Nineteenth Century New Zealand Novels and Novellas Published as Serials in New Zealand, Australian and British Newspapers and Periodicals and Never Published as Monographs: A Checklist

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“It is to the old newspapers that we must go if we want to see the beginning of colonial fiction … there are in the dusty files of these and other journals many stories of colonial life which have never struggled out of the papers into book form.” Clara Eyre Cheeseman, “Colonials in Fiction,” NZ Illustrated Magazine 7 no. 4 (1 January 1903): 274.

A New Zealand novel is defined as one first published in New Zealand, or with a significant reference to New Zealand or written by an author resident in New Zealand. Where a serial carries the byline “Written specially for,” “Specially written for” or “Written expressly for” it is assumed that the author is resident locally within New Zealand unless there is evidence to the contrary. In general, fictional works appearing in three or fewer episodes are excluded. Fiction written for children is not included.


Esther. A New Zealand Story. By Airlie. New Zealand Mail, 12 Jun-10 Jly 1880
(Short romance set in Wellington and southern New Zealand)

A. M. See Pyke, Vincent

A. M. K. See Kavanagh, Arthur McMurrough

A. M. M. See M, A. M.

Alice, pseud. See Baker, Louisa Alice

Alien, pseud. See Baker, Louisa Alice

Anon 1

(4 instalments)

Anon 2

Anon 3

The Brown’s First Ball. A Colonial Sketch.
Written Specially for the “Southern Mercury.”
(set in London)

Southern Mercury, 2 Dec 1876-13 Jan 1877

Anon 4

Christine. An Original Tale. Specially
Written for the Southern Mercury
(set in New Zealand)

Southern Mercury, 25 Aug-15 Sep 1877
(4 instalments)

Anon 5

Kiorana. A Tale of the Maori War.

Leader (Melbourne), 28 Jun-1 Nov 1873

Anon 6

A Message for Miss Darrell. Specially Written
for “The Observer.”

Oxford Observer, 30 Nov 1889-1 Feb 1890

Anon 7

Mrs Leyburn’s Story. As Told by My Wife.

Wanganui Chronicle, 19 Dec 1861-16 Jan 1862

Anon 8 “By a local author.”

Nellie Fanshaw. A Tale of the Yorkshire Dales.
(Postscript, 5 Nov. “Harry Fanshaw … He loved
his adopted country and he thought his duty
lay there. His wife was born in New Zealand and
did not care for England.”)

Yeoman (Wanganui) 20 Aug-5 Nov 1881

Anon 9 Author of “The Rise and Progress of Sandylands” [set in Melbourne 1839], written
expressly for the Penny Journal by the author of “Only Colonial,” published in 5 brief
instalments in the Penny Journal, 25 May -29 Jun 1867. Possibly W. H. J Seffern, a partner in
the Penny Journal, and formerly a journalist in Australia.

Only Colonial. Written Expressly for the Penny
Journal. (account of woman’s life in Liverpool
and then in Sydney, 1839-1851)

Penny Journal, 9 Feb-4 May1867

Anon 10 “By a local author.”


Yeoman (Wanganui) 26 May-17 Nov 1882
Anon 11


Anon 12

Sleeper Awakened. A Canterbury Tale. *Star* (Christchurch) 16-30 Apr 1884 (10 instalments)

**Atha, pseud. See Westbury, Frank Atha**

**Aunt Peg, pseud.**

Strangers Yet. (“by a local writer” Starts London, leaving for NZ) *Oxford Observer*, 24 Aug-21 Sep 1889 (5 instalments)

The Sick Stockman. *Oxford Observer*, 16 Nov-14 Dec 1889 (4 instalments)

Nurse Fulton’s Romance, or Ups and Downs of a Colonial Girl’s Life *Oxford Observer*, 12 Dec 1891-16 Jan 1892 (4 instalments)


Fickle Jack, or From Weakness to Strength By Alice. (In the section headed “The Ladies.”) *Otago Witness*, 1 Apr-9 Sep 1887 Set in Christchurch


**Bakewell, Robert Hall, 1831-1908.** English-born doctor, resident Hokitika 1880-82.


**Bell, Fabian, pseud. See Cotton, Francis Edwina**

**Bell, Gordon, pseud.** “Gordon Bell … a lady who resides less than a thousand miles from Milton” (*Bruce Herald*, 8 Sep 1891, 4).
A Veritable Cain.  

*Bruce Herald*, 7-21 March 1893  
(5 instalments).

