

## EXTREMELY SHORT-SIGHTED "But the eye-glasses?" [GOLD]

*There are a number of people in the  
Sherlock Holmes stories who wear glasses:*

*Jephro Rucastle, Charles  
Augustus Milverton, Lord Robert St.  
Simon, Hosmer Angel, Wilson Kemp --  
are you sensing a pattern here?*

*Each person is of questionable character.*

*We might say villains, but Lord St. Simon  
isn't particularly villainous; rather he is  
motivated by monetary interests.*

*A thin line, you might say, but still.*

*Glasses play a central role in "The  
Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez," with  
the named object being found in the  
clutches of the murdered secretary.*

*The strength of the prescription indicated  
the suspect was "extremely short-sighted,"  
and Holmes deduced "anyone who wore such  
glasses could be slatternly in other  
respects."*

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### **"But the eye-glasses?" [GOLD] (continued)**

*You might be interested in more about pince-nez; please click through to our Trifles episode "A History of Pince-Nez" for more.*

*And we come to discover quite a bit about the checkered history of Professor Coram and Anna as the case concludes.*

*One might even deign to judge the character of Anna based on a number of decisions she made over the course of her life, both forced and voluntary.*

*Perhaps the strength of her prescription correlates to the strain of flaws in her?*

*Lots of discussion on this story is in the book **The Wrong Passage** from the BSI Press Manuscript Series.*

*When it comes to the parentage of John H. Watson, good taste, and eyeglasses, one has to wonder what other character traits Holmes might deduce when the boys of Baker Street Elementary get talking...*

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AFTER HE AND MY MOTHER WERE MARRIED,  
HE HAD TO TEACH HER GOOD TASTE...**



**LUCKY FOR YOU AND YOUR BROTHER HE DID NOT TEACH HER BEFORE THE WEDDING...**



**DOESN'T YOUR MOTHER CLAIM IT  
WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT ?**



YES, BUT AS SHE RECALLS THE DAY SHE MET  
MY FATHER, "WAS THE ONLY TIME IN HER  
LIFE SHE FORGOT HER GLASSES..."

