**2021 JOHN H. WATSON TREASURE HUNT**

1 point for every correct answer unless otherwise specified.

**PART 1: WATSONIAN WORLD OLIO**

**1. How many wives did John Watson have? Name them all alphabetically.**

Answer:One point is awarded no matter how many wives are named correctly because there is only one correct answer.

**2. What is a far Eastern intestinal inflammation caused by Salmonella?**

Answer: ENTERIC

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STUD 1 10-11 “ … at Peshawar. Here I rallied, and had already improved so far as to be able to walk about the wards, and even to bask a little upon the verandah, when I was struck down by enteric fever, that curse of our Indianpossessions. For months my life was despaired of, and when at last I came to myself and became convalescent, …”

**3. What is an Augean stable for couch potatoes?**

Answer: LONDON

STUD 1:15 ﻿“Under such circumstances, I naturally gravitated to London, that great cesspool into ﻿which all the *loungers and idlers* of the Empire are irresistibly drained.”

**4. Who was thin as a narrow piece of wood and brown as a nut?**

Answer: WATSON

STUD 1:23-24 Stamford’s question to Watson at first meeting. “Whatever have you been doing with yourself, Watson?" he asked in undisguised wonder, as we rattled through the crowded London streets. "You are as thin as a lath and as brown as a nut."

Definition of lath. 1 : a thin narrow strip of wood nailed to rafters, joists, or studding as a groundwork for slates, tiles, or plaster. 2 : a building material in sheets used as a base for plaster. 3 : a quantity of laths. Merriam-Webster.

﻿**5. Bozo would have been proud of whom for being the glue?**

Answer: JIMMY GRIGGS

VEIL “…Little Jimmy Griggs, the clown. Poor devil, he had not much to be funny about, but he did what he could to hold things together.”

**6. The most famous “Angel” in the Canon, Hosmer, didn’t really exist. Can you name five others who were real?** 5 points

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

Answers: 1) VIOLET SMITH 2) SHERLOCK HOLMES, 3) LEONARDO THE STRONGMAN

4) MARY CUSHING 5) BRENDA TREGENNIS 6) VIOLET DE MERVILLE

SOLI:404 “﻿Do you tell me that that angel, is to be tied to Roaring Jack Woodley for life?"

HOUN 11:280-281 The stranger on the Tor: “﻿Was he our malignant enemy, or was he by chance our guardian angel? I swore that I would not leave the hut until I knew.”

VEIL "Then Leonardo came more and more into my life. You see what he was like. I know now the poor spirit that was hidden in that splendid body, but compared to my husband he seemed like the angel Gabriel.”

CARD:385-387 “﻿There were three sisters altogether. The old one was just a good woman, the second was a devil, and *the third was an angel*. Sarah was thirty-three, and Mary was twenty-nine when I married. We were just as happy as the day was long when we set up house together, and in all Liverpool there was no better woman than my Mary.”

DEVI:491-494﻿"The vicar knew. He was in our confidence. He would tell you that she (Brenda Tregennis) was an angel upon earth. That was why he telegraphed to me and I returned.”

STUD: Avenging angels “﻿the name of the Danite Band, or the Avenging Angels, is a sinister and an ill-omened one.”

ILLU ﻿“You may have noticed how extremes call to each other, the spiritual to the animal, the cave-man to the angel.”

**7. Name eight Canon kings without royal blood.** 8 points

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

Answers: 1) SAHARA KING, AFRICAN LION 2) KING’S PYLAND TRAINING STABLES 3) KING’S COLLEGE HOSPITAL 4) MRS. KING, THE COOK 5) CHARLES AUGUSTUS MILVERTON, KING OF ALL BLACKMAILERS 6) NEIL GIBSON, THE GOLD KING 7) MAZARIN STONE, KING OF DIAMONDS and 8) ISADORA KLEIN’S HUSBAND, GERMAN SUGAR KING 9) SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD KING WHO BUILT GRUNER’S HOUSE10) KING EDWARD STREET 11) PROFESSOR JAMES MORIARTY

VEIL ﻿"They had among their exhibits a very fine North African lion. Sahara King was its name, and it was the habit, both of Ronder and his wife, to give exhibitions inside its cage.”

SILV:73 "You are close to the King's Pyland training-stables,' said she.”

RESI:59 Percy Trevelyan’s post-graduate research, “﻿I continued to devote myself to research, occupying a minor position in King's College Hospital, and I was fortunate enough to excite considerable interest by my research into the pathology of catalepsy,…”

DANC:302 “﻿I should like to see Mrs. King, the cook, again. You said, Mrs. King, that you were awakened by a LOUD explosion.”

CHAS:26 ﻿"I'll tell you, Watson. He (Milverton) is the king of all the blackmailers.”

THOR:27 ﻿"You have heard of Neil Gibson, the Gold King?" he said. "You mean the American Senator?"

MAZA Mazarin stone. "That's the hand I play from," said Holmes. "I put it all upon the table. But one card is missing. It's the king of diamonds. I don't know where the stone is."

3GAB “﻿She (Isadora) married the aged German sugar king, Klein, and presently found herself the richest as well as the most lovely widow upon earth.

ILLU: The South African gold king who built Baron Gruner’s house.

REDH KingEdward Street, near St. Paul's.

VALL: Professor James Moriarty – “i can tell a Moriarty when i see one.” described by Barker as “this king-devil”.

**8. What was Nigel Bruce’s middle name?**

Answer: ERNLE not “*Ernie*” Credit was also given for Nigel whose name was William Nigel Ernle Bruce.

**9. What was Basil Rathbone’s middle name?**

Answer: BASIL and/or ST. JOHN His real name is Philip St. John Basil Rathbone

**10. Dr. Watson frequently dispensed his favorite medicine, brandy. What other two medicines did he consider?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answers: Answer: HOT WATER AND A LEMON, TURKISH BATH , HYPODERIC OF MORPHIA, AMMONIA , A SEDATIVE

GOLD "Here's a cigar, and the doctor has a prescription containing *hot water and a lemon,* which is good medicine on a night like this. It must be something important which has brought you out in such a gale."

LADY “*A Turkish bath* is what we call an alterative in medicine…”

ILLU “ ﻿I bathed his face in oil, put cotton wadding on the raw surfaces, and administered a hypodermic of *morphia*.”

GREE “… in less than an hour, with the aid of *ammonia* and brandy I had the satisfaction of seeing him open his eyes…”

SCAN “﻿practice, if a gentleman walks into my rooms smelling of *iodoform,* with a black mark of nitrate of silver upon his right forefinger,”

NORW “﻿Mr. McFarlane," said he, pushing his case across. "I am sure that, with your symptoms, my friend Dr. Watson here would prescribe a *sedative*.”

**11. Which person in the Canon had been jollified?**

Answer: COMMISSIONAIRE PETERSON

BLUE “﻿about four o’clock on Christmas morning, Peterson, who, as you know, is a very honest fellow, **was returning from some small jollification** and was making his way homeward down Tottenham Court Road.