**Bourke, Emma Mary**, 1854-1924, and **John Bourke**, 1849-1891. E. M Bourke, author of *Little History of New Zealand* (1881), was a prolific author of short stories, poems and historical articles, some under her married name of Mrs E. M. Dunlop.

Supplejack. A Story of New Zealand.  
*Leader* (Melbourne) 23 Je-15 Dec 1883  
(Set in Coromandel, Grahamstown, Havelock, Nelson. Includes Maungatapu murders)

**Bracken, Thomas**, 1843-1898.

Golden Foundations.  
*Saturday Advertiser* (Dunedin), 5 Apr-19 Jly 1879

**C. M. W. See W., C. M.**

**Campbell, John Logan**, 1817-1912.

My Visit to Waiwera-Baden, and Things That I Have Seen and Heard and Thought in Passing Through the World.  
*NZ Herald*, 1 Mar-5Apr 1879  
(4 instalments)

**Carrick, Henderson**, 1823-1886. Born Ireland, to NZ c.1871, Dunedin bookseller. Contributed short stories to the *Otago Witness*.

True Nobility.  
*Otago Witness*, 6 Jly-16 Nov 1878

**Carter, William**

The Greenstone Image.  
*New Zealand Mail*, 22 Jun-6 Jly 1899


In the Olden Time.  
*Saturday Advertiser*, (£20 prize story)  
20 Dec 1879-24 Jan 1880

Estranged for Life.  
*Sydney Mail*, 17 Jan-1 May 1880

Under Suspicion.  
*NZ Public Opinion and Saturday Advertiser*, 1 Jly-5 Aug 1882

Had He Known. A Story of New Zealand Gold Thirst  
*Cassell’s Family Magazine*, v.18, 1891/2, pp. 45-54, 106-115, 152-163, 236-246

Sent into Exile. By C. E. Cheeseman \textit{(“scene … laid partly in England, but chiefly in the colonies …”)} \textit{New Zealand Graphic, 26 Nov 1898-14 Jan 1899; Auckland Star, 7-28 Jan 1899}

\textbf{Citizen of Dunedin}, pseud. Possibly John Moore Perrier, the editor of the \textit{Bruce Herald}, or J. J. Utting. \textit{Bruce Herald, 3-24 Nov 1874 (7 instalments)}

\textbf{Colclough, Mary Ann (Barnes)}, 1836-1885. Regular contributor to newspapers in the Auckland province, 1860s-1872, under the pen name Polly Plum. Left for Australia 1872.

The Half-Caste Wife. By the author of \textit{Alone in the World} \textit{(Part of Alone in the World, set in Auckland and written by “a lady” was published in the \textit{Weekly Argus} (Auckland) in 1865 and published as a 56p. monograph by Mitchell and Seffern, Auckland, 1866. The \textit{Weekly Argus} was an offshoot of the \textit{New Zealander} which “lived just a year” (Scholefield). No copies have survived)}

Effie’s Inheritance. By Polly Plum. \textit{Christian Times (Auckland), May-Dec 1870 (no copies have survived)}

\textbf{Coo-ee}, pseud. See \textbf{Walker, William Sylvester}


The Old Fence Dog. \textit{Weekly Standard, 21 Apr-19 May 1894 (5 instalments)}


As Fabian Bell had short stories, travel pieces, and serialized novels published in the \textit{Otago Witness, 1877-1919}. Also published in \textit{New Zealand Illustrated Magazine, Zealandia, Akaroa Mail, Bruce Herald}. According to Dear Dot (\textit{Otago Witness, 7 Sept 1899}) also published in a number of papers in England. (Writing under the pseudonym)

\textbf{Fabian Bell}


Broken Fetters. *Otago Witness*, 5 Jul-13 Sep 1879

Alice. A New Zealand Pastorale in Five Chapters. *Otago Witness*, 20 Sept-18 Oct 1879 (5 instalments)

An Error of Judgement. *NZ Public Opinion and Saturday Advertiser*, 12 Feb-26 Feb 1881


The House in the Fells, or His Brother’s Keeper. *Otago Witness*, 9 May-14 Nov 1889

He and She. *Otago Witness*, 30 Jun-15 Sept 1892


Daughter of a Hundred Earls. (Set in South Island, the Sounds) *Otago Daily Times*, 3 Apr-11 Sep 1897

The Hero of the Arawa. (before 1896)

