Collection
- Dates:** 1876-1966
- Extent:** 18 boxes (7.56 linear feet)
- Abstract:** The collection of British novelist and short story writer M. P. Shiel consists of manuscripts of his works and outgoing and incoming correspondence. Much of the correspondence in the Letters and Miscellaneous series are copies made by Shiel's literary executor, Terence Ian Fytton Armstrong, better known by his pseudonym, John Gawsworth. "Morse" numbers refer to A. Reynolds Morse's system for identifying Shiel manuscript items (see *The Works of M. P. Shiel*, pp. 125-136).
- Call Number:** Manuscript Collection MS-03821
- Language:** English, French, Italian, and Spanish
- Access:** Open for research. Researchers must create an online Research Account and agree to the Materials Use Policy before using archival materials.
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### Administrative Information

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## Works:

- Untitled article, Astronomers are not perhaps..., Ams / draft with heavy revisions, 6 pages, approximately 1940. **Container** 1.1
- Untitled article on force and space, Ams with heavy handwritten revisions, 22 pages, undated. Written with this: Crossword puzzles and shorthand section; Britons never shall be slaves, Ams / fragment. **Container** 1.2
- Adore / also titled At the eleventh hour:
- Ams / fragment with handwritten emendations, 39 pages, undated. Morse 119. **Container** 1.3
- Tms, 79 pages bound, undated. Morse 120. **Container** 1.4
- Galley proofs with handwritten corrections, 14 sheets, undated. Retitled At the eleventh hour. Morse 121. **Container** 1.5
- Are we going pagan?, signed Ams with handwritten emendations, 9 pages, undated. Morse 225. **Container** 1.6
- Autobiographical note, Ams with handwritten revisions, 2 pages, undated. **Container** 1.7
- The bell of St. Sépulcre, Tccms, 28 pages, undated. Morse 89. **Container** 1.8
- The black box:
- Notes, Ams / notes, 11 pages, undated. Morse 102. **Container** 1.9
- Abridgment, first draft, Ams with heavy handwritten revisions, 185 pages in notebook, undated. Morse 105. **Container** 1.10
- Abridgment, second draft, Ams / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 86 pages, undated. Morse 106. **Container** 1.11
- Abridgment, Tms with handwritten emendations, 99 pages bound, undated. Morse 107. **Container** 1.12
- A case for deduction, Brief synopsis, Tms with handwritten emendations, 2 pages, undated. Included with this: Fragment of the novel, Tccms, 4 pages. **Container** 1.13
- The case of Euphemia Raphash, Tms / fragment with handwritten revisions, 3 pages, undated. Morse 61. **Container** 1.14

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| The case of Euphemia Raphash, Tms with handwritten emendations, 31 pages, undated. Morse 62.  | <b>Container</b><br>1.15 |
| The cause of war, signed Ams with handwritten emendations, 9 pages; Ams / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 5 pages, undated. Morse 227.                   | <b>Container</b><br>1.16 |
| Children of the wind: Notes, Ams / notes, some in Italian, 7 pages, undated. One page written on verso of TLS Leon M. Lion to Courtenay Thorpe, 2 October 1920. | <b>Container</b><br>1.17 |
| China in arms, 2 specimen pages, 3 pages each, 8 October 1937. Included with these: Ams / cost figures.   | <b>Container</b><br>1.18 |
| Cold steel: Fragments, Ams / fragments in the hand of Lydia Shiel, 20 pages, undated. Morse 15.   | <b>Container</b><br>1.19 |
| Cold steel: Abridgment, Tms, 122 pages bound, undated. Morse 16.  | <b>Container</b><br>1.20 |
| Contraband of war, printed book with many handwritten revisions for new edition, 264 pages bound, 1899 with 1936 revisions                                      | <b>Container</b><br>2.1  |
| The corner in cotton, Tms with handwritten emendations, 63 pages, undated. Morse 93.  | <b>Container</b><br>1.21 |
| Cummings Monk I: He meddles with women, Tms, 34 pages, undated. Morse 63.   | <b>Container</b><br>1.22 |
| Dark lot of one Saul, Tms, 58 pages, undated. Morse 95.   | <b>Container</b> 2.2     |
| Dark lot of one Saul, Tms, 62 pages bound, undated. Morse 97.   | <b>Container</b><br>2.3  |
| The evil that men do: Synopsis, signed Ams with handwritten revisions, 11 pages, undated. Morse 34.   | <b>Container</b><br>2.4  |
| The evil that men do: Film synopsis, Ams / first draft with heavy handwritten revisions, 133 pages in 2 notebooks, undated. Morse 35.                           | <b>Container</b><br>2.5  |
| The flying cat:   |                          |
| Tms, 33 pages bound, undated. Morse 132.  | <b>Container</b> 2.6     |
| Galley proofs, 7 sheets, undated.   | <b>Container</b> 2.7     |
| Page proofs, 25 pages, undated. Morse 130   | <b>Container</b> 2.8     |
| The good Machen, Ams / photocopy, 3 pages, undated.   | <b>Container</b> 2.9     |

