



## The John H Watson Society 2019 Treasure Hunt

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### **“WAS THERE NOTHING TO IDENTIFY THIS MAN?” (VALL) CANONICAL IDENTIFICATIONS**

1. He was the best man in more ways than one. Who?
2. A former soldier told the detective that he had a little quarrel almost immediately. In doing so he used a word that was also referred to the leader of a gang. Name the soldier, the leader, and the stories.
3. A man on duty, with something batrachian in his appearance, met two early risers. Name the three men and the story.
4. For a person it was quite easy to find in the papers what he/she wanted, because it all had happened recently. Who is the person?
5. Two different notices of disrupted nuptial arrangements appeared on the same newspaper. Which newspaper?

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### **“I WANT YOU TO REALIZE THOSE GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES WHICH MAY HAVE A GOOD DEAL TO DO WITH OUR INVESTIGATION.” (PRIO) CANONICAL LOCATIONS**

6. Holmes and Watson visited this place (which was, at least in one circumstance, doubled and levelled) three times. Name the place and the stories.
7. The name of this town was connected in the Canon both with North and South Africa.

8. The last correspondence came from here, a location also connected with Watson's health.
  9. To gain information Holmes once visited this institution; not, though, in Knightbridge Street, where it was previously located until 1865. What institution is it? In which story does Holmes visit it?
  10. The widow of the sweet monarch lived here. Also, this was the location of a small problem that was clear from the start. Name the place and the stories.
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**"I HOPE BEFORE VERY LONG TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE PAIR OF THEM."**

**(SIGN)**

**SIMILARITIES BETWEEN COUPLES OF CHARACTERS IN THE CANON**

11. These men both had doubts about whether the world is governed by circumstance, although one of them thought it was inconceivable. Who are they?
  12. These men were both noiseless and crabby, and that may explain why they didn't have many friends. Who are they?
  13. Two men were described with similar words as agitated and restless, but on the first the effect was to sharpen his senses, though it also depressed him somehow; on the second, the effect was seriously damaging to his health. Who are the two men?
  14. Two persons both lived for some time in the meridional part of a Continental European country. Who are the two persons?
  15. Two persons were both described as being handsome and of middle age. Who are they?
  16. Holmes and Watson were both busy men, but two others were self-described as such in the Canon. Who?
  17. Two frightened men were described in a similar way as having cold pounded into their cardiac muscle. Who are the two men?
  18. Two persons, in two different stories, gave excellent advice to a detective. Who are the two persons?
  19. Two persons were completely worn out in a similar way. Who are they?
  20. Two men had a similar Continental notoriety, but their careers differed widely with reference to their reputation in England. Name the two men.
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**“HE HAS AN EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY FOR FIGURES” (GREE)  
CANONICAL NUMBERS**

21. One of the two men in [the answer to question number 20], though of a respectable age, was still active. Another man, instead, quit working when he reached that age. What age?
22. In three separate occasions in the Canon, the amount of seven thousand was associated with a crime. But in another case the owner of seven thousand had a legal right to have them; the money was certainly his own. Who was the owner?
23. A certain number of pursuers came to a dip and found something there. In another story, the same number is found in connection with an address named after a sort of a dip and that same something. What is the number and which are the two stories?
24. To find a certain person, the best option would be to go to a certain place within a 175 minutes' interval. What place? Who is the person?
25. This person received sixty-three out of every two hundred and fifty-two. Who is the person and what did he receive?
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**“YOU KNOW MY METHODS, WATSON” (CROO)  
LOGIC REASONING AND INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES**

26. By cudgeling one's brains hard enough, a thinker could presuppose the existence of this thing. But one should also be careful not to find the content of one's skull spattered on a representation of the same thing. What thing are we talking about?
27. Perhaps they lacked that faculty that Holmes called “the mother of truth”, but they had other qualities that put them at the top. Who or what are we talking about?
28. Holmes used this tool, among other things, to identify no. 30 and no. 29. What is it?  
*Hint: The reference is not to questions no. 30 and no. 29.*
29. Holmes's knowledge on this subject was precise, but irregular. Two men with common scientific interests enjoyed talking about it. Which subject? Who are the men?
30. According to Watson, Holmes's knowledge on another subject was zero. Yet he was able to use, with reference to a certain person, a term originated in this field of studies. What term and which person?
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**“SURELY MY WHOLE CHAIN OF REASONING CANNOT HAVE BEEN FALSE.” (STUD)**  
**A SEQUENCE OF CANONICAL CHAIN QUESTIONS**

