

What is a detective story:

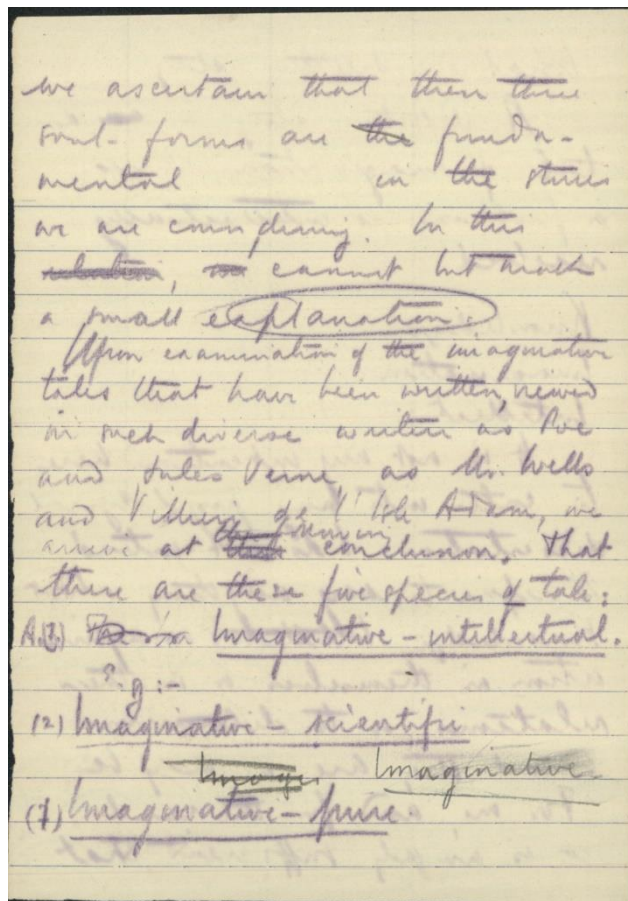
A detective story is ~~an~~ a tale of imagination, where a problem is intellectually resolved.

Knowledge.

Imagination.

Intellect.

It is not my intention here to enter into any psychological dissertation. I do not intend therefore to say anything about knowledge, intellect or imagination in themselves or in their relations, or to determine what they are or may be. For me, and for the reader, it is amply sufficient that



we ascertain that these three soul-forms are the fundamental {...} in the stories we are considering. In this relation, we cannot but make a small explanation.

Upon examination of the imagination tales that have been written, viewed in such diverse writers as Poe and Jules Verne, as Mr. Wells and Villiers de l'Isle Adam, we arrive at this the obvious conclusions. That there are these five species of tale:

- A. (1.) The Imagination-
intellectual. E.g: -
- (2) Imagination-scientific
Imagination.
- (3) Imagination-pure.

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