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## PLEASE NOTE: **August 07, Meeting** NOTICE

We will be conducting our next monthly meeting virtually on August 07 at 1:00 pm central. I will send out the link for the meeting the week before the meeting. The story for the month is "The Adventure of the Norwood Builder".

**Bob Katz, BSI**, will lead the discussion on the story of "The Adventure of the Norwood Builder".

**Dan Andriacco, BSI**, will be our featured guest speaker

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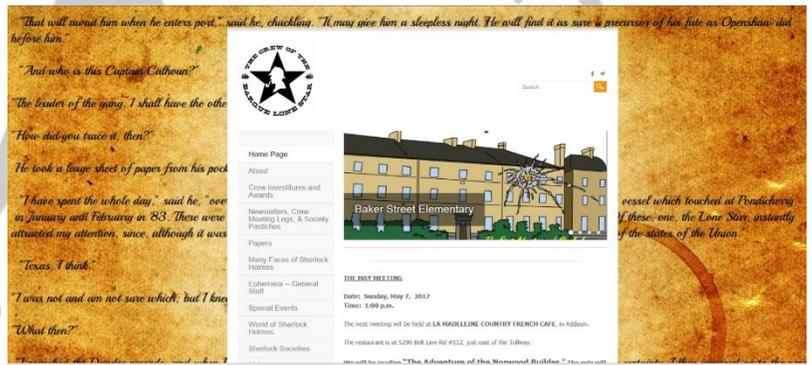
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# JULY 03 SUMMARY

Cindy Brown

There were 53 in attendance at this ZOOM meeting.

The scion meeting was opened by a very nice toast to the under-appreciated Stamford by Lauren Cercone. (see page 4).

Next, we had our quiz on the story, "*The Adventure of the Empty House*".

The 6th in the series of books published by the Crew of the Barque Lone Star is in the works. The title will be "*The Rest of the Story*". Submissions will be accepted thru August 31, 2022 (see page 5).

Bob Katz, BSI, ASH, then led a wonderful discussion on "*The Adventure of the Empty House*".

Our featured speaker, Tim Kline, gave a very interesting presentation on the games of Sherlock Holmes, from the original games in the early 1900s to present, and from around the world.

**The Dallas conference on Collecting and Collectors is scheduled for May 26-28, 2023.**

We then closed the meeting with the poem written by Rich Krisciunas, dedicated to The Crew of the Barque Lone Star.

Next month the story will be "*The Adventure of the Norwood Builder*", and the featured speaker will be Dan Andriacco, BSI.

*As always, thanks so much to Cindy Brown for keeping the notes of the meeting.*

# A TOAST TO STAMFORD

Lauren Cercone

It was at the Criterion Bar  
That Stamford and Watson  
met.

There Watson said to Stamford,  
"I must find good, cheap rooms  
to let."

Then Stamford said to Watson,  
"You're the second man to tell me that  
today!  
I think I shall introduce you!"  
So Stamford led the way.

As they entered the lab at Barts  
They found Sherlock hard at work.  
He had found a new test for  
bloodstains -  
Watson thought him quite  
berserk.

When Holmes first saw John  
Watson



He promptly sized up his man,  
And startled the good doctor:  
"You have been in Afghanistan."

For Watson's martial bearing  
And the tan on the backs of his  
hands

Along with his stiffly held arm  
Were the signs that Holmes had scanned.

'Twas a meeting of two immortals  
To whom none can compare.  
That day the seeds were planted  
Of a friendship brave and rare.



Then here's a toast to Stamford  
For such a deed well done!  
Though none of them did surmise  
there  
The adventures yet to come.

