Fred M. White

Real Dramas. Being Some Leaves from the Notehook of a Late Theatrical Agent

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Frederick Merrick White (18591935) wrote a number of novels and short stories under the name Fred M. White including the six Doom of London science-fiction stories, in which various catastrophes beset London. These include The Four Days Night, in which London is beset by a massive killer smog; The Dust of Death, in which diphtheria infects the city, spreading from refuse tips and sewers; and The Four White Days, in which a sudden and deep winter paralyses the city under snow and ice. Fred M. White is mostly known for mysteries and is considered also as one of the pioneers of the spy story. Real Drama (1909) is a series of stories published under the subtitle Being Some Leaves From The Notebook Of A Late Theatrical Agent. It includes: His Second Self, An Extra Turn, Not In The Bill, The Plagiarist, The Man In Possession, A Pair Of Handcuffs.