**12. What was found near a fictitious river near Xiamen?**

Answer: BLUE CARBUNCLE

BLUE “This stone is not yet twenty years old. It was found in the banks of the **Amoy** River in southern China and is remarkable in having every characteristic of the carbuncle, save that it is blue in shade instead of ruby red. In spite of its youth, it has already a sinister history. There have been two murders, a vitriol-throwing, a suicide, and several robberies brought about for the sake of this forty-grain weight of crystallised charcoal. Who would think that so pretty a toy would be a purveyor to the gallows and the prison?”

Xiamen in Fujian Province used to be known by Europeans and North Americans as "Amoy". The name comes from the dialect that was spoken by the people there. The people of this region - south Fujian and Taiwan - speak Hokkien, a dialect that is still widely spoken by locals. tripsavvy.com

﻿**13. Name three who were, initially, sentenced to death but spared?** 3 points

a.

b.

c.

Answer: ABE SLANEY – JONATHAN SMALL- SELDEN The “sentence” has to be judicial.

DANC “The American, Abe Slaney, was condemned to death at the winter assizes at Norwich, but his penalty was changed to penal servitude in consideration of mitigating circumstances,”

JONATHAN SMALL - SIGN “﻿The three Sikhs got penal servitude for life, and *I was condemned to death*, though my sentence was afterwards commuted into the same as the others.”

SELDEN-HOUN “﻿"It is Selden, the Notting Hill murderer." I remembered the case well, for it was one in which Holmes had taken an interest on account of the peculiar ferocity of the crime and the wanton brutality which had marked all the actions of the assassin. *The commutation of his death sentence* had been due to some doubts as to his complete sanity.

**14. The official colors of the Baker Street Irregulars were chosen by Christopher Morley based on what item and which colors?**

a.

b.

Answers: BLUE, PURPLE, MOUSE DRESSING GOWNS Mouse is not necessarily gray.

In his essay "Was Sherlock Holmes an American?" which first appeared in 1936, Morley mentioned the controversy:

"such as, was Holmes's dressing gown blue, purple or mouse colored?" [Fn. "Elementary. This particular gown was blue when new. (*The Twisted Lip*) It had gone purple by the time of the *Blue Carbuncle*. During the long absence 1891-94, when Mrs. Hudson faithfully aired and sunned it in the backyard, it faded to mouse (*The Empty House*).

It was this deduction that led Morley to plan for the official colors of the Baker Street Irregulars. From [The Standard Doyle Company](http://www.amazon.com/The-Standard-Doyle-Company-Christopher/dp/B001K2EE2W/ref=as_li_bk_tl/?tag=thebakerstree-20&linkId=969fe6edc5c975228060210db819ffb7&linkCode=ktl) by Steven Rothman, BSI, 2s. ("The Valley of Fear"), Morley wrote to Helen Hare on December 15, 1949:

"I want to sell the BSI boys the idea of adopting *colors* for the club: to be shewn in either a rosette for the lapel, or even in a necktie. The colors, of course, to be  
*Purple, Blue and Mouse* these being the three shades through which Sherlock's dressing gown passed in its fadings. A fine rich purple; a pleasing "electric blue" (like the dress Violet Hunter had to wear in Copper Beeches!); and then a furry, soft, comfortable mouselike gray. . . . "

Then came the official [**announcement at the 1950 BSI Dinner**](http://www.bsitrust.org/2015/03/the-1950-bsi-dinner.html). And the ties (and rosettes!) are still in use today, available to investitured Baker Street Irregulars.

TWIS- Blue ﻿“He took off his coat and waistcoat, put on a large **blue dressing-gown**, and then wandered about the room collecting pillows from his bed and cushions from the sofa and armchairs.”

BLUE -Purple “﻿He was lounging upon the sofa in a **purple** dressing-gown, a pipe-rack within his reach upon the right, and a pile of crumpled morning papers,…”

EMPT - Mouse ﻿“… now he was the Holmes of old in the **mouse-coloured** dressing-gown which he took from his effigy.”

<https://www.ihearofsherlock.com/2015/12/sherlock-holmess-dressing-gown.html#.YKP0iS2cbVo>

**15. Who was the combined age of: when one became master of the house plus the number of crew on a ship lost at sea?** 3 points

Answer: BARON ADELBERT GRUNER42 (16 + 26)

FIVE John Openshaw’s age when he became master of the house (16) “﻿so that by the time that I was **sixteen** I was quite master of the house.”

GLOR “﻿She was a five-hundred-ton boat; and besides her thirty-eight jail-birds, she carried **twenty-six of a crew**, eighteen soldiers, a captain, three mates, a doctor, a chaplain, and …” ﻿ILLU “In age I should have put him at little over thirty, though his record afterwards showed that **he was forty-two**.”

**16. Two men played chess together in Lewisham 29 years before their almost namesakes met again in what Sherlockian story?**

Answer: RETIRED COLOURMAN, “incredible though it sounds, nothing less than the scores of two complete games between Joseph Amberley and Dr. Raymond Earnest, in the annual championship tournament of the Lewisham Regent Chess Club, during June, 1898 — just about a month before the tragic events related in the story we all know. “Smothered Mate,” Nathan L. Bengis, 10 BSJ 210-213 (1960)

**17. In reference to q. 16, what were the chess players’ names in the story?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answers: JOSIAH AMBERLEY AND DR. RAYMOND ERNEST

**18. He met his Maker while standing but no bullet was fired. Name the story.**

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**19. In reference to q. 18, who died?**

Answer: COL. BARCLAY PETER CAREY

CROO: “I read death on his face as plain as I can read that text over the fire. The bare sight of me was like a bullet through his guilty heart."

BLAC: “﻿And there, in the middle of it, was the man himself—… Right through his broad breast a steel harpoon had been driven, and it had sunk deep into the wood of the wall behind him. He was pinned like a beetle on a card.”

**20. He hired a one-legged man to help him manage his blues. Name the boss, the man and the story.** ﻿3 points

a.

b.

c.

Answers: ABELWHITE, JONATHAN SMALL, SIGN

SIGN **“**A man named Abelwhite, who had come out there as an indigo-planter, wanted an overseer to look after his coolies and keep them up to their work.’ A crocodile bit off Johnathan Small’s leg in Sign of Four.

**21. Watson thought Holmes could have rivaled which actor?**

Answer: MR. JOHN O’HARE**,** SCAN

SCAN “﻿in the character of an amiable and simple-minded Nonconformist clergyman. His broad black hat, his baggy trousers, his white tie, his sympathetic smile, and general look of peering and benevolent curiosity were such as Mr. John Hare alone could have equalled.”

**22. This poet’s Shakespearean pastiche was one of a kind. Who was the author and what was the title?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answer: **VINCENT STARRETT, “THE UNIQUE HAMLET.”** Starrett’s pastiche was printed in 1920 and highlighted in the BSJ’s 2020 Christmas Annual.

**23.Two Scotland Yard inspectors used a term to compare a man and a woman with young, rowdy people who cause damage. What was the term?**

Answer: Hooligan

**24. In reference to q. 23, who were the two inspectors?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answers: INSP. LESTRADE, INSP. GREGSON

SIXN Lestradetold the story how the assistant, “rushed out into the road, but, although several passers-by declared that they had noticed a man run out of the shop, he could neither see anyone nor could he find any means of identifying the rascal. It seemed to be one of those senseless acts of Hooliganism which occur from time to time, and it was reported to the constable on the beat as such.”

