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Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

ADVENTURE II.—THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE.

By A. CONAN DOYLE.

IHAD called upon my friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, one day in the autumn of last year, and found him in deep conversation with a very stout, florid-faced, elderly gentleman, with fiery red hair. With an apology for my intrusion, I was about to withdraw, when Holmes pulled me abruptly into the room, and closed the door behind me.

"You could not possibly have come at a better time, my dear Watson," he said cordially.

"I was afraid that you were engaged."

"So I am. Very much so."

"Then I can wait in the next room."

"Not at all. This gentleman, Mr. Wilson, has been my partner and helper in many of my most successful cases, and I have no doubt that he will be of the utmost use to me in yours also."

The stout gentleman half rose from his chair, and gave a bob of greeting, with a quick little questioning glance from his small, fat-encircled eyes.

"Try the settee," said Holmes, relapsing into his armchair, and putting his fingertips together, as was his custom when in judicial moods. "I know, my dear Watson, that you share my love of all that is bizarre and outside the conventions and humdrum routine of every-day life. You have shown your relish for it by the enthusiasm which has prompted you to chronicle, and, if you will excuse my saying so, somewhat to embellish so many of my own little adventures."

"Your cases have indeed been of the greatest interest to me," I observed.

"You will remember that I remarked the other day, just before we went into the very simple problem presented by Miss Mary Sutherland, that for strange effects and extraordinary combinations we must go to life itself, which is always far more daring than any effort of the imagination."

"A proposition which I took the liberty of doubting."

"You did, Doctor, but none the less you must come round to my view, for otherwise I shall keep on piling fact upon fact on you, until your reason breaks down under them and acknowledges me to be right. Now, Mr. Jabez Wilson here has been good enough to call upon me this morning, and to begin a narrative which promises to be one of the most singular which I have listened to for some time. You have heard me remark that the strangest and most unique things are very often connected not with



MR. JABEZ WILSON.

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"The Red-Freckled League"

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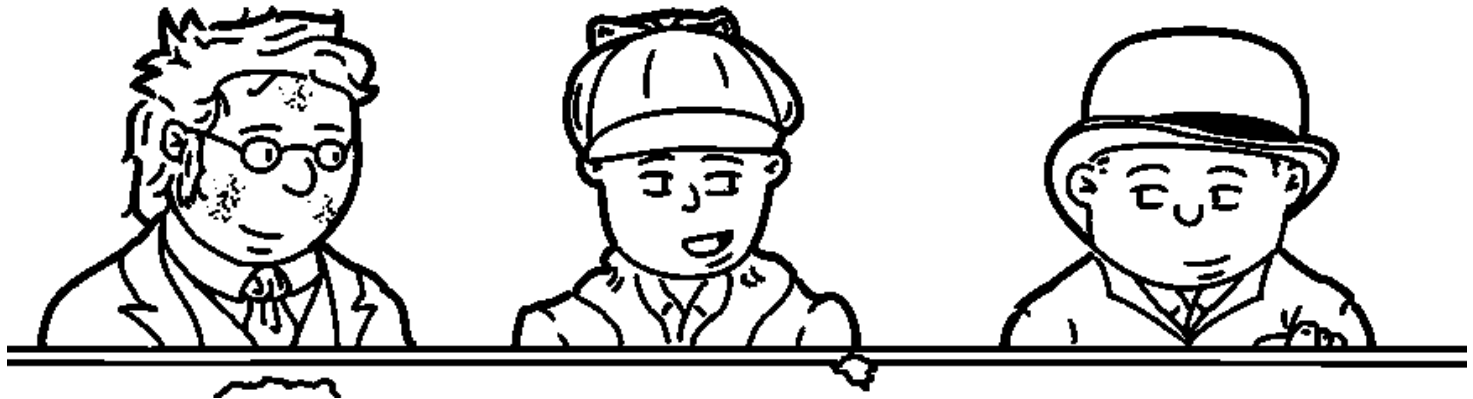
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Bound in the surelox style, apropos of the subject matter.

*HALLOA, WATSON... I AM GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US ON THIS FINE
AUTUMN AFTERNOON... I KNOW YOU SHARE MY LOVE OF ALL THAT IS
BIZARRE AND OUTSIDE THE HUNDRUM ROUTINE OF EVERYDAY LIFE.*



**JUST BEING YOUR FRIEND GUARANTEES
EXPERIENCING ALL THAT IS BIZARRE.**



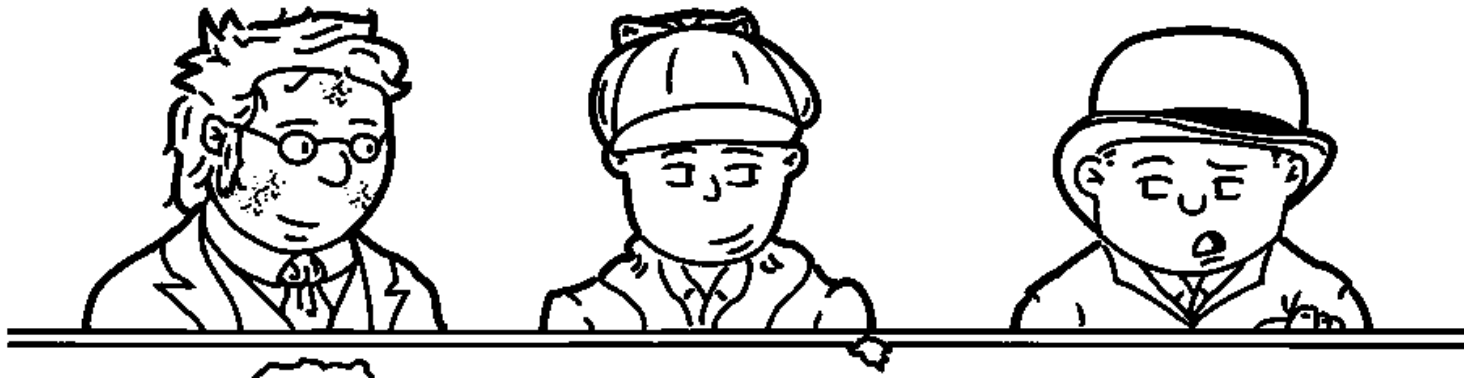


TRUE, BUT AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE,
LIFE ITSELF IS MORE DARING THAN
ANY EFFORT OF THE IMAGINATION.

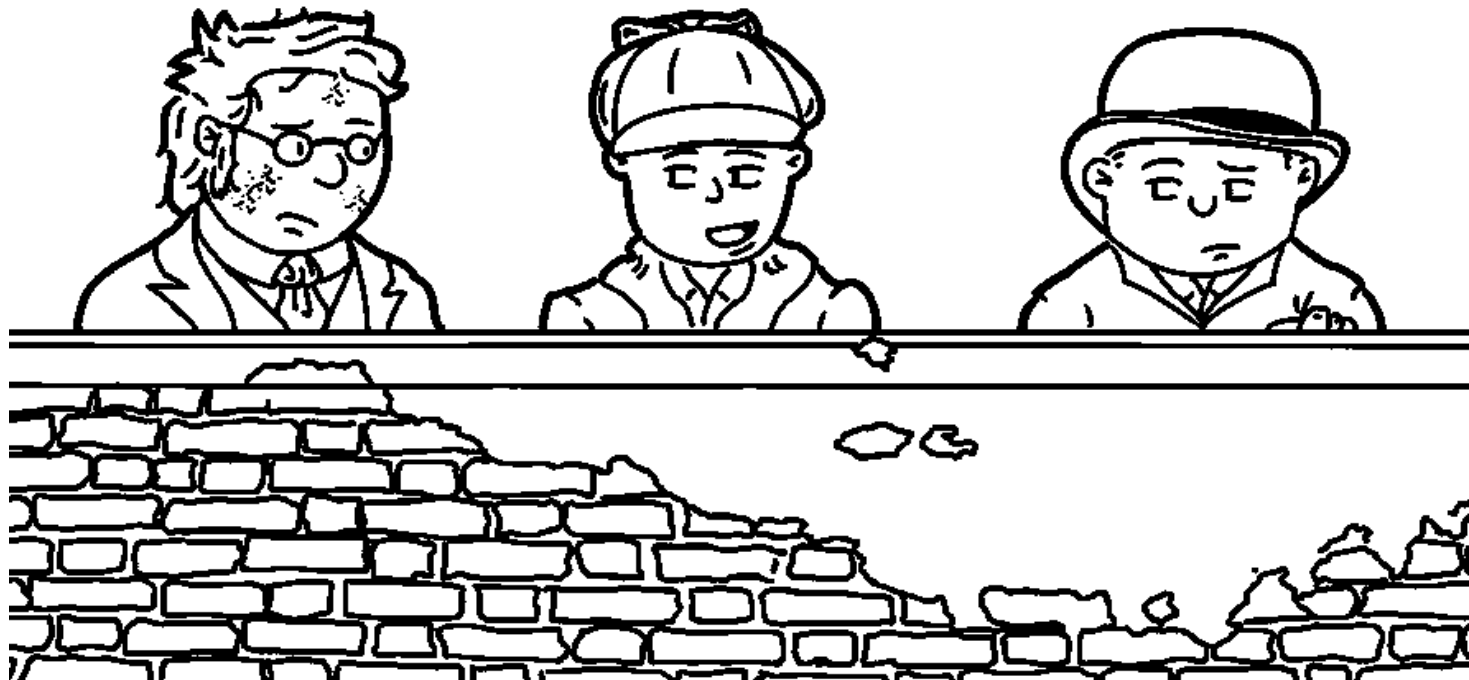
MASTER JABEZ WILSON HAS PRESENTED
ME WITH A VERY SINGULAR NARRATIVE...
I DO NOT KNOW IF A CRIME HAS BEEN
COMMITTED, BUT THE COURSE OF
EVENTS ARE ONE FOR THE AGES.



*WE'RE IN GRADE SCHOOL... LITTLE EARLY TO BE PREDICTING
THAT FAR OUT... MY GOODNESS... YOUR FACE LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE SNEEZED RED PEPPER ON YOU.*

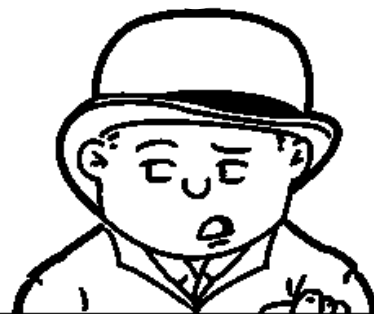


WATSON, YOU MAY NOTICE JABEZ, THOUGH VERY YOUNG, HAS BEEN PUT TO WORK IN CONSTRUCTION, AND HAS JOINED THE BAND OF HOPE, A TEMPERANCE SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN.



*HOW IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT IS GOOD
WOULD YOU KNOW THOSE THINGS?*

PLEASE DON'T ASK.



QUITE SIMPLE... YOUR RIGHT HAND HAS THE ALMOST-HEALED
CALLUSES FROM HOLDING A HAMMER, WHILE YOUR LEFT
THUMB SHOWS MANY SCARS FROM BEING HIT BY A HAMMER...
UNDER YOUR COAT, YOU HAVE THE MEDALLION OF HOPE.



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YOU ARE CORRECT... HOWEVER, THE SOCIETY IS A
PREVENTIVE SORT OF THING, AS THERE IS A
HISTORY OF ALCOHOLISM IN MY FAMILY.

ALCOHOLISM? YOU'RE STILL A KID!



PERHAPS WILSON, YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO REPEAT WHAT
YOU HAVE RELATED TO ME FOR THE BENEFIT OF WATSON.

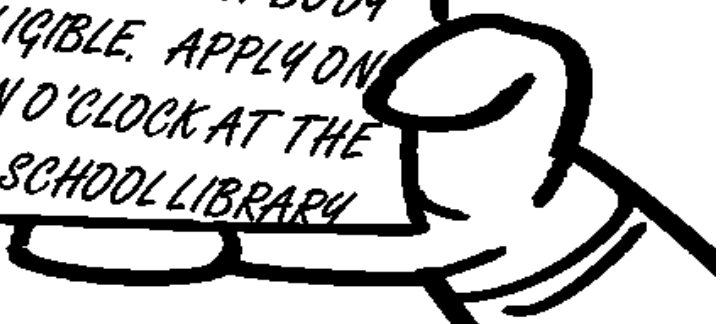


MASTER WATSON, MY ROOMMATE GAVE THIS
ADVERTISEMENT... YOU CAN READ IT FOR YOURSELF.

TO THE RED-FRECKLED LEAGUE:

ON ACCOUNT OF THE MATRICULATION OF
EZEKIAH HOPKINS, THERE IS A VACANCY
WHICH ENTITLES A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE
TO A SALARY OF 4 FOUR BUTTONS PER
WEEK FOR PURELY NOMINAL SERVICES.

ALL RED-FRECKLED BOYS, SOUND IN BODY
AND MIND, ARE ELIGIBLE. APPLY ON
MONDAY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK AT THE
HOBBS SCHOOL LIBRARY

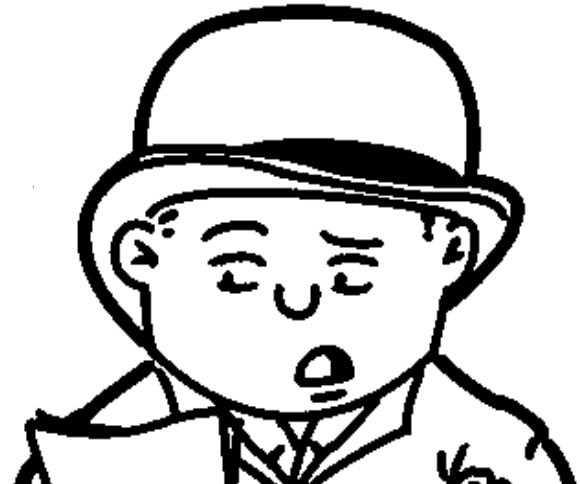


4 BUTTONS? THAT WOULD MAKE YOU RICH ON THE PLAYGROUND
IN QUICK ORDER... WHAT ON EARTH DOES THIS MEAN?

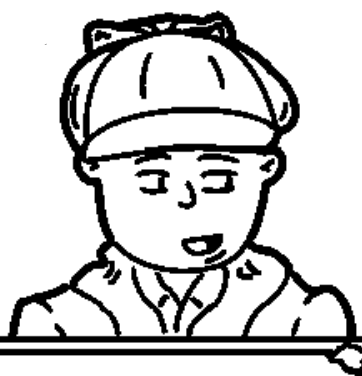
MAKE A NOTE, WATSON, OF THE
PAPER AND THE DATE.



