

Theodore Francis Powys - Manuscripts

Note: Boxed as Manuscripts. Clammed under title of published collections (see below) or as unpublished short stories, plays, poetry, miscellaneous etc., or incomplete. Foolscap manuscripts clammed separately.

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(checked February 2007: not found *Story About Mr Bottle*;))

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After Death (original title - 'The Oaken Beam') short story, 4pp & 14pp inserts, unpublished.

Ask Mother short story, one exercise book, unpublished. [filed with *Sister Maud*]. Also earlier version of *Ask Mother* with Bissell's transcription.

Better Gift, The (published as *Goat Green* or *The Better Gift*) Limited Edition, published by G.C. Press, about 11,800 words.

Black Adder, The short story, 5pp & ½ p insert, unpublished. [filed in foolscap clam].

Bondage of Fear, The: A Pastoral unpublished., about 28,000 words.
[Filed in MISC]

Bottle's Path short story, 11pp, published in *Bottle's Path*.

Bull, The short story, 4 pp, unpublished. [*Note: Filed with *A Little Mistake*, *Goodman Honnibon*, and [no title]. The four are in T.F.P.'s hand, but he has added Llewelyn's name to his own].

Cat and the Rooks, The short story, 6pp, rough draft of story published in *Captain Patch*. Transcription by Bissell (in D.D. 1961).

Charlotte Bennett short story, 11pp, published in *Captain Patch*. Transcription by Bissell.

Cheriton essay, 9 pp, unpublished. Collection also has typescript.

Christ essay, 4 pp, unpublished.

Christmas Gift, A (Variant titles *Mrs Balliboy Gives a Present* and *A Christmas Present*), short story, 14pp, in Xmas anthology and *The White Paternoster*.

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Charley short story, in one exercise book with *Two Girls*, unpublished.

Circe Truggin short story, 11pp & 1p insert, published in *Bottle's Path*.

Cousin Charlotte 12pp & 1p insert, published in *The Pleasure Ground*.

Daughter of Abishalom, The short story, in one exercise book with *The Dogs Do Bark & The Silent Woman*, unpublished.

Dear Time's Waste short story, in one exercise book with *Squire Duffy*.

Dear John Stittle short story, published in *Mock's Curse*, [filed in foolscap clam].
Transcription by Bissell.

Dewpond, The Published as a Limited Edition & in *Bottle's Path*.

Dogs Do Bark, The short story, in one exercise book filed with *The Daughter of Abishalom* and *The Silent Woman*, unpublished.

Dora Pine 12pp & 10pp inserts, published in *Mock's Curse*.

Farthing ('Timothy Moley') short story, 13pp, unpublished.

Father Adam. A Play in 4 Acts. Fair copy in 2 exercise books; a second version in another exercise book (incomplete).

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Fables

Note: The earlier versions bought by Bissell were written on thin paper which seemed to be a writing pad as the top of the pages were lightly glued together. The numbers indicate order in which stories were written by T.F. in this pad. Placed in clams in this order, not the order as published. *Note: Bissell does not refer to 'The Hill and the Book' as one of the *Fables* in his book. Following table indicates what Bissell has. See also Feather Gift.

Title	Copy	State	
The Clout and the Pan (4)			
Mr Pim and the Holy Crumb (1)			
The Withered Leaf and the Green (11)			
The Seaweed and the Cuckoo-Clock (9)			
The Ass and the Rabbit (2)			
John Pardy and the Waves			
The Dog and the Lantern (12)			
The Stone and Mr Thomas			
The Hat and the Post (6)			
The Bucket and the Rope (10)			
John Told and the Worm (7)			
Darkness and Nathaniel			
The Corpse and the Flea			
The Spittoon and the Slate			
The Blind Hen and the Earthworm (13)			
Mr Tapper and the Tree (8)			
The Coat and the Crow (3)			
The Hassock and the Psalter			
The Candle and the Slow-Worm (5)			

Flight to Heaven, The short story, 13pp, & 2pp inserts & notes for 'A Lucky Fortune' on back 2pp, unpublished.

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Flock of Nymphs, A short story, 15pp, unpublished.

Frock and the Butterfly, The short story, 7pp & 1p notes, unpublished. [Note: not in B's book] . Transcription by Bissell (in D.D. 1961)

Ghoul, The short story, 6pp, unpublished.