- Harry Jones, Ams / unfinished with heavy handwritten revisions, 46 pages, undated. **Container**  
Morse 206. 2.10
- Herbert Spencer (Incident in the life of the great philosopher): Comedy in one act, **Container**  
Tccms with handwritten revisions, 91 pages, undated. Morse 214. 2.11
- Here comes the lady: Blurb, Tms with handwritten revisions, 1 page, undated. **Container**  
2.12
- The house of sounds, Tms, 64 pages, undated. Morse 68. **Container**  
2.13
- How life climbs, signed Ams with handwritten emendations, 165 pages, undated. **Container**  
Morse 171. 2.14, 3.1
- How life climbs, galley proofs with handwritten revisions and corrections, 35 sheets, **Container**  
1934. Morse 172. 3.2
- How to be happy:
- Signed Ams, 27 pages, undated. Morse 182. **Container** 3.3
- Tccms, 20 pages. Morse 183. **Container** 3.4
- Galley proof, 1 sheet, September 1933. **Container** 3.5
- How the old woman got home: Dedication to Lydia Shiel, Ams / draft with **Container**  
handwritten revisions, 1 page, undated. Written on verso: Ams / Italian text by Shiel. 3.6  
Morse 72.
- How the old woman got home, Ams / fragments in hand of Lydia Shiel, 16 pages, **Container**  
undated. Written on verso of these: Miscellaneous texts by Shiel, largely in French. 3.7  
Morse 73.
- Huguenin's wife, Tms with handwritten emendations, 25 pages, undated. Morse 65. **Container**  
3.8
- In 2073 A.D., Tms, 26 pages bound, undated. Morse 122. **Container** 3.9
- The invisible voices:
- Ams / draft / incomplete with heavy handwritten revisions, 65 pages in notebook, **Container**  
undated. 3.10
- Page proofs, 304 pages. Morse 144. **Container** 3.11-12
- Page proofs / incomplete with handwritten revisions and corrections, 44 pages, **Container**  
1935. 3.13

Is war necessary?, signed Ams, 53 pages, undated. Written on verso: Mathematical computations. **Container** 3.14

Jesus:

Ams / first draft with heavy handwritten revisions, 559 pages in 6 notebooks, undated. Morse 250. **Container** 3.15-17, 4.1

Ams / second draft with handwritten revisions, 1943 pages, undated. Morse 251. **Container** 4.2-9, 5.1-4

A, T, and Tccms / third draft with handwritten revisions, 726 pages, undated. Morse 252. **Container** 5.5-10, 6.1

A, T, and Tccms / third draft / incomplete with heavy handwritten revisions, 712 pages, undated. Morse 253. **Container** 6.2-9

Addenda: Ams with handwritten revisions, 90 pages in 3 notebooks, undated. Morse 254. **Container** 7.1

Draft fragments, Ams / fragments with handwritten revisions, 43 pages, undated. Morse 255. **Container** 7.2

Fragments, T and Tccms / fragments with handwritten revisions, 33 pages, undated. Morse 256. **Container** 7.3

Ams / final draft / incomplete with handwritten revisions, approximately 490 pages in 21 notebooks numbered 22-42, undated. Morse 257:

Notebooks 22-25. **Container** 7.4

Notebooks 26-29. **Container** 7.5

Notebooks 30-31. **Container** 7.6

Notebooks 32-34. **Container** 7.7

Notebooks 35-38. **Container** 7.8

Notebooks 39-42. **Container** 7.9

Specimen pages, 3 pages, 10 August 1937. **Container** 7.10

The jumping man: Outline, Ams with handwritten revisions, 12 pages, undated. Morse 207. **Container** 7.11

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| King Robert of Sicily: Drama in three acts, Tms, 79 pages, undated. Morse 211.  | <b>Container</b><br>7.12 |
| Lend-lease, Ams / second draft with handwritten emendations, 45 pages, undated. Morse 248.  | <b>Container</b><br>8.1  |
| Lend-lease, Tms, 41 pages; Tms, 30 pages; Tccms, 30 pages, undated. Morse 249.  | <b>Container</b><br>8.2  |
| The lord of the sea: Abridgment, Tms, 187 pages bound, 1901. Morse 22.  | <b>Container</b><br>8.5  |
| The lost viol: Abridgment, Ams with handwritten revisions, 65 pages, undated.   | <b>Container</b><br>8.3  |
| The lost viol: Abridgment, Tccms, 90 pages, undated. Morse 43.  | <b>Container</b><br>8.4  |
| Many a tear:  |                          |
| Ams / fragment, 1 page, undated. Morse 67.  | <b>Container</b> 8.6     |
| Tms, 25 pages, undated. Morse 66.   | <b>Container</b> 8.7     |
| Two printed copies with handwritten revisions, 14 pages each, 1928.   | <b>Container</b><br>8.8  |
| The "Master" by M. P. Shiel and Fytton Armstrong (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), galley proofs with handwritten corrections, 5 sheets, undated. Morse 203.  | <b>Container</b><br>8.9  |
| Monk defines "greatness of mind," Tms with handwritten emendations, 106 pages, undated. Morse 219.  | <b>Container</b><br>8.10 |
| The Montserrat spectator: Fragment, Ams / newspaper / fragment, 2 pages, 15 December 1876. Included with this: ANS / cover note to T. I. F. Armstrong (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), photocopy. Morse 205. | <b>Container</b><br>8.11 |
| Musical compositions, Amss, 5 pages, undated. Included with these: Ams / lyrics, 1 page.  | <b>Container</b><br>8.12 |
| My word; my world, signed sample pages, 3 pages, undated.   | <b>Container</b><br>8.13 |
| The mysterious death of Ernest Clark by M. P. Shiel and John Gawsworth (pseudonym), Ams in hand of Gawsworth, 15 pages, undated. Morse 195.   | <b>Container</b><br>8.14 |
| A night in Venice, Tms, 33 pages bound, undated.  | <b>Container</b> 8.15    |