FINIS

**The Crew of the Barque Lone Star Society is producing our 6<sup>th</sup> book as part of our 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**



**For 2022, we will be putting a together entitled *The Canon: The Rest of the Story***

**Members may submit an essay or pastiche which “continues” or “fills in the blanks” of one of the 60 stories. In other words, what happened after Watson stopped writing, or were items to the story that Watson accidentally or deliberately left out.**

- **Your pastiche / essay should be 3,000-5,000 words. Obviously, a shorter piece is fine.**
- **Your pastiche / essay will be edited by one or two editors, but only for grammar, typos, etc... we will not edit the content of your piece.**
- **This project is not limited to those members in the DFW area. Any member is welcome to submit a piece.**
- **We plan to finalize the compilation by the end of the calendar year, so we ask members to submit their entry by August 31.**
- **As in previous years, all submitters will receive a complimentary copy of the book as our thanks.**



## Moriarty: The Devil's Game Now Available on Audible

Scott Monty, *I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere (IHOSE)*

### **Our own Curtis Armstrong in a new Sherlockian podcast !**

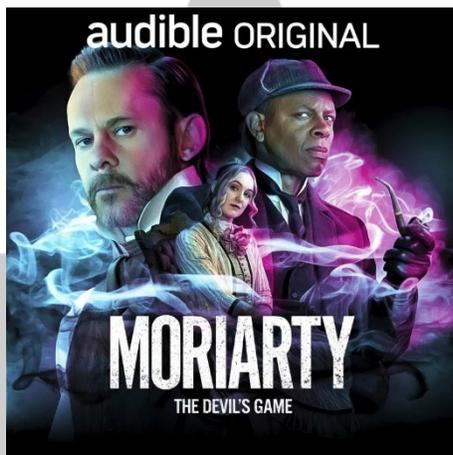
Exciting news for fans of Sherlock Holmes audio content: today, Audible launches a limited ten-part podcast series, *Moriarty: The Devil's Game*, created and produced by Treefort Media.

In a refrain familiar to fans of Nicholas Meyer's groundbreaking *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution*, the production has us imagine Professor Moriarty as a wrongly accused innocent man.

Featuring Dominic Monaghan (*Lord of the Rings*, *Lost*) in a riveting lead performance, *Moriarty* turns one of literature's most famous rivalries on its head, recasting Professor James Moriarty as a desperate fugitive framed for murder—and hunted by dark forces who will stop at nothing to exploit his brilliance.

*Moriarty* finds the professor on the heels of an earth-shattering

mathematical breakthrough—a formula so powerful, it can predict the future—and at the scene of a gruesome murder he must solve to prove his innocence.



With London's sprawling underworld as their battleground, *Moriarty* and Holmes match their peerless intellects to gain the ever-shifting upper hand.

But as their duel escalates, so does the deadly cost of pursuing the truth.

Dr. Watson asks an utterly ensnared Moriarty, "What will it take to get your justice? And if do you get it... what will you become?"

Vividly brought to life by a sensational cast and meticulously crafted sound design, *Moriarty* is a heart-pounding series filled with biting wit and shocking twists at every turn.

Get the series on Audible on July 7, when all episodes will be available. It's free with an Audible trial.

### Cast:

*Moriarty*: Dominic Monaghan  
Moran: Billy Boyd  
Sherlock: Phil LaMarr  
Watson: Adam Godley  
Rose: Lindsay Whisler  
**Gregson: Curtis Armstrong**  
Lestrade: Josh Robert Thompson  
Mary Watson: Rebecca Mader

# MARK OF A SINNER OR A SAINT? BRITISH ATTITUDES TOWARD LEPROSY

Liese Sherwood-Fabre, PhD, Lone Star Deck-Mate

In “The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier,” the fear that Godfrey Emsworth had contracted leprosy while in South Africa was enough for the family to isolate the poor man completely from all society. While their fears were misplaced, the actual disease—ichthyosis or pseudo-leprosy—offered a rather grim prognosis as well. Public opinion of the second, however, lacked the stigma carried with the first.

Humans have been aware of leprosy, or Hansen’s disease, since ancient times, with references to the illness appearing even in the Bible. Caused by a bacterial infection, the ailment is marked by pale-colored skin sores and lumps or bumps that do not disappear. As the disease progresses, it attacks the nerves, leading to a loss of feeling in the arms and legs and muscle weakness. Despite being contagious, it is difficult to contract the disease. Infection only occurs after repeated exposure to nasal or mouth droplets and the incubation period (when symptoms appear) can be from three to five years to up to twenty years. (1)

While leprosy’s source is not known, traditional theories suggest it might have originated in India, Africa or the Middle East. More recent research of ancient European burial sites indicates its existence on the continent much earlier than previously believed. The same strains have been found in current squirrel populations, leading to the belief that the spread may have been related to Viking squirrel fur traders. (2)