Go Gather Straw short story, 9pp & 1p insert, transcription by Bissell, unpublished. Second transcription in D. D. 1961.

God 60pp, published in *The Two Thieves* and later in *The Sixpenny Strumpet*).

Godfather, The short story, 9pp & 2pp inserts, transcription by Bissell, unpublished. Second transcription by B. (in D.D. 1961)

Gong, The short story, 11pp, published in *Captain Patch* and *God's Eye A-Twinkle*.

Gong, The short story, 12pp, [filed in foolscap clam]. Note: two manuscripts of *The Gong*.

Goodman Hunibon short story, 6pp, see also *A Little Mistake*, [no title] and *The Bull*. All 4 by Llewelyn Powys and T.F. Powys.

Great Monster, A short story, 12pp & 2pp inserts, with transcription by Bissell, unpublished. Second transcription by B. As above.

Green Bushes (original title - 'My Ladies Favour') short story, 11pp, unpublished.

Hill and the Book, The short story, published in *The Bookman*, Aug, 1933, no 503, pp 231-233, and also in *Captain Patch*

Hindcliff Tales 'Jane' short story, 55pp, in black exercise book, with alterations by Llewelyn Powys.

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Hindcliff Tales 'Theodore' short story, 51pp, in black exercise book.

His Best Coat short story, 12pp & 11pp inserts, published in *Captain Patch* [Note: Not in Bissell's book].

Innocent Birds novel, 424pp, complete manuscript.

***Note: Chapters 1 - 5 are damaged and need restorative conservation.

Ivy Green, The short story, 10pp & 4pp inserts, transcription by Bissell, on back page in T.F.'s hand 'not copied & no use', unpublished. Second transcription by B. As above.

Jeremy Bird short story, 10pp, unpublished (facsimile of p6 in *Selected Early Works*).

Jeremy Tickle short story, 12pp & 13pp inserts, unpublished.

Joseph Before Pharaoh short story, 3pp, unpublished.

Kindness in a Corner novel, (original title, 'Virgin Honey'), 196pp, complete, published.

Kindness in the Country (original title 'Miss Tappit'), short story, 10pp & 2pp inserts, published in *Courier*, June, 1948.

King Duck short story, 9pp, published in *Captain Patch*.

King Pim (titled *Tadnol* in manuscript) short story, 14pp, in exercise book, published in *The House with the Echo*.

Kingdom of Heaven, The (earlier titles 'Full Many a Gem' & 'As a Little Child') short story, 12pp, published in *Mock's Curse*.

[Note: Collection also has typescript].

Left Leg, The story, 174 pp, complete, published in *The Left Leg*, [*Note: first chapter on display in Writer's Gallery].

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Lie Thee Down Oddity short story, 10pp & 7pp inserts, published in *Captain Patch*.
Transcription by Bissell in green B.P. diary.

Little Mistake, A short story, 7pp, (filed with *Goodman Hunibon*, [no title] and *The Bull*.
All four in T.F.P's hand but he has added Llewelyn's name to his own, unpublished.

Little Palace, The short story, 4pp, unpublished. *Second manuscript, 3pp. [Both filed
under unpub. SS. clam 2].

Lord Wandy short story, 13pp & 6pp inserts, unpublished.

Lucky Fortune, A short story, 12pp & 4pp inserts, unpublished, [see *The Flight to Heaven*
for T.F. notes for this].

Make Thyself Many short story, 15pp, published as a Limited Edition.

Mary Aston short story, 10pp, unpublished.

Miss West short story, 1) in one exercise book with *Old Women*, *Mrs Cern*, etc. 2) in
same sleeve another copy of *Miss West*, [filed in unpublished short stories under 'O'].

Mocks Curse short story, 6pp, published in *Mock's Curse*.

Moon Daisies short story, 10pp, unpublished.

Mother of the World, The short story, 11pp, published in *Mock's Curse*.

A Mother, short story, 4pp, unpublished.

Mr Billing's Ark short story, 5pp, unpublished, [filed in foolscap clam].

Mr Tasker's Gods novel, in 12 exercise books, boxed. [Note: See later exercise book
containing early version of the first 7 chapters. Originally titled *The Moods of God*.]

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Mr Tasker's Gods novel, 72pp, with early version of the first 7 chapters, 73 pages as published. First title: 'The Moods of God' - taken from 'The Soliloquy of a Hermit' - pages 2-9.

Note: clammed with above.

Mr Weston's Good Wine novel.

