

A Chronology of Solar Pons
The Reminiscences of Solar Pons, 1961
The Reminiscences of Solar Pons, 1975

Date

NA

Quotes

- *Patrick: Dr. Parker, like his great predecessor, often conceals or confuses vital dates and facts.*
- *Derleth: ...Nor is it impossible for Parker to set down errors in his accounts. As I recall it, this seems to have been typical of Watson, too.*

The Case

Robert Patrick, a Pontine scholar of the first order, had nearly completed a chronology of Derleth's Solar Pons cases when he passed away in 1960. I believe that August Derleth made a few revisions to "complete it" and it was included in *The Reminiscences*. It only addressed adventures chronicled in the book collections and not those included in magazines.

Comments

- George Vanderburgh, head of The Praed Street Irregulars, has correspondence between Patrick and Derleth regarding the chronology, so I'm sure there is more information about it.
- Basil Copper created his own Chronology (which includes additional cases), joining Patrick's as the only Solar Pons Chronologies. I have included both dates (when applicable) with each Case Commentary.
- Patrick includes some comments on Parker's inconsistency regarding the dates of early cases based on when Pons and Parker met vs. when Parker began recording cases. He then adds Derleth's thoughts on the matter as well.
- This chronology includes a listing of Untold Tales referenced but not related by Parker up to that time. Dr. Watson's untold cases can be easily found on the internet. That is not the case with Parker's references and Robert Patrick provided Ponsians with a valuable resource in listing some of them, which I shall do below as well:

The Adventure of the Haunted Library
The Adventure of the Missing Tenants
The Adventure of the Octagon House
The Adventure of the Viennese Musician
The Adventure of the Burlstone Horror
The Adventure of the Mumbles/Green Stars
The Adventure of the Nineteen Maidens

The Adventure of the Sussex Archers
The Adventure of the Italian Letters
The Adventure of the Catalytic Agent
The Adventure of the Reluctant Scholar
The Adventure of the Shaplow Millions
The Adventure of the Ascot Scandal
The Adventure of the Purple Stain
The Adventure of the Orient Express
The Adventure of the Clubs
The Adventure of the Lost Metternich
The Adventure of Gresham Old Place
The Adventure of Cagliostro Second
The Adventure of the Pope's Guardsman
The Adventure of the Gold Lorgnette
The Adventure of the Muttering Man

Some of these stories, such as *The Sussex Archers* and *The Shaplow Millions*, were later published. And a few, such as *The Clubs* (a novel retitled *The Terror Over London*) was included in *The Final Adventures of Solar Pons*. There are additional Untold Tales that Parker mentioned in cases that were first published after Patrick's death. A comprehensive look at the Untold Tales is the subject of another monograph. But Patrick did yeoman's duty in compiling the list he did.