

2015 JHWS TREASURE HUNT

"Mr. Sherlock Holmes"

Category: Holmes's personality

1. This author, while writing his own stories about a fatherly detective, went so far as to assert that Sherlock Holmes was not a man, but a god. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: G.K. Chesterton, author of the Father Brown mysteries

---See *The Sherlock Holmes Collection*, The University of Minnesota, USH Volume I, Section VI: *The Writings About the Writings*, Chesterson, G.K., *Sherlock Holmes the God*, G.K.'s Weekly (February 21, 1935), at lib.umn.edu, and numerous others.

---Full quote: "Not once is there a glance at the human and hasty way in which the stories were written; not once even an admission that they were written. The real inference is that Sherlock Holmes really existed and that Conan Doyle never existed. If posterity only reads these latter books, it will certainly suppose them to be serious. It will imagine that Sherlock Holmes was a man. But he was not; he was only a god."

2. Holmes did not, perhaps, have a knowledge of women across the continents, but, according to Watson, Holmes did hold a position across several of them. How many continents and what position?

(2 pts.) Answer: Three, position of unofficial adviser and helper to everybody who is absolutely puzzled

---W., p. 191, IDEN: I smiled and shook my head. "I can quite understand you thinking so," I said. "Of course, in your position of unofficial adviser and helper to everybody who is absolutely puzzled, throughout three continents, you are brought in contact with all that is strange and bizarre. But here" - I picked up the morning paper from the ground - "let us put it to a practical test."

3. On this day, after the storm, Holmes chose not to work, contradicting his younger self's quoting of Flaubert. Why, according to Holmes, was it not possible to work?

(1 pt.) Answer: All nature was newly washed and fresh—it was impossible to work upon so delightful a day

---W., p. 1083, LION: "Towards the end of July, 1907, there was a severe gale, the wind blowing up Channel, heaping the seas to the base of the cliffs, and leaving a lagoon at the turn of the tide. On the morning of which I speak the wind had abated, and all Nature was newly washed and fresh. It was impossible to work upon so delightful a day, and I strolled out before breakfast to enjoy the exquisite air."

---W., p. 190, REDH: "He shrugged his shoulders." "Well, perhaps, after all, it is of some little use," he remarked. "L'homme c'est rien - l'oeuvre c'est tout," as Gustave Flaubert wrote to George Sand."

---See Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, Vol I, p. 41, note 2 for a discussion of the dating of REDH, and p. 73, note 73, for the correct quote and translation: "L'homme n'est rien, l'oeuvre tout"; "The man is nothing, the work is everything."

4. Holmes was an enthusiastic admirer of this French genius, even though Holmes bristled at the idea of being secondary to him. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Alphonse Bertillon

--W., p. 672, HOUN: "I came to you, Mr. Holmes, because I recognize that I am myself an unpractical man, and because I am suddenly confronted with a most serious and extraordinary problem. Recognizing, as I do, that you are the second highest expert in Europe - "Indeed, sir! May I enquire 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."

--W., p. 460, NAVA : "His conversation, I remember, was about the Bertillon system of measurements, and he expressed his enthusiastic admiration of the French savant."

5. Holmes thought the work of this French executioner was rather like himself. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Monsieur Oscar Meunier

--W., p. 489, EMPT: "I trust that age doth not wither nor custom stale my infinite variety," said he, and I recognized in his voice the joy and pride which the artist takes in his own creation. "It really is rather like me, is it not?" "I should be prepared to swear that it was you." "The credit of the execution is due to Monsieur Oscar Meunier, of Grenoble, who spent some days in doing the moulding. It is a bust in wax."

6. Even though Holmes did not think he was in need of it, apparently this rare creature did it. What and what creature?

(2 pts.) Answer: Booming, and a booming bittern

--W., p. 1058, THOR: "Thank you, Mr. Gibson, I do not think I am in need of booming".