- 1) early manuscript on 255 separate pp.
- 2) an extra 85 pp of additional passages to be inserted at intervals in the manuscript.
- 3) writing pad containing inserts for an earlier version, and chapters and pages not used.
- 4) explanatory letter from Francis Powys (who sold Bissell these manuscripts) dated 24/3/66.

Mrs Cern short story, in exercise book with *Old Women* and *Miss West*, unpublished. [filed in unpublished short stories under 'O']

Mrs Hockey's Cross short story, 10pp, published in *The White Paternoster*.

Mrs Hoddy's Gift (original title 'The Patchwork Quilt') short story, 4pp, 6 more pp (earlier man?), spelt Huddy and Hudy in manuscript, published in *Mock's Curse* as 'Widow Huddy's Gift.'

Music, The (original title 'The Concert') short story, 10pp, transcription by Bissell, unpublished.

Second transcription by B. (In D.D. 1961)

My Tale is Done short story, 3pp, unpublished.

New Broom, The short story, 13pp, unpublished.

[no title] short story, 8pp, unpublished, [filed with *A Little Mistake*, *Goodman Hunibon*, and *The Bull*].

Novelist's Own Cottages essay, 2 manuscript versions, 1)6pp, 2) 6pp (rougher version), published in *The Countryman*, Oct 1934.

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Old Women, short story published in one exercise book with *Miss West*, *Mrs Cern*, unpublished. This exercise book also contains a story called *Hate* which has been crossed out, and 'Mr Thomas', a version of Soliloquies from Mr Thomas to the end.

Note: [filed under unpublished short stories under 'O']

Old Men short story, 27pp, published in *The White Paternoster*.

On Friendship

On God 2 essays in 1 exercise book.

On A Future Life essay, unpublished, written about 1905.

Only the Devil short story, 6pp, published in *Captain Patch* and *God's Eye A-Twinkle* [Note: filed in foolscap clam].

Outing, The short story, 11pp, notes on back p11 for 'Dear John Skittle', transcription by Bissell, unpublished. Second transcription by B. (In D.D. 1961)

Peace Offering, The short story, 8pp, unpublished.

People's Choice, The short story, 10pp & 1p insert, unpublished.

Piece of Ground, A (original title 'And Without Price') Short story, 14pp, published in *Mock's Curse*.

Poems, 2 (1 titled 'Crabb's Tower') unpublished.

Poems ('The Soul,' 'Life,' 'Death,' and 'The Body') Inscribed on first page: Violet Powys - Theodore Powys. In drawing book. On back cover: Mrs Stracey, The Dale, Upperton Road, Eastbourne, Sussex, unpublished.

Poems Jan, 1905 ('Mammon,' 'Deformity,' 'Blasphemy,' 'The Supernatural,' 'The Earth,' 'The Bible' and 'Labour') In exercise book. On back cover: Mrs Stracey, The Dale, Upperton Road, Eastbourne. With a short letter dated Jan 26, 1906, unpublished.

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Poor Neighbour, A short story, 14pp, unpublished.

Pot and Mrs Cupper, The short story, 10pp, unpublished.

Pretty Babe, A short story, 11pp, published in *The White Paternoster*

Pride of Mrs Cluch, The short story, 23pp with inserts fitted in, unpublished.

Queer Fish, A short story, 10pp, unpublished.

Race, The short story, 11pp, published in *West Country Magazine*.

Scapegoat, The short story, 11pp, published in *Mock's Curse* [filed in foolscap clam].

Sell What Thou Hast (published as *Jesus Walk*) short story, 11pp, published in *Captain Patch*.

Silent Woman, The short story, in one exercise book with *The Daughter of Abishalom* and *The Dogs do Bark*.

Sin-Eater, The play by T.F. Powys and Stephen Tomlin, in Tomlin's hand, with letter from Francis Powys, dated August 12, 1963 authenticating it, unpublished.

Sister Maud short story, in 1 notebook with *Ask Mother*, unpublished, [filed under *Ask Mother*].

[*Soliloquy*]

'He that Acknowledgeth the Son, hath the Father also' (about 15,000 words) **This is the first half of *The Soliloquy of a Hermit* 'fair copy', 76pp, not as published.

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'Mr Thomas & Conclusion'. (3 green exercise books) **This is the second half of the *Soliloquy*. 'Fair copy' **Second half in 2 exercise books titled *Confessions*, not as published.