*'THE HOUNDSTOOTH', OUR SCHOOL PAPER FOR APRIL 27...
JUST TWO MONTHS AGO... WAIT, IT'S AUTUMN... TWO
MONTHS AGO WOULD HAVE BEEN SUMMERTIME, NOT APRIL.*



DON'T CONFUSE A GOOD STORY WITH PETTY DETAILS... MOVE ON.



AS I HAVE BEEN TELLING SHERLOCK, I AM A THIRD YEAR STUDENT HERE... MY FAMILY IS NOT WEALTHY, SO THE COSTS OF MY EDUCATION ARE BURDENSOME ON MY PARENTS.



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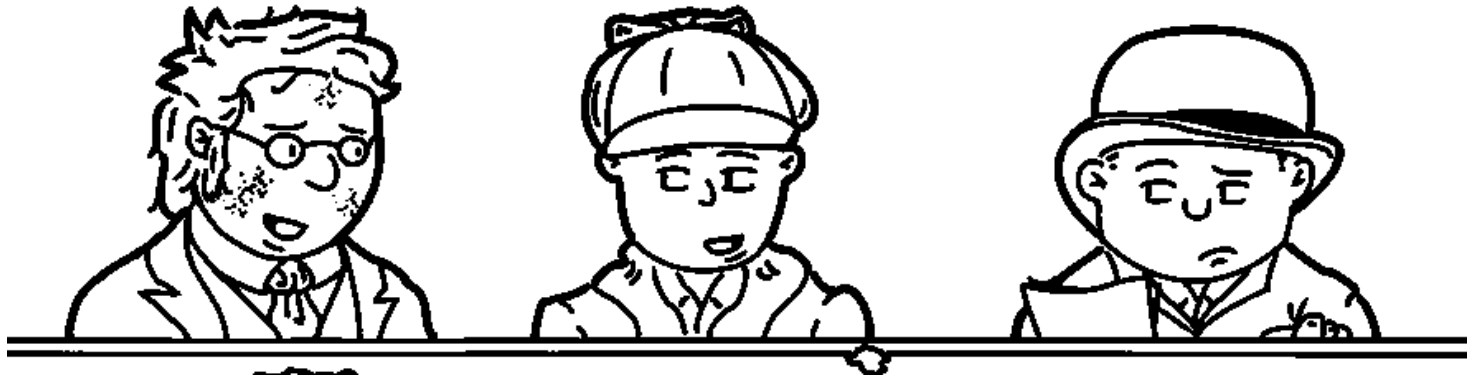
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THIS SEMESTER... A NICE CHAP, AND WILLING TO PICK UP
EVEN MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF EXPENSES.



THE NAME OF THIS OBLIGING YOUTH.



HIS NAME IS VINCENT SPAULDING,
SEVERAL YEARS OLDER THAN US.

IT DOES SEEM STRANGE.



*WHY HE IS WILLING TO BUNK WITH A PLEEB,
AS HE APPEARS TO COME FROM MONEY WITH
HIS SPENDING HABITS, IS BEYOND ME.*

*WHY INDEED? YOU SEEMED TO HAVE FOUND A
GENEROUS BENEFACTOR... HE SEEMS AS
REMARKABLE AS YOUR ADVERTISEMENT.*





AND A VERY PRIVATE PERSON.
HE HAS REQUESTED I LEAVE
THE ROOM FOR AT LEAST 1
HOUR PER EVENING, SO HE MAY
STUDY IN SOLITUDE.

LAST WEEK HE HANDED ME THIS
ADVERTISEMENT, STATING HE
WISHED HE HAD FRECKLES SO HE
COULD APPLY... SPAULDING INDICATED
THE WORK IS SLIGHT, AND WOULD
NOT INTERFERE WITH MY STUDIES.



THE LEAGUE WAS FORMED BY AN AMERICAN, EZEKIAH HOPKINS,
THE SON OF A VERY WEALTHY ENTREPRENEUR... HE HAD A GREAT
SYMPATHY FOR ALL RED-FRECKLED CHILDREN... HE LEFT HIS MONEY
TO ASSIST THOSE AFFLICTED WITH THESE CONFOUNDED SPOTS.



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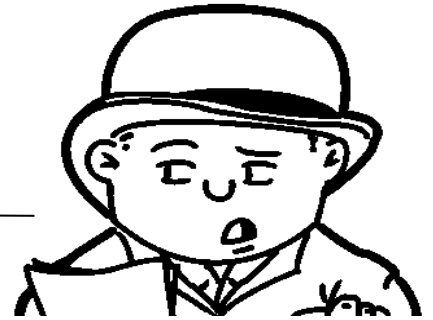
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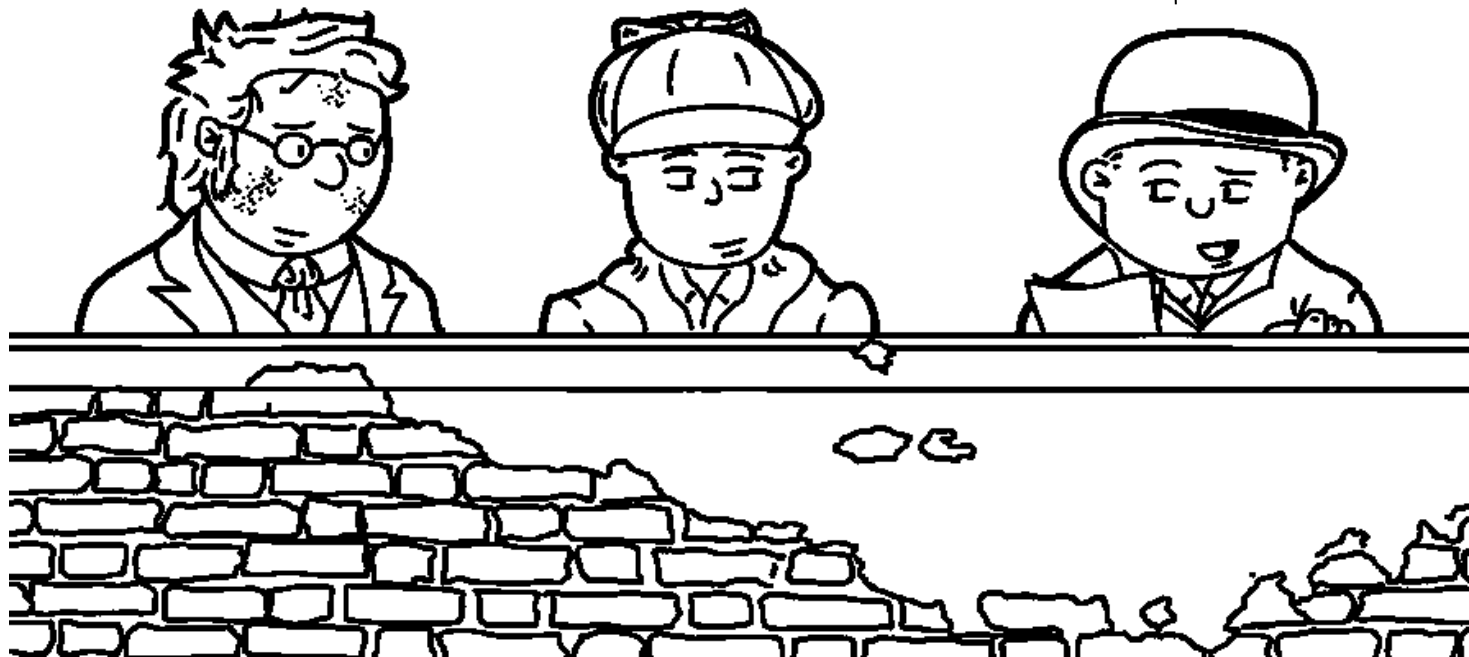
ALL LETTERS TO CITY.

BUT THERE WOULD MILLIONS
OF FRECKLED CHILDREN WHO
WOULD APPLY.



THE FUNDS ARE ONLY FOR LONDONERS
UNDER THE AGE OF CONSENT, AND
YOU CAN'T HAVE JUST A FEW
FRECKLES... YOU HAVE TO BE COVERED
HEAD TO TOE, AS I AM.

HAVE YOU EVER WORRIED THEY WILL JUST
TURN INTO ONE LARGE FRECKLE SOMEDAY?





SO, AT 11:00 ON MONDAY, WE
PROCEEDED TO THE LIBRARY... EVERY
FRECKLED CHILD IN THIS SCHOOL
WAS THERE... THE HALLWAY WAS
CHOKED WITH SPOTS.

I WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP IN
DESPAIR, BUT SPAULDING
WOULD NOT HEAR OF IT.





HE PUSHED, AND PULLED, AND
BUTTED, UNTIL WE THREADED
THROUGH THE CROWD INTO A
SMALL MEETING ROOM.

THERE WAS AN OLDER
ADOLESCENT WITH AS
MANY FRECKLES AS MINE,
WHO WAS REJECTING
STUDENTS RIGHT AND LEFT.



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HOWEVER, WHEN OUR TURN CAME, HE LOOKED MOST FAVOURABLY AT ME... THEN HE RUSHED ME WITHOUT WARNING AND STARTED RUBBING MY FACE HARSHLY WITH HIS FINGERS.





"CAN'T BE TOO CAUTIOUS...
LOTS OF FRAUDS HAVE BEEN
THROUGH THAT DOOR," HE
STATED. "PAINTS, LIPSTICK,
AND CRAYONS JUST FOR A
FEW BUTTONS.

HE PROCEEDED TO THE WINDOW
AND SHOUTED THE VACANCY
WAS FILLED... ALL THE
STUDENTS TROOPED AWAY IN
DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS,
EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED.



HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS DUNCAN ROSS, ONE OF
THE BENEFICIARIES OF MR. HOPKINS... HE THEN ASKED
IF I PLANNED TO HAVE CHILDREN OF MY OWN?





I CAN'T EVEN SHAVE YET, MUCH
LESS THINK ABOUT HAVING
OFFSPRING... FORTUNATELY, HE WAS
SO IMPRESSED WITH MY FRECKLES,
HE WAS WILLING TO STRETCH A
POINT IN MY FAVOUR.

HE THEN VIGOUROUSLY SHOOK
MY HAND, EXCLAIMING I WAS
THE NEWEST MEMBER, AND
WHEN COULD I ENTER UPON
MY NEW DUTIES.





FOR 4 BUTTONS A WEEK, I
WAS TO REPORT TO THIS
SAME MEETING ROOM IN
THE LIBRARY EACH DAY,
FOR AS HE EXPLAINED,
PURELY NOMINAL WORK.

I WAS REQUIRED TO STAY IN
THE ROOM FROM 4:00 TO
6:00 EACH DAY... IF I LEFT
FOR ANY REASON, I WOULD
FORFEIT THE WHOLE
POSITION AND PAY FOREVER.





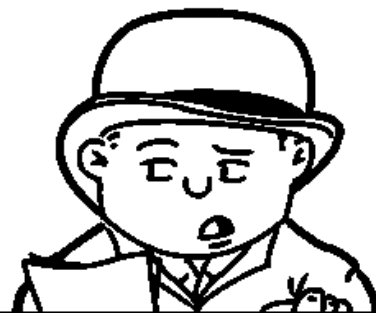
"Light-houses, my boy! Beacons of the future! Capsules with hundreds of bright little seeds in each, out of which will spring the wiser, better England of the future." (Sherlock Holmes, "The Naval Treaty")

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NOW FOR THE WEIRD PART...

I ASSUMED WE HAD ALREADY
REACHED THE WEIRD PART.



I WAS TOLD TO COPY THE BASICS OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR, WORD FOR WORD, UNIL I WAS COMPLETE... I HAD TO PROVIDE PAPER, PENS, AND INK... WORK WAS TO BEGIN THE NEXT AFTERNOON.





BY THAT EVENING, I HAD CONVINCED MYSELF THE WHOLE THING MUST BE A GREAT HOAX OR FRAUD. SPAULDING DID WHAT HE COULD TO CHEER ME UP.

IN THE MORNING, I DECIDED I SHOULD AT LEAST SHOW UP TO SHARE IN THE JOKE, SO I PURCHASED THE SUPPLIES (WHICH LEFT ME PENNILESS) AND STARTED OFF TO THE LIBRARY.





