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2016 John H Watson Society Treasure Hunt

...that mixture of imagination and reality which is the basis of my art...

--Sherlock Holmes, THOR

1. To the casual observer it is easy to imagine Watson spent his first night in Baker Street alone. Why?
2. Watson was not slacking off to participate in the case as his practice was least busy during this time of the year. What month?
3. Despite the mixture of spellings of this name among Watson's published tales, he was not referencing Vermont. Where?
4. Holmes believed this detective should find some 1,000+ hours to spend reading. Who?
5. Watson determined these are necessary items for a loafer. What five individual items?
6. Despite Holmes's specific noting instructions, Watson recorded the name of the paper incorrectly. Which paper? Why is it incorrect? Which story?
7. Holmes believed these creatures to be infallible. What?
8. The friend believed the septuagenarian's illness could result in a ready stick. Name the friend, the septuagenarian and the illness.
9. Holmes stated this would do in lieu of a place on the list. What?
10. Holmes warned this one-word accusation from Watson could result in the loss of Watson's retirement income for a year. What accusation?
11. With some 68 years on the throne, it is easy to imagine the ruler stored away many, many bottles of the remarkable product. Who? Where? What product?
12. Holmes could easily find his escape route if he decided to sail, especially if the locals were smoking. Sail from where?
13. Some of the information printed in Watson's directory must have been incorrect considering the absent-minded doctor's letters. What information about the correspondence is incorrect?
14. The last of the three was something a little recherché. Three what?
15. Imagine Holmes reading about Laura while in route. What is he reading and where is he going?
16. On at least two occasions, Holmes asked Watson if he had a weapon and Watson, without a firearm, offered this device instead. What device?

17. Apparently as early as 1891 Holmes was already considering his eventual study of the natural world of the bees. What statement of his makes this evident?
18. Why did Watson imagine he had failed to stay up to date in his field?
19. Mixture: Victor Hatherley + Sherlock Holmes = definite; Jonas Oldacre + Colonel Barclay = possible. What definite or possible common event?
20. Mixture: Sarah Cushing + Alice Ruecastle + Rachel Howells = What common event?
21. This simple repair helped Holmes to believe the noble was not wealthy. What repair? Who?
22. Obviously Watson was a clean-shaven student. Why is it obvious?
23. Without taking too many steps arrive at the 36th. Where should you go now?
24. As difficult as it is to imagine now, this city, as Watson noted, was once the seat of the British government. Where?
25. If Watson had not shortened the title of the tale, one could file it away in the same business-like manner as Holmes did. What tale?
26. With two shrill whistles, Watson could be on his way for a busy day. Why the whistles?
27. Perhaps Holmes had William Paley's propositions of divine goodness in mind when he reflected upon the value of this item. What?
28. Calling on the neighbor must have been funny with the magistrate having an identical given and surname. Who and where?
29. Find the villain who did not, in the end, have art in the blood. Who?
30. Each dog took at least six rounds, and the end result was the same. Which two?
31. At first read, one might imagine Watson actually referred to an angry mushroom. What? Where?
32. Mixture: Housemaid + Doctor + Caretaker = Common personal aspect. What aspect? What are their names?
33. At the time, Watson imagined with his current age and enough vigor, he could recover the 900 before too long. 900 what?
34. In spite of the char, Watson quickly grasped the significance of the prominence. What prominence?
35. Mixture: Watson described himself + Holmes described himself = New room-mates with an identical self-professed trait. What trait?
36. Name at least one patient Watson treated before his injury at the fatal battle. Who?
37. Perhaps the tin dispatch-box contains notes about an untold tale that does not involve Holmes and Watson. As Holmes noted, the result was one of Lestrade's better efforts. What case?