--W., p. 708, HOUN: "No, no, that was a living voice." "Well, perhaps it was. Did you ever hear a bittern booming?...It's a very rare bird-practically extinct-in England now, but all things are possible upon the moor."

7. Holmes noted he and Watson were willing to sacrifice and go too far for three reasons. What three reasons?

(3 pts.) Answer: England, home, and beauty

--W., p. 928, BRUC: The professional shook his head over our confessed burglary. "We can't do these things in the force, Mr. Holmes," he said. "No wonder you get results that are beyond us. But some of these days you'll go too far, and you'll find yourself and your friend in trouble." "For England, home, and beauty - eh, Watson? Martyrs on the altar of our country."

8. Holmes cut short his period of rest, as he was alive and well, for this reason alone. What?

(1 pt.) Answer: The approach of the German war

--W., p. 869, Preface, His Last Bow, WIST: "The friends of Mr. Sherlock Holmes will be glad to learn that he is still alive and well, though somewhat crippled by occasional attacks of rheumatism. He has, for many years, lived in a small farm upon the Downs five miles from Eastbourne, where his time is divided between philosophy and agriculture. During this period of rest he has refused the most princely offers to take up various cases, having determined that his retirement was a permanent one. The approach of the German war caused him, however, to lay his remarkable combination of intellectual and practical activity at the disposal of the Government, with historical results which are recounted in His Last Bow."

9. Despite his previous statement about bias, Holmes let the sight of this winning woman convince him of the king's story. What woman?

(1 pt.) Answer: Grace Dunbar

---W., p. 96, SIGN: "It is of the first importance," he said, "not to allow your judgment to be biased by personal qualities. A client is to me a mere unit, a factor in a problem. The emotional qualities are antagonistic to clear reasoning. I assure you that the most winning woman I ever knew was hanged for poisoning three little children for their insurance-money, and the most repellent man of my acquaintance is a philanthropist who has spent nearly a quarter of a million upon the London poor."

----W., p. 1055, THOR: "You have heard of Neil Gibson, the Gold King?" he said.

---W., p. 1065, THOR: I had expected from all that we had heard to see a beautiful woman, but I can never forget the effect which Miss Dunbar produced upon me. It was no wonder that even the masterful millionaire had found in her something more powerful than himself - something which could control and guide him. One felt, too, as one looked at that strong, clear-cut, and yet sensitive face, that even should she be capable of some impetuous deed, none the less there was an innate nobility of character which would make her influence always for the good. She was a brunette, tall, with a noble figure and commanding presence, but her dark eyes had in them the appealing, helpless expression of the hunted creature who feels the nets around it, but can see no way out from the toils."

---W., p. 1066, THOR: "Yes," Holmes answered; "you need not pain yourself by entering into that part of the story. After seeing you, I am prepared to accept Mr. Gibson's statement both as to the influence which you had over him and as to the innocence of your relations with him. But why was the whole situation not brought out in court?"

10. As he had already been bested once, Holmes resolved to take the law into his own hands and bring things to a finish for two reasons. What two reasons? What planned law breaking?

(3 pts.) Answer: Holmes's self-respect and reputation, burgle Milverton's house

---W., p. 576, MILV: "It suits my purpose. Watson, I mean to burgle Milverton's house tonight."... Between ourselves, Watson, it's a sporting duel between this fellow Milverton and me. He had, as you saw, the best of the first exchanges; but my self-respect and my reputation are concerned to fight it to a finish."

11. Watson notes that he and Holmes could be forgiven, but why was Holmes unable to catch jack?

(1 pt.) Answer: Lack of spoon-bait

---W., p.1108, SHOS: In the morning Holmes discovered that we had come without our spoon-bait for jack, which absolved us from fishing for the day. About eleven o'clock we started for a walk, and he obtained leave to take the black spaniel with us.

12. Who feared Holmes might be wont to make too many farewells?

(1 pt.) Answer: Arthur Conan Doyle

---W., p.983, Preface to ILLU: "I fear that Mr. Sherlock Holmes may become like one of those popular tenors who, having outlived their time, are still tempted to make repeated farewell bows to their indulgent audiences."