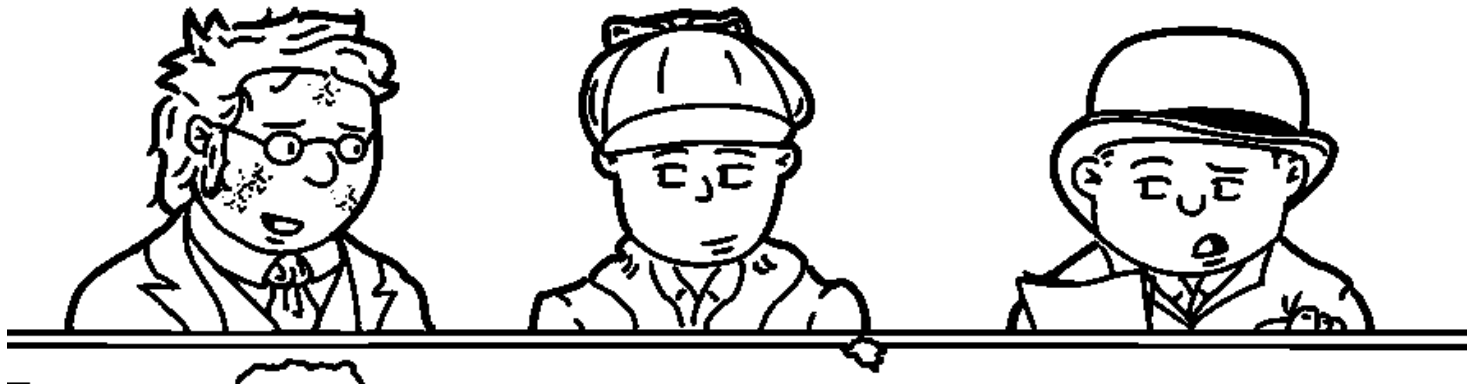
TO MY SURPRISE AND DELIGHT,
MASTER ROSS WAS THERE AND
HANDED ME THE GRAMMAR BOOK
AND THEN LEFT... AT SIX O'CLOCK,
HE BADE ME GOOD DAY.

ON SATURDAY, I WAS GIVEN 4 SHINY
BUTTONS FOR MY WEEK'S WORK... THIS
WENT ON FOR 8 WEEKS... MY FINGERS
WERE STIFF, BUT MY GRAMMAR SCORES
IMPROVED... WHEN I TIRED OF COPYING,
I WOULD REVERT TO MY FAVOURITE
PASTTIME... CONNECT THE DOTS.



I CONSIDER THAT TO BE A GREAT GAME.

*AND THEN SUDDENLY, THE WHOLE
BUSINESS CAME TO AN END.*



THIS MORNING I WENT TO THE USUAL ROOM...
THE DOOR WAS SHUT AND LOCKED... THERE WAS A
PIECE OF CARD-BOARD ATTACHED TO THE DOOR.





THE SERPENTINE MUSE

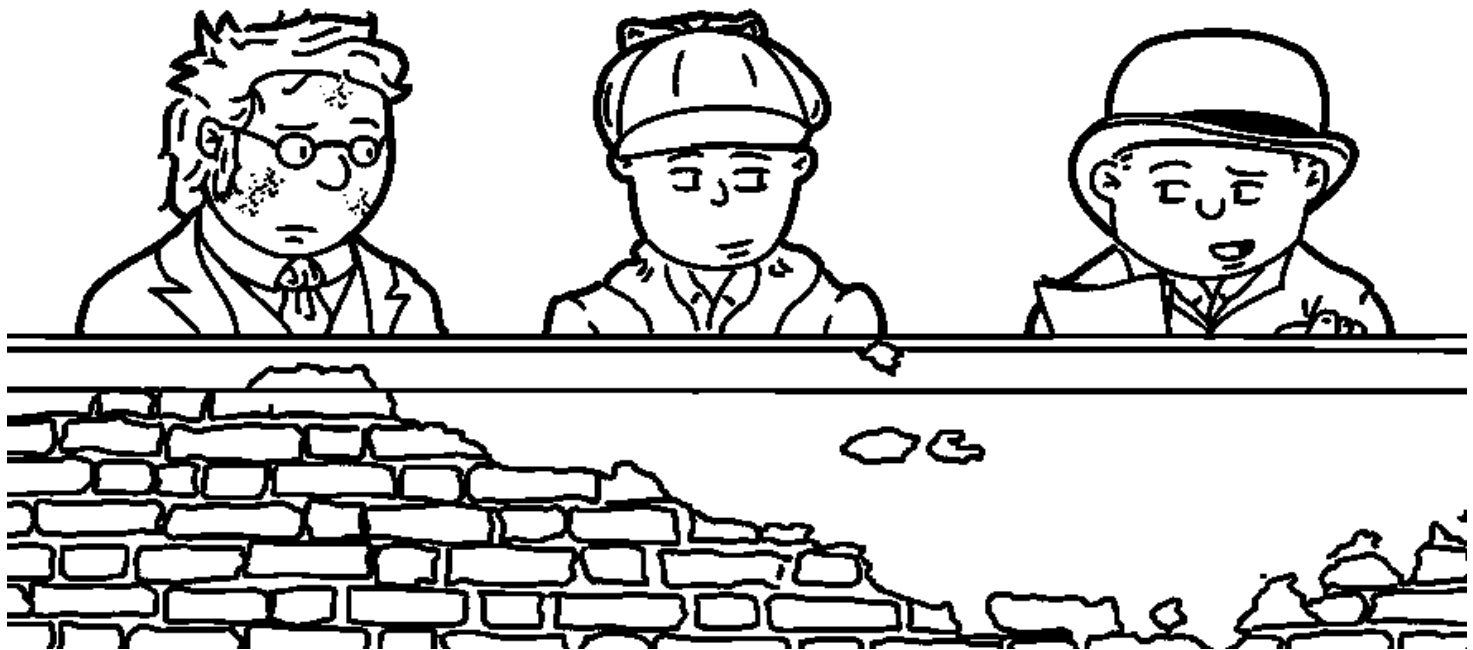
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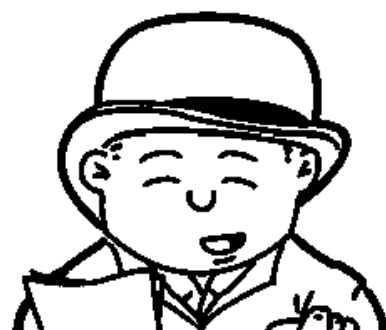
THE RED - FRECKLED
LEAGUE IS
DISSOLVED

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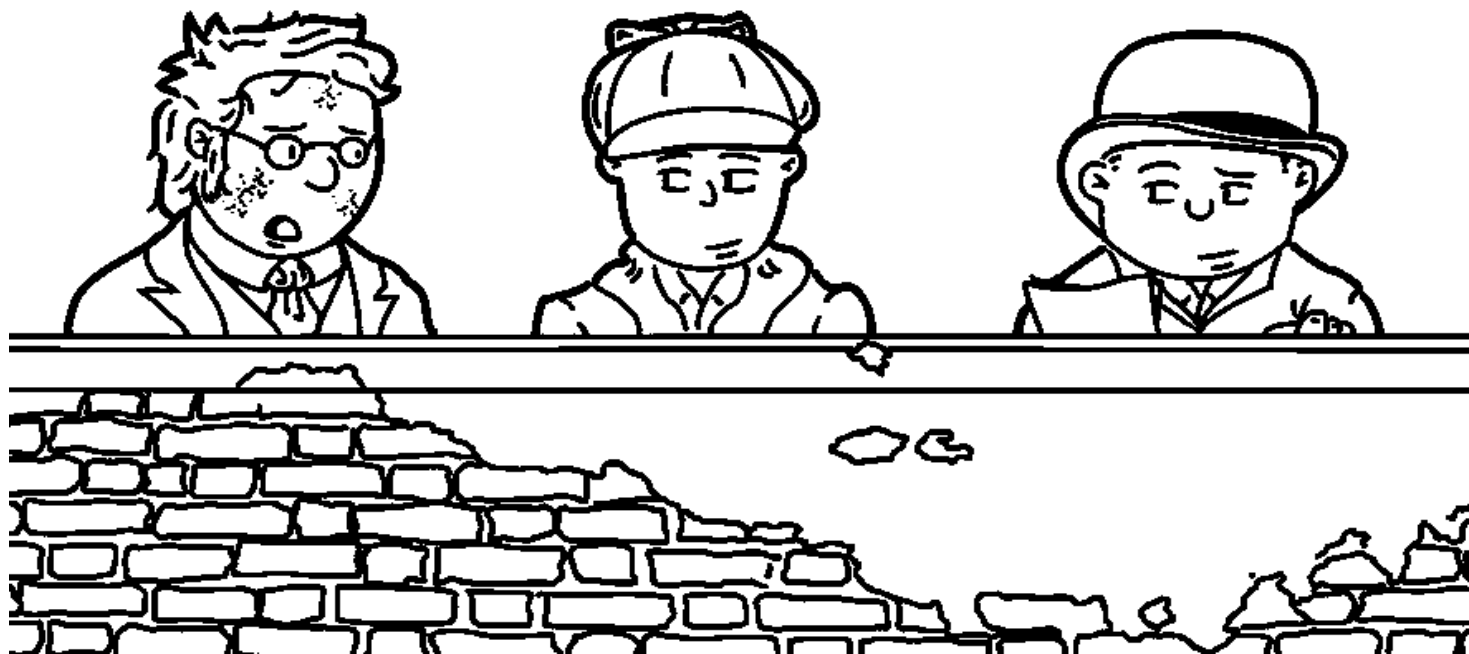
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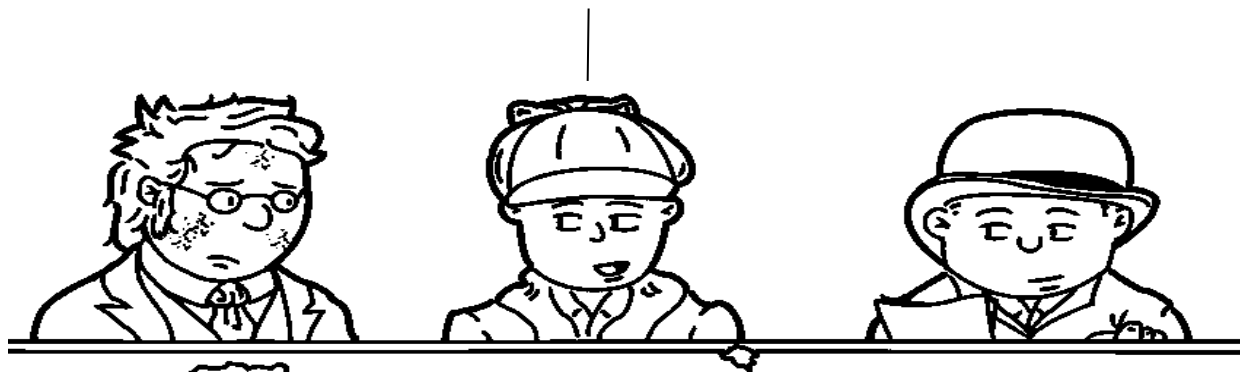
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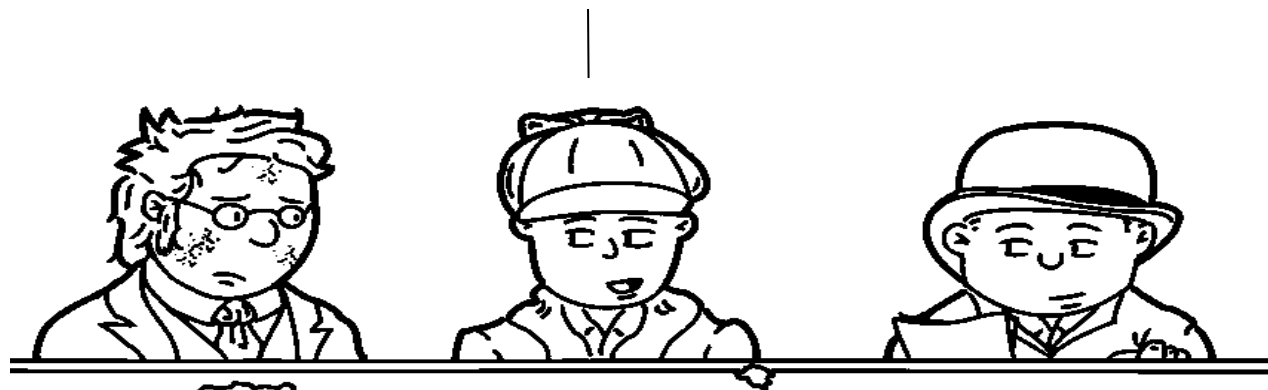
WHAT IS SO FUNNY? IF YOU CAN DO NOTHING
BETTER THAN LAUGH AT ME, I CAN GO ELSEWHERE.



NO, DON'T LEAVE... I APOLOGIZE FOR THE OUTBURST... BUT YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THE WHOLE THING IS VERY UNUSUAL.



I WOULD NOT MISS THE CASE FOR WORLD... SO, WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER YOU FOUND THE CARD ON THE DOOR ?



I ASKED EVERYONE AT THE LIBRARY... THEY HAD NO
IDEA WHO I WAS TALKING ABOUT... EVEN THE LITTLE
OL' LIBRARIAN THOUGHT I WAS PULLING HER LEG.