**Cowper, Henry**, 1848-1933. Born in Brazil of British parents, lived in Australia and New Zealand from 1868.

Hinemoa. An Original New Zealand Romance. *Goulburn Herald*, 22 May-4 Sep 1891; *Hay Standard and Advertiser*, 29 May-16 Sep 1891

**Craw Linn**, pseud. See **Flint, Frederick Lindsay Crawford**
Dalton, David

A Varied Life. Weekly Standard, 17 Feb-7 Apr 1894 (set in Bristol, San Francisco, Melbourne, Ballart, Dunedin, Canterbury) (7 instalments)

De Condé, pseud. See Joseph, Francis Antonio


Bitter Fruit. Clutha Leader, 18 Jun-23 Jul 1880 (set in Dunedin) (6 instalments)


E.M.T. See T, E. M.

Eona, pseud. See Finniswood, Emma.

Evans, Charlotte (Lees), 1841-1882. Four novels published as monographs by English publishers, 1874-1903, and serials published in the Family Herald (London).

Guy Eversley. North Otago Times, 19 Oct 1865-18 Jan 1866

Fancy Free, pseud. Author of several short stories in the Northern Advocate, 1878, including “A New Chum’s Experiences in New Zealand.” Possibly a retired Indian Army officer.

Three Comrades. By Fancy Free. Specially Written for the Northern Advocate. Northern Advocate, 27 Aug-15 Oct 1898 (set in India and South-East Asia) (7 instalments)

Farjeon, Benjamin Leopold, 1838-1903. First novel in book form, Grif, published by William Hay, Dunedin, 1866. Left Dunedin in 1867 and became popular and prolific novelist in London. Many of his books were later serialized in Australia, Britain and New Zealand.

Life and Adventures of Christopher Congleton [published anonymously]. Otago Witness, 17 May 1862-29 May 1863 (unfinished)

Finniswood, Emma

The Scarecrow. By Eona. Ladies Treasury; A Household Magazine (London), Jan-Nov 1879 (partly set in NZ)
Flint, Frederick Lindsay Crawford. Alleged remittance man, journalist, mostly resident in Dunedin.

No Country. By Craw Linn. NZ Saturday Advertiser, 16 Jun-4 Aug 1877

That Girl. By Craw Linn. Observer and Free Lance, 22 Jan-July 1887

Fookes, Arthur Beckwith Robertson, 1850?-1908.

In the Flesh and the Spirit. A Novel. First published in several UK newspapers in 1886, including the Yorkshire Weekly Post, South Durham Herald, Hampshire Telegraph and Weekly Echo and Times. Reprinted New Zealand Mail, 13 May-15 July 1887

Decree Nisi. Auckland Star, 12 May-4 Aug 1888

H.


Our Picnic. Oxford Observer, 1 Feb-22 Feb 1890 (4 instalments)

Half-Caste Wife, author of The. See Colclough, Mary Ann

Hall, Hickory

The Virginny Lily. A Romance of Land And Sea. Saturday Advertiser, 18 May-15 Jun 1878

Cola de Blanca. Or Tom Hope’s Luck. Saturday Advertiser, Aug 17-21 Sep 1878

Harris, Jane Elizabeth, 1852/3?-1942.

Moanataiari Gold, or Lucy Bentley’s Lover. Thames Star, 1-22 July 1882 (4 instalments)

Haslam, Thomas F., pseud. See Bakewell, Robert Hall. 1831-1908.

Henare Te Kaupa. See Cowper, Henry


The Goldies of Golden Terrace. Otago Witness, 11 Jun-10 Sep 1881

Australia. Specially written for the Witness. Otago Witness, 18 Mar-17 Jun 1882
His Good Angel. 
*Otago Witness*, 14 Jul-18 Aug 1883
(6 instalments)

**Jenny Wren**, pseud. See **Harris, Jane Elizabeth**


Fred’s Revenge. By De Condé.
Specially written for the Southern Mercury.
(set in England)

*Southern Mercury*, 28 Apr-12 May 1876
(3 instalments)


*Otago Witness*, 16 Feb-29 Jun 1878.
Reprinted *Tuapeka Times*, 1885

**K., A. M.** See **Kavanagh, Arthur McMurrough**

**Kavanagh, Arthur McMurrough**, 1851-1926.

The Owner of Langsey Villa. By A. M. K.

*Nelson Mail*, 21 Aug-1 Sep 1897
(5 instalments)

**Kinnear, W. F.**

The Fortunes of Belmont. A Tale of
New Zealand.