Note: middle version from Mr Thomas to the end, in ms book with *Old Woman, Miss West & Mrs Cern* and a story *Hate* which is crossed out, unpublished, [filed under 'O']

Squire Duffy in one exercise book with *Dear Time's Waste*, published in *The House With the Echo*.

Story of John, The. A Dialogue, 1906, in exercise book.

Story of Mark, The see large black exercise book containing lecturing notes.

Stubborn Tree, A (copy) short story, 9pp, published in Limited Edition.

Sweet Suffolk Owl short story, 10pp & 5pp insert, published in *Mercury*, Autumn, 1948.

Tadnol story, in three exercise books, published in Ltd. Ed. *Two Stories: Come and Dine and Tadnol*.

Tadnol [see under *King Pim*]

Theodore Examined by his Family (?) Very rough draft of questions put to Theodore and his answers. Partial transcription by Bissell, unpublished [filed under unpublished misc.].

Tragic Poem, The short story, 7½ pp, unpublished.

Tree of God, The short story, 11pp & 11pp inserts, published in *Rosie Plum*.

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Two Girls short story, in notebook with *Charley* dated June 1913, unpublished, collection also has typescript.

Unholy Wish, An short story, 13pp & partial p, transcription by Bissell, unpublished. Second transcription by B. (In D.D.1961)

Unknown Man, The I, (also titled *Holywell*), 12pp & 2 pp insert, transcription by Bissell, unpublished. Second transcription by B. (In D.D.1961)

Unknown Man, The (same name, different story), unpublished. Transcription by Bissell.

Wanter, The short story, 11pp, published in *Captain Patch*.

When Thou Wast Naked long story, 56pp, in thick exercise book, published in Limited Edition and in *Bottle's Path*.

White Weathercock, The short story, 6pp, published in *The House with the Echo*.

Who Pays? (Original title 'Black Chiffon') short story, in one exercise book, unpublished.

Widow, The short story, 10pp & 4pp inserts, published in *Mock's Curse*.

Wine Fed Tree, The short story, 12pp & 3pp inserts, published in *Rosie Plum*.

Wireless Set, The short story, 10pp, unpublished.

Wood, The. A Play in One Act (Originally called 'The Hawks Nest') play, one exercise book, unpublished.

Wood, The and Father Adam early version of play. Both in same exercise book.

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Wrong Name, The short story, 5pp, published in *Rosie Plum*.

[Untitled] short article mentioning *The Only Penitent*

Diary, 1912 contains ms drafts of letters and dialogues.

7 short manuscripts 'A Bottle of Lavender (different from published version), 'Drunk', 5 untitled, unpublished.

Large notebook containing notes on various subjects when lecturing at Eastbourne. On opposite page contains a story without title dated Feb 20, 1906 and *The Story of Mark*.

Notebook - dated Autumn 1902. Containing lecture notes and untitled manuscript.
[Filed in MISC]

Exercise Book containing various notes, including notes on *Mr Tasker's Gods* and *Mockery Gap, The Market Bell*. Loosely inserted is a 14pp untitled story about Mrs Turnbull and also 4pp about the Rev John.

INCOMPLETE MANUSCRIPTS

Bunyan essay, 2pp, incomplete, unpublished. Transcription by Bissell (in Desk Diary, 1956)

Into the Fire short story, 2pp, incomplete, unpublished.

Key of the Field, The 2 different versions, both incomplete, version two has first p missing, p2& 3 damaged, published in *Bottle's Path* and *Furnival Book of Short Stories*, 1932.

Mr Handy's Wife short story, published in *The White Paternoster*.

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Mr Pompey short story, 7pp, numbered from 3-9, incomplete, unpublished.

Mock's Curse short story, 13pp, pp1 & 2 missing, notes on p5 with title 'An Unholy Wish', incomplete.

My Money short story, 7pp, Bissell says incomplete, published in *Captain Patch*.

Story about Mr Bottle

Story about Jacob Moss & John Flower Short story, 15pp, p 1 missing, unpublished.