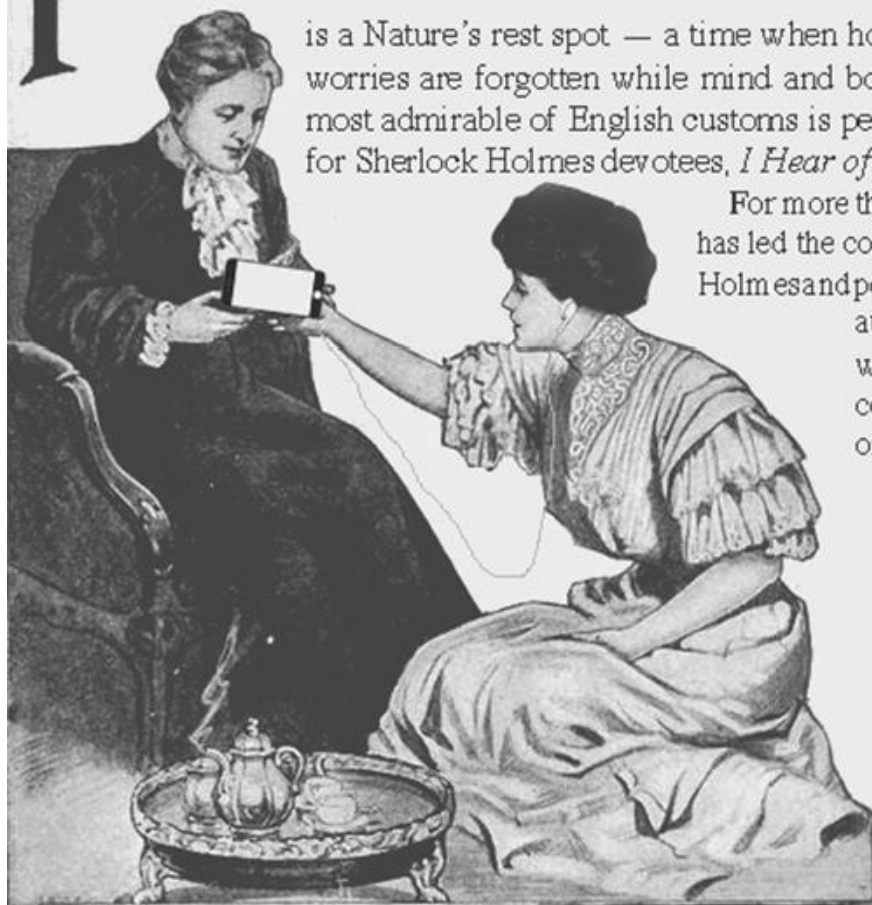
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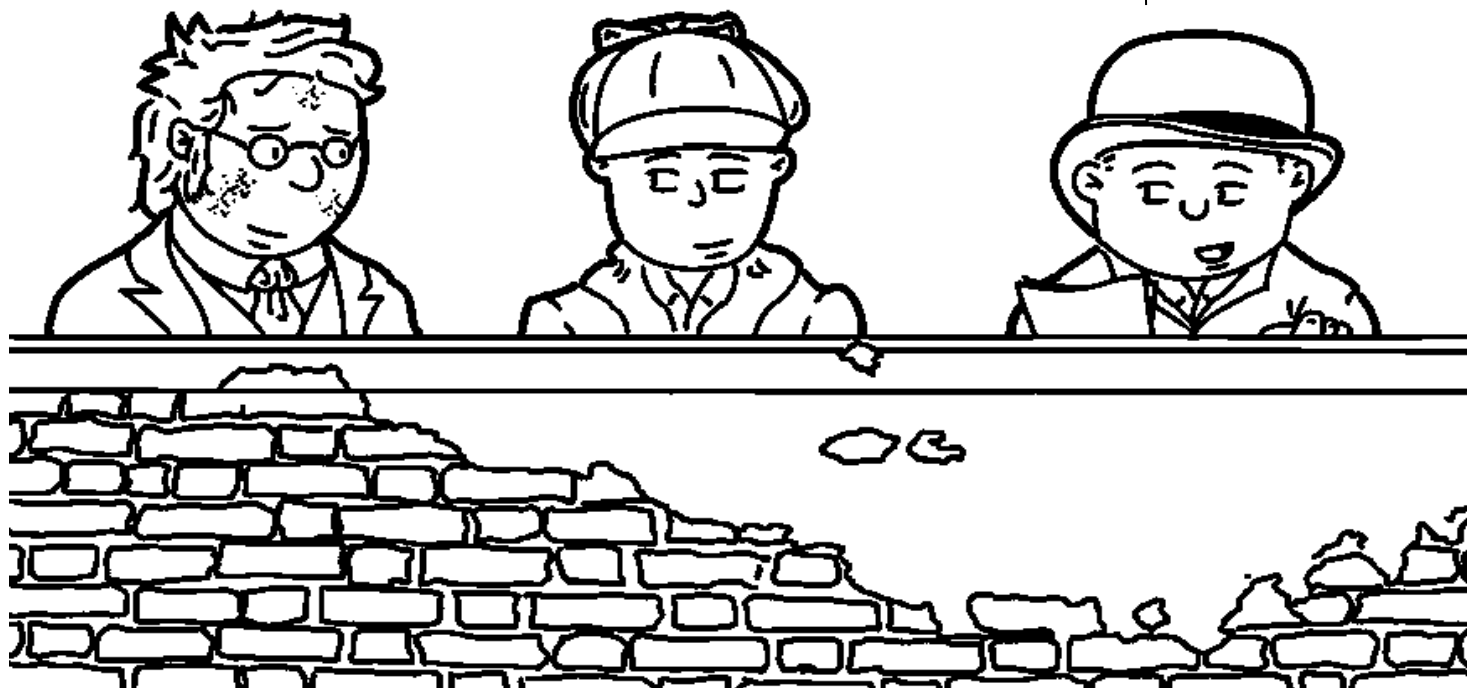
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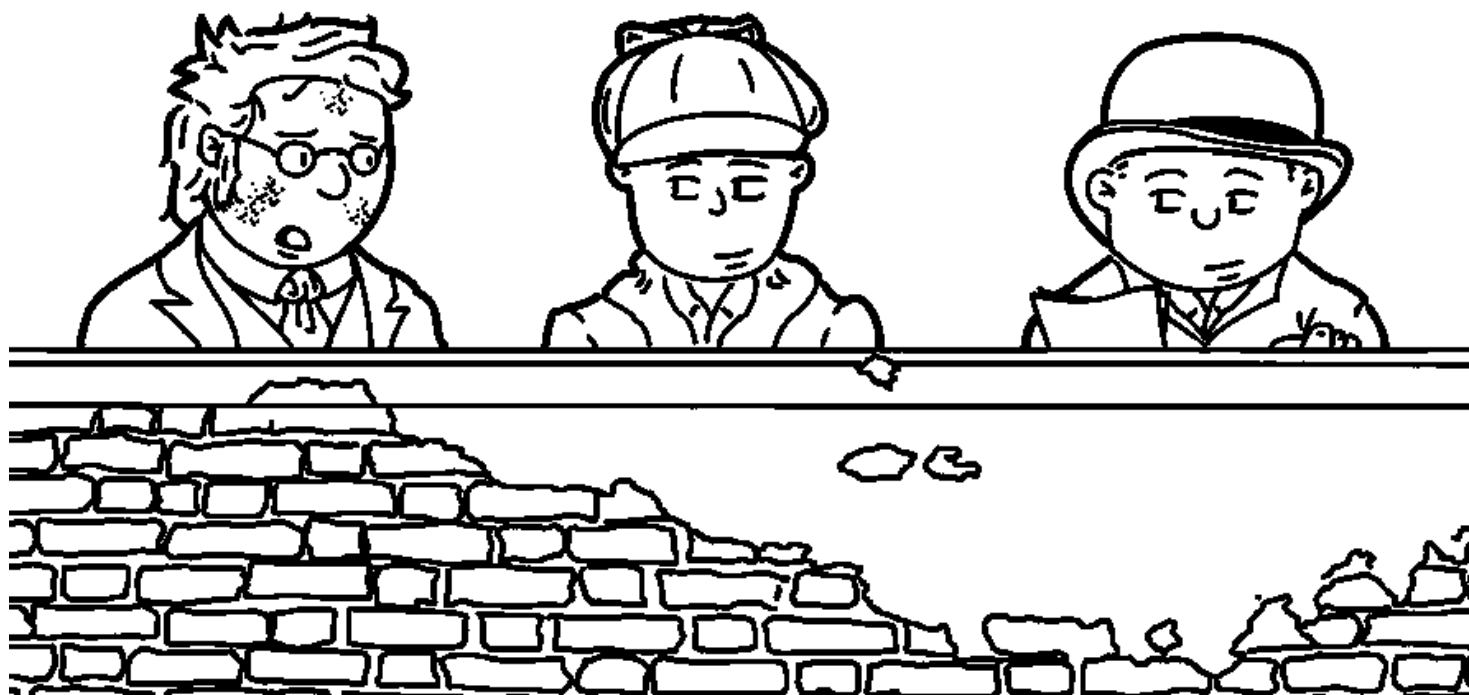
I DID NOT WISH TO LOSE AN INCOME WITHOUT A STRUGGLE... I HAD HEARD YOU GAVE ADVICE TO POOR FOLK WHO WERE IN NEED, SO I CAME RIGHT TO YOU.



WELL-SPOTTED.



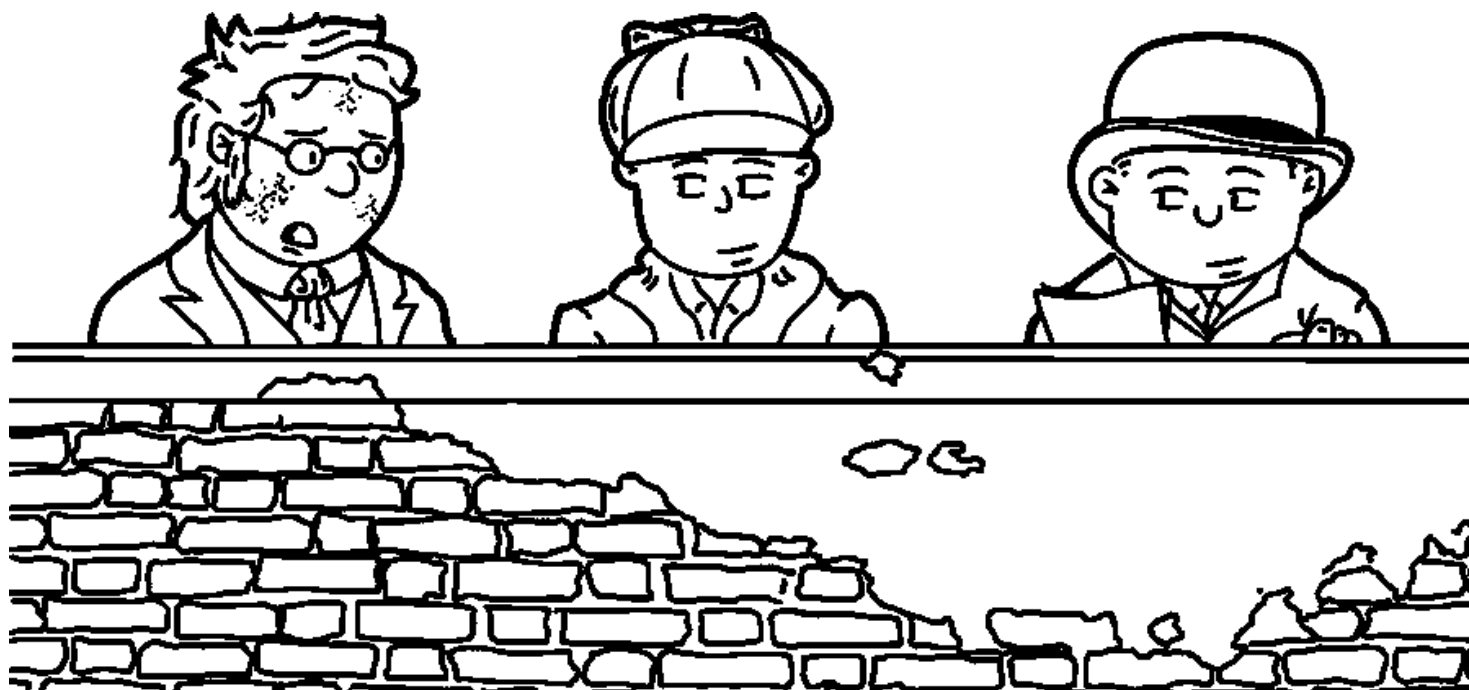
FRECKLE PUNS ARE NOT VERY NICE.



**YOU DID WISELY... YOUR CASE IS EXCEEDINGLY
REMARKABLE... I THINK GRAVER ISSUES MAY HANG FROM IT.**



IT IS GRAVE ENOUGH! I HAVE LOST 4 BUTTONS A WEEK.



*I AM NOT SURE YOU HAVE ANY GRIEVANCE AGAINST THIS
LEAGUE... YOU ARE SOME 30 BUTTONS RICHER, TO SAY
NOTHING OF YOUR IMPROVED GRAMMAR PROFICIENCY.*



YOU MAY BE CORRECT, BUT I WOULD STILL
LIKE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED?



HOW LONG HAS SPAULDING BEEN YOUR ROOMMATE?

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keep up with all the
current events in the
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DID YOU HAVE ANY SAY IN YOUR CHOICE OF BUNK MATE?



NO, HE WAS SELECTED BY THE DORM MOTHER.

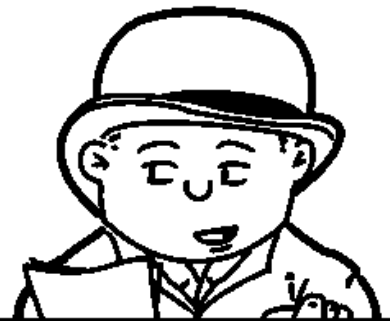
AND WHAT IS SPAULDING LIKE?

SMALL, STOUT-BUILT, HAS A SCAR ON HIS
FOREHEAD SHAPED LIKE A LIGHTNING BOLT.



A JAGGED LIGHTNING BOLT??

DROP IT... THAT'S STILL COVERED BY COPYRIGHT.