"My companion is also a dangerous ruffian."

Category: Watson's role

13. Watson, to be fair, is certainly unlike Henry Baker in this respect. In what respect?

(1 pt.) Answer: Watson is in fairly good training, whereas Henry Baker is out of training entirely

---W., p. 725, HOUN: Watson, describing his and Henry Baskerville's chase of Seldon: "...We were both swift runners and in fairly good training..."

---W., p. 246, BLUE: Holmes, describing Henry Baker: "He is a man who leads a sedentary life, goes out little, is out of training entirely..."

14. Although Watson smiled when Holmes once mentioned the idea of it, where did Watson see the *genius loci*?

(1 pt.) Answer: Upon the tor in Dartmoor: "A figure of a man upon the tor...He might have been the very spirit of that terrible place."

---W., p. 803, VALL: "I propose to go up there presently. I have arranged it with the estimable Ames, who is by no means whole-hearted about Barker. I shall sit in that room and see if its atmosphere brings me inspiration. I'm a believer in the *genius loci*. You smile, friend Watson. Well, we shall see. By the way, you have that big umbrella of yours, have you not?"

---W., p. 726, HOUN: "And it was at this moment that there occurred a most strange and unexpected thing. We had risen from our rocks and were turning to go home, having abandoned the hopeless chase. The moon was low upon the right, and the jagged pinnacle of a granite tor stood up against the lower curve of its silver disc. There, outlined as black as an ebony statue on that shining background, I saw the figure of a man upon the tor. Do not think that it was a delusion, Holmes. I assure you that I have never in my life seen anything more clearly. As far as I could judge, the figure was that of a tall, thin man. He stood with his legs a little separated, his arms folded, his head bowed, as if he were brooding over that enormous wilderness of peat and granite which lay behind him. He might have been the very spirit of that terrible place."

15. Watson did demonstrate his love for Holmes, as per Holmes's conditionally-worded request, by doing what?

(1 pt.) Answer: He hid behind the head of Holmes's bed to listen

---W., p. 938, DYIN: "Of course you must. But I have reasons to suppose that this opinion would be very much more frank and valuable if he imagines that we are alone. There is just room behind the head of my bed, Watson." "My dear Holmes!" "I fear there is no alternative, Watson. The room does not lend itself to concealment, which is as well, as it is the less likely to arouse suspicion. But just there, Watson, I fancy that it could be done." Suddenly he sat up with a rigid intentness upon his haggard face. "There are the wheels, Watson. Quick, man, if you love me! And don't budge, whatever happens - whatever happens, do you hear? Don't speak! Don't move! Just listen with all your ears."

16. Oddly, Watson was not present when the chronicler, the doctor, and the soldier rode in silence to the train. Name the three.

(3 pts.) Answer: Sherlock Holmes, Sir James Saunders, James M. Dodd

---W., pp. 1000—1012, BLAN: Holmes is the chronicler for this adventure, his client, James M. Dodd, is a soldier, and they ride to the train station with Sir James Saunders, the dermatologist: "Therefore it was not until the beginning of the next week, as my diary records, that I was able to start forth on my mission to Bedfordshire in company with Mr. James M. Dodd. As we drove to Euston we picked up a grave and taciturn gentleman of iron-gray aspect, with whom I had made the necessary arrangements. 'This is an old friend,' said I to Dodd. 'It is possible that his presence may be entirely unnecessary, and, on the other hand, it may be essential. It is not necessary at the present stage to go farther into the matter.' The narratives of Watson have accustomed the reader, no doubt, to the fact that I do not waste words or disclose my thoughts while a case is actually under consideration. Dodd seemed surprised, but nothing more was said

and the three of us continued our journey together. In the train I asked Dodd one more question which I wished our companion to hear."