Despite the presence of the same disease as in ancient times, European infections peaked in the mid-1500s. Leprosy was so common throughout medieval Europe, it was estimated that one in 30 were infected. With no change in the illness’ genetic makeup, researchers theorize that present Europeans have developed a genetic resistance to the disease. (3)

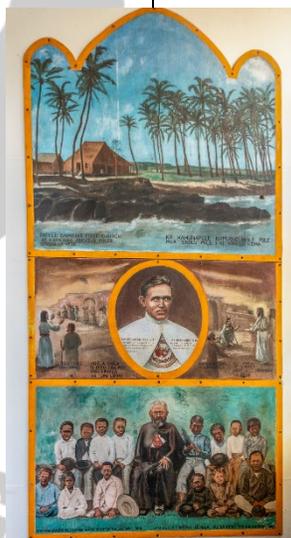
Beliefs about leprosy date back to Biblical times. The Hebrew term for a number of different skin diseases, *tzaraat*, rendered an individual ritually unclean and

required physical separation from the community to avoid its moral contamination. *Tzaraat* was later translated into Greek as *lepra* and serves as the basis for the current term *leprosy*. (4) The term, however, did not refer to what is now recognized as leprosy, which was referred to as *elephantiasis Graecorum*. (5)

Although the skin diseases referred to as leprosy in the European Middle Ages had no relation to the Biblical ailments, the public reaction to it mirrored ancient beliefs, split between it being a punishment for sin or enduring a living purgatory. With the lepers’ suffering mimicking that of Christ, they would immediately enter Heaven. In addition, those who tended to the diseased would also reduce their own time in purgatory. As a result, at least 320 leper, or lazar, houses were established in England alone, with more across all of Europe. When infections suddenly dropped in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and concern over other contagious diseases (such as the Black Death) increased, those infected faced greater restrictions and isolation. (6)

The late nineteenth century saw a re-emergence of leprosy as a humanitarian cause, not only in England, but across the British Empire. Numerous societies were formed to provide support for those suffering from the disease—particularly in India and Africa. Hospitals and colonies where the infected could live out their days, and converted to Christianity, were funded through several missionary societies into the 1930s. Fundraising efforts focused on the stigma associated with those affected. (7)

Given the image of the leper presented in contemporary publicity at the end of the 1800s, the family’s reaction to Godfrey Emsworth’s own affliction would have been a common one. The alternative diagnosis of his condition by Holmes’ doctor, then, provided a great relief to the family. Ichthyosis, or pseudo-leprosy, presents with similar symptoms as true leprosy.



Ichthyosis is most often caused by a genetic mutation and appears as early as infancy. The skin disease appears as dry, scaly skin that can be extra-thick or thin. The term comes from the Greek word, "ichthy," meaning fish and refers to the skin forming scales resembling those of fish. (8) That Emsworth contracted the disease later in life suggests his condition was acquired ichthyosis, which has very different underlying causes. It has been found to be associated with malignancies, different diseases (including leprosy), and



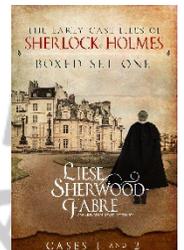
certain medication use. In addition, while the skin can be treated to relieve the symptoms, no cure exists for the sufferer. (9)

While Emsworth's second diagnosis might have saved him and his family from the stigma of leprosy, his true diagnosis was not an end to his problems. The actual disease

presented a new set of medical problems with very serious consequences.

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*Liese Sherwood-Fabre is proud to announce that the first two cases of young Sherlock Holmes will be available as a boxed set through Kindle Unlimited on July 19. It is available as an eBook for pre-order on Amazon. <https://books2read.com/u/mv1pZl>*



# 9 Quintessential Short Stories Every Mystery Fan Needs to Read

Harry Pearson, June 28, 2022, Murder & Mayhem

These classic short mystery stories will keep you guessing while introducing you to beloved authors.