Vessels of a Potter (unfinished play)

***Further miscellaneous - in foolscap clam, to be sorted later.

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Fragments of Manuscripts

Mockery Gap
Innocent Birds
Black Bryony ?
Mark Only
A Nice Box of Sweets (pub.in The White Paternoster as A Box of Sweets) with another fragment Three Leaves
Gold is the God (pub. as Gold in The White Paternoster)
The Noah's Ark
Two Chairs
The Alarum Clock
Yellowskin (collected in Rosie Plum)
A Christmas Song to the Rulers of the Earth (poem by Stephen Tomlin)
Child's Copy Book
Letter to TFP
Report on Hester Dominey
Misc. Financial
Misc. Lists
Poem The Catholics by Dora Williams
Misc. Unidentified Fragments
Photocopies of misc. T.F.P. diaries, poems, letters (19pp.) sent by John Boulton to E.E. Bissell, with covering letter of 24 June, 1972.

Additions (2nd June 2008)

Abbreviations:

EM = original decipherings by Elaine Mencher; see p5. *Go Gather Straw* below, and scanned letter from Mr Bissell sent to you by email.

FA₂ = *Father Adam* 2nd edn (The Brynmill Press, 2002)

MC = *Mock's Curse* (The Brynmill Press, 1995)

PJ = Powys Journal

PN = Powys Newsletter

PR = Powys Review

SEW = *T.F. Powys: Selected Early Works* (The Brynmill Press, Nov. 2003)

p1.

The "story about Mr Bottle" is pp2–6 of "The Noah's Ark", pubd in FA₂. P1 is in the HRC. P2 can be identified because there is a facsimile of it in SEW. As Judith Stinton provided the facsimile, she may know where the Ams is.

A different story with the same title is in the Francis Feather collection and was also published in FA₂.

p2.

The Bondage of Fear: A Pastoral. SEW

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Cheriton

PJ Vol X 2000

Christ

Early version of *Soliloquies*, pp65–66 (final version pp62–64)

p3.

Charley

SEW: pubd as “Charlie”

p5.

The Frock and the Butterfly

PJ 1994

Go Gather Straw EM. N.B. “Bissell’s transcription” is based on Elaine Mencher’s original deciphering. See scan of letter on the subject from Bissell to Mencher.

The Godfather EM

A Great Monster EM

p6.

The Ivy Green EM

Hindcliff Tales: “Theodore” SEW

Jeremy Bird, sketch. FA2 + facsimile of p in SEW

Jeremy Tickle to be pubd in PJ 2008

p7.

Mary Aston pubd as “Songs of Innocence” in PN No. 46, 2002

Miss West SEW

Moon Daisies pubd as “Songs of Innocence” in PN No. 46, 2002

p8.

Mrs Cern SEW

The Music EM

The New Broom PJ Vol V 1995

p9.

Old Women pubd in SEW as “Miss Edwards”

On Friendship, On God, On a Future Life pubd as “Three Meditations” in PJ Vol X 2000

The Outing EM

p10.

Poems “The Earth” SEW

The Pride of Mrs Cluch Change Cluch to Cluck.

The Sin-Eater SEW

p11.

The Story of Mark The parable at the end of this was pubd in SEW

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p12.

Theodore Examined by the Brethren Pubd in Belinda Humfrey's *Recollections of the Powys Brothers* (Appendix)

The Unknown Man EM

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p13.

untitled re *The Only Penitent* SEW

Diary, 1912. Contains, amongst other things, *Dialogue between TFP and SH* pubd in SEW, and rough drafts of two dialogues between Satan and Fearing from TFP's 1910–1913 *Journal* SEW

The Story of Mark. The parable at the end, SEW

story without title dated Feb 20, 1906 is a poem/parable pubd as "Man returneth again to his home and the sheep to their old pasture" SEW

p14.

Mr Pompey MC: "Mr Pompey Seeks Preferment". pp1–2 are in the HRC

Mock's Curse MC. pp1–2 are in the HRC

Story about Mr Bottle See p1 above

Story about Jacob Moss & John Flower MC: "Two Chairs". p1 is in the HRC

p15. *The Noah's Ark* FA2

Two Chairs MC

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"Birchfield"
Offshore,
Warwick, CV35 9DR.
23.10.92.

Dear Mrs Mencher,
Thank you for returning the
short story copies. If you have spare
copies of your originals they would be of
interest to me but you need not go to the
trouble of making copies specially for me.

Will you be publishing Amos Lear? I hope so.
I keep fairly well and the author's pains
have not been so bad recently in spite of
the colder weather.

I hope you too are improving in health.

With best wishes to you both,

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Bissell

A Letter from Mr Bissell to Elaine Mencher dated 23rd October 1992