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Some odds & ends for the Christmas season.

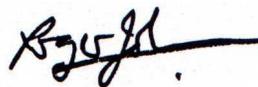
The Victoria & Albert Museum is currently (until early January) running an exhibition on the life and works of Richard ("Dicky") Doyle - Sir Arthur's uncle. The exhibition includes a small display relating to the notorious Cottingley fairies.

An original Sherlock Holmes musical, "The Deerstalker", is to be presented on the 23rd and 24th of March at the Windmill Hall, Upminster, Essex (actually in the London Borough of Havering, if you want to be pedantic) by a drama group called The Chameleons. The story concerns the disappearance of a Princess at a Music Hall, and the authors seem to have made good use of discussions with the late Martin Dakin. Catherine Cooke, who sent this information, offers to obtain details of times, prices, etc for those interested and would like to arrange a group visit on the 24th. Please contact Catherine direct at The Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Public Library, Marylebone Road, London N.W.1. (telephone 01-828 8070, extension 4028)... by the end of February at the latest, please. Upminster is easily accessible by rail, being on the main B.R. line from Fenchurch Street and on the District Line of the Underground. The Hall is only five minutes' walk from the station.

Denis Smith, whose pastiche "The Adventure of the Purple Hand" was favourably reviewed in the SHJ (rightly!), has written and published another. This one is called "The Adventure of the Unseen Traveller", and if anything it's even better. The book costs £2.50 plus 25p postage, or \$5.00 plus \$1.50 airmail (75¢ surface) and may be bought from Mr Smith at 24 Filgrave, nr. Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

Lastly, another product of Richard Lancelyn Green's monumental bibliographical researches: "The Uncollected Sherlock Holmes" is published by Penguin Books at £2.50, There is a certain amount of overlap with Jack Tracy's "Sherlock Holmes: The Published Apocrypha" and with Peter Haining's "The Final Adventures of Sherlock Holmes", but Mr Green's scholarship makes his book essential. His introduction (nearly 150 pages!) alone is worth the price of the book.

The compliments of the season to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. H.', with a horizontal line extending to the right.