38. Holmes needed one or two turns before he managed to nab the counterfeiters' abettor. Who?
39. Holmes was perhaps being imaginative when he wrote about a suspect living loftily among the irrational. Who?
40. If Watson could have escaped the heat to either of his choice locations, he might have met the Literary Agent. Where and where?
41. Holmes's choice of tobacco as a soother to his client seems odd considering his assessment of the client's health in the same breath. Which client?
42. Mixture: Holmes + Morgan + Anna + Leon = common action. What action?
43. No matter how his name is spelled, this ancestor was a celebrity in his own right, and one who clearly passed his natural ability to this star of Watson's tale. Name the ancestor and the star.
44. Mixture: Inspector + Caretaker + Miner = common heritage. What heritage?
45. Watson's list: keep a bull pup, object to rows, up at all sorts of ungodly hours, and extremely lazy. Much later, Holmes admonished Watson, noting Watson had added this shortcoming to the list. What?
46. Mixture: Enoch Drebber + Jabez Wilson + Hosmer Anger = common accessory. What accessory?
47. These two ladies of limited means each wore a thin wool dress that was not brown. Who and Who?
48. In spite of her name, one could hardly imagine she wore a watch on a chain. Who?
49. This celebrated illustrator perhaps misread Watson's words; he drew a leather box that appears too small to contain the precious item in this tale of invaluable gold. What illustrator? What box? What item?



50. If Holmes had followed the suggestion of the dresser, it is easy to imagine this publication being available for study today. What publication?
51. Although the charwomen's were of cheap wool, one might imagine Holmes's were of better quality. What?

52. As Holmes has already done the work, provide a translation for this:



53. Today's reader might choose the title of engineer for this key man of science. Who?

54. This product, created in central England and noted for its relation to royalty, was perhaps the most valuable item in the house. What product? What house?

55. This house exhibited none of the qualities associated with its name: European shrub possessing white, sweet-scented flowers. Which house?

56. Holmes imagined £500 was motive enough for this pretty one. Who?

57. The narrator, perhaps ironically, chose a symbol of America to describe this man's landing on the shore. Who? When did he land?

58. Bartholomew and Thaddeus risked danger but not as much, per Holmes, as this young man. Who?

59. Of this lady's several wooers, Watson reveals only the names of three. Which lady? Which three?

60. This two time assistant required 50+ shillings to complete the task. Who? Which two cases?

61. Mixture: Stamford + Wilson + Carruthers = common Canonical status. What status?

62. Even after the events of A Study in Scarlet, The Sign of Four and A Scandal in Bohemia, Holmes made it clear that he would not take Watson fully into his confidence on this matter. What matter?

63. Holmes's referring to this musician as a friend seems odd since the person in question actually died twenty-three years earlier. Who?

64. Mixture: The Bachelor + The Widow + The Waiter = Common location name. What location name? What are the names of the three individuals?

65. Watson may have been rattled when he stated that a woman could rarely have this and a man could not at all. What?

66. Perhaps this client would not perceive Holmes as appearing very thin considering the client's adventures of the day before. Which client? Which adventure?

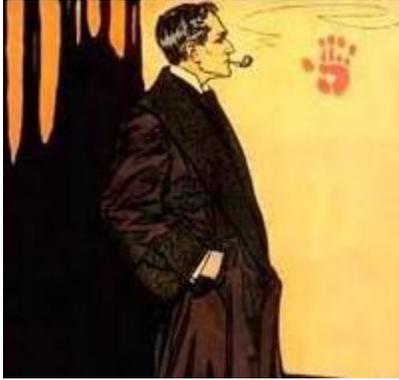
67. Holmes and his accomplice killed the predator; however, Holmes might have been wrong to believe it no longer posed a threat. What accomplice? What predator?

68. The murderer, the clubman, and the driver were all addressed in print by Holmes. Two of the three responded: one by proxy and one in person. Name the two.

69. The inspector should be red-faced: he called Holmes an expert and then, in turn, lectured him about trifles. Who?

70. Holmes must have been wrong in 1894 when he said this danger was headed for the gallows because Holmes mentions him later in 1902, and yet again in 1914. Who?

71. Why did this illustration trouble Watson's readers when it appeared?



72. Watson quotes Holmes as saying he did not welcome visitors and yet, eventually, at least one visitor was welcome on a regular basis. Who?

73. The news of this inconvenient and mysterious spouse far away on Ireland Island alleviated some pain. What spouse?

74. Mixture: Helen + Violet + John = common metaphorical place they found themselves in according to Holmes. Where?

75. Apparently Mrs. Hudson received visitors at Baker Street and Holmes was aware of it. What somewhat derogatory name did Holmes use when he suspected the visitor to Baker Street was a friend of the landlady rather than a client?