*North Otago Standard*, 12 Aug-11 Nov 1876

**Lapham, Charles Henry**, 1847?-1887. Author of the “Spare Hours” column in the *Otago Witness*. Contributor of stories for children as “Uncle Harry” in “Our Little Folks” in the *Otago Witness*.

Buck Jones’s Training. A Story in
Sixteen Chapters. By Henry Lapham.

(set in Otago goldfields)

*Otago Witness*, 23 Nov 1878-11 Jan 1879

**Laura**, pseud. See **Suisted, Laura Jane (Eyre)**.

**Lee, R. E.** See **Egan-Lee, Richard**

**Linn, Craw.** See **Flint, Frederick Lindsay Crawford**

**Lockhart, James.** An “Australasian writer.” Short stories published in *Australian Journal* and *Australasian Sketcher* set in Australia and New Zealand.

Jack Fortune.

(set starts and ends in Wales, just over half
set in NZ.)

*Australian Journal*, Jan-Apr 1872
(4 instalments)

Rough and Smooth.

*Literary News* (Melbourne), 29 Mar-19 Jul 1883 (unfinished)

A Singular Legacy. Star (Christchurch), 17 Nov 1886-17 Mar 1887

M, A. See Pyke, Vincent

M, A. M. “a New Zealand authoress”

Edith. By A. M. M. Otago Witness, 3 Jly 1880-8 Jan 1881
(A romance, set in Melbourne)

McAlley, Catherine Margherita Marie (Norberg), 1864?- 1949. The author of the serialized novel “Constance” is identified in the Wanganui Herald (31 Dec 1890, 2) as Mrs McCorby of Marton, which was her stage name.

Constance. By Mrs J. McAlley. Wanganui Herald, 4 Jan-8 Mar 1890
(Mostly set in Scotland)

McCorby, Mrs. See McAlley, Catherine


Mr Richard Bede. A Story of New Zealand. Hawkes Bay Herald 26 Nov 1892- 22 Apr 1893
“To be published in book form in London and Melbourne” (NZ Herald, 10 June 1893)


Two Chums. Yeoman (Wanganui), 22 Nov-27 Dec 1890
(New Zealand setting)

Meander, Mrs. Editor of the Ladies Page, Canterbury Times, and a frequent contributor of stories, often serialized in three episodes, in the Star (Christchurch).

Lord Naseby’s Nephew. A New Zealand Story. Star (Christchurch), 23 -29 May 1885
(5 instalments)

Miller, John Augustus, 1833-1903.


Momus, pseud. “A local author.”


N. Z., pseud.

(set in England)

P., G. M.

(5 instalments)
(set in Germany)

Patrick, Charles. “A local author.”

Arcadia in Futuris. *Wanganui Herald*, 19 Feb-29 May 1889
(9 instalments)

Polly Plum, see Colclough, Mary Ann (Barnes)

Pyke, Vincent, 1827-1894.

Eustace Egremont. By M. A. *Sydney Mail*, 13 Sep-1 Nov 1879. Reprinted *Saturday Advertiser* (Dunedin), 1 May-31 Jul 1880
(“Contemporary reference suggests that there was another novel, *Eustace Egremont*, which cannot now be traced,” *Oxford Companion to NZ Literature*)

Randle, Marie (Dawkins), 1856-1947. Short stories in the *Otago Witness*; prolific poet under pseudonym Wych Elm.


Rattray, Lizzie Frost (Fenton), 1855-1931. Social editor, *New Zealand Graphic*, NZ correspondent for *The Gentlewoman*. Short stories published under Mrs Rattray, Mrs W.

Rattray, Mrs William Rattray, Mrs L. Frost Rattray in *New Zealand Family Friend, NZ Graphic, Waikato Times, Observer*. Entry in *DNZB*, v2, 405-06.

(2 instalments)
(“a short original tale,” *Waikato Times*, 17 August 1889. NZ setting)

Bristondell, or An Unlucky Marriage. *Waikato Times*, 28 Dec 1889-5 Apr 1890

Camella, or An Ignorant Wrangler. (NZ setting)  
*Waikato Times*, 20 Jan-2 Jun 1891

Ruha. A Tale of Adventure in the Maori War. (NZ setting)  
*Cassell’s Family Magazine*, v.19, 1892/3, pp. 527-34, 577-84, 686-93

**Sagitta, pseud.** See **Miller, John A.**

**San Dolores, pseud.** Stories published in the *Nelson Mail* and the *Australasian*.

Collins Street East. By San Dolores.  
*Southern Mercury*, 3-24 Jan 1874.