17. On this date, Watson determined the best course was to follow his own plan and talk as little as possible. What date?

(1 pt.) Answer: October 16th

---W., p. 727, HOUN: "October 16th - A dull and foggy day, with a drizzle of rain. The house is banked in with rolling clouds, which rise now and then to show the dreary curves of the moor ...My first impulse was to tell Sir Henry all my plans. My second and wisest one is to play my own game and speak as little as possible to anyone."

18. This piece of furniture, in Watson's estimation, could work as a substitute. What piece?

(1 pt.) Answer: Holmes's bedstead

---W., 1071, CREE: "He liked to think aloud in my presence. His remarks could hardly be said to be made to me - many of them would have been as appropriately addressed to his bedstead - but none the less, having formed the habit, it had become in some way helpful that I should register and interject. If I irritated him by a certain methodical slowness in my mentality, that irritation served only to make his own flame-like intuitions and impressions flash up the more vividly and swiftly. "

19. Watson chose a very-very showy word to describe this particular rustling before the door was closed. What word?

(1 pt.) Answer: frou-frou

---W., p.657, SECO: "Now, Watson, the fair sex is your department," said Holmes, with a smile, when the dwindling frou-frou of skirts had ended in the slam of the door. "What was the fair lady's game? What did she really want?"

---See Merriam-Webster definition (merriam-webster.com/dictionary) of frou-frou:

1: a rustling especially of a woman's skirts

2: showy or frilly ornamentation

20. By the end of this war, Watson is confident enough in his position to call himself Holmes's partner. Which war and when?

(2 pts.) Answer: June, 1902, shortly after the conclusion of the South African War

---W., p. 1044, 3GAR: " I remember the date very well, for it was in the same month that Holmes refused a knighthood for services which may perhaps someday be described. I only refer to the matter in passing, for in my position of partner and confidant I am obliged to be particularly careful to avoid any indiscretion. I repeat, however, that this enables me to fix the date, which was the latter end of June, 1902, shortly after the conclusion of the South African War."

"The next few minutes were delicious."

Category: Time in the tales

21. Queerly, he can be found there for 175 minutes a day. Who? Where?

(2 pts.) Answer: Mycroft Holmes, Diogenes Club

---W., p. 436-437, GREE: "The Diogenes Club is the queerest club in London, and Mycroft one of the queerest men. He's always there from quarter to five to twenty to eight."

22. Although technically on holiday, Holmes spent some forty-nine days working on these. What?

(1 pt.) Answer: Experiments in organic chemistry

---W., p. 377, GLOR: "All this occurred during the first month of the long vacation. I went up to my London rooms, where I spent seven weeks working out a few experiments in organic chemistry. One day, however, when the autumn was far advanced and the vacation drawing to a close, I received a telegram from my friend imploring me to return to Donnithorpe, and saying that he was in great need of my advice and assistance."

23. Interestingly, forty-nine days was also the time between the letter and his questionable death. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: John Oppenshaw's uncle, Elias Oppenshaw

---W., p. 219, FIVE: "You must know that my grandfather had two sons - my uncle Elias and my father Joseph."

--W., p. 221, FIVE: "One moment," Holmes interposed. "Your statement is, I foresee, one of the most remarkable to which I have ever listened. Let me have the date of the reception by your uncle of the letter, and the date of his supposed suicide." "The letter arrived on March the tenth, 1883. His death was seven weeks later, upon the night of the second of May."

24. This much time passed between Watson's location of the carriage and the appearance of the coach. How much time?

(1 pt.) Answer: Seven minutes

---W., p. 473, FINA: "...I can tell you with the most absolute confidence that no possible connection will ever be traced between the gentlemen upon whose front teeth I have barked my knuckles and the retiring mathematical coach, who is, I daresay working out problems upon a black-board'..."