REDC "Well, Mrs. Lucca," said the prosaic Gregson, laying his hand upon the lady's sleeve with as little sentiment as if she were a Notting Hill hooligan.”

**25. In reference to q. 23, who was the man?**

Answer: BEPPO

**26. In reference to q. 23, who was the woman?** ﻿

Answer: MRS. LUCCA

**27. [The sum of the numbers of two unused upper circle tickets] – [The house number of the address where the wife with aroused suspicions exited the cab] + [The number of minutes in a first-class carriage ride to Birmingham] ÷ 2/3 = [What Canonical plant]?** 4 points

Answer: SIXTY-FOUR FOOT TREE 30 and 32=62-36=26+70=96/2/3 =64 foot tree.

(30 and 32=62-36+70=) Holmes remarked, ﻿ “… ﻿for I had examined the box-office chart at the Haymarket Theatre—another of Dr. Watson's bull's-eyes—and ascertained that neither B *thirty nor thirty-two* of the upper circle had been occupied that night.” (RETI)

(-36,) POULTNEY SQUARE ﻿“Then she called a cab and got in. I was lucky enough to get another and so to follow her. She got down at last at *No. 36, Poultney Square*, Brixton. (LADY)

(+70) “It was not, however, until we were all in a first-class carriage and well started upon our journey to Birmingham that I was able to learn what the trouble was which had driven him to Sherlock Holmes. "We have a clear run here of SEVENTY MINUTES," (62-36+70=96) ﻿(STOC)

96 divided by 2/3=64-foot tree “If a rod of six feet threw a shadow of nine, A TREE OF SIXTY-FOUR FEET would throw one of ninety-six.” (MUSG)

**28. There was confusion caused by two individuals in a story having the same initials. Name the three pairs and the three stories where this confusion occurred.** 6 Points (2 points each)

a.

b.

c.

Answers:

FHM: FRANCIS H. MOULTON AND FLORA MILLAR -NOBL

S.CUSHING: SARAH AND SUSAN CUSHING -CARD ﻿"When I came to examine the address of the packet I observed that it was to Miss S. Cushing. Now, the oldest sister would, of course, be Miss Cushing, and although her initial was 'S' it might belong to one of the others as well.”

P.C.: PETER CAREY AND PATRICK CAIRN -BLAC ﻿“I was convinced that the initials 'P.C.' upon the pouch were a coincidence, and not those of Peter Carey,”

**29. How many places could Holmes go to disguise himself?**

Answer: FIVE

BLAC Holmes’ chronicler, Watson, informs us that, “He had at least five small refuges in different parts of London, in which he was able to change his personality.”

**30. Sherlock Holmes allergy to cats affects his ability to solve a case in a short story by what famous writer? ﻿**

Answer: Stephen King's short story "The Doctor's Case" (1993).

**31. According to one canonical Mister, this person was more of an expert than Holmes. Who was the person?**

Answer: ALPHONSE BERTILLON﻿

HOUN “You are the second highest expert in Europe—" "Indeed, sir! May I inquire who has the honour to be the first?" asked Holmes with some asperity. "To the man of precisely scientific mind the work of Monsieur Bertillon must always appeal strongly."

**32. Which military fencing champion portrayed Sherlock Holmes in the movies?**

Answer: Basil Rathbone

**“**After [basic training](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basic_training) with the London Scots in early 1916 he received a commission as a [lieutenant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant) in the 2/10th Battalion of the King's Liverpool Regiment ([Liverpool Scottish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liverpool_Scottish)), where he served as an [intelligence officer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_officer) and attained the rank of [captain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_(British_Army_and_Royal_Marines)). Basil Rathbone was twice the British Army Fencing Champ. Wikipedia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basil_Rathbone>

**33. One was short-sighted, another naturally blind, the third missed a train. Two died and one survived. What did the three have in common?**

Answer: THEY EACH WORE A PINCE-NEZ.

**34. In reference to q. 33, who were the three persons?** 3 points

a.

b.

c.

Answers: MARY SUTHERLAND, PROF CORAM’S WIFE ANNA, JOHN OPENSHAW.

MARY SUTHERLAND: IDEN Holmes asked, “Do you not find,” he said, “that with your short sight it is a little trying to do so much typewriting?” “﻿I then glanced at her face, and, observing the dint of a pince-nez at either side of her nose, I ventured a remark upon short sight and typewriting, which seemed to surprise her.”

JOHN OPENSHAW: FIVE “I owe you an apology,” he said, raising his golden pince-nez to his eyes. “I trust that I am not intruding.” ﻿

It is conjectured that he may have been hurrying down to catch the last train from Waterloo Station, and that in his haste and the extreme darkness he missed his path and walked over the edge of one of the small landing-places for river steamboats.

PROF. CORAM’S WIFE ANNA GOLD “﻿From his pocket Stanley Hopkins drew a small paper packet. He unfolded it and disclosed a golden pince-nez, with two broken ends of black silk cord dangling from the end of it. Willoughby Smith had excellent sight," he added. "There can be no question that this was snatched from the face or the person of the assassin." Glasses belonged to Prof. Coram’s wife, Anna. “ ﻿What with her natural blindness, and what with the change from dark to light, she stood as one dazed, blinking about her to see where and who we were.”

**35. Who was the man from Gdansk who Holmes showed how it really happened?**

Answer: FRITZ VON WALDBAUM

NAVA: ﻿“I still retain an almost verbatim report of the interview in which he demonstrated the true facts of the case to Monsieur Dubugue of the Paris police, and Fritz von Waldbaum, the well-known specialist of Dantzig, both of whom had wasted their energies upon what proved to be side-issues.” Gdansk was once known as Dantzig.

**36. Who was the first voice to speak after host Brad Keefauver on the first episode of the Watsonian Weekly podcast?**

Answer: ROB NUNN

**37. In reference to q. 36, what topic did the person discuss?**

Answer: Nunn gave a book review of “SCANDINAVIAN SHERLOCK HOLMES.” Source: Watsonian Weekly episode No. 100, April 12, 2021.

**38. Who composed the theme song for the Watsonian Weekly podcast?**

Answer: PAUL THOMAS MILLER

Source: Watsonian Weekly episode No. 100, April 12, 2021.

**39. Two characters had the same surname; one a future bridegroom, one a lawbreaker. Who were they?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answers: PERCY ARMITAGE, JAMES ARMITAGE

SPEC: PERCY was engaged to Helen Stoner SPEC ﻿“… a dear friend, whom I have known for many years, has done me the honour to ask my hand in marriage. His name is Armitage—Percy Armitage.

GLOR: JAMES aka Victor Trevor was convicted of fraud “﻿My name, dear lad, is not Trevor. I was James Armitage in my younger days, … ﻿I was convicted of breaking my country's laws, and was sentenced to transportation.”

**40. Which woman did Holmes compare to a chicken?**

ANSWER: LADY FRANCES CARFAX

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LADY: “She is lost, as often as not, in a maze of obscure pensions and boardinghouses. She is a stray chicken in a world of foxes. When she is gobbled up she is hardly missed. I much fear that some evil has come to the Lady Frances Carfax."

