

Keeler, Harry Stephen, 1890-
Papers, 1929-1980.
ca. 2,200 items (34 boxes)

Biography: Author, editor. Keeler (1890-1967) was the very prolific author of nearly 100 long and intricately plotted murder mystery and adventure novels which were published in English from 1924 until 1953 and continued to appear in Spanish translation long after his death. Some of his works were co-written with his first wife, Hazel Goodwin Keeler, and also with his second wife, Thelma Rinaldo Eaton Keeler. He and Hazel G. Keeler were also the editors of *10-Story Book* magazine.

Summary: Manuscripts, correspondence, notebooks, contracts, and other legal documents, photographs, book jackets, clippings, and other printed materials of Keeler. This collection includes many of his later book-manuscripts which remain unpublished, his writings on plot construction, and biographical and bibliographical articles about Keeler. Among his manuscripts are *The Amazing Web*, *The Chinese Ticket Murder*, *The Scarlet Mummy* (in progress), and *Sing Sing Nights*. Also, one letter from Edgar Wallace.

Organization: Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

Finding aids: Contents list, 3p.

Donor: Gift of Mrs Thelma R.E. Keeler, 1982.

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1. Keeler, Hazel Goodwin. 2. Keeler, Thelma Rinaldo Eaton. 3. Wallace, Edgar, 1875-1932. 4. Literature publishing. 5. Detective and mystery stories. 6. Adventure stories. 7. Authors.

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The Harry Stephen Keeler Papers

- Box 1 Cataloged correspondence: Edgar Wallace **Shelved off-site**
 Uncataloged correspondence: A - K
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 Income tax, banking, etc. **Shelved off-site**
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 Notes on: Astronomy ...
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 Dialects ...
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 Statistics ...
 Ships, trains, ...
 Obituaries and death of H.S.K.
 Photographs
 Stationery
 3530 N. Fremont Street, Chicago - real estate
 Misc. documents, etc.
- Box 5 Printed materials: Clippings, articles about Keeler, ads for his works,
 copies of 10-Story Book and The Live Wire (ed. by Hazel Goodwin Keeler),
 and other printed materials **Shelved off-site**
- Box 6 Manuscripts by Harry Stephen Keeler: *N.B.: EPub. will print 2 - only part of it*
 Unidentified and miscellaneous manuscripts.
 The affair of the bottled deuce. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 7 The African chief murder. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 8 Ahem, folks! (printed copy) **Shelved off-site**
 The amazing web. (printed copy)
 The Arabian nights of 1919. (printed copy)
 The Arabian nights of 1920.
 The blue spectacles. (printed copy)
 Breakfast at the Warings.
- Box 9 The case of the crazy corpse. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 9A The case of the flying hands. **Shelved off-site**
 The case of the murdered mathematician.
- Box 10 The case of the transparent nude. **Shelved off-site**
 The charlatan.
- Box 11 The chest with the copper nails. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 12 The Chinese ticket murder. **Shelved off-site**
 The Chink; a story of Limehouse. By Thomas Rourke. (printed copy)
 The circus stealers.

- Manuscripts by Harry Stephen Keeler:
- Box 13 The clash of identities. (printed copy) **Shelved off-site**
 Concerning chapter curtains. (printed copy)
 A copy of Beowulf. [Pub. in Spain]
 The crimson cube. [Pub. in Spain]
 The debut of Soapy Mulligan.
 The design and calculation of a 360K.W.-D.C. generator. (Armour Institute
 of Technology: Engineering laboratory report)
 Dinner at the Bascombs. (The adventure of the Cardova necklace)
- Box 14 The enigma of Blackborough Boulevard. **Execution Not Deferred.**
 The five silver Buddhas. (Shaped in Chicago) **Shelved off-site**
 The Flyer hold up. (printed copy)
 The gallows waits, my Lord!
 The gate of the 9 hairpins.
- Box 15 The giant moth. **Shelved off-site**
 "Goodbye, Coppers!"
 "Hand me that scalpel, nurse!"
 Hangman's nights. [Pub. in Spain]
 How to write booklength mystery stories.
 I killed Lincoln at 10:13. [Pub. in Spain]
 Impressions of hashees drunk in retrospect written day after, with effects
 still somewhat on:
- Box 16 The Jaarvik case. [Pub. in Spain] **Shelved off-site**
 John Chinaman and his white love life. By Charles Boinsburg. (printed copy)
 Keeler's amazing web of mystery plotting.
The Keyhole. (ed. by Keeler)
 Killer.
- Box 17 The man who changed his skin. [Pub. in Spain] **Shelved off-site**
 The mechanics (and kinematics) of web-work plot construction. (printed copy)
 The miracle agent. (printed copy)
 Mitzi. (playscript)
- Box 18 The murder of Reno Kate. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 19 My "million-dollar" plot inventing secret! (printed copy) **Shelved off-site**
 My most valuable plot secret. (printed copy)
 The mysterious card.
- Box 20 The mysterious ivory ball of Wong Shing Li. [Pub. in Spain] **Shelved off-site**
 The mystery of the 33 stolen idiots. By A. Worth. (printed copy)
 Notebooks: 9 volumes
- Box 21 "Ol' dayvil plot!" **Shelved off-site**
 The photo of Lady X.
 The purple room.
 Quilligan and the magic coin.
 Report on Vanessa Hewstone.
- Box 22 The riddle of the wooden parrakeet. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 23 The S----- V----- **Shelved off-site**
- Box 24-25 The scarlet mummy. **Shelved off-site**

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Box 27	The six from nowhere. The stolen gravestone.	Shelved off-site
Box 28	Strange journey.	Shelved off-site
Box 29	The strange killing of Ithiel O'se Ven. The strange murder of London Lew. The strange will.	Shelved off-site
Box 30	The straw hat murders. The street of a thousand eyes. [Redacted]	Shelved off-site
Box 31	The 13 from nowhere. Those 7 original plots. The trap.	Shelved off-site
Box 32	28 suspects. A valuable tip. (printed copy) The white circle.	Shelved off-site
	Manuscripts by others:	
Box 33	Keeler, Hazel V. Goodwin Nevins, Francis M., Jr. O'Brien, Adelma Fortfisher Jones Keeler (H.S.K.'s mother) Misc. mss.	Shelved off-site