---W., p. 474-475, FINA: "My luggage was waiting for me, and I had no difficulty in finding the carriage which Holmes had indicated, the less so as it was the only one in the train which was marked "Engaged". My only source of anxiety now was the non-appearance of Holmes. The station clock marked only seven minutes from the time when we were due to start...Then, having taken another look round, I returned to my carriage, where I found that the porter, in spite of the ticket, had given me my decrepit Italian friend as a travelling companion..." "My dear Watson," said a voice, "you have not even condescended to say good morning..." "Good heavens!" I cried. "How you startled me!" "Every precaution is still necessary," he whispered. "I have reason to think that they are hot upon our trail. Ah, there is Moriarty himself." The train had already begun to move as Holmes spoke. Glancing back I saw a tall man pushing his way furiously through the crowd and waving his hand as if he desired to have the train stopped."

25. This unoccupied gentleman did not find a wife until he was thirty-five years old but then he quickly became the father of two children in only twenty-four months. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Neville St. Clair

---W., p. 229, TWIS: "One night - it was in June, '89 - there came a ring to my bell, about the hour when a man gives his first yawn, and glances at the clock."

---W., p. 233, TWIS: "Some years ago - to be definite, in May, 1884 - there came to Lee a gentleman, Neville St Clair by name...in 1887 he married the daughter of a local brewer, by whom he has now had two children. He had no occupation, but was interested in several companies, and went into town as a rule in the morning, returning by the 5.14 from Cannon Street every night. Mr. St Clair is now 37 years of age..."

26. It might be a waste of time but what is at the end of this chain: letter, report, memorandum, note, letter, note, _____?

(1 pt.) Answer: Blue envelope

---W., p. 666, SECO: "Jacobs, bring down my despatch-box. This is a farcical waste of time, but still, if nothing else will satisfy you, it shall be done. Thank you, Jacobs; put it here. I have always had the key on my watch-chain. Here are the papers, you see. Letter from Lord Merrow, report from Sir Charles Hardy, memorandum from Belgrade, note on the Russo-German grain taxes, letter from Madrid, note from Lord Flowers - good heavens! what is this? Lord Bellinger! Lord Bellinger!" The Premier snatched the blue envelope from his hand."

27. Five Daily papers were mentioned in no less than eleven of Holmes's cases. Despite their common usage, Watson found it necessary to give two of them false names. Which two?

(2 pts.) Answer: Daily Gazette (REDC), Daily Herald (VALL)

---See Tracy, *The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, Doubleday & Company, New York, 1977, p. 96, for the discussions concerning the Daily Chronicle, Daily Gazette, Daily Herald, Daily News, and Daily Telegraph, mentioned in CARD, SILV, IDEN, REDC, VALL, STUD, GREE, COPP, NORW, SECO, BRUC.

-----Scatched from the point count.-----

28. To combine events in good form, enter the missing name: Violet Smith, Stanley Hopkins, Hilton Soames, _____.

(1 pt.) Answer: Mycroft Holmes [They all brought Holmes a case in 1895.]

---W., p. 527, SOLI: "On referring to my notebook for the year 1895 I find that it was upon Saturday, the 23rd of April, that we first heard of Miss Violet Smith."

---W., pp. 558-559, BLAC: "In this memorable year '95 a curious and incongruous succession of cases...Ah, Hopkins, I got your wire last night, and I have been expecting you.."

---W., p. 596, 3STU: "It was in the year '95 that a combination of events, into which I need not enter, caused Mr. Sherlock Holmes and myself to spend some weeks in one of our great University towns... Here it was that one evening we received a visit from an acquaintance, Mr. Hilton Soames, tutor and lecturer at the College of St Luke's."

---W., pp. 913-914, BRUC: "In the third week of November in the year 1895, a dense yellow fog settled down upon London. ..."Well, well! What next?" said he "Brother Mycroft is coming round."

29. It seems a bit odd for Holmes to refer to the lady as "young" considering her age in relation to his own age at the time. Which lady? At the most, how old are Holmes and the lady at the time of the adventure that put them together?

