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Dear Member,

PUBLISHERS DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

Kirk Beetz has been busy in the States negotiating some very favourable terms for members of the Society.

1. Garland Publishing Inc. has made an excellent offer in respect of R.V. Andrew's Wilkie Collins: A Critical Survey of His Prose Fiction (published in 1979 - a dissertation from 1959. 358pp). This currently sells at \$42.00 but can be purchased by Wilkie Collins Society members for only \$12.00, representing a 70% discount.

2. Scarecrow Press has also arranged to offer Jon L. Breen's What about Murder?: A Guide to Books about Mystery and Detective Fiction (published in 1981) at a discount. The book usually sells in the U.S. for \$12.50 but can be purchased by members at the special price of \$9.50 plus postage. The distributors in England are Bailey Bros. & Swinfen Limited and they have kindly agreed to a 10% discount off the U.K. price of £12.50 (i.e. £11.25 plus £1.00 postage and packing). Members are also reminded that Bailey Bros. & Swinfen give a 15% discount off Kirk Beetz's Annotated Bibliography.

Those wishing to take advantage of these offers should either use the enclosed forms or otherwise clearly state their membership of the Wilkie Collins Society. Payment should accompany all orders.

3. In addition, Holt-Saunders of 1 St Annes Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 3UN give members a 20% discount off the price of their publications which include the various Twayne's series.

COLLINS TITLES IN PRINT

The latest title in the Dover Press Series is Man and Wife published at £4.50 by Constable and Co.

Other titles not mentioned in previous Newsletters are The Biter Bit and Other Stories (published by Alan Sutton) and My Miscellanies (published by Gregg International).

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WANTS LIST

As usual, there have been several requests for Collins titles which seem ever harder to locate.

Virginia Blain (of c/o School of English & Linguistics, Macquarie University, North Ryde, Sydney, NSW 2113, Australia) is currently preparing a new edition of No Name for the Oxford University Press. She is anxious to purchase any one volume edition of this title published prior to about 1880. The text must be complete and in good order but the condition of the binding is unimportant.

Norman Ravenscroft (of 5 Darlington Road, Long Rock, Penzance, Cornwall) is looking for any Chatto and Windus edition of No Name and Man and Wife.

Kevin Conkey (of 2 Thorverton Court, Thorverton Road, Cricklewood, London NW2) is also searching for Chatto and Windus editions in original green cloth of The Woman in White; Blind Love; A Rogue's Life; Armadale; My Miscellanies; The Law and the Lady; Frozen Deep and Haunted Hotel. He is also seeking any edition of The Guilty River.

Sue Jordan (of 45 Hull Road, Cottingham, N. Humberside) is looking for reading copies of Miss or Mrs? and Mr Wray's Cashbox.

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In addition to the Wilkie Collins Society Journal, the Victorian Studies Bibliography for 1982 lists the following works relating to Collins:-

Beetz, Kirk H. "The Other Fiction of Wilkie Collins: The Dover Editions." UMSE n.s. 2 (1981):111-20

Beetz, Kirk H. "Wilkie Collins and The Leader." VPR 15, 1:20-29

Lohrli, A. "Wilkie Collins and Household Words." VPR 15:118-19

Murfin, Ross C. "The Art of Representation: Collins' The Moonstone and Dickens' Example." ELH 49:653-72.

Reierstad, Keith. "Innocent Indecency: The Questionable Heroines of Wilkie Collins' Sensation Novels." VIJ 9 (1980-81):57-69.

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