

# Contents

	<i>page</i>
<i>List of illustrations</i>	
<i>Preface</i>	xi
1 'The Millers, a family'	1
2 'In private and in your own time'	18
3 'A possession that is yours to do what you like with'	29
4 'She will have to make up her mind between them some time'	40
5 'He will change your entire life'	54
6 'This waiting is rather hard but all is ready'	64
7 'Menace and murder and sudden death'	75
8 'First Class! Good oh! Right here'	86
9 'The next I write will be the 5th'	104
10 'I do not think she knows who she is'	123
11 'A ghastly ten days'	135
12 'An unquestionably genuine loss of memory'	148
13 'London - Paris - Lausanne - Milan - Venice'	162
14 'An idea I've never ever considered'	178
15 'Corpses and stiffs'	192
16 'A nice parallel track'	205
17 'Things all seem to come at once'	223
18 'Only an interruption'	238
19 'A certain amount of fêting'	255
20 'Digging up the dead'	273
21 'All the panoply and misdirection of the conjuror's art'	282
22 'I shall go on enjoying myself'	301
23 'An onlooker and an observer'	316
24 'Like a cinema film run backwards'	326
25 'An ordinary successful hard-working author'	349
26 'It will not, I think, be long'	362
<i>Index</i>	379