(3 pts.) Answer: Irene Adler, 29/30, Holmes, 33/34

---See Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, Volume I, p. 18, note 45: "As William S. Baring-Gould points out, Holmes is being smug here: 'When one considers that Irene was at the most 29 at this time, and that Holmes himself was a mere thirty-three, this superior attitude begins to look a trifle absurd.'"

---W., p. 160, SCAN: "One night - it was on the 20th of March, 1888 - I was returning from a journey to a patient (for I had now returned to civil practice), when my way led me through Baker Street."

---W., p. 165, SCAN: ""Let me see," said Holmes. "Hum! Born in New Jersey in the year 1858. Contralto - hum! La Scala, hum! Prima donna Imperial Opera of Warsaw - Yes! Retired from operatic stage - ha! Living in London - quite so! Your Majesty, as I understand, became

entangled with this young person, wrote her some compromising letters, and is now desirous of getting those letters back."

---W., p. 975, LAST: "He was a tall, gaunt man of sixty, with clear-cut features and a small goatee beard, which gave him a general resemblance to the caricatures of Uncle Sam.... "Well, I chose `August' for the word, and `1914' for the figures, and here we are."

---Holmes, 60 in 1914= 1914-60=born in 1854; 1888-1854: 34 at the most in March of 1888

---Adler, born in 1858= 1888-1858: 30 at the most in March of 1888

30. On what date did Holmes and Watson arrive in the country, falling in with Watson's plans for the single men?

(1 pt.) Answer: April 25

W., p. , REIG: "On referring to my notes, I see that it was on the 14th of April that I received a telegram from Lyons, which informed me that Holmes was lying ill in the Hotel Dulong. Within twenty-four hours I was in his sick-room, and was relieved to find that there was nothing formidable in his symptoms. ...Three days later we were back in Baker Street together, but it was evident that my friend would be much the better for a change, and the thought of a week of springtime in the country was full of attractions to me also. 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. On the last occasion he had remarked that if my friend would only come with me, he would be glad to extend his hospitality to him also. A little diplomacy was needed, but when Holmes understood that the establishment was a bachelor one, and that he would be allowed the fullest freedom, he fell in with my plans, and a week after our return from Lyons we were under the Colonel's roof."

---Watson arrived in Lyons on April 15 (April 14 + 24 hrs), they were back in Baker Street on April 18 (April 15 +3 days), and they arrived in Surrey on April 25 (April 18 + one week.)

"The pick of a bad lot."

Category: The policemen

31. Initially, Lestrade's clue was three layers deep. What clue?

(1 pt.) Answer: The note signed by F.H.M. found in Hattie Doran's wedding dress

---W., p. 295-296, NOBL: "In the dress is a pocket. In the pocket is a card-case. In the card-case is a note. And here is the very note...'You will see me when all is ready. Come at once. F. H.M.'"

32. These two of Scotland Yard, Holmes asserts, will always have foolish admirers—he made the assertion by quoting this literary theorist. Name the yarders, the theorist, and give the quote.

(4 pts.) Answer: Lestrade and Gregson, Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux, "Un sot trouve toujours un plus sot qui l'admire," or "A fool can always find a greater fool to admire him."

---W., p. 42, STUD: Sherlock Holmes and I read these notices over together at breakfast, and they appeared to afford him considerable amusement. "I told you that, whatever happened, Lestrade and Gregson would be sure to score." "That depends on how it turns out." "Oh, bless you, it doesn't matter in the least. If the man is caught, it will be on account of their exertions; if he escapes, it will be in spite of their exertions. It's heads I win and tails you lose. Whatever they do, they will have followers. `Un sot trouve toujours un plus sot qui l'admire'."

----- See Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume III: The Novels*, p. 97, Tobias Gregson Shows What He Can Do, Note 178: The final line of Canto 1 of *L'Art Poétique* by Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux (1636-1711), which may be translated as "A fool can always find a greater fool to admire him."