**Part 2: LONDON NEWSPAPERS**

Name the Daily newspaper and the story in which the item mentioned appeared:

2 points for each correct pair of answers

**41. This newspaper labeled the crime as a political one.**

Answer: Daily News

STUD: “The Daily News observed that there was no doubt as to the crime being a political one.”

**42. This newspaper’s advertisement sheet was thrown aside by Sherlock Holmes.**

Answer: Daily Telegraph

COPP "To the man who loves art for its own sake," remarked Sherlock Holmes, tossing aside the advertisement sheet of the *Daily Telegraph*, "it is frequently in its least important and lowliest manifestations that the keenest pleasure is to be derived.

**43. This newspaper was picked up by Mycroft Holmes.**

Answer: Daily News

GREE: “Mycroft picked up the *Daily News*, which was lying on the side-table.”

**44. This newspaper was removed from Holmes’ knee by the accused murderer.**

Answer: Daily Telegraph

NORW: “Our visitor (John Hector McFarlane) stretched forward a quivering hand and picked up the Daily Telegraph, which still lay upon Holmes's knee.”

**45. This newspaper reported a murder discovery made by the Parisian police.**

Answer: Daily Telegraph

SECO: "A discovery has just been made by the Parisian police," said the Daily Telegraph, "which raises ﻿the veil which hung round the tragic fate of Mr. Eduardo Lucas, who met his death by violence last Monday night at Godolphin Street, Westminster.”

**46. This newspaper labeled one officer in charge as the smartest detective.**

Answer: Daily Chronicle

CARD “﻿In the meantime, the matter is being actively investigated, Mr. Lestrade, one of the very smartest of our detective officers, being in charge of the case."

﻿"So much for the Daily Chronicle," said Holmes as I finished reading.

**47. This newspaper reported a lady’s distress on a bus.**

Answer: Daily Gazette

REDC: “﻿Here are the Daily Gazette extracts of the last fortnight. 'Lady with a black boa at Prince’s Skating Club— that we may pass.’ 'Surely Jimmy will not break his mother's heart' — that appears to be irrelevant. 'If the lady who fainted in the Brixton bus' — she does not interest me.

**48. This newspaper was visited by Holmes and Watson at the end of a busy day.**

Answer: Daily Telegraph

BRUC: “﻿There is nothing more to be done here, Watson. I think we might drive round to the offices of the Daily Telegraph, and so bring a good day's work to a conclusion."

**49. This newspaper’s editor was beaten.**

Answer: Daily Herald

VALL: "What am I accused of?" asked McMurdo. "Of being concerned in the -beating of old Editor Stanger at the Herald office. It wasn't your fault that it isn't a murder charge."

**Part 3: UNTOLD STORIES**

Sherlockians and pastiche writers love speculating about the untold adventures discussed by Dr. John H. Watson. Name the title of the untold adventure and the story in which it appeared. 2 points for each correct pair of answers

**50. Petroselinum crispum**

Answer: PARSLEY: an herb, *Pertoselinum crispum,* native to the Mediterranean, having either curled leaf clusters (French parsley ) or flat compound leaves (Italian parsley ), widely cultivated for use in garnishing or seasoning food. dictionary.com

-THE DREADFUL BUSINESS OF THE ABERNETTY FAMILY SIXN

“You will remember, Watson, how the dreadful business of the Abernetty family was first brought to my notice by the depth which the parsley had sunk into the butter upon a hot day.”

**51. Costermonger pushcart**

Answer: THE ADDLETON TRAGEDY AND THE BRITISH BARROW GOLD

Watson's records for the year 1894 include "an account of the Addleton tragedy and the singular contents of the ancient British barrow."

**52. Don’t judge a book by its cover**

Answers:

BERT STEVENS NORW

“You remember that terrible murderer, Bert Stevens, who wanted us to get him off in ’87? Was there ever a more mild-mannered, Sunday-school young man?”

**“THE AMATEUR MENDICANT SOCIETY, who held a luxurious club in the lower vault of a furniture warehouse.”– FIVE**

BOGUS LAUNDRY AFFAIR*. CARD* “﻿He is a big, powerful chap, clean-shaven, and very swarthy—something like Aldrige, who helped us in the bogus laundry affair.”

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**53. Wind up**

Answer: THE CAMBERWELL POISONING FIVE

"...the Camberwell poisoning case", in which "Holmes was able, by winding up the dead man's watch, to prove that it had been wound up two hours before, and that therefore the deceased had gone to bed within that time—a deduction which was of the greatest importance in clearing up the case."

**54. Umbrella**

Answer: THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JAMES PHILLIMORE THOR

"...that of Mr. James Phillimore, who, stepping back into his own house to get his umbrella, was never more seen in this world."

**55. Dentures**

Answer: THE DUNDAS SEPARATION - IDEN

“This is the Dundas separation case, and, as it happens, I was engaged in clearing up some small points in connection with it. The husband was a teetotaler, there was no other woman, and the conduct complained of was that he had drifted into the habit of winding up every meal by taking out his false teeth and hurling them at his wife, which, you will allow, is not an action likely to occur to the imagination of the average story-teller."

**56. Toothless**

Answer: MATTHEWS -EMPT

“Mathews, who knocked out my left canine in the waiting-room at Charing Cross."

**57. Fake**

Answer: BOGUS LAUNDRY AFFAIR - CARD

Inspector Lestrade describes "a big, powerful chap, clean-shaven, and very swarthy" to Holmes as "something like Aldridge, who helped us in the bogus laundry affair.”

**The Conk-Singleton forgery case – SIXN**

**58. Peerless**

Answer: COLONEL UPWOOD AND THE CARD SCANDAL OF THE NONPAREIL CLUB - HOUN

Holmes "exposed the atrocious conduct of Colonel Upwood in connection with the famous card scandal of the Nonpareil Club."

Nonpareil definition, dictionary.com adjective: having no equal; peerless.

noun: a person or thing having no equal.

**3GAR Holmes refused a knighthood for services which may perhaps some day be described.**

**59. Plague**

Answer: WILSON THE CANARY TRAINER - BLAC

Watson mentions another case from the "memorable year" of 1895: Holmes's "arrest of Wilson, the notorious canary-trainer, which removed a plague-spot from the East End of London."

**60. Understood by one** Answer: THE POLITICIAN, THE LIGHTHOUSE, AND THE TRAINED CORMORANT VEIL

Watson writes "I have Mr. Holmes’s authority for saying that the whole story concerning the politician, the lighthouse, and the trained cormorant will be given to the public. There is at least one reader who will understand."

**61. Female but not a woman**

Answer: GIANT RAT OF SUMATRA-SUSS

“Matilda Briggs was not the name of a young woman, Watson... It was a ship which is associated with the giant rat of Sumatra, a story for which the world is not yet prepared.”

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“No less remarkable is that of THE CUTTER ALICIA, which sailed one spring morning into a small patch of mist from where she never again emerged, nor was anything further ever heard of herself and her crew.” THOR

**62. Powderless**

Answer: THE WOMAN AT MARGATE -SECO 1 GOLD

"...the woman at Margate whom I suspected for the same reason. No powder on her nose—that proved to be the correct solution."

**Part 4: HOUSEKEEPERS IN THE CANON**

Identify the housekeeper by the clue.