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| A night in Venice, page proofs, 26 pages, 1932.  | <b>Container 8.16</b>  |
| No. 16 Brook Street, Tms, 35 pages, undated. Morse 81.   | <b>Container 8.17</b>  |
| No. 16 Brook Street, Tccms, 42 pages, undated. Morse 83.   | <b>Container 8.18</b>  |
| On eternal and temporal, Ams with handwritten revisions, 13 pages, undated. Morse 233.   | <b>Container 8.19</b>  |
| On vengeance, Ams with handwritten emendations, 8 pages, undated. Morse 232.   | <b>Container 8.20</b>  |
| One in two, Tms / incomplete, 18 pages; Tccms, 31 pages, undated. Morse 85 and 86.   | <b>Container 9.1</b>   |
| Our way out, signed Ams, 14 pages, undated.  | <b>Container 9.2</b>   |
| Out of the deep by N. R. Shean (pseudonym), Tms, 39 pages, undated. Revision of The eagle's crag. Morse 126.   | <b>Container 9.3</b>   |
| The pale ape, Tms, 29 pages, undated. Morse 60.  | <b>Container 9.4</b>   |
| Persistence of personality after death, signed Ams, 11 pages, undated. Morse 246.  | <b>Container 9.5</b>   |
| The phantom man-o'-war, Tms, 249 pages, undated. Published as Contraband of war but not in this form. Morse 13.  | <b>Container 9.6-7</b> |
| The phantom man-o'-war, Tccms, 249 pages bound, undated. Inserted in this: Sample title page, The phantom yacht. Morse 14.   | <b>Container 9.8</b>   |
| The place of pain, Tms, 15 pages; Tccms, 15 pages, undated. Morse 123 and 124.   | <b>Container 9.9</b>   |
| The place of pain, page proofs, 13 pages, 1935. Morse 125.   | <b>Container 9.10</b>  |
| Poems for A treasury of modern poetry, page proofs, 4 pages, undated.  | <b>Container 9.11</b>  |
| Poems for Richards shilling selections from Edwardian poets, page proofs, 32 pages, 1936. Morse 170.   | <b>Container 9.12</b>  |
| Preface to Crisis! 1992 by Benson Herbert, page proof with handwritten corrections and inscription to T. I. F. Armstrong (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 16 pages, 1936. | <b>Container 9.13</b>  |

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| The primate of the rose, Tms, 40 pages, undated. Morse 90.   | <b>Container</b><br>9.14  |
| The purple cloud: Synopsis, Tccms / fragment, 6 pages, undated.  | <b>Container</b><br>9.15  |
| The red road: Notes and outline, Ams with handwritten revisions, 7 pages, undated.   | <b>Container</b><br>9.16  |
| The red road: Synopsis, Ams, 9 pages, undated. Morse 193.  | <b>Container</b><br>9.17  |
| The return of Prince Zaleski and Cummings King Monk, by M. P. Shiel and John Gawsworth, 2 signed Tccms with signed handwritten prefatory note, 2 handwritten title pages, and handwritten emendations and corrections by Gawsworth, 66 and 64 pages, undated | <b>Container</b><br>9.18  |
| Revenge, Tms, 45 pages, undated. Morse 127.  | <b>Container</b> 10.1     |
| Revenge, Tccms, 53 pages, undated. Morse 128.  | <b>Container</b> 10.2     |
| Richards shilling selections from Edwardian poets: M. P. Shiel, 2 galley proofs, 8 sheets and 11 sheets, 1936. Morse 170.  | <b>Container</b><br>10.3  |
| Say au r'voir but not goodbye:   |                           |
| Fragments, Tccms, 12 pages, undated. Morse 108.  | <b>Container</b> 10.4     |
| Synopsis, Ams / first draft / fragment with handwritten revisions, 1 page, undated.  | <b>Container</b><br>10.5  |
| Synopsis, signed Ams, 2 pages; Ams, 2 pages, undated. Morse 109 and 110.   | <b>Container</b><br>10.6  |
| Science, life and literature, with a foreword by John Gawsworth (pseudonym), proof copy with handwritten corrections and emendations by John Gawsworth, 217 pages bound, 1950.   | <b>Container</b><br>10.7  |
| The secret panel, Tccms, 36 pages, undated. Morse 140.   | <b>Container</b><br>10.8  |
| Speech notes, Rotarian lunch, Horsham, Ams / notes, 1 page, 27 November 1938.  | <b>Container</b><br>10.9  |
| Speech of the Prince of Wales in the Kingsway Opera house (from The yellow peril), Tms / copy, 33 pages, undated. Morse 218.   | <b>Container</b><br>10.10 |