33. This inspector showed his refined tastes in his enjoyment of Holmes's menu of food and drink. Which inspector and what menu?

(2 pts.) Answer: Athelney Jones, oysters, brace of grouse, and something a little choice in white wine

---W., p., 134, SIGN: "Only that I insist upon your dining with us. It will be ready in half an hour. I have oysters and a brace of grouse, with something a little choice in white wines. Watson, you have never yet recognized my merits as a housekeeper." Our meal was a merry one. Holmes could talk exceedingly well when he chose, and that night he did choose. He appeared to be in a state of nervous exaltation. I have never known him so brilliant. He spoke on a quick succession of subjects - on miracle plays, on medieval pottery, on Stradivarius violins, on the Buddhism of Ceylon, and on the warships of the future - handling each as though he had made a special study of it. His bright humour marked the reaction from his black depression of the preceding days. Athelney Jones proved to be a sociable soul in his hours of relaxation, and faced his dinner with the air of a bon vivant."

34. This policeman, blonde and intelligent, stopped in to discuss a tragic case and smoke for a while—this was, of course, before he was sent to India. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Edmunds of the Berkshire Constabulary

---W., p. 1098, VEIL: "You may well say so. And yet there were one or two points which worried young Edmunds, of the Berkshire Constabulary. A smart lad that! He was sent later to Allahabad. That was how I came into the matter, for he dropped in and smoked a pipe or two over it." "A thin, yellow-haired man?" "Exactly. I was sure you would pick up the trail presently."

35. On this June night, Watson notes the quietness of the streets was broken only by the gaiety of some celebrants and one other steady noise. What steady noise?

(1 pt.) Answer: heavy, regular footfall of the policeman

---W., p. 229, TWIS: One night - it was in June, '89 - there came a ring to my bell, about the hour when a man gives his first yawn, and glances at the clock.

---W, p.233, TWIS: "He flicked the horse with his whip, and we dashed away through the endless succession of sombre and deserted streets, which widened gradually, until we were flying across a broad balustraded bridge, with the murky river flowing sluggishly beneath us. Beyond lay another broad wilderness of bricks and mortar, its silence broken only by the heavy, regular footfall of the policeman, or the songs and shouts of some belated party of revellers."

36. On this inspector's visit to Baker Street, he sported a certain seafaring look. Which inspector? Which adventure?

(2 pts.) Answer: Lestrade, NOBL

---W., p. 295, NOBL: "...but hullo, here is Lestrade! Good afternoon, Lestrade! You will find an extra tumbler upon the sideboard, and there are cigars in the box." The official detective was attired in a pea-jacket and cravat, which gave him a decidedly nautical appearance, and he carried a black canvas bag in his hand. With a short greeting he seated himself, and lit the cigar which had been offered to him. "What's up, then?" asked Holmes, with a twinkle in his eye. "You

look dissatisfied." "And I feel dissatisfied. It is this infernal St Simon marriage case. I can make neither head nor tail of the business."

37. Inspect the C.I.D. list: Barton, Bradstreet, Brown, Forbes, Gregory, Gregson, Hill, Hopkins, Jones, Lanner, Lestrade, Macdonald, MacKinnon, Merivale, Montgomery, Morton, Patterson, and Younghal. Who is missing?

(1 pt.) Answer: The other Jones [Athelney and Peter]

---See *Good Old Index*, William D. Goodrich, Gasogene Press, Dubuque, IA, 1987, p. 63: Detectives of Scotland Yard (C.I.D.); numerous others.

38. Watson's foreign handwriting must have tripped up a few editors, as this policeman, who received a secondary explanation, later saw his named spelled two different ways. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Dubuque, or Dubugue

--- See Tracy, *The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, Doubleday & Company, New York, 1977, p. 110: "**Dubuque**: a member of the Paris police, to whom Holmes demonstrated the true facts of the case of the second stain (NAVA). In some editions the name appears as Dubugue."