Detective fiction began with a short story, Edgar Allan Poe's *The Murders on the Rue Morgue*. For many decades afterwards, the cases of the world's greatest fictional sleuths were usually gobbled down by readers in bite-size pieces from newspapers or magazines. Carefully constructed to deliver maximum mystery per sentence, the short story remains a great way of sampling the writer's wares..

1. "The Holloway Flat Tragedy"  
  
By Ernest Bramah
2. "The Purloined Letter"  
By Edgar Allan Poe
3. "The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans"  
By Arthur Conan Doyle

There are 56 Sherlock Holmes short stories, and picking out just one is difficult. But this 1917 tale wins, thanks to the setting of fog-bound London—and a rare appearance

from Holmes' brilliant but lazy brother, Mycroft. The case revolves around a dead government clerk and some top secret plans for a Royal Navy submarine. Holmes is at his arrogant best throughout, and his genius is duly, if discretely, rewarded by Queen Victoria.

4. "The Case of Oscar Brodski"  
By R. Austin Freeman
5. "The Blue Cross"  
By G.K. Chesterton
6. "The Companion"  
  
By Agatha Christie
7. "Fly Paper"  
By Dashiell Hammett
8. "The Man Who Knew How"  
By Dorothy L. Sayers
9. "They Never Get Caught"  
By Margery Allingham

# Canonical Place Names Quiz

Karen Murdock

Published in *The Passengers' Log*, (Sydney, Australia), Volume 10, no. 4, (August 2007)

One of the joys of the Canon is the great range of geographical names to be found there. From the Andaman Islands to the Yellowstone River, Luxembourg to Louisiana, Havana to Heidelberg, Rajpootana to the Rio Grande, Terai to Trincomalee—the Canon ranges widely across the globe, mentioning more place names than any geography teacher could hope to hold in her head. Some of these place names (Moorville, Kansas, the Amoy River, Beauchamp Arriance) are inventions, but most of them are actual places.

Can you match these place names with the stories in which they occur? The task is a formidable one, but to make it slightly easier, I have chosen

1. place names of actual places
2. names that occur only one time in the Canon (I am indebted to Les Moskowitz, who has compiled a list of all 7785 words which occur only once in the Canon.)
3. no more than one place name per Canonical story (and I am giving you the list of the stories)

1. Abergavenny (Wales) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Amsterdam (The Netherlands)  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Brooklyn \_\_\_\_\_

4. Darjeeling (India) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Halifax (Nova Scotia) \_\_\_\_\_

6. John O'Groats \_\_\_\_\_

7. Lebanon (Pennsylvania) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Marseilles (France) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Mecca \_\_\_\_\_

10. Melbourne (Australia) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Montmartre (Paris) \_\_\_\_\_

12. New Jersey \_\_\_\_\_

13. Oporto (Portugal) \_\_\_\_\_

14. Pernambuco (Brazil) \_\_\_\_\_

15. Plumstead Marshes \_\_\_\_\_

16. Rhodesia \_\_\_\_\_

17. Siam \_\_\_\_\_

18. Skibbareen (Ireland) \_\_\_\_\_

19. Suez Canal \_\_\_\_\_

20. Transylvania \_\_\_\_\_

CHOOSE YOUR ANSWERS FROM THESE TALES:

ABBE	BOSC	BRUC	COPP
CROO	EMPT	IDEN	ILLU
LAST	MAZA	MISS	PRIO
REDC	REDH	RESI	SCAN
SIGN	SUSS	3GAB	3STU

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## ANSWERS TO PLACE NAMES QUIZ:

1. Abergavenny (Wales) **PRIO**  
"The Adventure of the Priory School"

"My colleague, Dr. Watson, could tell you that we are very busy at present. I am retained in this case of the Ferrers Documents, and the Abergavenny murder is coming up for trial. Only a very important issue could call me from London at present."

2. Amsterdam (The Netherlands) **MAZA**  
"The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone"

"The stone is here in my secret pocket. I take no chances leaving it about. It can be out of England to-night and cut into four pieces in Amsterdam before Sunday."

3. Brooklyn **REDC**  
"The Adventure of the Red Circle"

"Signor Castalotte was a bachelor, and I believe that he felt as if Gennaro was his son, and both my husband and I loved him as if he were our father. We had taken and furnished a little house in Brooklyn, and our whole future seemed assured when that black cloud appeared which was soon to overspread our sky."