*BUT I COULD HAVE PREDICTED THE SCAR... BY ANY
CHANCE, IS ONE EAR PIERCED FOR AN EARRING?*

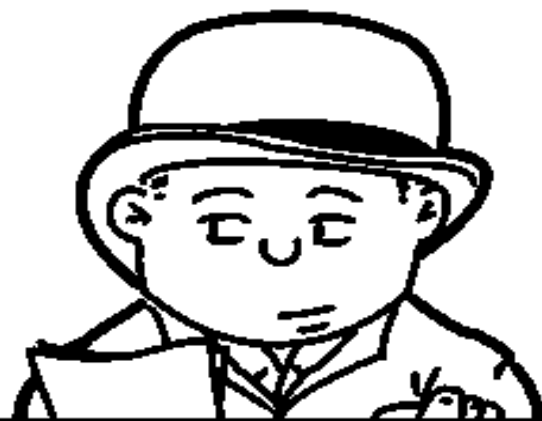
ARE YOU DAFT?



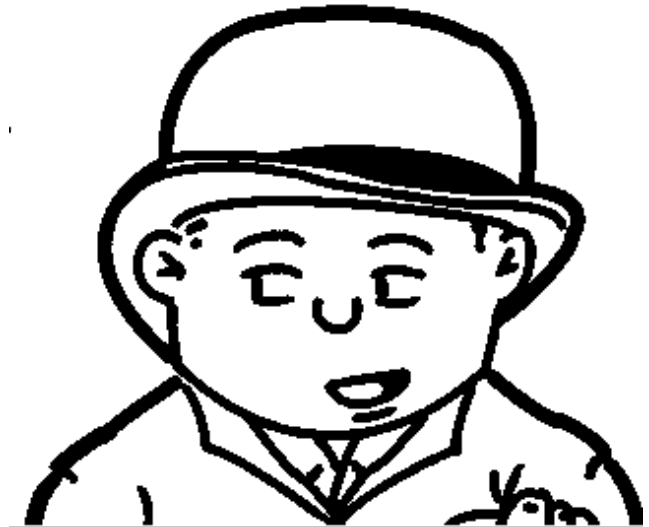
*JUST A GUESS... I SHALL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU AN
OPINION IN A DAY OR TWO... SINCE TODAY IS SATURDAY,
I HOPE BY MONDAY TO HAVE COME TO A CONCLUSION.*



WELL, WATSON, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT ALL?



I MAKE NOTHING OF IT... IT IS MOST MYSTERIOUS.



AS A RULE, THE MORE BIZARRE A THING IS, THE LESS
MYSTERIOUS IT PROVES TO BE... IT IS YOUR COMMONPLACE,
FEATURELESS CRIMES WHICH ARE PUZZLING.



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JACK AND THE
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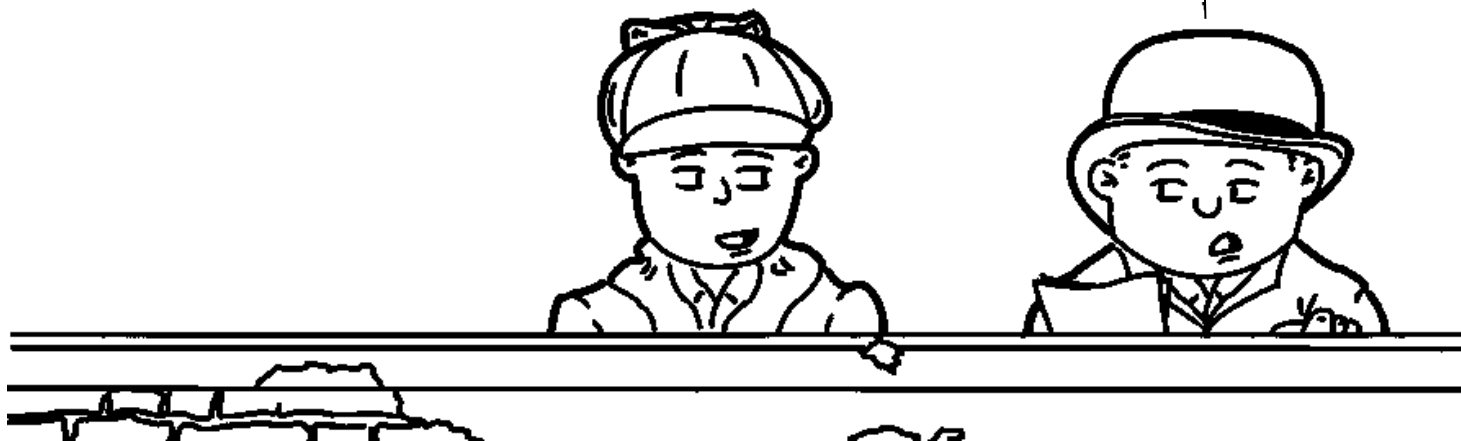
WHIMSICAL WALKER

Written & Adapted by ARTHUR STURGESS & ARTHUR COLLINS



YOU SHOULD WRITE THAT DOWN... IT'S CATCHY.

*I AM SURE I SHALL HEAR
IT AGAIN... HOW ARE YOU
GOING TO PROCEED?*

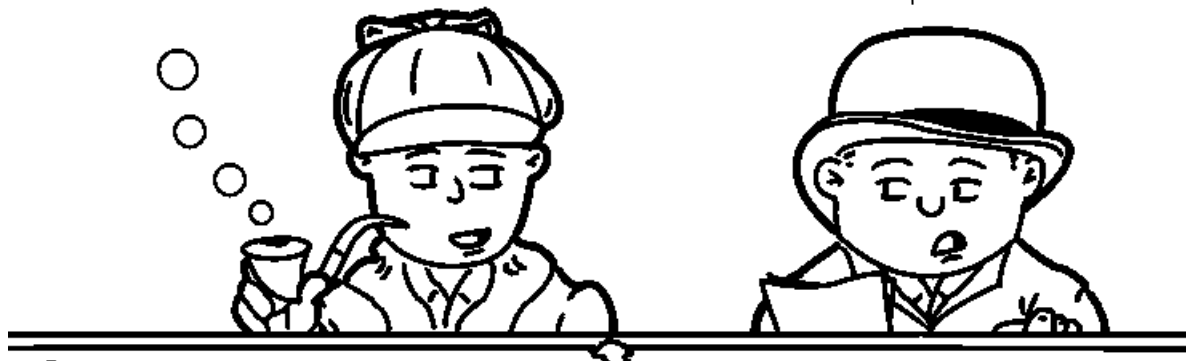


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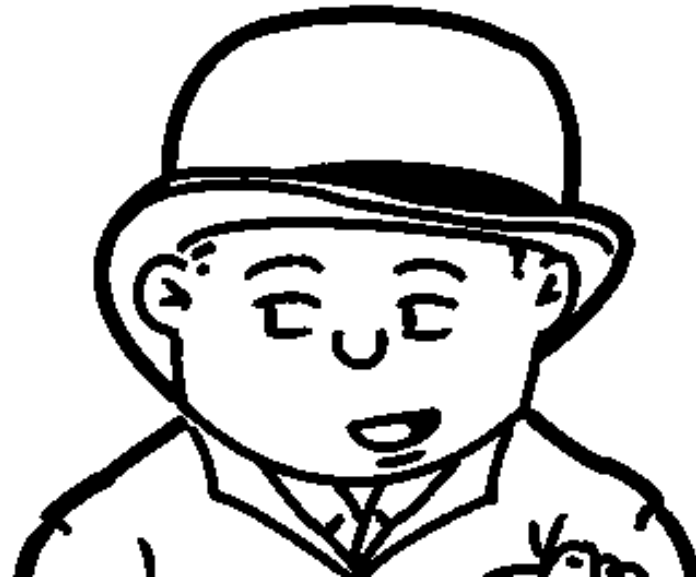


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SARASATE IN THE AUDITORIUM... WOULD YOU
LIKE TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE PERFORMANCE?

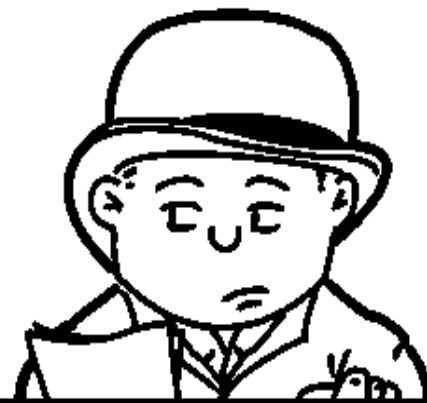
SURE...



*I HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO... I HAVE CAUGHT
UP ON MY STUDIES, AND I LOVE THE SOUND OF
CATS SCRATCHING ON A BLACKBOARD.*



WE WILL JOURNEY BY WILSON'S DORMITORY ON THE
WAY... I WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE A COUPLE OF THINGS.



Outside Wilson's Dorm Room...



AND WHY DID YOU TAP ON THE EXTERIOR WALLS AS WE
PROCEEDED BY THE VARIOUS DORMITORY ROOMS?



WALL THICKNESS CAN TELL YOU MUCH ABOUT A
BUILDING... OH, HELLO, MY GOOD FELLOW.

HALLOA TO YOU... HOW MAY I HELP YOU?



*I ONLY WISHED TO ASK HOW TO GET TO THE
ORCHESTRA AUDITORIUM FROM THIS POSITION.*



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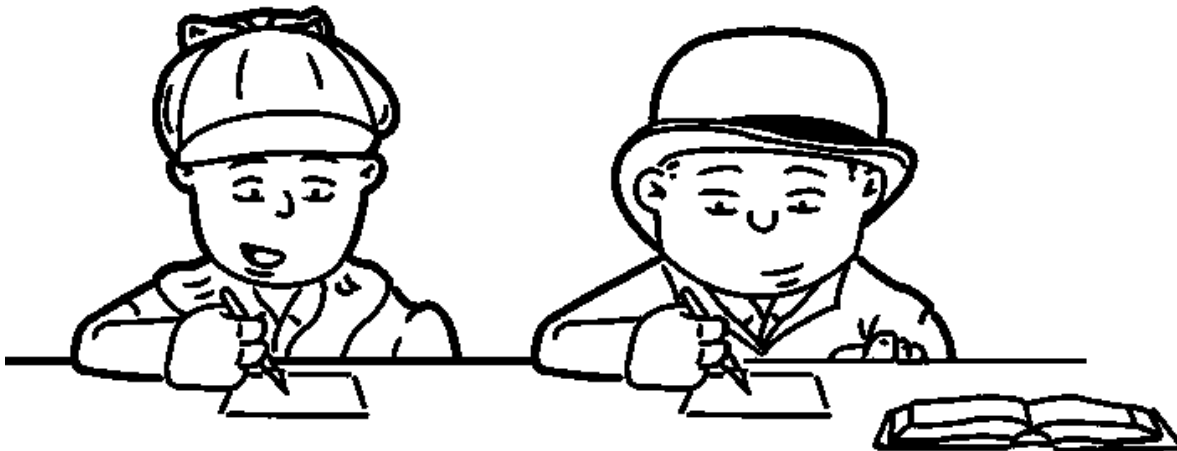
"Take ADOHR...
The Milky Way to Health"

WFF
TONIGHT AT
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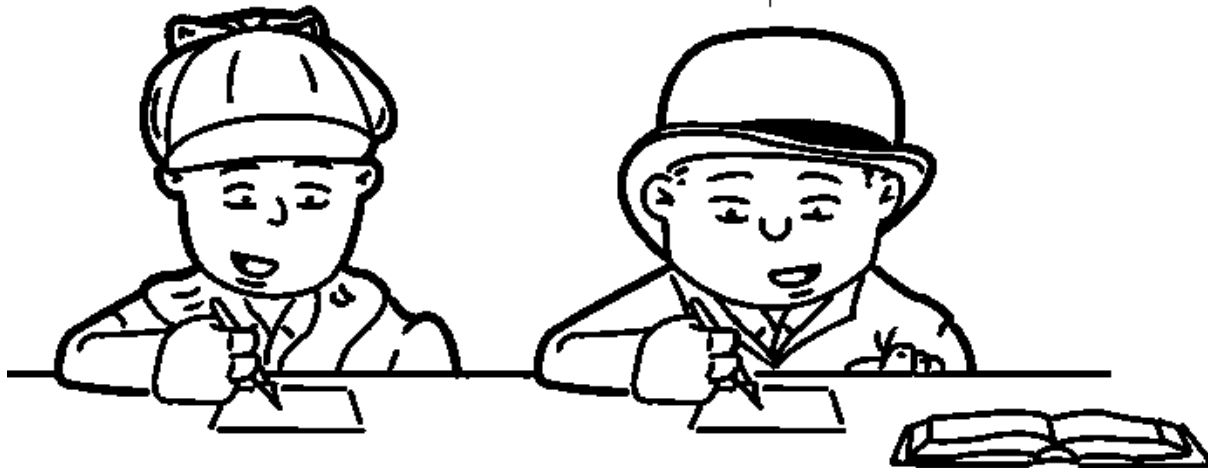
Back to home base...

*SMART FELLOW THAT... IN MY JUDGMENT, THE
FOURTH SMARTEST STUDENT IN THIS SCHOOL...
I HAVE KNOWN SOMETHING OF HIM BEFORE.*



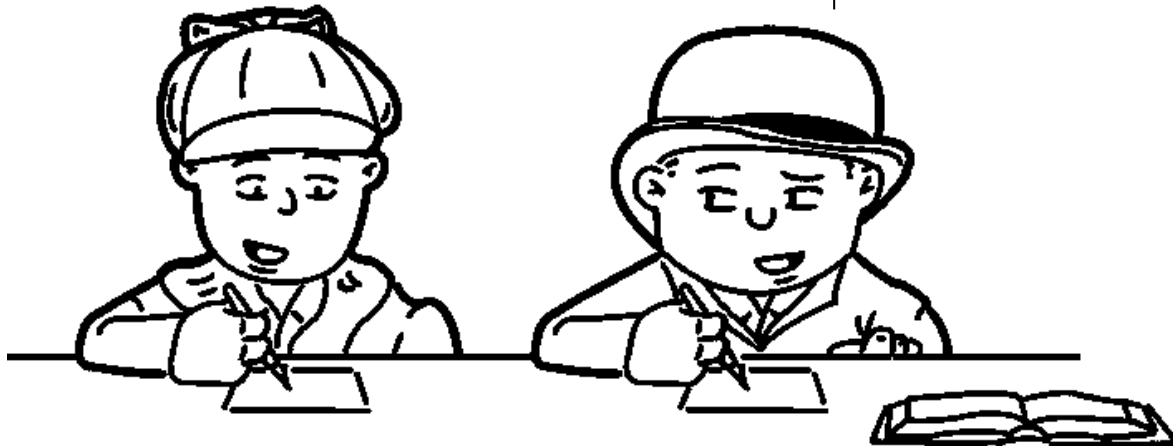
*I ASSUME YOU INQUIRED ON DIRECTIONS
MERELY IN ORDER TO SEE HIM.*

NOT HIM.