**63. She didn’t notice the scratch**.

Answer: MRS. MARKER, GOLD

“Is Mrs. Marker there?" A sad-faced, elderly woman came into the room. "Did you dust this bureau yesterday morning?" "Yes, sir." "Did you notice this scratch?" "No, sir, I did not."

**64. She slept through the night and heard nothing.**

Answer: MRS. PORTER, DEVI

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“There was no sign of the presence of anyone in the house, except **Mrs. Porter**, the old cook and housekeeper, who declared that she had slept deeply and **heard no sound** during the night.”

**65. She didn’t hesitate to let them in.**

Answer: MRS. SAUNDERS, 3GAR

﻿“It was just four o'clock when we reached the curious apartment of Nathan Garrideb. Mrs. Saunders, the caretaker, was about to leave, but she had no hesitation in admitting us, for the door shut with a spring lock, and Holmes promised to see that all was safe before we left.”

**66. She was mistakenly arrested.**

Answer: MRS. BERNSTONE, SIGN,﻿

“Mr. Athelney Jones, the well-known member of the detective police force, happened to be at the Norwood police station and was on the ground within half an hour of the first alarm. His trained and experienced faculties were at once directed towards the detection of the criminals, with the gratifying result that the brother, Thaddeus Sholto, has already been arrested, together with the housekeeper, Mrs. Bernstone, an Indian butler named Lal Rao, and a porter, or gatekeeper, named McMurdo.”

“Fresh evidence has shown that it is quite impossible that Mr. Thaddeus Sholto could have been in any way concerned in the matter. He and the housekeeper, Mrs. Bernstone, were both released yesterday evening.”

**67. She was hard of hearing.**

Answer: MRS. ALLEN, VALL

“It would not be very loud, and yet in the silence of the night it should have easily penetrated to Mrs. Allen's room. She is, as she has told us, somewhat deaf; but none the less she mentioned in her evidence that she did hear something like a door slamming half an hour before the alarm was given.”

**68. She was old but respectable.**

Answer: MRS. DIXON, SOLI ﻿

“Mr. Carruthers was a widower, but he had engaged a lady-housekeeper, a very respectable, elderly person, called Mrs. Dixon, to look after his establishment.”

**69. She found the fingerprint.**

Answer: MRS. LEXINGTON, NORW

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"What a providential thing that this young man should press his right thumb against the wall in taking his hat from the peg! Such a very natural action, too, if you come to think of it." Holmes was outwardly calm, but his whole body gave a wriggle of suppressed excitement as he spoke. "By the way, Lestrade, who made this remarkable discovery?" "It was the housekeeper, Mrs. Lexington, who drew the night constable's attention to it."

**70. She had a black cat.**

Answer: MARTHA, LAST﻿

“Only one window showed a light behind them; in it there stood a lamp, and beside it, seated at a table, was a dear old ruddy-faced woman in a country cap. She was bending over her knitting

﻿and stopping occasionally to stroke a large **black cat** upon a stool beside her. "That is **Martha**, the only servant I have left."

**Part 5: WATSONIAN WORD OLIO CONTINUED**

**71. An electrician, a solicitor, a marine, a second son and a cashier walk into a bar in London, what do they all have in common?**

Answer: They were all engaged to be married. They were bachelors.

**72. In reference to q. 71, name with whom?** 5 points

a. Electrician/

b. Solicitor/

c. Marine/

d. Second son/

e. Cashier/

Answers:

a) Cyril Morton, young electrician in the Midlands engaged to **Violet Smith**. SOLI

b) Solicitor Godfrey Norton engaged to **Irene Adler**. SCAN

c) A half-pay marine engaged to **Julia Stoner**. SPEC

d) “His name is Armitage—Percy Armitage—the second son of Mr. Armitage, of Crane Water, near Reading,” engaged to **Helen Stoner**. SPEC

Robert St. Simon “﻿‘A marriage has been arranged,’ it says, ‘and will, if rumour is correct, very shortly take place, between Lord Robert St. Simon, second son of the Duke of Balmoral, and **Miss Hatty Doran**, NOBL

e) “﻿Hosmer—Mr. Angel (James Windibank) a cashier in an office in Leadenhall Street—engaged to **Mary Sutherland**. IDEN

**73. Dr. John H. Watson mentioned two people who he knew in Afghanistan. Who were they?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answer: MURRAY THE ORDERLY AND COL. HAYTER

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STUD: “﻿I was removed from my brigade and attached to the Berkshires, with whom I served at the fatal battle of Maiwand. There I was struck on the shoulder by a Jezail bullet, which shattered the bone and grazed the subclavian artery. I should have fallen into the hands of the murderous Ghazis had it not been for the devotion and courage shown by Murray, my orderly, who threw me across a pack-horse,”

REIG: “My old friend, Colonel Hayter, who had come under my professional care in Afghanistan, had now taken a house near Reigate in Surrey, and had frequently asked me to come down to him upon a visit.”

**74. He once made the beer, and he was responsible for the introduction. Who, who and who?** 3 points

a.

b.

c.

Answer: SCOTT ECCLES, MELVILLE, ALOYSIUS GARCIA

WIST-- 'I am a bachelor,' said he, 'and, being of a sociable turn, I cultivate a large number of friends. Among these are the family of a retired brewer called Melville, living at Albemarle Mansion, Kensington. It was at his table that I met some weeks ago a young fellow named Garcia.’

**75. More than likely it was this ten-year-old best-selling text Watson laid aside when he lost interest due to the weather. What text? Which author?**

Answer: WILLIAM CLARK RUSSELL, “*THE WRECK OF THE GROSVENOR” or “THE FROZEN PIRATE”*

FIVE-- The year '87 furnished us with a long series of cases of greater or less interest, of which I retain the records. Among my headings under this one twelve months....Sherlock Holmes sat moodily at one side of the fireplace cross-indexing his records of crime, whilst I at the other was deep in one of Clark Russell's fine sea stories, until the howl of the gale from without seemed to blend with the text, and the splash of the rain to lengthen out into the long swash of the sea waves.

Wikipedia--*The Wreck of the Grosvenor* (1877)[1] is a nautical novel by William Clark Russell first published in 3 volumes by Sampson Low. According to John Sutherland, it was "the most popular mid-Victorian melodrama of adventure and heroism at sea."[2] It remained popular and widely read in illustrated editions well into the first half of the 20th century.[3] It was Russell's best selling and most well known novel.

**76. John H. Watson’s literary agent was quite taken with this person’s Holmes-like power of disguise when the person was acting like Holmes. Who?**

Answer: EILLE NORWOOD

https://silentfilm.org/the-sign-of-four/, and many, many other sources quoting Doyle.

“...For the silent era, the great cinematic Holmes was *Eille Norwood.* Although by no means the first Sherlock Holmes on the screen (Holmes had been appearing in movies since the Mutoscope era), he was the first iconic Holmes. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was impressed enough with Norwood to say of him, “He has that rare quality which can only be described as glamour, which compels you to watch an actor eagerly when he is doing nothing. He has a brooding eye which excites expectation and *he has a quite unrivaled power of disguise.”*

**77. This Madame appeared in the world of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson almost 30 times. Who?**

Answer: MADAME D'ESTERRE

*https://www.arthur-conan-doyle.com/index.php?title=Madame\_d%27Esterre. Accessed 5/21/20.*

Madame d'Esterre was an actress who played Mrs. Hudson in 28 movies in 1921 with Eille Norwood as Sherlock Holmes and Hubert Willis as Dr. Watson.