31. Two persons wanted to earn this sum; another person was reluctantly disposed to pay it, while a third person steadfastly refused it. What sum are we talking about?
32. Now find the year in which in March a doctor published and a fatal letter was received; subtract the page number where the refusal happens in the answer to question 31, add 1.000, and you'll have the year in which something happened that was helpful to a Frenchman. What is the year and who is the Frenchman?
33. Go forward from the page where you found [the answer to question 32], for a number of pages equal to the number of years during which they have been produced. You will find a doctor visiting a weary lady in a location where a detective every now and then sent a sum of money. What location?
34. A criminal affair happened in [the answer to question 33]. Find out what type of affair and you'll get a clue to help you find a couple of red labels in consecutive years. What years?
35. Both the dates in [the answer to question 34] are recalled in another adventure, where a man's hobby is a clue to his mentality. This hobby is mentioned in another two stories in the Canon, in the description of two persons. What's the hobby? Who are the two persons?
36. One of the persons in [the answer to question 35] had experience in a theater of war. The father of another person had fought in the same war. Name the person.
37. A man bearing the same title as [the answer to question 36] was the victim of a murder. Though the evidence was indisputable, the guilty party escaped capital punishment. Name the victim and the killer.
38. One of the persons of [the answer to question 37] had received the same education of a young man who apparently was engaged in philanthropy somewhere in Britain. Who's the man and where was he so engaged?
39. While he was in the place of [the answer to question 38] Holmes tried to get to the root of the matter regarding the branch. What branch?
40. In [the answer to question 39] there is an adjective who was also applied to a victim of brain-fever. Who is the victim?
41. About 101.65 kg. was the weight of a man who had been against the country of origin of [the answer to question 40]. Who is the man?
42. Now take the page number where you first meet [the answer to question 41], subtract the number of the page where an omitted comment by Watson about travelling and Holmes's

understanding of the situation should have been found, and you'll find the queerest. Who or what is it?

43. From [the answer to question 42] proceed as the crow flies towards east-south-east for about 1.160 kms. (or 722 miles) and you will be in a place where a doctor was in practice before the death of his wife. What is the place and who is the doctor?

44. [The answer to question 43] is described as an avian predator. Which other character in the Canon is described with the same words?

45. Finally, to complete the chain, subtract from the page number of [the answer to question 44] the number of the odd ones that are missing and you'll come to a page where you'll find links. What page and which adventure?

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**“MY WELL OF ENGLISH SEEMS TO BE PERMANENTLY DEFILED.” (LAST)  
FOREIGN WORDS AND LANGUAGES IN THE CANON**

46. This word in English can refer to a horse tipster or informer, and a man helpful to Watson. But in a foreign language the man is nothing, but the work is [this same word] - and “that’s all”. What word are we talking about? In which stories is it found?

47. It may hiss, but it speaks with the voice of the Divinity. What is it?

48. By Zeus, Holmes thought that this foreign word was a signal. In its English translation it was the title of Chapter 6, and the Literary Agent, Sir Arthur, used it for the title of one of his short stories and a collection. Which word is it?

49. Watson thought that its possibilities were infinite, but Holmes did not think that it would be useful to find something. What is it?

50. Even solemn vows of philanthropy and loyalty could lead to bad deeds. But a French author (born in the same town as Monsieur Oscar Meunier) had a different opinion about what could push men towards unlawful acts. Find the quotation, the name of the author, and the story.

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**“WE SPENT SOME TIME OVER OUR MEAL.” (PRIO)  
EATING AND DRINKING IN THE CANON**

51. A man who was in a happy mood for a double success invited a doctor to a small jollification. Who’s the man and what did he offer to the doctor?

52. Once Holmes and Watson sat for half an hour arguing a question in a *salle-à-manger* in a certain foreign town. In another adventure, a dish is mentioned that is named after that same town, although it is not called as such in the Canon. What dish and which adventure?

53. Probably his friend would have preferred something more nutritious, though uncooked, but the swimmer told him to prepare only vegetarian food. Who are the two friends and what's the food?

54. Though he never had it for breakfast, he brought it home at last. Who and what?

55. A simple concoction was prescribed to a man who had called someone in seven times. Who's the man and what are the ingredients of the concoction?

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**“I KNEW NOT WHAT WILD BEAST WE WERE ABOUT TO HUNT DOWN IN THE  
DARK JUNGLE OF CRIMINAL LONDON” (EMPT)  
ANIMALS IN THE CANON**

56. Both these two beasts both could not bite, and so were useful to their owners. Which two beasts?

57. The trail was lost just past the white one. Among them, something black can occasionally be found. What animal are we talking about?

58. Two persons were so pale that they were compared with a certain part of the anatomy of an animal. Who are the two persons?

59. A department of the British Government made the same noise as the crest chosen by a group of people. What was pictured on the crest?

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**“WHOEVER HAD LOST A TREASURE, I KNEW THAT NIGHT  
THAT I HAD GAINED ONE.” (SIGN)  
THE TREASURE**

60. To complete the Hunt, you will find the final location of the Treasure in a place where a man lived who had previously worked near Victoria Station and where a celebrity met his destiny. What location?