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**Pelham Grenville Wodehouse collection of papers**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Wodehouse, P. G. (Pelham Grenville), 1881-1975

**Title:** Pelham Grenville Wodehouse collection of papers

**Date:** 1905-1975

**Size:** 97 items

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts, correspondence, and legal documents.

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## Creator History

P. G. Wodehouse was an American and English novelist, poet, playwright, journalist, and short-story writer.

## Custodial History

The bulk of the material was formerly owned by the American Play Company.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts, correspondence, and legal documents. The typescripts consist of plays and an apologia by the author, as well as plays and musical comedies co-written by the author with Guy Bolton, Menyhert Lengyel, and John Stapleton. The correspondence consists of letters from Wodehouse to the literary agency James B. Pinker and Son, dating from 1905 to 1934, and letters from Herbert Mitgang to Wodehouse dating from 1967 to 1975.

## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

### Names

Wodehouse, P. G. (Pelham Grenville), 1881-1975

Bolton, Guy, 1884-1979

Lengyel, Menyhe\_rt, 1880-1974

Mitgang, Herbert

Stapleton, John

American Play Company

James B. Pinker and Son

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Wodehouse

- Oversize (+) Apologia. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (60 p) (60 p)  
Fastened in linen cover of the American play company, inc., no. 266
- Oversize (+) Good morning Bill; or, Joy in the morning; a play in three acts, by Lazlo Fodor and P. G. Wodehouse. Typescript with ms. corrections in an unidentified hand. Based on the Hungarian of Ladislaus Fodor 1949 Oct. 28 (106 p) (106 p)  
Fastened in linen cover of the American play company, inc., no. 426
- Oversize (+) Ladies, please; a musical comedy. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (98 p) (98 p)  
Stamped "F. Ray Comstock"; from the files of the American play company, inc., no. 434
- Oversize (+) Love among the chickens; a comedy in three acts [by Pelham Grenville Wodehouse and Rudolf Lothar]. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (139 p) (139 p)  
From the files of the American play company, inc. no. 347
- Manuscript box My methods, such as they are. Typescript reply to questionnaire, signed n.d. (7 p) (7 p)

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Wodehouse

- Oversize (+) Bolton, Guy. Leave it to Jane. Lyrics by P. G. Wodehouse. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (116 p) (116 p)  
Fastened in linen cover of the American play co., inc., no. 419
- Oversize (+) Bolton, Guy. Miss Springtime; a musical comedy. Lyrics by P. G. Wodehouse. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (39 p., 39 p., 21 p) (39 p., 39 p., 21 p)  
From the files of the American Play Co., inc., no. 477
- Oversize (+) Bolton, Guy and P. G. Wodehouse. The nightingale; a musical romance in three acts. Typescript with corrections and additions in an unidentified hand n.d. (89 p) (89 p)  
Fastened in linen cover of the American play co., inc., no. 357
- Oversize (+) Bolton, Guy. Oh, my dear. Lyrics by P. G. Wodehouse. Typescript n.d. (128 p) (128 p)  
From the files of the American play co., no. 288
- Oversize (+) Bolton, Guy. The rose of China; [a play in three acts] Lyrics by P. G. Wodehouse. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (68 p) (68 p)  
From the files of the American play co., no. 365
- Oversize (+)(Wodehouse) Duval, Jacques. Her cardboard lover; [play] Adapted by Valerie Wyngate and P. G. Wodehouse. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (127 p) (127 p)  
Fastened in linen cover of the American play co., inc., no. 524
- Oversize (+)(Wodehouse) Geyer, Siegfried. Candle-light; a comedy in three acts. Adapted by P. G. Wodehouse. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (123 p) (123 p)  
With ms. stage directions in an unidentified hand. Fastened in linen cover of the American play co., inc., no. 406
- Oversize (+)(Wodehouse) Lengyel, Menyhért and P. G. Wodehouse. Summer guest; (a comedy) by Melchior Lengyel and P. G. Wodehouse. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (145 p) (145 p)  
From the files of the American play co., no. 593
- Oversize (+)(Wodehouse) Stapleton, John and P. G. Wodehouse. A gentleman of leisure; a comedy in American life. Typescript (carbon) 1910 (148 p) (148 p)  
Fastened in linen cover of the American play co., inc., no. 335

## Correspondence

### Outgoing Correspondence

Manuscript box      Pinker, James B., and son. LS, ALS, etc. to 1905 - 1934 (28 letters) (28 letters)  
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### Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box      Mitgang, Herbert. Letters to Pelham Grenville Wodehouse 1967 - 1975 (1  
(Wodehouse)      folder) (1 folder)  
With replies and articles contributed to The New York Times

## Legal Documents

Manuscript box      Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical  
(Bolton)      agencies concerning works by Guy Bolton and Pelham Grenville  
Wodehouse n.d. (28 folders) (28 folders)  
From the files of the American play co.

Manuscript box      Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical  
(Bolton)      agencies concerning Guy Bolton, Pelham Grenville Wodehouse, and  
Jerome Kern. Refers to their Oh, lady, lady n.d. (2 folders) (2 folders)  
From the files of the American play co.

Manuscript box      Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical  
(Bolton)      agencies concerning Guy Bolton, Pelham Grenville Wodehouse, Howard  
Lindsay, and Russell Crouse. Refers to their Anything goes n.d. (1 folder) (1  
folder)  
From the files of the American play co.

Manuscript box      Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical  
(Wodehouse)      agencies concerning Pelham Grenville Wodehouse n.d. (20 folders) (20 folders)  
From the files of the American play co.

Manuscript box      Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical  
(Wodehouse)      agencies concerning Pelham Grenville Wodehouse. Refers to projected  
dramatization of his Hot water by Guy Bolton n.d. (1 folder) (1 folder)  
From the files of the American play co.