**78. Supply the missing names. 6 points**.

These are ***first names of people who played Holmes, Watson and Mrs Hudson together*** in a movie/tv. The “?” represents a missing *first name* in the series. This question was misunderstood, so ½ point was given for each correct surname of the listed names and one point for each correct missing “?” first name.

a. Douglas:: Nigel:: ?, ? a. **Mary** (Holder)/ **Enid** (Lindsey) – Mrs. Hudson, 1965 TV series, *Sherlock Holmes*

b. Benedict:: Martin:: ? **Una** (Stubbs)—Mrs. Hudson, 2010 TV series, *Sherlock*

c. Jeremy:: ?, ? ::Rosalie  **David** (Burke)/ **Edward** (Hardwicke) – Dr. Watson, 1984 TV series, *Sherlock Holmes*

In Granada, Jeremy (Brett) was  Holmes; he had two Watsons, David (Burke) and Edward (Hardwick), and Rosalie (Williams) played Mrs. Hudson.

d. ?:: Colin:: Sarah **Ian** (McKellen) – Sherlock Holmes, 2015 Movie *Mr. Holmes*

If someone just gave the last name of the people listed already, technically that is wrong because they did not provide *a first name* for the missing people.

Answer:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sherlock\_Holmes\_(1965\_TV\_series)#Cast

https://www.arthur-conan-doyle.com/index.php?title=Category:Mrs\_Hudson\_performers

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0086661/fullcredits

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3168230/fullcredits/ Mr. Holmes Full Cast and Crew

**79. In an apocryphal tale, Watson patiently and quietly accepts Sherlock Holmes’s error as to the doctor’s background as Holmes describes a letter Watson has received. Watson reports Sherlock Holmes saying to him, “This I gathered from the use of the word ‘Doctor’ upon the address, to which, as a Bachelor of Medicine, you have no legal claim.” Which word in Holmes’s statement is false?**

Answer: BACHELOR—Watson actually earned the degree of *Doctor of Medicine* in 1878.

STUD: “In the year 1878 I took my degree of Doctor of Medicine of the University of London, and proceeded to Netley to go through the course prescribed for surgeons in the army.”

“The Field Bazaar”: “This I gathered from the use of the word 'Doctor' upon the address, to which, as a Bachelor of Medicine, you have no legal claim.”

**80. Holmes, after some gentle searching near the light, found the hiding place for a short shotgun. Where was the hiding place?**

Answer: THE INNER POCKET LINING OF THE SHORT YELLOW OVERCOAT

VALL: Finally he unravelled a bundle of clothing, comprising a complete set of underclothes, socks, a grey tweed suit, and a short yellow overcoat. 'The clothes are commonplace,' remarked Holmes, 'save only the overcoat, which is full of suggestive touches.' He held it tenderly towards the light, whilst his long, thin fingers flickered over it. 'Here, as you perceive, is the *inner pocket prolonged into the lining in such a fashion as to give ample space for the truncated fowling-piece.’*

https://www.britannica.com/sports/shooting/Handguns#ref96995: Shotgun, smoothbore shoulder weapon designed to fire a number of pellets, or shot, that spread in a diverging pattern after they leave the muzzle. It is used primarily against small moving targets, especially birds. The earliest smoothbore firearms loaded with shot were the “fowling pieces” that appeared in 16th-century Europe.

**81. While Watson did not exactly call it an alternative, he chose this public version over a home version. What?**

Answer: TURKISH BATH

LADY: Why the relaxing and expensive Turkish rather than the invigorating home-made article?' 'Because for the last few days I have been feeling rheumatic and old. A Turkish bath is what we call an alterative in medicine - a fresh starting-point, a cleanser of the system. 'By the way, Holmes,' I added, 'I have no doubt the connection between my boots and a Turkish bath is a perfectly self-evident one to a logical mind, and yet I should be obliged to you if you would indicate it.'

Klinger, Leslie, The Sherlock Holmes Reference Library, p. 109, n. 5: Often misspelled as “alternative”, an alterative is any drug used empirically to alter favourably the course of an ailment and to restore healthy body functions.

**82. According to Sherlock Holmes, a little talk about this produces the desired appearance of mental disturbance. A little talk about what?**

Answer: HALF-CROWNS, OYSTERS OR ANY OTHER EXTRANEOUS SUBJECT

DYIN: ‘With vaseline upon one's forehead, belladonna in one's eyes, rouge over the cheek-bones, and crusts of beeswax round one's lips a very satisfying effect can be produced. Malingering is a subject upon which I have sometimes thought of writing a monograph. A little occasional talk about half-crowns, oysters, or any other extraneous subject produces a pleasing effect of delirium.'

https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/delirium/symptoms-causes/ : Delirium is a serious disturbance in mental abilities that results in confused thinking and reduced awareness of the environment.

**83. Bow windows are mentioned as existing in four different places in the Canon; what four places?**

4 points

a.

b.

c.

d.

Answer: 221B BAKER STREET, DIOGENES CLUB, NATHAN GARRIDEB’S APARTMENT, ST. JAMES’ STREET CLUB

BERY: 'Holmes,' said I, as I stood one morning in our bow-window looking down the street, 'here is a madman coming along. It seems rather sad that his relatives should allow him to come out alone.'

GREE: The two sat down together in the bow-window of the club. 72 'To anyone who wishes to study mankind this is the spot,' said Mycroft. 73 'Look at the magnificent types!’

3GAR: It was just four o'clock when we reached the curious apartment of Nathan Garrideb. Mrs Saunders, the caretaker, was about to leave, but she had no hesitation in admitting us, for the door shut with a spring lock and Holmes promised to see that all was safe before we left. Shortly afterwards the outer door closed, her bonnet passed the bow window, and we knew that we were alone in the lower floor of the house.

3GAB: I saw no more of Holmes during the day, but I could well imagine how he spent it, for Langdale Pike was his human book of reference upon all matters of social scandal. This strange, languid creature spent his waking hours in the bow window of a St James's Street club, and was the receiving station, as well as the transmitter, for all the gossip of the Metropolis.

84. **While it rained frequently in London, only four persons in the Canon had an umbrella. Who were they?** 4 points

a.

b.

c.

d.

Answer: 1) JOHN OPENSHAW 2) LORD BELLINGER 3) DR. JOHN H. WATSON 4) MR. JAMES PHILLIMORE

FIVE JOHN OPENSHAW ﻿"Give me your coat and umbrella," said Holmes. "They may rest here on the hook and will be dry presently. You have come up from the south-west, I see." "Yes, from Horsham."

SECO: LORD BELLINGER “﻿The Premier's thin, blue-veined hands were clasped tightly over the ivory head of ﻿his umbrella, and his gaunt, ascetic face looked gloomily from Holmes to me.”