- The splendid devil (The new king), signed Ams / first draft with handwritten revisions, approximately 340 pages in 3 notebooks and on loose leaves, 1938. Morse 241. **Container** 10.11-12
- The splendid devil: Drama in four acts, 2 Tccmss, 169 pages each, undated. Morse 236 and 237. **Container** 10.13-14
- The strange affair of the Purchasester instrument / also titled The stranger, galley proofs, 9 sheets, undated. Morse 134. **Container** 11.1
- The stranger, Tms, 46 pages, undated. Morse 133. **Container** 11.2
- The tale of Adam and Hannah: Synopsis, signed Ams, 3 pages, undated. Morse 98. **Container** 11.3
- The tale of Adam and Hannah, Tccms, 56 pages, undated. Morse 99. **Container** 11.4
- The tale of Charley and Barbara, Tms, 36 pages, undated. Revisions of Three men and a girl. Morse 87. **Container** 11.5
- The tale of Gaston and Mathilde, Tms with Ams / copy of page 35 in hand of John Gawsworth, 41 pages; Tccms, 41 pages, undated. Morse 79 and 80. **Container** 11.6
- The tale of Henry and Rowena, Tms, 25 pages, undated. Morse 77. **Container** 11.7
- The tale of Hugh and Agatha, Tccms, 85 pages, undated. Revision of Guy Harkaway's Substitute. Morse 75. **Container** 11.8
- Tales of the prince, Tms, 138 pages, undated. Revision of Price Zaleski; contents: The race of Orven, The monks' stone, The S. S. Morse 1-3. **Container** 11.9
- This above all:
- Ams / first draft / fragments with heavy handwritten revisions, 77 pages, undated. Morse 111. **Container** 11.10
- Ams / discarded pages with handwritten revisions, 17 pages, undated. Morse 112. **Container** 11.11
- Ams / second draft / incomplete with handwritten revisions, pages 102-516, undated. Morse 113. **Container** 11.12-14, 12.1
- Tms with handwritten revisions, 440 pages, undated. Morse 114. **Container** 12.2-5

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| Signed Tccms, 380 pages bound, undated. Morse 115.   | <b>Container</b><br>12.6   |
| The waif, Tms with handwritten emendations, 21 pages, undated. Extracted from chapter 44 of Unto the third generation. Morse 32. | <b>Container</b><br>12.7   |
| Waterloo, Tms, 32 pages, undated. Morse 138.   | <b>Container</b> 12.8      |
| The way everlasting, Tms, 91 pages; Tccms, 91 pages, undated. Morse 38 and 39.   | <b>Container</b><br>12.9   |
| The weird o' it / also titled The innocent hands:  |                            |
| Printed / miscellaneous pages with handwritten revisions, 48 pages, undated.   | <b>Container</b><br>13.1   |
| Specimen pages, 3 pages, 4 December 1935.  | <b>Container</b> 13.2      |
| Printed book with heavy handwritten revisions for new edition, undated. Morse 28.  | <b>Container</b><br>13.3   |
| The white wedding: Synopsis, Ams in shorthand, 4 pages; 3 Tmss, 5 pages, 6 pages, and 7 pages, undated. Morse 46-49.             | <b>Container</b><br>13.4   |
| The white wedding: A play in three acts, signed T and Tccms with handwritten revisions, 92 pages, undated. Morse 51.             | <b>Container</b><br>13.5   |
| Writing and science, Tccms, 25 pages, undated. Morse 223.  | <b>Container</b><br>13.6   |
| Xélucha, signed Ams, 29 pages, 1895-1896. This transcript "written out for F. A., June 1937."                                    | <b>Container</b><br>13.7   |
| The yellow danger, Ams / copy / fragment, 4 pages, undated. Morse 9.   | <b>Container</b><br>13.8   |
| The yellow deluge: Drama in five scenes, Tms with handwritten revisions, 130 pages, undated. Morse 40.                           | <b>Container</b><br>13.9   |
| The young men are coming!:   |                            |
| Ams / first draft with handwritten revisions in 8 notebooks, undated.  | <b>Container</b><br>14.1-2 |
| Ams / second draft with handwritten revisions, approximately 750 pages, undated. Morse 174.                                      | <b>Container</b><br>14.3-6 |
| Ams / fragment with handwritten revisions, 5 pages, undated.   | <b>Container</b><br>14.7   |

Blurb, Ams with handwritten revisions, 1 page, undated.

**Container**  
14.8

T and Tccms with handwritten revisions, approximately 670 pages, undated.  
Morse 175.

**Container**  
14.9,  
15.1-3

Page proofs, 376 pages, 1937.

**Container** 15.4

## Letters:

ALS to unidentified recipient Cathy, undated.

**Container 15.5**

2 ALS / copies to unidentified recipients, 17 April 1892, 25 May 1903.

2 AL / drafts in shorthand to Allen (George) & Unwin Ltd., 6 June no year, undated.

ALS / mutilated, 16 ALS / copies, APCS to Allen (George) & Unwin Ltd., 1936-1937.

2 ALS / copies to Armstrong, P. F. B. N., 7 August 1937, 7 January 1938.

TL, TL / photocopy to Armstrong, T. I. F. (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 22 June 1933.

ANI to Armstrong, T. I. F. (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 5 December 1938.

APCS / copy to Bagnall, C. S., 7 October 1937.

ALS / copy to Beard, W. N., 26 August 1937.

ALS / copy to Benn, Ernest John Pickstone, Sir, 16 June 1934.

ALS to Bower, W. J., 30 July 1936. Included is TccL from Bower to Shiel.

ALS to Bramley, C., 14 April 1929.

2 ALS / copies to Cazenove (C. D.) & Son, 22 May 1913, 20 August 1919.

14 ALS, APCS to Chesson, Wilfrid Hugh, 1907-1928, undated. Pasted in scrapbook of miscellaneous Ams and printed material re Shiel. **Container 15.6**

14 ALS / copies, 25 TL / copies, APCS / copy to Chesson, Wilfrid Hugh, 1906-1946. Includes copies of letters the originals of which are in the scrapbook mentioned in the previous entry. **Container 15.7**

11 ALS / copies, 3 TL / copies, APCS / copy to Colles, W. Morris, 1892-1914. **Container 15.8**

ALS / copy to Constable & Co. Ltd., 3 October 1934.