WHAT THEN?

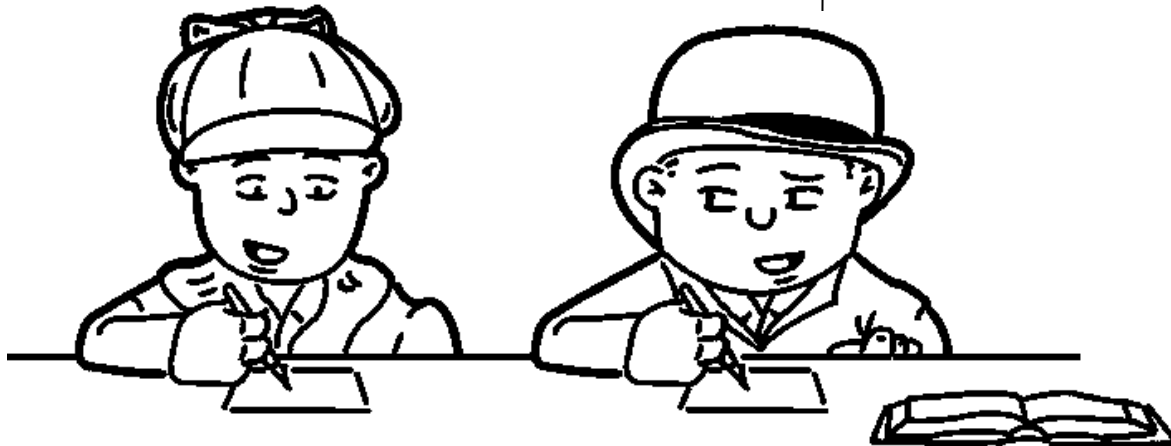
THE ELBOWS OF HIS BLOUSE.



WHAT DID YOU SEE?

WHAT I EXPECTED TO SEE.

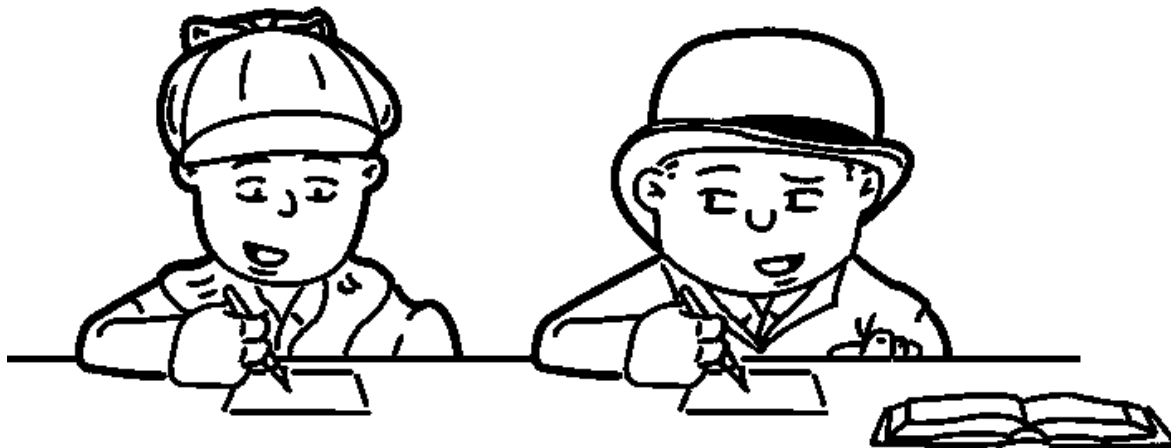
DO YOU WONDER WHY I
SHAKE MY HEAD SO OFTEN?



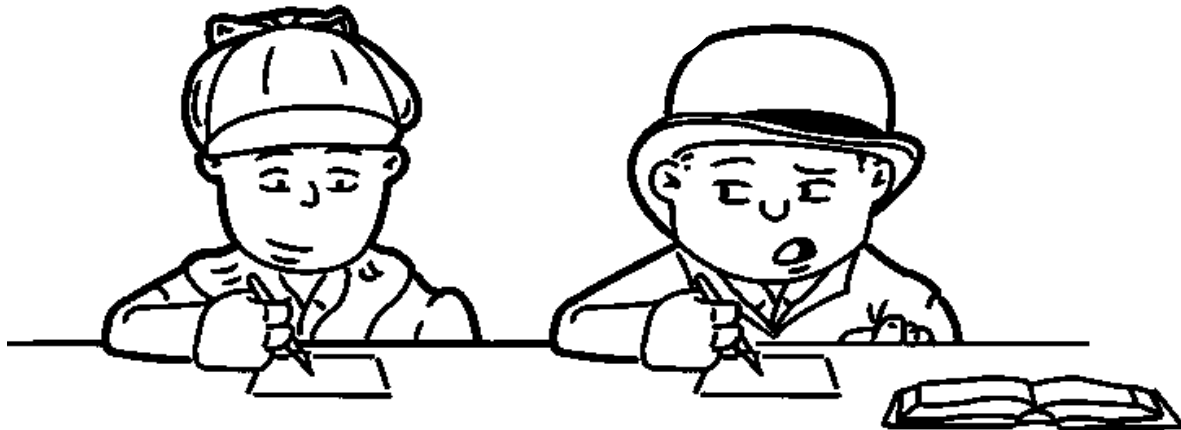
YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED THE MUSIC HALL IS ATTACHED TO WILSON'S DORMITORY... NOW, WE MUST HURRY IF WE ARE TO HEAR THE RECITAL.

WHY DIDN'T WE JUST STAY THERE, IF WE WERE GOING TO THE MUSIC HALL ANYWAY?

DRAMATIC PAUSE...

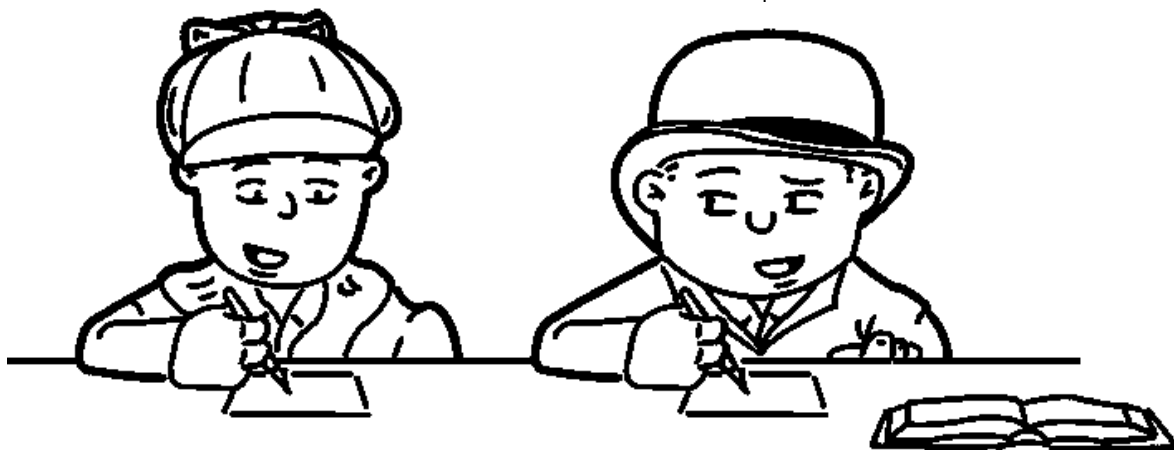


BUT WHAT OF THE CASE ITSELF? HAVE YOU GIVEN UP ON IT?



A CONSIDERABLE CRIME IS IN CONTEMPLATION... BUT
TODAY BEING SATURDAY RATHER COMPLICATES MATTERS... I
WILL NEED YOUR HELP LATER TONIGHT... I BELIEVE 10
O'CLOCK WILL BE SUFFICIENT... I WOULD RECOMMEND YOU
ARM YOURSELF AS A PRECAUTION, AS I WILL DO.

WHAT, A SLINGSHOT??



AH! OUR PARTY IS COMPLETE... WATSON, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW LESTRADE AND GREGSON, TWO OF OUR FINEST PERFECTS.

PREFECTS!!



AND THIS IS MASTER MERRYWEATHER,
WHO IS TO BE OUR COMPANION IN
TONIGHT'S ADVENTURE.



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ONCE AGAIN, OUR FRIEND HERE IS
STARTING A CHASE... AND HE ASKS
US TO THE RUNNING DOWN.



I HOPE A WILD GOOSE MAY NOT
PROVE TO BE THE END OF OUR CHASE.



I AM ALREADY MISSING MY WEEKLY RUFF
AND HONOURS MATCH.

I THINK YOU WILL FIND HINGER
STAKES TONIGHT AND THE PLAY
MORE EXCITING.



FOR THE STAKE WILL BE WORTH MORE BUTTONS
THAN ANY OF US WILL EVER SEE... AND FOR YOU
GREGSON, A NEMESIS WILL BE YOUR REWARD.



JOHN CLAY, A THIEF,
FORGER, AND SCALWAG.



*PRETTY IMPRESSIVE
FOR A YOUNGSTER!*

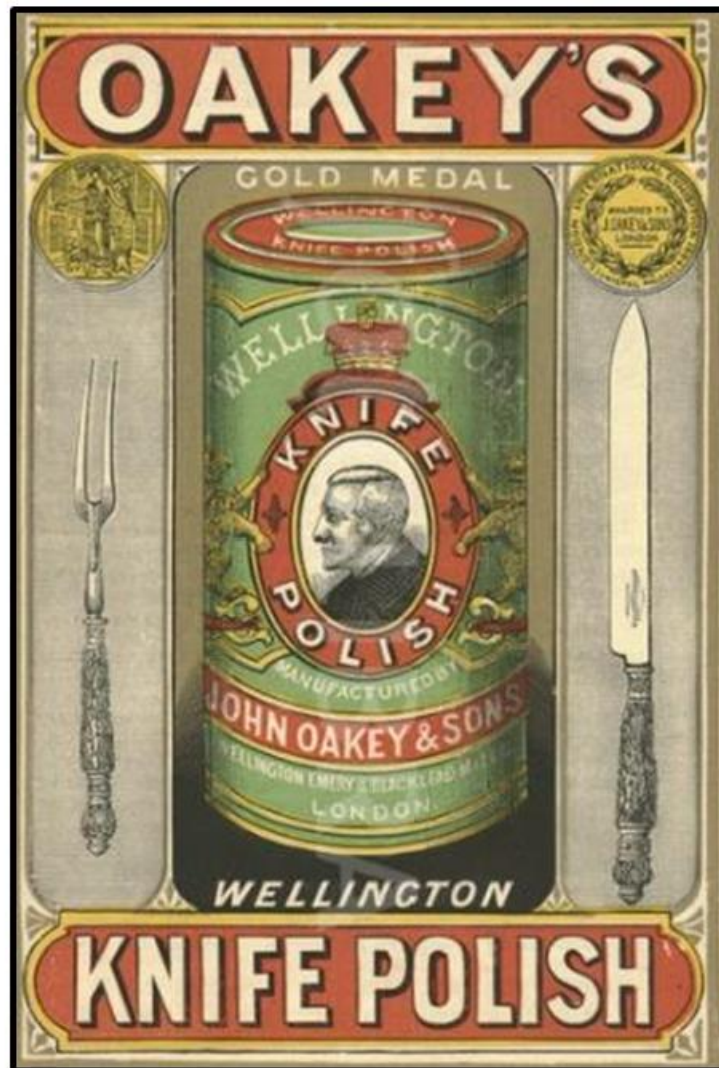


HE MAY LOOK YOUNG, BUT HE IS OF AGE TO
KNOW BETTER AND TO BE JUDGED FOR HIS
TRANSGRESSIONS.



I HOPE TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING
YOU TONIGHT... IF YOU WILL FOLLOW ME TO THE
EAST DORMITORY.





*MASTER MERRYWEATHER IS THE KEEPER OF THE
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL.*

*I THOUGHT IT AS WELL TO HAVE LESTRADE AND GREGSON
WITH US... NOT BAD FELLOWS, THOUGH ABSOLUTE
IMBECILES IN THE PROFESSION.*

WE'RE STANDING RIGHT HERE.



*BRAVE AS BULLDOG AND TENACIOUS
AS A LOBSTER.*

IS THAT A COMPLEMENT?