VALL: DR. JOHN H. WATSON “﻿You smile, Friend Watson. Well, we shall see. By the way, you have that big umbrella of yours, have you not?" "It is here." "Well, I'll borrow that if I may." "Certainly—but what a wretched weapon! If there is danger—" "Nothing serious, my dear Watson, or I should certainly ask for your assistance. But I'll take the umbrella.

THOR: MR. JAMES PHILLIMORE “﻿Among these unfinished tales is that of Mr. James Phillimore, who, stepping back into his own house to get his umbrella, was never more seen in this world.

**85.** **Who were the two men in the Canon whose blood ‘boiled”?**

a.

b.

Answer: VICTOR TREVOR JR. AND CAPTAIN JACK CROCKER

GLOR **Victor Trevor.** ﻿'"You're not going away in an unkind spirit, Hudson, I hope," said my father, with a tameness which *made my blood boil*. ﻿'"Victor, you will acknowledge that you have used this worthy fellow rather roughly," said the dad, turning to me.

ABBE: **Jack Crocker** “﻿She whispered to me to come round to the big front window, and I found it open before me, so as to let me into the dining-room. Again I heard from her own lips things *that made my blood boil*, and again I cursed this brute who mishandled the woman I loved.”

86. **Holmes offered a cigar and was sunk in deep thought at which railway station?**

Answer: CLAPHAM JUNCTION

﻿SILV: “We must have an amnesty in that direction, I think. This is *Clapham Junction*, if I am not mistaken, and we shall be in Victoria in less than ten minutes. *If you care to smoke a cigar* in our rooms, Colonel, I shall be happy to give you any other details which might interest you."

NAVA: “﻿Mr. Joseph Harrison drove us down to the station, and we were soon whirling up in a Portsmouth train. Holmes was *sunk in profound thought*, and hardly opened his mouth until we had passed *Clapham Junction.”*

**87. Her husband was an elected official in a town by the Cotswolds that houses the tomb of a king. Who was she?**

Answer: MRS. OLDMORE

HOUN: ﻿“Mrs. Oldmore, too; I seem to remember the name. Excuse my curiosity, but often in calling upon one friend one finds another." "She is an invalid lady, sir. Her husband was once mayor of Gloucester.”

Gloucesteris a [cathedral city](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cathedral_city) in the South West of England between the [Cotswolds](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cotswolds" \o "Cotswolds) to the east and the [Forest of Dean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forest_of_Dean) to the west. A major attraction of the city is Gloucester Cathedral, which is the burial place of [King Edward II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_II_of_England). Wikipedia.

**88. Sherlock Holmes paid each of these six men a half-sovereign. Who were they?** 6 points

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

Answers: a. MR. SHERMAN b. JOHN RANCE c. CABBY TO CHURCH OF ST. MONICA d. JOHN CLAYTON, e. JAMES LANCASTER f. HUGH PATTINS

SIGN: ﻿“﻿When you have dropped Miss Morstan, I wish you to go on to No. 3 Pinchin Lane, down near the water's edge at Lambeth. The third house on the right-hand side is a bird-stuffer's; Sherman is the name. You will see a weasel holding a young rabbit in the window. Knock old Sherman up and tell him, with my compliments, that I want Toby at once. You will bring Toby back in the cab with you."

“﻿But, I say, if you are crossing the river you may as well return Toby, for I don't think it is at all likely that we shall have any use for him now." I took our mongrel accordingly and left him, together with **a half-sovereign,** at the old naturalist's in Pinchin Lane.

STUD: ﻿"There's **a half-sovereign** for you," my companion said, standing up and taking his hat. "I am afraid, Rance, that you will never rise in the force. That head of yours should be for use as well as ornament.”

SCAN: “﻿a cab came through the street. The driver looked twice at such a shabby fare, but I jumped in before he could object. 'The Church of St. Monica,' said I, 'and **half a sovereign** if you reach it in twenty minutes.' It was twenty-five minutes to ﻿twelve, and of course it was clear enough what was in the wind. "My cabby drove fast. I don't think I ever drove faster, but the others were there before us. The cab and the landau with their steaming horses were in front of the door when I arrived. I paid the man and hurried into the church.”

HOUN: “﻿"Well, then, here is your **half-sovereign.** There's another one waiting for you if you can bring any more information. Good-night!" "Good-night, sir, and thank you!" John Clayton departed chuckling, and Holmes turned to me with a shrug of his shoulders and a rueful smile.”

﻿BLAC: "What name?" he asked. "James Lancaster." ﻿"I am sorry, Lancaster, but the berth is full. Here is **half a sovereign** for your trouble. Just step into this room and wait there for a few minutes." The second man was a long, dried-up creature, with lank hair and sallow cheeks. His name was Hugh Pattins. He also received his dismissal, his half-sovereign, and the order to wait.

**89. Which author did Holmes say was always tersely cogent?**

Answer: GOETHE

SIGN: ﻿"Goethe is always pithy."

Pithy: Having substance and point: tersely cogent. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pithy>

**90. Sherlock Holmes studied the ashes of various tobaccos and smoked several cigarettes and pipes while contemplating his cases. To whom did Holmes offer a cigarette?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answer: REGINALD MUSGRAVE, JOHN HECTOR MCFARLANE

MUSG: ﻿"Reginald Musgrave sat down opposite to me and lit the cigarette which I had pushed towards him.

NORW: “﻿"Have a cigarette, Mr. McFarlane," said he, pushing his case across. "I am sure that with your symptoms my friend Dr. Watson here would prescribe a sedative.

**91. This newspaper reported a mid-May death. What was the paper?**

Answer: DEVON COUNTY CHRONICLE

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“This is the Devon County Chronicle of *May 14th* of this year. It is a short account of the facts elicited at the death of Sir Charles Baskerville which occurred a few days before that date."

**92. While Holmes re-read a letter in October, Watson’s thoughts turned to a sandless beach in Southern England. What was the name of the beach?**

Answer: THE SHINGLE OF SOUTHSEA

**﻿**RESI: **“**It had been a close, rainy day in October. Our blinds were half-drawn, and Holmes lay curled upon the sofa, reading and re-reading a letter which he had received by the morning post. For myself, my term of service in India had trained me to stand heat better than cold, and a thermometer of 90 was no hardship. But the paper was uninteresting. Parliament had risen. Everybody was out of town, and I yearned for the glades of the New Forest or the shingle of Southsea. A depleted bank account had caused me to postpone my holiday, and as to my companion, neither the country nor the sea presented the slightest attraction to him.

Shingle beaches are exceptionally good at dissipating wave energy, able to absorb up to 90%

of the force they are exposed to. This is because shingle is much more permeable then sand

allowing much of the water from incoming waves to drain into the beach before it can reach the beach crest and beyond. <https://southseacoastalscheme.org.uk/resources/southseas-shingle/>

**93. Sherlock Holmes played the violin well and played it to take his mind off of bad weather. Who else was known to have played a violin in the Canon? 2 Points**

Answer: Charlie Peace ILLU, Pablo Sarasate REDH or Norman Neruda STUD

NOBL: ﻿“Draw your chair up and hand me my violin, for the only problem we have still to solve is how to while away these bleak autumnal evenings."

ILLU: "A complex mind," said Holmes. "All great criminals have that. My old friend **Charlie Peace** was a violin virtuoso.”