ALS / copy to Curtis Brown Ltd., 27 August 1919.

ALS / copy to Daily Chronicle, 19 December 1910.

4 ALS, APCS to Dannay, Frederic, 1941-1946.

11 ALS / copies, 2 APCS / copies to Davray, Henry D., 1905-1913. Two in French. **Container**  
15.9

APCS / copy to De La More Press, 23 November 1909.

AL / draft in shorthand to Doro, Edward, undated.

15 ALS to Doro, Edward, 1939-1946. Included with these: Typed copies.

ALS / copy to Dyson, \_\_\_\_\_, 16 September 1929.

6 TL / copies to Ferguson, Malcolm Magoun, 1944-1946.

APCS / copy to Hale, H. R., 13 December 1936.

3 ALS / copies to Hinton, Percival F., 9 February 1923, 10 and 24 March 1929.

ALI / copy, AL / unfinished / copy, 6 TL / copies to Horsford, Augusta Shiel "Gussie," 1885-1924. **Container**  
15.10

ALS / copy to Horsford, Cyril, 26 November 1946.

7 ALS / copies, 2 ALI / copies, AL / copy, 2 TL / copies, APCS / copy to Horsford, Olive, 1909-1946.

ALS / copy to Horsford, S. L., undated.

2 ALS / copies to Howe, Percival Presland, 3 January and 26 April 1928.

ALS / copy to Hudson, Stephen, 16 July 1935.

ALS Charles Arliss (pseudonym) to John Lane The Bodley Head, Ltd., 14 February 1937.

ALS / copy to Keary, \_\_\_\_\_, 7 February 1904.

ALS / copy to Knapp-Fisher, J. S., 7 September 1940.

4 ALS / copies to Lyons, \_\_\_\_\_, 1901.

2 ALS / copies to Meyerstein, Edward Harry William, 29 August and 14 September 1935.

43 TL / copies to Miller, Annamarie V. Gross, 1931-1946. **Container**  
16.1-2

2 ALS, ALS / copy, TL / copy to Moring, Alexander, 1909-1914. **Container**  
16.3

3 ALS / copies to Owen, Walter. 16 August 1923, 12 February 1936, 27 March 1937.

3 ALS / copies to Partridge, Robert, 14 October and 2 November 1935, 9 January 1937.

11 ALS / copies, 3 TL / copies, APCS / copy to Pinker (J. B.) & Sons, 1899-1933. Included with these: 6 typed duplicates.

4 ALS / copies to Polden, David C., 1937-1943.

ALS / copy to Ramsey, \_\_\_\_\_, 26 October 1938.

3 ALS, 134 ALS / copies, AL / copy, TLS, 20 APCS / copies to Richards, Grant, 1898-1943, undated. Included with these: ALI / copy Richards to Shiel, 4 July 1911. **Container** 16.4-5

ALS / copy to Richards (Grant) Ltd, directed to G. H. Wiggins, 5 April 1923. **Container** 16.3

64 ALS / copies, 12 APCS / copies to The Richards Press, 1927-1941, undated. **Container** 16.6

12 ALS / copies, 4 APCS / copies to Rowland, John, 1935-1939. **Container** 16.3

ALS / copy to Royal Literary Fund, 24 October 1934.

2 ALS / copies to Safroni-Middleton, Arnold M., 27 March 1937, 9 August 1938.

10 ALS, 9 AL, AL / incomplete, APCS to Shiel, Carolina, 1899-1903, undated. Many in French; included with these: Translations by John Gawsworth. **Container** 16.8

AL / copy to Shiell, Matthew Dowdy "Père," April or May 1887. **Container** 16.7

TL / copy to Shiell, Priscilla "Mumsie," 3 November 1897.

AL / copy to Smith, \_\_\_\_\_, 1 December 1902.

ALS / copy, 3 TL / copies to Tytheridge, Alan, 1910-1946.

5 ALS / copies, APCS / copy to Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1924-1935.

AL / draft to Wells, Herbert George, approximately 1937-1938. Written on verso: AL / drafts to Allen and Unwin, partially in shorthand.



## Recipient:

**Container**  
16.9

Unidentified author. AL to Shiel, M. P., 2 May 1909. Mutilated.

Unidentified author. APCS George to Shiel, M. P., 1 December 1905.

Unidentified author. ALS Leonard to Shiel, M. P. "Uncle," 8 September 1916.

Unidentified author. ALS Mary to Shiel, M. P., 25 June 1908.

Agence Littéraire Internationale. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 6 November 1929.

Allen (George) & Unwin Ltd. TLS, TLI / copy, 3 TccL to Shiel, M. P., 1937.  
Included with these: Specimen pages; drafts by John Gawsworth of notes to Shiel.

Archer, William H. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 19 August 1945.

Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton, 1912-1970 (pseudonym = John Gawsworth). 3  
ALS, AL, TLS to Shiel, M. P., 1931-1946.

The Authors' Aid Service. 2 TLS, receipt to Shiel, M. P., 19 and 23 April, 5 May  
1937.

Chesson, Wilfrid Hugh. 5 ALS, ALI, AL / incomplete to Shiel, M. P., 1910-1938.