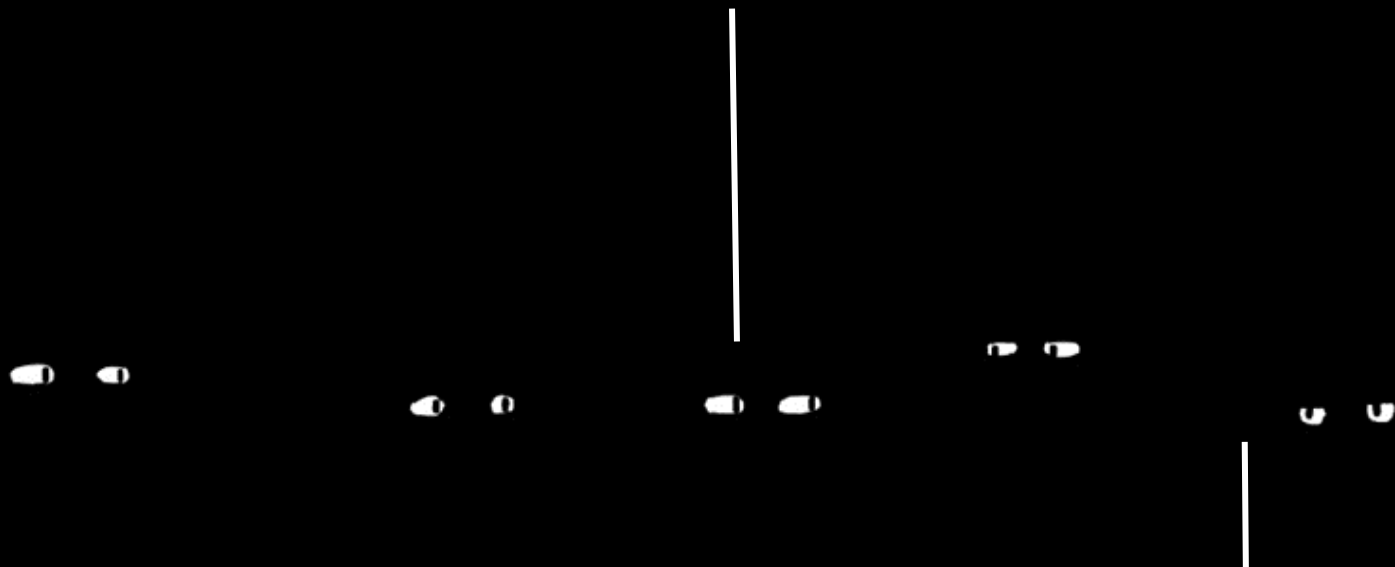
NOT SURE.

BEST THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET.

*I MUST REALLY ASK YOU TO BE A LITTLE MORE
QUIET! YOU HAVE ALREADY IMPERILLED THE
WHOLE SUCCESS OF OUR EXPEDITION.*

*I BELIEVE WE HAVE AT LEAST AN HOUR BEFORE
US, ONCE THEY KNOW ALL THE STUDENTS
HAVE SAFELY GONE TO BED.*

*WE ARE AT PRESENT, WATSON, AS YOU NO DOUBT HAVE
DIVINED, IN THE ORCHESTRA'S INSTRUMENT ROOM.*

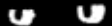
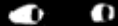
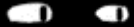


*IT'S PTICH BLACK... I CAN'T DIVINE MY FINGERS IN
FRONT OF MY FACE, MUCH LESS MY PRESENT POSITION.*

*MERRYWEATHER WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU THERE ARE REASONS WHY
THE MORE DARING CRIMINALS IN LONDON SCHOOLS SHOULD
TAKE A CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS ROOM AT PRESENT.*

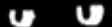
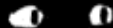


THE INSTRUMENTS.



SOME WELL-WORN, OUT-OF-TUNE STRINGED INSTRUMENTS?

*WE ARE HOSTING A SPECIAL CONCERT TOMORROW... THIS ROOM
CONTAINS A STRADIVARIUS VIOLIN AND VIOLA, AS WELL AS AN
AGASPARA VIOLIN... THE SHELF IN FRONT OF US IS PROBABLY
WORTH SEVERAL THOUSAND POUNDS AT THIS MOMENT.*





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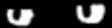
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THESE ARE DARING STUDENTS, AND THOUGH WE
SHALL TAKE THEM AT A DISADVANTAGE, THEY
MAY DO US HARM UNLESS WE ARE CAREFUL.

WHEN I FLASH A LIGHT UPON THEM, CLOSE IN
SWIFTLY... IF THEY THREATEN TO FIRE, WATSON,
HAVE NO COMPUNCTION OF FIRING FIRST.

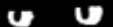
THEY HAVE BUT ONE RETREAT, WHICH IS BACK
THROUGH THE DORMITORY HALLWAY... I HOPE
YOU HAVE DONE WHAT I ASKED, GREGSON?



*YES, THERE ARE FOUR PERFECTS... SHOOT... PREFECTS... AT
THE HALL DOOR, AS WELL AS TWO OUTSIDE THE WINDOW.*

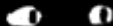


THAT'S TWO ESCAPE ROUTES.

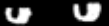


NOT THE TIME FOR MATHEMATICAL THEOREMS, WATSON.

*WE HAVE STOPPED ALL THE HOLES FROM WHICH THE
RATS MAY RUN... NOW WE MUST BE SILENT AND WAIT.*



I HAVE TO PEE...



I SHOULD RECONSIDER MY CAREER CHOICES.

SMASH

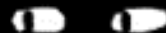
THUMP

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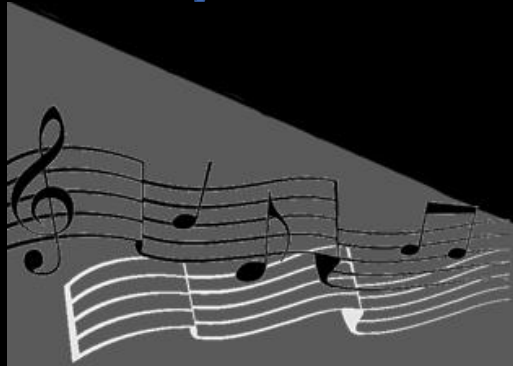
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CRUNCH

*IT'S ALL CLEAR... HAVE YOU THE
CHISEL AND BAGS?*



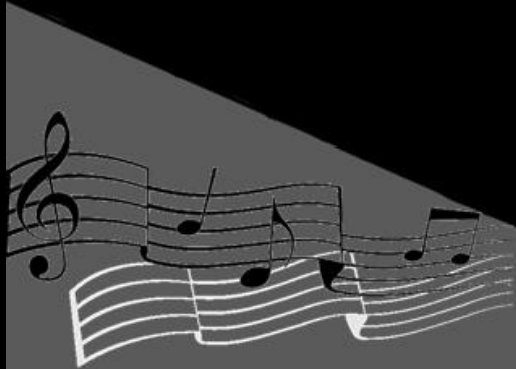
GREAT SCOTT... JUMP ARCHIE, AND I'LL SWING FOR IT.



GO AHEAD, PUNK... MAKE MY DAY.

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

NOTHING... JUST GIVE UP.



SO, I SEE... I FANCY MY
PAL IS ALL RIGHT.



I THINK NOT... THERE ARE THREE PERFECTS
WAITING FOR HIM AT THE DOOR.

PREFECTS!



YOU SEEM TO HAVE THINGS VERY COMPLETELY.

YOUR RED-FRECKLED IDEA
WAS NEW AND EFFECTIVE.



YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE I HAVE ROYAL BLOOD IN MY VEINS...
PLEASE ADDRESS ME AS 'LORD' AND USE 'PLEASE'.

PLEASE DO AS WE
SAY, 'LORD IDIOT'.



AND NOW, YOUR 'ROYALTY', IF YOU WOULD BE SO
KIND TO ACCOMPANY LESTRADE AND MYSELF TO
THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE.



MASTER HOLMES, I DO NOT KNOW HOW
THE SCHOOL CAN THANK, OR REPAY, YOU.



I HAD A PERSONAL SCORE TO SETTLE WITH MASTER CLAY... I
HAVE HAD A FEW SMALL EXPENSES OVER THIS MATTER,
WHICH THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE HAPPY TO RECOMPENSE ME.



*EXPENSES? YOU DIDN'T SPEND A PENNY
THROUGH THE ENTIRE EPISODE.*



BET I'LL REGRET
THAT SENTIMENT
IN FUTURE YEARS.

WATSON, YOU SHOULD NOT GET
TOO INVOLVED WITH THE
FINANCIAL PART OF MY WORK.





keep baby happy
with

Fennings'
CHILDREN'S

SOLD SINGLY
OR IN PACKETS

Powders

FOR TEETHING TROUBLES AND THE

BUT BEYOND A FEW BUTTONS, I AM AMPLY
REPAID BY THE VERY REMARKABLE
NARRATIVE OF THE RED-FRECKLED LEAGUE.



YOU SEE WATSON, IT WAS PERFECTLY OBVIOUS FROM THE FIRST THE ONLY OBJECT OF THIS BUSINESS WAS TO GET THIS NOT OVERLY-BRIGHT STUDENT OUT OF THE WAY FOR A FEW HOURS EACH DAY.



I'M STANDING RIGHT HERE.





*OF COURSE, MASTER WILSON'S
OVERACTIVE PIGMENTATION
SUGGESTED THE METHODS OF
CLAY'S INGENIOUS MIND.*

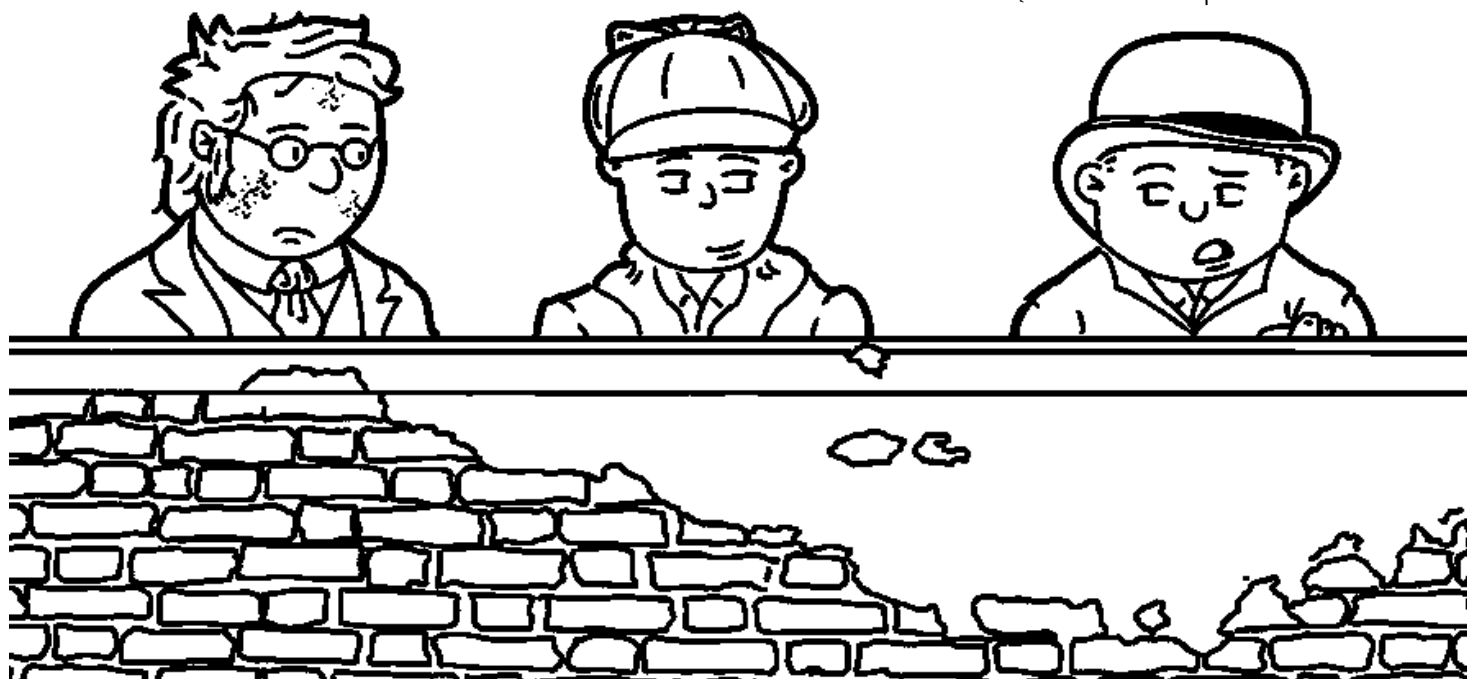
*WHY ELSE WOULD A STUDENT OF
AMPLE RESOURCES AND ROYAL
BLOODLINES BE WILLING TO SHARE
A BUNK WITH A MERE COMMONER?*



STILL STANDING HERE.



BUT HOW COULD YOU HAVE GUESSED HIS MOTIVE?





I KNEW CLAY COULD NOT HAVE
DESIGNS ON ANYTHING INSIDE
WILSON'S ROOM, SO HIS GOAL MUST
BE SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE ROOM.

WHAT COULD HE BE DOING IN
THE ROOM BY HIMSELF FOR
HOURS EACH DAY?



Gripe Cordial

INFANTS' PRESERVATIVE



WITHOUT LAUDANUM

- DOSES -

Children to 1 month 5 to 10 drops in water.

„ 1 to 3 months 10 to 20 „ „

„ 3 to 6 „ 20 to 30 „ „

„ 6 to 12 „ 1 small teaspoonful „

„ 12 months to 3 years 2 small teaspoonfuls.

WELL, HE IS A YOUNGSTER.