4. Darjeeling (India) **CROO**  
"The Adventure of the Crooked Man"

"I was tortured and tried to get away, and was captured and tortured again. You can see for yourselves the state in which I was left. Some of them that fled into Nepal took me with them, and then afterwards I was up past Darjeeling."

5. Halifax (Nova Scotia) **COPP**  
"The Adventure of the Copper Beeches"

"I have been a governess for five years," said she, "in the family of Colonel Spence Munro, but two months ago the colonel received an appointment at Halifax, in Nova Scotia, and took his children over to America with him, so that I found myself without a situation."

6. John O'Groats **MISS**  
"The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter"  
"A draghound will follow aniseed from here to John o' Groat's, and our friend, Armstrong, would have to drive through the Cam before he would shake Pompey off his trail."

7. Lebanon (Pennsylvania) **REDH**  
"The Adventure of the Red-Headed League"  
TO THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE:

On account of the bequest of the late Ezekiah Hopkins, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, U. S. A., there is now another vacancy open which entitles a member of the League to a salary of 4 pounds a week for purely nominal services.

8. Marseilles (France) **IDEN**  
"A Case of Identity"

"The larger crimes are apt to be the simpler, for the bigger the crime the more obvious, as a rule, is the motive. In these cases, save for one rather intricate matter which has been referred to me from Marseilles, there is nothing which presents any features of interest."

9. Mecca **EMPT**  
"The Adventure of the Empty House"

"I then passed through Persia, looked in at Mecca, and paid a short but interesting visit to the Khalifa at Khartoum, the results of which I have communicated to the Foreign Office."

10. Melbourne (Australia) **BOSC**  
"The Boscombe Valley Mystery"

"One day a gold convoy came down from Ballarat to Melbourne, and we lay in wait for it and attacked it. There were six troopers and six of us, so it was a close thing, but we emptied four of their saddles at the first volley."

11. Montmartre (Paris) **ILLU**  
"The Adventure of the Illustrious Client"

"'By the way, Mr. Holmes,' said he, 'did you know Le Brun, the French agent?'"

"'Yes,' said I."

"'Do you know what befell him?'"

"'I heard that he was beaten by some Apaches in the Montmartre district and crippled for life.'"

12. New Jersey

**SCAN**

"A Scandal in Bohemia"

"Let me see!" said Holmes. "Hum! Born in New Jersey in the year 1858. Contralto —hum! La Scala, hum! Prima donna Imperial Opera of Warsaw — yes! Retired from operatic stage — ha! Living in London — quite so!"

13. Oporto (Portugal)

**RESI**

"The Adventure of the Resident Patient"

Such were the singular circumstances in connection with the Resident Patient and the Brook Street Doctor. From that night nothing has been seen of the three murderers by the police, and it is surmised at Scotland Yard that they were among the passengers of the ill-fated steamer *Norah Creina*, which was lost some years ago with all hands upon the Portuguese coast, some leagues to the north of Oporto.

14. Pernambuco (Brazil)

**3GAB**

"The Adventure of the Three Gables"

"But does the name Isadora Klein convey nothing to you? She was, of course, the celebrated beauty. There was never a woman to touch her. She is pure Spanish, the real blood of the masterful Conquistadors, and her people have been leaders in Pernambuco for generations. She married the aged German sugar king, Klein, and presently found herself the richest as well as the most lovely widow upon earth."

15. Plumstead Marshes

**SIGN**

"The Sign of Four"

We were not more than four boat's lengths behind them, both boats flying at a tremendous pace. It was a clear reach of the river, with Barking Level upon one side and the melancholy Plumstead Marshes upon the other.

16. Rhodesia

**3STU**

"The Adventure of the Three Students"

"Come, Watson! As to you, sir, I trust that a bright future awaits you in Rhodesia. For once you have fallen low. Let us see, in the future, how high you can rise."

17. Siam

**BRUC**

"The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans"

"A most annoying business, Sherlock," said he. "I extremely dislike altering my habits, but the powers that be would take no denial. In the present state of Siam it is most awkward that I should be away from the office."