Churchill, Clapham & Co. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 4 April 1930.

Churchill, Winston Leonard Spencer, Sir, 1874-1965. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 31  
December 1939. By secretary.

Coppard, Alfred Edgar, 1878-1957. ALS to Shiel, M. P., 19 July 1935. Removed  
from Ar58J 458.

**Container**  
16.10

Dannay, Frederic, 1905- . 4 TLS to Shiel, M. P., 1941-1946.

Davray, Henry D., 1873-1944. ALS to Shiel, M. P., 11 July 1908. In French.

Derleth, August William, 1909- . TLS / fragment to Shiel, M. P., approximately  
1943.

Doro, Edward. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 20 December 1940.

Eastwood, J. H. ALS to Shiel, M. P., 23 August 1910.

Encore. TLS Raymond Walters, Jr., to Shiel, M. P., 16 October 1946.

Farlam, G. Burnett. ALS to Shiel, M. P., 15 December 1928.

Haldane, John Burdon Sanderson, 1892- . ALS to Shiel, M. P., 15 December 1928.

Hobson, Margaret Bertram. ALS, 2 ALI to Shiel, M. P., 20 October and 26 November 1908, undated.

Horsford, Cyril. ALS to Shiel, M. P. "Uncle," 21 November 1946.

Jewson, Gerald, ALS to Shiel, M. P., 8 February 1909. Written at end: AN by Lydia Fawley Jewson. **Container**  
16.11

John O'London's Weekly. TLS Frank Whitaker (Editor) to Shiel, M. P., 20 May 1940.

Kleinman, Cylvia. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 9 October 1936. Written on verso: AMS / notes by Shiel.

Leconfield, Charles Henry Wyndham, baron, 1872-1952. ALS to Shiel, M. P., 20 February 1921.

MacDonald, Leslie. 2 ALS to Shiel, M. P., 27 April 1904, undated.

Miller, Annamarie V. Gross. ALS, 2 A and TLS, A and TLS / incomplete, telegram to Shiel, M. P., 1931-1936.

Miln, Crichton. ALS to Shiel, M. P., 21 January 1909.

Montagu, Mileham, Solomon & Myer. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 29 November 1920. Written on verso: AMS / notes by Shiel.

Moring, Alexander. 4 AccL to Shiel, M. P. 15 August 1924, undated.

Newton, Curtis. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 4 January 1921. Written on this and accompanying sheet: Ams / notes by Shiel re African topics.

Northcliffe, Alfred Charles William Harmsworth, viscount, 1865-1922. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 12 November 1913.

Paramount Pictures. Telegram to Shiel, M. P., 2 August 1939.

Partridge, Robert. ALS, APCS to Shiel, M. P., 19 and 27 November 1934.

Pearson (C. Arthur), Ltd. TLS, receipt to Shiel, M. P., 4 October 1910, 12 November 1913.

Phillips, E. William. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 7 August 1936.

Phillpotts, Eden, 1862-1960. APCS to Shiel, M. P., 18 July 1935. Removed from:  
AC-L P547broo 1932b copy 1.

Polden, David C. 5 ALS, TLS to Shiel, M. P., 1937-1944.

Retson, Florence. ALS to Shiel, M. P., 28 March no year.

**Container**  
16.12

Richards, Grant, 1872-1948. 65 AL / copies, 2 TL / copies to Shiel, M. P.,  
1898-1924. Included with these: 3 AL / copies from Receiver & Manager, 1905.

**Container**  
17.1

Richards (Grant) Ltd. AL / copy to Shiel, M. P., 19 July 1911.

**Container**  
16.12

The Richards Press Ltd. 76 TccL, APC, invoice to Shiel, M. P., 1928-1939.

**Container**  
17.2

Rosebery, Archibald Philip Primrose, earl of, ALS to Shiel, M. P., 28 October 1898.

**Container**  
16.12

Scientifiction. TLS Walter H. Gillings to Shiel, M. P., 13 June 1937.

Seymour, H. ALS to Shiel, M. P., 17 June 1911.

Shanks, Edward, 1892- . ALS to Shiel, M. P., 20 July 1925. Included with this:  
Clipping of poem by Shanks from Western mail, dated 18 November 1940.  
Removed from: Ar58J 362.

Sherrington, Kathleen. 2 ALS to Shiel, M. P., 16 and 21 February no year.

Shiel, Carolina. 22 ALS, ALS / incomplete, 2 AL "Lina" to Shiel, M. P., 1898-1903,  
undated. Some in French; included with these: Translations by John Gawsworth.

**Container**  
17.3

Shiell, Harriet Garry. 4 ALS, AL / incomplete to Shiel, M. P., 1928-1944.

**Container**  
16.12

Shiel, Lydia Fawley Jewson. 36 ALS, 2 ALS / incomplete, 3 ALI, ALI / incomplete,  
6 AL, 6 AL / incomplete, AN to Shiel, M. P., 1908-1912, undated.

**Container**  
17.4-5

Shiell, Matthew Dowdy. 21 ALS to Shiel, M. P. "Father," 1887.

**Container**  
16.12

Shiell, Priscilla. 4 ALS to Shiel, M. P., 1898-1905.

Tytheridge, Alan C. ALS, 6 APCS, APCI, APC to Shiel, M. P., 1909-1934,  
undated.

**Container**  
17.6

Unwin, T. Fisher. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 11 April 1913.