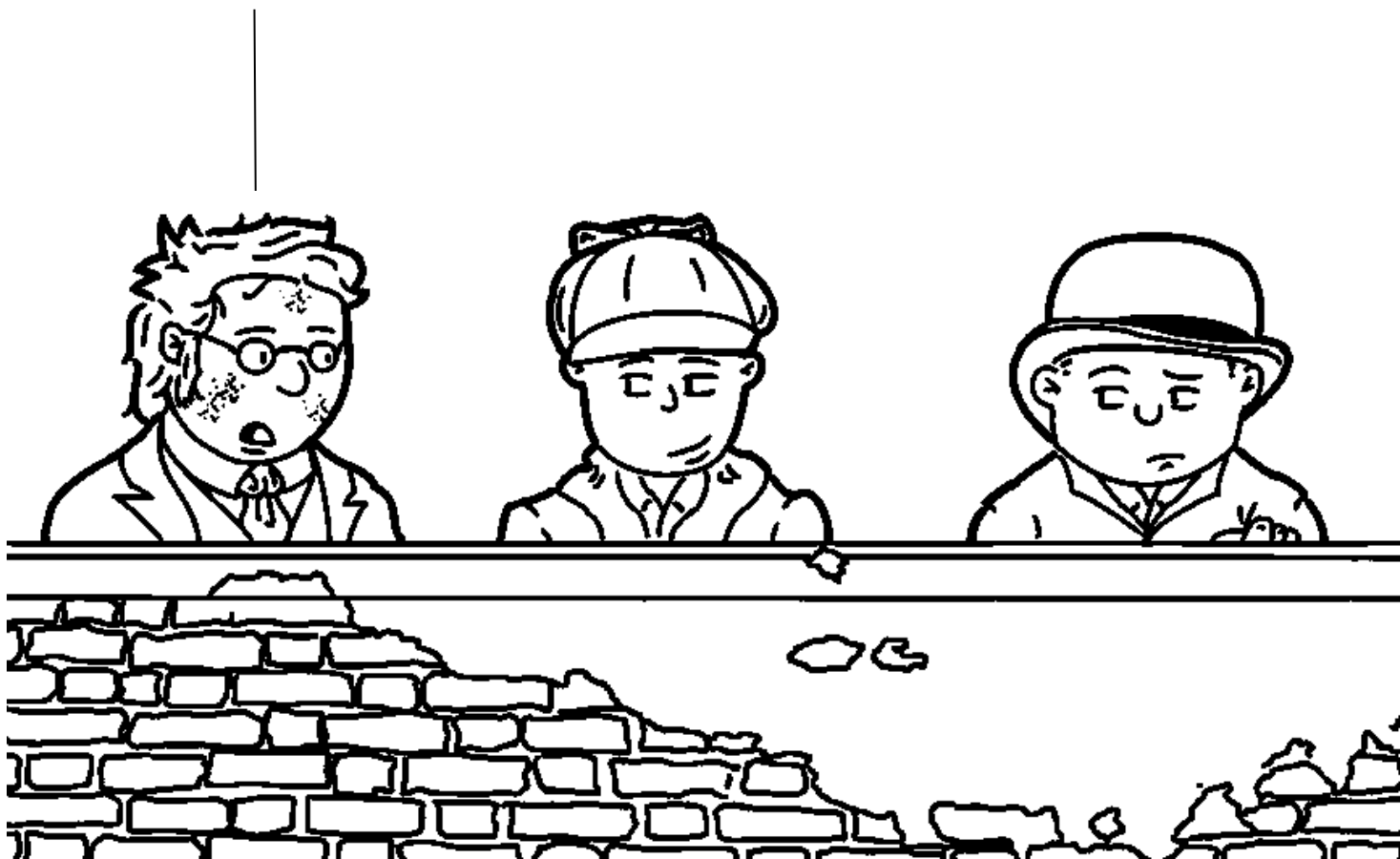
DON'T GO DOWN THAT RABBIT HOLE... I
COULD THINK OF NOTHING SAVE HE WAS
RUNNING A TUNNEL TO SOME OTHER ROOM.



OUR VISIT TO WILSON'S WINDOW PROVIDED ME WITH
SEVERAL CLUES... FIRST, WAS A BEAUTIFUL TAPESTRY
HANGING ON ONE OF THE WALLS... NOT EXACTLY
SOMETHING YOU WOULD SEE IN A STUDENT'S ROOM.



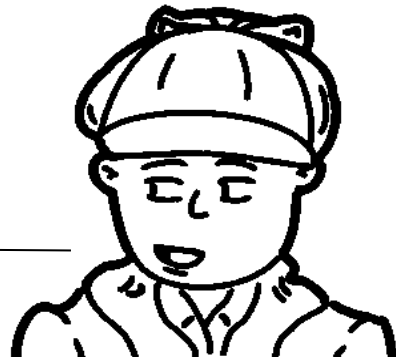
YES, SPAULDING, OR CLAY, HUNG IT
WITHIN A DAY OR TWO OF MOVING IN.





*CLAY'S ELBOWS WERE WORN FROM
LEANING THROUGH THE HOLE HE
WAS DIGGING INTO THE WALL.*

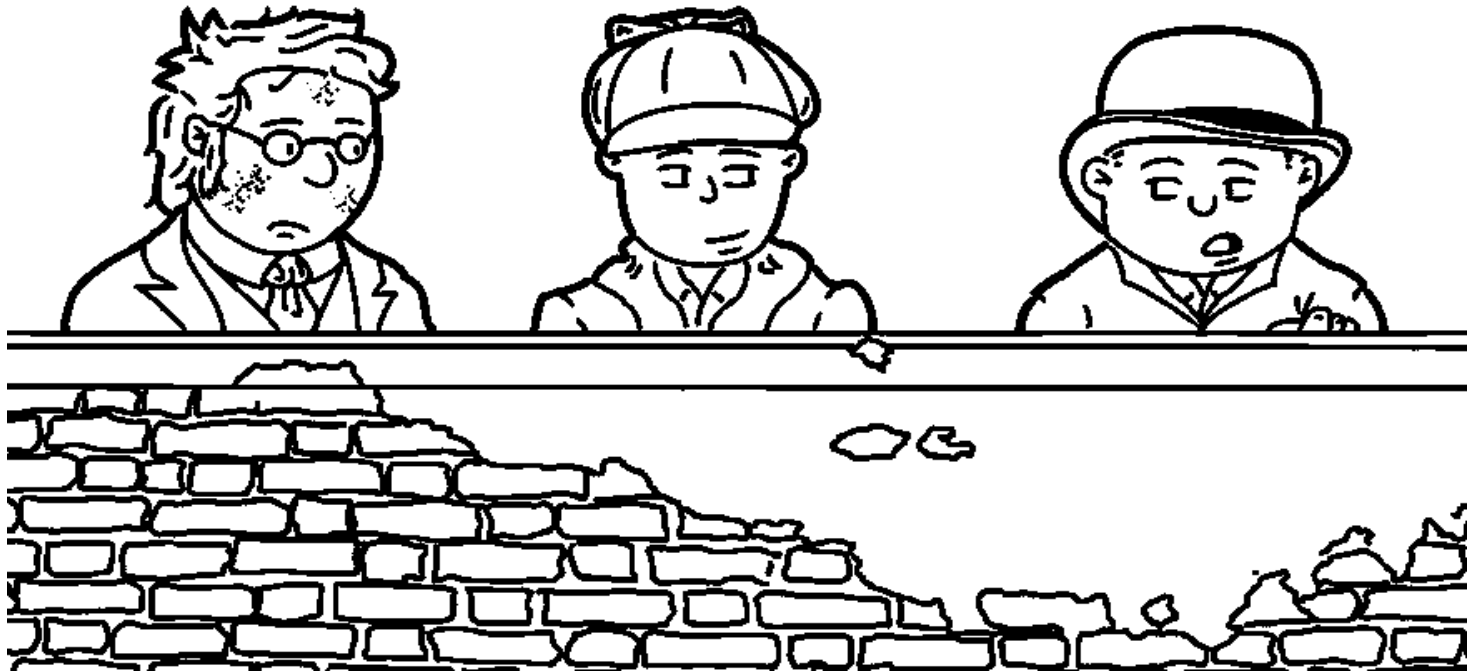
*ONCE I DISCOVERED YOUR ROOM
BACKED RIGHT UP TO THE STORAGE
ROOM OF THE ORCHESTRA, I KNEW
THAT MUST BE CLAY'S GOAL.*



*A SIMPLE VISIT TO MASTER MERRYWEATHER COMPLETED
THE PUZZLE, WITH THE RESULT YOU HAVE SEEN.*



HOW DID YOU KNOW THEY WOULD
MAKE THEIR ATTEMPT LAST NIGHT?





WHEN THEY CLOSED DOWN
THE LEAGUE'S OPERATION,
IT INDICATED THEY NO
LONGER NEEDED TO KEEP
WILSON OUT OF HIS ROOM.

... AND SINCE TODAY IS THE
CONCERT, THEY KNEW THE
INSTRUMENTS WOULD BE
REMOVED TO ANOTHER
LOCATION AFTER TODAY.



STEEDMAN'S



IN USE

OVER FIFTY YEARS

SOOTHING

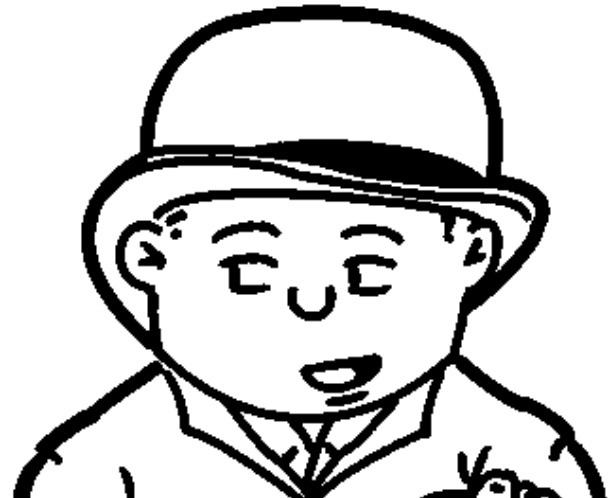
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FEVERISH HEAT.
Prevent
its Convulsions, etc.
Preserve
Healthy State of the
constitution during the
period of TEETHING.

POWDER

For Children
cutting TEETH.

WALWORTH Surrey

YOU REASONED IT OUT BEAUTIFULLY... IT IS SO
LONG A CHAIN, AND YET EVERY LINK RINGS TRUE.



IT SAVED ME ENNUI.

WHAT'S AN ENNUI?

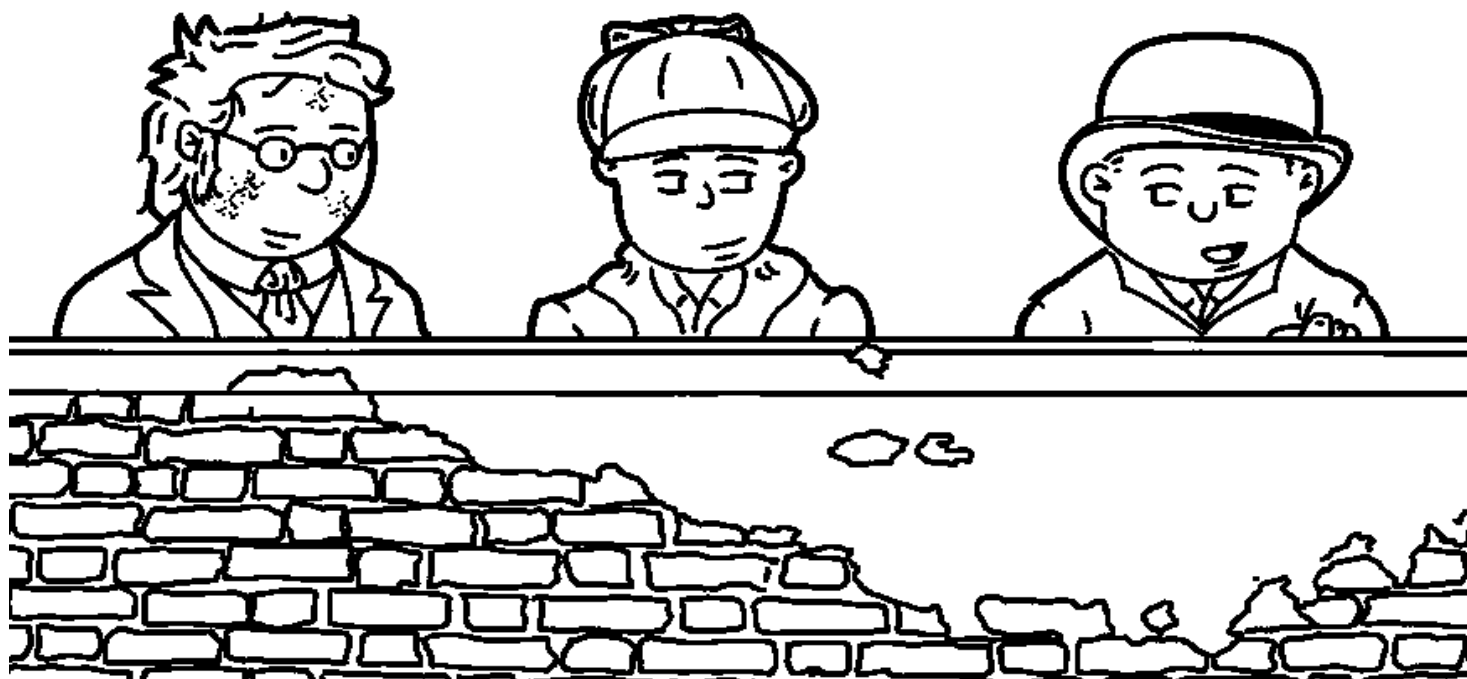
A FEMALE EMU.



*MY LIFE IS SPENT IN ONE LONG EFFORT TO ESCAPE
FROM THE COMMONPLACES OF EXISTENCE... THESE
LITTLE PROBLEMS HELP ME TO DO SO.*



AND YOU ARE A BENEFACTOR OF THE RACE.



THE BOY IS NOTHING, THE WORK... NOT MUCH MORE.

I DON'T THINK I WILL
WRITE THAT ONE DOWN.



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