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TELEGRAMS—  
GRAYSHOTT.

UNDERSHAW,  
HINDHEAD,  
HASLEMERE.

My dear Smith

'Detective Stories' would not fairly characterize them, and I want to give myself a very free hand so that in case any top runs dry I can turn on another. I should therefore not say anything about Detectives or Holmes in the announcement. To say however that they deal in mystery and adventure would be true, also that they are concerned with the weird and the terrible.

I am quite open to reason about the title, but 'Round the Fire Stories' seemed to me to be good. Then comes the Subtitle, which in



the first (which I send herewith) is

'The Story of the Beetle-hunter'

The second, which I am engaged upon is

'The Story of the Man with the Watches.'

Yours.

Alonzo Doyle.

The first part of the  
 manuscript is written  
 in a very old hand  
 and is very difficult  
 to read. It appears  
 to be a list of names  
 and dates. The second  
 part is written in a  
 more modern hand  
 and is much easier  
 to read. It appears  
 to be a list of names  
 and dates.