The Vanguard Press. TLS, telegram to Shiel, M. P., 4 December 1928, 3 November 1933.

The Vanguard Press, 4 TLS James Henle (President) to Shiel, M. P., 1933-1937.

Van Vechten, Carl, 1880- :

ALS to Shiel, M. P., 8 July 1927. Removed from 61-10692.

**Container**  
17.6

APCS to Shiel, M. P., 14 November 1930. Removed from: Ar58J 484.

TLS to Shiel, M. P., 14 March 1931. Removed from: 61-10695.

TLS to Shiel, M. P., 11 January 1936. Removed from: 61-10697.

Visiak, Edward Harold, 1878- . ALS to Shiel, M. P., 18 July 1935. Removed from: 61-10700.

Waters, F. TLS to Shiel, M. P., 13 January 1938.

The Workers' Theatre Movement. TLS James L. Shepherd (secretary) to Shiel, M. P., 30 March 1928.

## Miscellaneous:

Unidentified author. The lord of the sea: Advertising suggestion, Ams, 1 page, undated. For Grant Richards. **Container 17.7**

Unidentified doctor. Prescription for Ada Phipps Shiel, 19 April 1930.

Adcock, Arthur St. John, 1864-1930. ALS to Chesson, Wilfred Hugh, 30 January 1923.

Allen (George) & Unwin Ltd. 4 TLS, FL to Armstrong, T. I. F. (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 1935-1937.

Armstrong, Barbara. APCS to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 8 August 1938. **Container 17.8**

Armstrong, Terrence Ian Fytton, 1912-1970 (pseudonym = John Gawsworth):

Check to Shiel, M. P., 24 August 1935. **Container 17.8**

M. P. Shiel (press notice), Ams, 5 pages; 2 Tccmss, 4 pages each, undated.

Notes on life of Shiel, Ams / notes, 4 pages, undated.

Notes on Shiel - Benn law suit, Ams / notes, 2 pages, 1932.

Notes on The Hungarian revolution by M. P. Shiel, signed Ams, 2 pages, undated.

L'ouragon espagnol, or The matriarch, signed Ams, 10 pages, 1954.

Three library withdrawal slips, 1 page each, undated.

AL / draft to unidentified recipient, 20 December 1937.

AL / draft to Baldwin of Bewdley, Stanley Baldwin, earl, 13 August 1936.

2 ALS to Dannay, Frederic "Ellery Queen," 17 June 1946, 31 March 1947.

ALS / draft to Methuen & Co. Ltd., 28 December 1934.

ALS to Partridge, Robert, 22 November 1946.

Butler, Nevile. 2 TLS to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 26 November and 10 December 1934. Included with this: Notes on Shiel by Gawsworth.

**Container**  
17.9

Cartwright, E. A. ALS to Shiel, Lydia Fawley Jewson, 15 December no year.

Chatto and Windus. TLS to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 13 August 1936.

Chesson, Wilfrid Hugh:

ALS / copy to Editor of the Times, 14 July 1945.

**Container 17.9**

Review of How the old woman got home by M. P. Shiel, Tms / copy, 2 pages, July 1927.

Review of The evil that men do by M. P. Shiel, Ams / copy, 2 pages, 29 October 1904.

Review of The lord of the sea by M. P. Shiel, Tms / copy, 3 pages, 29 June 1901.

Statements re M. P. Shiel, 2 Amss, 4 pages, undated.

Chesterton, Gilbert Keith, 1874-1936. FLS to The Civil List Pension Fund Trustees, concerning M. P. Shiel, Autumn 1934.

Civil List Pensions. List of the pensions granted, 2 printed documents, 3 pages each, 1 July 1935.

Clay (Richard) & Sons, Ltd. TLS to Gawsworth, John, 2 February 1938.

Clode (Edward J.) Publisher, 2 TLS to International Press Bureau, 2 July and 11 September 1912.

Davies, Norman C. TLS to Goldstone, Adrian Horner, 11 March 1966.

**Container**  
17.10

Deighton, H. Certificate of Shiel's attendance at Harrison College, Barbados, 20 July 1885.

Delaney, Agnes. ALS to Shiel, Mme., undated.

Dyett, Henry. Certificate of Shiel's baptism, 26 December 1883.

Farquharson, J. TLI to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 27 July 1936. Enclosed with this: TLS Rubenstein, Nash & Co. to Farquharson, 24 July 1936.

Fogg, Rushworth. TLS to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), April 1947.

**Container**  
17.11

Goldstone, Adrian Homer. TLS to unidentified recipient "Margie," 16 March 1965.

Goldstone, Adrian Homer. TLS to Billings, Harold, 14 December 1957. Included are TLS Wesley D. Sweetser to Billings and TLS Billings to Goldstone.

Gomez, Dolores. ALS "Lola" to Shiel, Carolina, undated. In Spanish; included with this: Translation by John Gawsworth.

Gomez, Michaela. ALS to unidentified recipient "Candida," undated. In French; included with this: Translation by John Gawsworth.

Gomez, Michaela. 3 ALS to Shiel, Carolina "Lina," 3 June 1902, undated. In French; included with these: Translations by John Gawsworth.

Gomez, Salva. 2 ALS to Shiel, Carolina "Lina," undated. In French; included with these: Translations by John Gawsworth.

Hale (Robert) and Company. FN to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 10 December 1936.

Hobson, Richards & Co. FLS to Wiggins, G. H., 14 November 1929.