76. This vessel, possibly named for a 14th century nobleman, collected the nine remaining. Which vessel?

77. Mixture: Mary + Victor + Maud = common familial state. What state?

78. Watson told Holmes he had written a brochure about the Jefferson Hope case and had given it "the somewhat fantastic title of 'A Study in Scarlet'." Watson titled his brochure but he certainly was not the first person to describe the Hope case as a Study in Scarlet. Who was first?

79. The apple was the first of the three to report to the imposter. What apple? What imposter?

80. The exchange in the bow, despite the depths, had nothing to do with fish. What was exchanged?

81. Watson reveals little about G. Lestrade, but from Lestrade's own words, he was not a young or inexperienced man at the time he met Dr. Watson. What does he say about himself that assures the reader of this?

82. Watson said there was a single moment that Holmes let his self-containment crack when he thought Watson had been hurt. However there is at least one other occasion when Holmes's composure slipped because he thought someone else was hurt. Who?
83. A not-so-hidden fire facilitated the almost perfect murder. Who died?
84. In two of Watson's tales, he uses a phrase that leads one to imagine his luxuries included a copy of Burton's *The Thousand Nights and a Night*. What phrase?
85. Dr. Mortimer, Mr. Stapleton and Holmes had more in common than only the mystery on the moor: they shared a common physical trait as well. What trait?
86. Watson chose an odd word to describe these two men; when taken literally, it could mean an excess of red corpuscles in the blood. Which two? What word?
87. Mixture: an unhurried meal + : : : : = Holmes reaches a three part determination. What determination?
88. Where did Watson see the violet water that no longer exists? What water?
89. Taking into account the dates provided by Watson, one of two possible signatures could have appeared on the autograph letter. Which two possible names?
90. Holmes never guesses; yet, he finds this to be mother of truth. What?
91. Despite the ideas of the literary agent, Holmes did not go the way of all flesh, and in the imagination of the fans, Sherlock and his Watson have found their corner and remain there. Corner where?
92. When asked by *The Strand* to list his choices for the twelve best stories published about Sherlock Holmes, the literary agent determined, because of this reality, *Silver Blaze* could not be on the list. Why?
93. With a short paragraph in *The Saturday Review of Literature* in January of 1933, Christopher Morley planted a seed that grew into an imaginary but now largely accepted notion about Holmes. What notion?
94. This somewhat sad illustration appeared in 1888. Who is the illustrator and where did it appear?



95. This American man of letters wrote an influential Sherlockian text in which he stated: “But one must drop, at last, the happy pretense: admit that Sherlock Holmes is dead. . . He died upon the 7th of July, the year being 1930, at his home in Crowborough, Sussex. . .”. Which American man? Who actually died in the circumstances quoted?

96. Noted Canon scholar and annotator Owen Dudley Edwards imagines the writings about the writings include many improbable explanations concerning one of Watson’s possessions; Edwards notes “Sherlockians have expended much ink in quest of a _____ impossible in Afghanistan, illegal on the Orontes, inappropriate for a private hotel, and invisible in Baker Street.” What possession?

97. This doctor, while praising the literary agent, wrote: “he tells them [series of stories] in honest Saxon-English with directness and pith; and, above all his other merits, his stories are absolutely free from padding”. Perhaps this good doctor should have deduced he was, in fact, praising Watson’s writing. Who?

98. One can imagine the reason the John H Watson Society exists is because, as Holmes states, Watson never did this. What did Watson never do?

99. A very real novelist had one of her imaginary sleuths offer this tribute to Dr. Watson:

“The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes he murmured lovingly, and even uttered reverently the one word ‘Maitre!’. ‘Sherlock Holmes?’ I asked. ‘Ah non, non, not Sherlock Holmes! It is the author, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, that I salute. These tales of Sherlock Holmes are in reality far-fetched, full of fallacies, and most artificially contrived. But the art of writing--ah that is entirely different. The pleasure of the language, the creation, above all, of that magnificent character, Dr. Watson. Ah that was indeed a triumph.’”

Which novelist? Which sleuth?

100. Obviously [the answer to #99] was confused. Dr. Watson was certainly not an imaginary creation of the literary agent, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Therefore, Dr. Watson’s words are available only because of the devotion of one person. To reach the end of the Treasure Hunt, name this treasured person. Who?