*Southern Mercury*, 17 Sep 1875-6 Jan 1877  
(irregular, not in every issue)

**Suisted, Laura Jane (Eyre)** 1840-1903. Entry in *DNZB*, v.2, pp. 489-90. Author of several short stories published in the *Saturday Advertiser* and the *Canterbury Times* under the pseudonym L. J. S or Mrs James Suisted. Stories also serialized in Swedish periodicals. An Auckland newspaper in 1895 claimed that Tillotson’s Fiction Bureau had purchased one of her stories. A story by “Mrs James Suisted” appeared in the 1895 Christmas number of *The Lady* (London, 1885-).

The Trevors. By Laura.  
*Saturday Advertiser* (Dunedin) 13 Mar-3 Apr 1880

Melton Chase. By Laura.  
(set in England)  
*New Zealand Public Opinion*, 7-28 Aug 1880

Storm and Calm. Written for the Saturday Advertiser by L. J. S.  
(Starts Rome, then London)  
*Saturday Advertiser*, 9 Dec 1882-13 Feb 1883.

**T., E. M.** Author of other stories in the *Southern Mercury*.

(set in Yorkshire)  
*Southern Mercury*, 12 May-16 Jun 1877  
(6 instalments)

Christine. An Original Tale. Written for the Southern Mercury by E. M. T.  
*Southern Mercury*, Aug 25-Sep 15 1877  
(4 instalments)

**Talbot, Francis Ellen,** 1851-1923 (writing as **Thorpe Talbot**). Joint contributor with Vincent Pyke to *White Hood and Blue Cap* (Dunedin: Joseph Braithwaite, 1881), author of *The New Guide to the Lakes and Hot springs*, 1882, the novel *Philiberta* (Ward Locke, 1883), first published in the *Leader* (Melbourne) 1882, and the long poem “Guinevere in the South.”

An Oasis.  
*Star* (Christchurch), 24-29 Dec 1880  
(4 instalments)
Too Hard a Battle. *NZ Public Opinion and Saturday Advertiser,* 22 Apr-13 May 1882

All a Mistake. *NZ Public Opinion and Saturday Advertiser,* 30 Sep-4 Nov 1882

**Taylor, Emily Matilda,** 1853?-1934. Arrived in Auckland 1865; ran a girls’ school in Auckland.

Mystery of Wynne Court. Written for the *Observer,* 11 Apr-26 Sep 1885. “To be continued”


**Te Kaupa, Henare.** See Cowper, Henry

**Thatcher, Richmond,** 1842-1891.

Black upon Yellow. A Tale. Written Expressly for the “Saturday Advertiser.” *Saturday Advertiser,* 1-29 Dec 1877 (5 instalments)

**Utting, John James,** 1842-1925. Journalist, in NZ 1865-1881, working on the *Otago Guardian,* and later the Christchurch *Press* in the 1870s, later a playwright in Australia.


The Golden Cross. (Set in England, with passing references to New Zealand) *Saturday Advertiser* (Dunedin) 13 Sep 1879-15 May 1880. Republished *Newcastle Morning Herald,* 1884-1885

**W., C. M.** Author of stories and poems in a wide range of New Zealand newspapers.


**Webster, Scott.** Short stories published in *Weekly Press*, 1880s-1890s. Resident of Bulls.

Lowes. *A Novel.* *Weekly Press* (Christchurch), 24 Jan-23 May 1890

*(Lowes, a small village in the North Island. Matawai Station, Wellington settings)*


Gainst Wind and Tide. *Once a Week* (Melbourne), 12 Nov 1877-11 Feb 1888.

Maoriland Ho. *Nature’s Enchanting Wonder Isle. A Weird and Enchanting Romance.* *Tuapeka Times Supplement,* 23 Sep 1893-27 Jan 1894. Also published in the *Camperdown Chronicle* and the *Riverina Recorder,* 1893

Expiation of Claude Wingate. *An Australian Romance.* *Australian Journal,* Aug 1899-Jan 1900

*(Set mostly in Taranaki in 1860s)*

The Prodigal of Glencourt. *A Romance Of Maoriland.* *Camperdown Chronicle,* 6 Jly-12 Oct 1901. Also serialized in at least 4 other Australian newspapers, 1901

**Wych Elm,** pseud. See *Randle, Marie*

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