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My dear Smith

Let me know if I can send you tickets for the Speckled Band - how many and what date.

Thanks for MSS. I will read it when the pressure relaxes. At present it is a lion to the square inch.

I dine with Stoll's picture people at the Trocadero (7.30 Tuesday next). I believe I am expected to speak about Sherlock. I wish you were there - if I am his father you were the 'accordeur'.

I have gladly done the "two chips on the ledge" story. I have another small non-Sherlock in my brain, and would naturally like to start the new series of six stories with the long Sherlock. You can rely on getting it sooner or later - I hope sooner. I fear to let the old man down & would rather suppress him altogether.

The Beetle idea would, I fear, be no use

to me. It is curious but unworkable. I am ready to consider any. I can write them if I have good initial ideas, but have rather exhausted my own stock. No wonder! I wonder if a competition for the best mystery ideas would be possible - probably you would get no fish worth taking out of the net.

Yours very truly

A Conan Doyle.