REDH: ﻿“S**arasate** plays at the St. James’s Hall this afternoon,” he remarked. “What do you think, Watson? Could your patients spare you for a few hours?”

Pablo de Sarasate, was a Spanish (Basque) [violin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violin) [virtuoso](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtuoso), [composer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Composer" \o "Composer)and [conductor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conducting) of the [Romantic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romantic_music) period. His best known works include *[Zigeunerweisen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zigeunerweisen" \o "Zigeunerweisen)* (*Gypsy Airs*), the [*Spanish Dances*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Dances), and the [*Carmen Fantasy*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carmen_Fantasy_(Sarasate)).[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pablo_de_Sarasate#cite_note-1)<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pablo_de_Sarasate>

STUD: “﻿We must hurry up, for I want to go to Halle's concert to hear ***Norman Neruda*** this afternoon."

Paganini was mentioned in CARD but only in conversation and not necessarily for playing the violon. “﻿We had a pleasant little meal together, during which Holmes would talk about nothing but violins, narrating with great exultation how he had purchased his own Stradivarius, which was worth at least five hundred guineas, at a Jew broker's in Tottenham Court Road for fifty-five shillings. This led him to Paganini, and we sat for an hour over a bottle of claret while he told me anecdote after anecdote of that extraordinary man.”

**94. Two medical men in the Canon wore tennis shoes. Who were they?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answer: DR. JOHN WATSON, DR. LEON STERNDALE

CHAS: (Holmes) “Have you a pair of silent shoes? (Watson) “I have rubber-soled tennis shoes.”

DEVI: “You were wearing …the same pair of ribbed tennis shoes which are at the present moment upon your feet.”

**95. Who was the unhappy, single, professional man who rang the bell at 221B?**

Answer: JOHN HECTOR MCFARLANE or ALEXANDER HOLDER

﻿﻿NORW: “… our attention was arrested by a tremendous ring at the bell, followed immediately by a hollow drumming sound, as if someone were beating on the outer door with his fist. ﻿"I'm sorry, Mr. Holmes," he cried. "You mustn't blame me. I am nearly mad. Mr. Holmes, I am the unhappy John Hector McFarlane."

You mentioned your name as if I should recognise it, but I assure you that, beyond the obvious facts that you are a bachelor, a solicitor, a Freemason, and an asthmatic, I know nothing whatever about you."

**BERY: ﻿“As he spoke, the man, puffing and blowing, rushed at our door and pulled at our bell..” “﻿I am Alexander Holder, of the banking firm of Holder & Stevenson, of Threadneedle Street.” “﻿I am a widower and have an only son, Arthur.”**

**96. Two men wore spats when they asked Sherlock Holmes for help. Who were they?** 2 points

a.

b.

Answer: COL. SIR JAMES DAMERY and MR. SCOTT ECCLES

﻿ILLU: “Colonel Sir James Damery was announced. It is hardly necessary to describe him, for many will remember that large, bluff, honest personality, that broad, cleanshaven face, and, above all, that pleasant, mellow voice. Frankness shone from his gray Irish eyes, and good humour played round his mobile, smiling lips. His lucent top-hat, his dark frock-coat, indeed, every detail, ﻿from the pearl pin in the black satin cravat to the lavender spats over the varnished shoes, spoke of the meticulous care in dress for which he was famous.”

WIST: “﻿From his spats to his gold-rimmed spectacles he was a Conservative, a churchman, a good citizen, orthodox and conventional to the last degree.” “…﻿ He swelled and puffed in his anger. "Pray sit down, Mr. Scott Eccles," said Holmes in a soothing voice. "May I ask, in the first place, why you came to me at all?"

**97. Arthur Conan Doyle was extremely athletic; swimming, playing golf, cricket, football (soccer), hockey and baseball. In what sporting activities did Sherlock Holmes participate?**

2 points

a.

b.

Answer: FENCING (SINGLESTICK) and BOXING

GLOR: “﻿Bar fencing and boxing I had few athletic tastes, and then my line of study was quite distinct from that of the other fellows, so that we had no points of contact at all.”

**98. Holmes described this man as having a heart of metamorphic rock. Who was he?**

Answer: CHARLES AUGUSTUS MILVERTON

﻿CHAS: “He is the king of all the blackmailers. Heaven help the man, and still more the woman, whose secret and reputation come into the power of Milverton. With a smiling face and *a heart of marble* he will squeeze and squeeze until he has drained them dry.”

Marble is a [metamorphic rock](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metamorphic_rock) composed of recrystallized [carbonate minerals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbonate_minerals), most commonly [calcite](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calcite) or [dolomite](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolomite_(mineral)).

**99. Two different items in two different stories in the Canon cost the same price. Both were part of a set. What was the price?**

Answer: SIX SHILLINGS

**100. In reference to q. 99, what were the different items and what were the two stories?**

4 points

a.

b.

Answer: BERY: SIR GEORGE BURNWELL’S CAST OFF SHOES and SIXN: A BUST OF NAPOLEON

﻿BERY: “I went in the shape of a loafer to Sir George's house, managed to pick up an acquaintance with his valet, learned that his master had cut his head the night before, and, finally, at the expense of six shillings, made all sure by buying a pair of his cast-off shoes.”

SIXN: “﻿Hundreds of casts had been taken from a marble copy of Devine's head of Napoleon, but that the three which had been sent to Morse Hudson a year or so before had been half of a batch of six, the other three being sent to Harding Brothers, of Kensington. ﻿Their wholesale price was six shillings,”

**BONUS QUESTION**

**Sherlock Holmes relied on Dr. John Watson to help him with his cases. Can you decipher this story to find a hidden, well-known phrase that demonstrates Holmes’s reliance on Watson? 15 points**

It was another cold, rainy morning where Holmes was looking at the agony column of the Daily Mail. Remnants of supper remained where Mrs. Hudson had placed them the night before. Seated in his chair was Dr. Watson who was warming his cold feet in the toasty fire that Hudson had just prepared. Outside, a man closed his umbrella and approached 221B Baker Street to ring the bell.

Holmes called to Mrs. Hudson, “We have a visitor. Stop what you are doing and let him in. Please tell Billy to open the door so that my friend Watson can help bring an end to this poor man’s suffering.

Looking worried, a stranger entered but Holmes laughed. “You need not worry because Watson’s here.”

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“Don’t worry, old boy. My dear friend Is apprehensive. His sixth sense has caused him to expect that you are here with some problem that could bring serious danger to our home. I perceive he is incorrect.”

“One can never be too cautious.”

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Answer: “I AM LOST WITHOUT MY BOSWELL. AND THIS PROMISES TO BE INTERESTING.”

To solve the code, take the first letter of each “key word” and form the phrase. Key words follow gaps of words, sequentially, from one through eight.

For example, you begin with “**I**” for “It,” followed by a gap *one* word, “was”, then “**A**” for the first letter of the second word, “*another*.” Next, with a gap for *two* words, then “**M**” for the third word, “morning” followed by a gap of *three* words to “L” for the next word, “looking.” This gives you the letters IAML until, after a gap of eight words, you come to “**I**” for “in.” Then repeat the gaps between key words return to a single word gap to “T” for “toasty.”

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