18. Skibbareen (Ireland)

**LAST**

"His Last Bow"

"I started my pilgrimage at Chicago, graduated in an Irish secret society at Buffalo, gave serious trouble to the constabulary at Skibbareen, and so eventually caught the eye of a subordinate agent of Von Bork"

19. Suez Canal

**ABBE**

"The Adventure of the Abbey Grange"

It was the *Rock of Gibraltar*, their largest and best boat. A reference to the passenger list showed that Miss Fraser, of Adelaide, with her maid had made the voyage in her. The boat was now somewhere south of the Suez Canal on her way to Australia.

20. Transylvania

**SUSS**

"The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire"

"Hullo! Hullo! Good old index. You can't beat it. Listen to this, Watson. Vampirism in Hungary. And again, Vampires in Transylvania."

# Gems from "The Beryl Coronet"

Paul Singleton, BSI, The Holmes-Watson Report, January, 2004

On the printed page and between the lines of the story "The Beryl Coronet," secrecy is a *leitmotif* throughout - secrets within a family, within exalted circles, and eventually within a government.

## Exposed Scandals in *The Strand*

When Alexander Holder comes to Holmes with his problem of the damaged and partly missing coronet, he goes to great lengths not to reveal the name of his borrowing client, instead finally saying "... it was a name which is a household word all over the earth - one of the highest, noblest, most exalted names in

England."

Mr. Holder also did not want the secret a national property had been misused and damaged to see the

light of day: "There could be no doubt that, as it was a national possession, a horrible scandal would ensue if any misfortune should occur to it." (This makes one wonder why Holder then did something so public as to call in the police to arrest his son Arthur, and then to offer a very public £1,000 reward for the missing beryls.)

When Dr. Watson published the case in the May 1892 issue of *The Strand*, however, the scandal did come out in a very big way.

Imagine Holder's reaction to being described in print not only as a financier who told his family about a secret transaction with a member of the nobility, causing the collateral to be stolen and damaged, but also as "running hard, with occasional little springs" and as someone who "as he ran ... jerked his hands up and down, wagged his head, and writhed his face into the most extraordinary contortions."

And what about being described as springing up and beating his head against the wall?

Not at all the image of the solid, respectable banker.

Imagine his clients' reactions; surely the banking firm of Holder & Stevenson, of Threadneedle Street, felt their business drop off after the published story hit the streets.

Not only that, those closest to the exalted client (and possibly to Holder) would surely have deduced the identity of the borrower.

Both the scholars Edgar W. Smith and A. Carson Simpson agreed that it was no less than HRH Albert Edward, Prince of Wales.

If so, this "illustrious client" (sound familiar?) must have received quite a talking-to from his mum.

And why did this highest, most exalted client require £50,000 "at

once" and in such secretive circumstances, choosing to borrow not from friends but from a private banker whom he had never met before, and displaying "the air of a man who wishes to hurry quickly through a disagreeable task."

And using a possession of the Empire as collateral? These are deep waters indeed.

Other stories have brought supposedly private and guarded scandals to light, probably causing much shame in some families, affecting innocent and guilty alike.

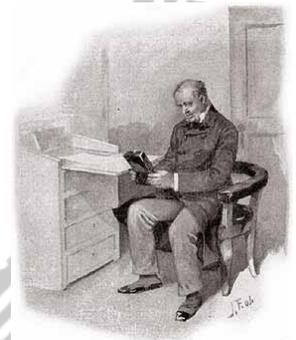
Surely the publication of 'The Noble Bachelor,' although containing no actual crime, brought unwanted publicity and notoriety to Lord Robert St. Simon.

As if the private shame of having to sell his paintings for

income and losing a rich wife weren't enough, now the whole nation knows!

One also thinks of similar private shame made public in "The Man with the Twisted Lip" and "The Creeping Man."

Among other stories, the most notable examples of family members or reputable public figures coming to



grief as a result of actual crimes being made public are 'The Priory School,' "The Boscombe Valley Mystery," "Silver Blaze," "The Naval Treaty," "Sir Charles Augustus Milverton," and "The Second Stain."