Horsford, Olive. ALS to Shiel, Carolina "Lina," 24 February 1902. In French; included with this: Translation by John Gawsworth. Attached to this: ALS to Dolores Shiel in English, 24 February 1902.

Horsford, S. L. ALS / incomplete to Shiel, Carolina Garcia Gomez, approximately 1901.

The Incorporated Society of Authors, Playwrights and Composers. TLS W. A. Fuller to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 21 November 1935.

Jennings, F., Mrs. TLS to Gawsworth, John, 17 September 1935.

John Lane The Bodley Head Limited. TLS P. P. Howe (Director) to Gawsworth, John, 4 October 1937.

Killykelly, C. ALS / copy to Shiell, Matthew Dowdy, 19 March 1887. Written on verso: ALS / copy of reply Shiell to Killykelly, 1 April 1887.

**Container**  
17.12

Lennard, L. W. Recommendation of Shiel as a teacher, signed Ams, 1 page, 1 August 1887.

Machen, Amy Hogg, 2 ALS to Shiel, Carolina Gomez, 12 November and 12 December 1898. Included with these: Menu for Shiel's first wedding breakfast signed by Shiel and Arthur Machen. In French.

MacCormack, Gilson. ALS / copy to unidentified recipient, 29 July 1927.

Marshall, John. ALS to Gawsworth, John, 25 January 1942.

Methuen & Co. Ltd. TLS E. V. Rieu (Managing Director) to Gawsworth, John, 24 January 1935.

Morse, A. Reynolds. TLS to Goldstone, Adrian Homer, 5 January 1950.

Nisbet (James) & Co. Ltd. AL / copy to Chesson, Wilfrid Hugh, 27 October 1915.

**Container**  
17.13

O'Hare, Arthur. ALS to unidentified recipient, 30 September 1914.

Richards, Grant, 1872-1948. ALS / copy to Shiel, Aida, 13 November 1920.

The Richards Press, Ltd.:

TccL to Hobson, Richards & Co., 15 November 1929.

**Container**  
17.13

TccL to White, Morris, 12 December 1935.

TLS G. H. Wiggins to Gawsworth, John, 22 December 1937.

Roberts, Elmore W. TLS to The Richards Press Ltd., 10 August 1936.

Rota, Bertram. ALS to Gawsworth, John, 29 November 1946.

Routledge (George) and Sons Ltd. TLS Maurice L. Richardson to Gawsworth, John, 2 May 1935.

Royal Bank of Canada. TLS to Shiell, Harriet G., 10 October 1935. Included with this: Lease, 10 June 1922; Notice, 23 January 1936.

Shiel, M. P.:

Address book, Ams / addresses and miscellaneous notes, 39 pages bound in booklet, undated.

**Container**  
18.1

Check to Allen and Unwin, 29 May 1937.

Check to Sandoz, R. J., 13 January 1937.

Check stubs, 1945-1946.

Crossword puzzles, Ams / puzzles, 41 pages, undated. Written with these: Miscellaneous notes, some in shorthand.

**Container**  
18.2



Mathematics notebook, Ams / mathematical figuring, 55 pages, undated.

Notes, 2 Ams / notes in shorthand, 1 page each, undated.

Notes on the Italian language, Ams, 4 pages, 1926. Included is Shiel's card with handwritten note from John Gawsworth to A. H. Goldstone.

Press notices, A and Tms, 15 pages, undated.

Receipt to Everett & Co., 2 July 1909.

Shiell, Harriet Garry:

2 TL / copies to Horsford, Olive, 15 July 1927, 2 February 1932.

**Container**  
17.14

Signed handwritten memo to Manchester, Winifred, 6 March 1944.

ALS "Harrie" to Shiel, Carolina "Lina," 30 June 1902.

Shiell, Matthew Dowdy and Priscilla. Memorial card for Ada Shiell, October 1886.

Sprigg, Pedrick & Co., Ltd. Record of accounts with Matthew Phipps Shiel, Ams / copy, 1 page, 1909.

Squire, John Collings, Sir, 1884-1958. TLS to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 29 October 1934.

Starr, Meredith. ALS / copy to unidentified recipient, 1 April 1940.

Steggall, Lois M. TLS to Gawsworth, John, 22 July 1936.

Stewart, \_\_\_\_\_. TL / excerpt / copy to Gollancz, Victor, undated.

Syers, C. G. L. 2 TLS to Gawsworth, John, 16 August and 22 December 1937. Written on back of first: Notes by Shiel.

The Times. Review of The lost viol by M. P. Shiel, Ams / copy, 1 page, 8 October 1908.

**Container**  
18.3

Tytheridge, Alan. TPCS / copy to Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton (pseudonym = John Gawsworth), 3 February 1948. Included with this: TLS / copy Kotching & Son Solicitors to Armstrong, 12 March 1947; TLS / copy Bertram Rota, Ltd. to John Gawsworth, 25 May 1960; Gawsworth, John, Ams / copy, 4 pages, list of Shiel manuscripts, undated.

Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941. ALS / copy to Chamberlain, Neville, Sir, 3 August 1937.

Waring, T. R. ALS to Gawsworth, John, 5 June 1947.

White, Morris. 2 ALS to Gawsworth, John, 6 April and 1 October 1935.

Wright (Gilbert) (London) Ltd. 2 TLS to The Mellifont Press, 6 January and 29 December 1937

Empty folders (John Gawsworth collection)

**Container 18.4-7**

## Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

### Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

### Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date