True, later clients of Holmes must have known their case stood a good chance of one day seeing print (though it didn't seem to deter many of them), but it is never revealed whether they took legal action against Watson afterwards.

This is obviously a depiction of an age before the existence of the confidentiality agreement.

### Holmes's Son

Referring to Holder's son's conduct in the affair, Holmes makes a curious comment, saying, " ... who has carried himself in this matter as I should be proud to see my own son do, should I ever chance to have one."

This statement recalls Holmes's statement in "The Copper Beeches" that "I confess that it is not the situation which I should like to see a sister of mine apply for."

These comments have caused much discussion among scholars whether Holmes had a family secret.

But while many have endeavored to speculate as to *whom* this statement pertained, few have paused to consider *why* Holmes made this curious statement.

Was Holmes contemplating marriage and a family?

Or did he say the first half of this statement out of his feelings of admiration of the son's behavior, adding " ... *should* lever chance to have one" with a quick glance at



Watson to dispel any speculation on the part of the doctor?

No doubt the first part of

Holmes's statement prompted a surprised stare from Watson, ever ready with notepad and pencil.

### Parts and Service

Much attention has also been paid to what happened to the pieces of the coronet once they were returned to Holder.

In his book *A Sherlock Holmes Commentary*, D. Martin Dakin mused: "Of course Holder might have had it repaired; but there was not much time for that between the Saturday when Holmes returned the lost stones, and the Monday when the pledge was to be reclaimed, nor does it seem likely that it could be done without being noticeable; if the goldsmith were to recognize the piece, the secret would be out."

And A. Carson Simpson comments in his 1957 essay "Whose Was It?"

Conjectures on a Coronet": "The injuries to the coronet pose a problem for which there seems to be no solution. We are told that ' ... any injury to it would be almost as serious as its complete loss...'

How did Alexander Holder expect to get it made as good as new between Saturday, when he got back the piece, and the following Monday, when the borrower would return to reclaim it?"

Why should these scholars worry so when the right man for the job was already on the scene?

Mr. Holder's association with Holmes was only half over, for Holmes was surely one of the few who were clever enough to see to it that the coronet was repaired by Monday, only two days away (and two weekend days, at that), and also see to it that a scandal was averted.

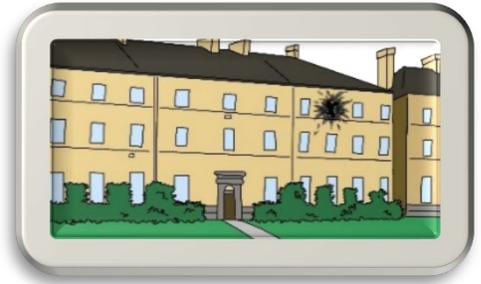
To take Dakin's statement a bit further, most likely *any* goldsmith would have recognized the piece for what it was.

Since this was a matter of national import, Holmes could have solicited the aid of his brother Mycroft, who had the power, the treasury, and the required secrecy of the British government behind him.

Only in these circumstances could the Beryl Coronet have been repaired so completely, so quickly, and so secretly.

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FAY, MASON & MASON

WELL, I RECOGNIZED ANOTHER LITTLE IRONY  
OF LIFE THIS MORNING...

WE CUT DOWN TREES TO  
MAKE PAPER, AND THEN  
USE THE PAPER TO SAY WE  
NEED TO PROTECT TREES?



THE FIRST ADVENTURES OF HOLMES AND WATSON

... OR THAT ALMOST ALL PEOPLE LIE AT SOME  
POINT, BUT NO ONE WANTS TO BE LIED TO...



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ACTUALLY, I WAS GOING TO SAY, WHEN I  
WAS GETTING READY TO COME BACK TO  
SCHOOL AFTER THE LONG WEEKEND, I WAS  
VERY SAD TO BE LEAVING HOME...

A COMMON AFFLECTION  
FOR ALL OF US...



... BUT STRANGELY, MY PARENTS SEEMED TO BE ACTUALLY HAPPY TO SEE MY BROTHER AND I LEAVING...

LET ME GUESS... ONE OF YOU BROKE SOMETHING...



WHO COULD HAVE GUESSED THE VASE HAD BELONGED TO MY GRANDMOTHER ?