---W., p. 447, NAVA: "I find them recorded in my notes under the headings of 'The Adventure of the Second Stain', 'The Adventure of the Naval Treaty', and 'The Adventure of the Tired Captain'. The first of these, however, deals with interests of such importance, and implicates so many of the first families in the kingdom, that for many years it will be impossible to make it public. No case, however, in which Holmes was ever engaged has illustrated the value of his analytical methods so clearly or has impressed those who were associated with him so deeply. 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."

--- See *The Original Illustrated Strand Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Facsimile Edition*, Mallard Press, 1990, p. 411, NAVA: "... I still retain an almost verbatim report of the interview in which he demonstrated the true facts of the case to Monsieur Dubuque, of the Paris Police, and Fritz von Waldbaum..."

39. The quick actions of this City policeman led to a recovery and a discovery. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Sergeant Tuson of the police of the City of London

---W., p. 373, STOC: "It is customary at Mawson's for the clerks to leave at midday on Saturday. Sergeant Tuson, of the City Police, was somewhat surprised therefore to see a gentleman with a carpet bag come down the steps at twenty minutes past one. His suspicions being aroused, the sergeant followed the man, and with the aid of Constable Pollock succeeded, after a most desperate resistance, in arresting him. It was at once clear that a daring and gigantic robbery had been committed. Nearly a hundred thousand pounds' worth of American railway bonds, with a large amount of scrip in other mines and companies, were discovered in the bag. On examining the premises the body of the unfortunate watchman was found doubled up and thrust into the largest of the safes, where it would not have been discovered until Monday morning had it not been for the prompt action of Sergeant Tuson."

40. This officer, with his ornamented coat and distinctive hat, was at his desk early in the morning. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Bradstreet

--W., pp. 240-241, TWIS: "As I dressed I glanced at my watch. It was no wonder that no one was stirring. It was twenty-five minutes past four. I had hardly finished when Holmes returned with the news that the boy was putting in the horse... In town, the earliest risers were just beginning to look sleepily from their windows as we drove through the streets of the Surrey side. Passing down the Waterloo Bridge Road we crossed over the river, and dashing up Wellington Street wheeled sharply to the right, and found ourselves in Bow Street. Sherlock Holmes was well known to the Force, and the two constables at the door saluted him. One of them held the horse's head while the other led us in. "Who is on duty?" asked Holmes. "Inspector Bradstreet, sir." "Ah, Bradstreet, how are you?" A tall, stout official had come down the stone-flagged passage, in a peaked cap and frogged jacket."

"You know my methods. Apply them..."

Category: Holmes at work

41. Holmes found this criminal cleverness to actually be something new under the sun. What?

(1 pt.) Answer: The placing of Lady Frances Carfax into the coffin with the chloroform

--W., p. 29, STUD: "Read it up - you really should. There is nothing new under the sun. It has all been done before."

--W., p. 954, LADY: "They rushed in and overpowered her with their chloroform, carried her down, poured more into the coffin to insure against her waking, and then screwed down the lid. A clever device, Watson. It is new to me in the annals of crime."

42. Holmes thought his case might be likened to a tale collected by two well-known brothers. The brothers might have agreed considering their work about the stubborn child. Who are the brothers?

(1 pt.) Answer: Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm

--W., p. 1034, SUSS: "But what do we know about vampires? Does it come within our purview either? Anything is better than stagnation, but really we seem to have been switched on to a Grimm's fairy tale."

--See discussion of Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, and the tale *The Stubborn Child*, in *The New Yorker*, July 23, 2012: *Once Upon A Time* by Joan Acocella, viewable at thenewyorker.com.

43. Holmes, who had never been in better form, planned to take Watson on a particular journey into this northern European country. Journey to where and when?

(2 pts.) Answer: Norway; July 1895

--W., p. 558, BLAC: "I have never known my friend to be in better form, both mental and physical, than in the year '95."

--W., p. 559, BLAC: "During the first week of July my friend had been absent so often and so long from our lodgings that I knew he had something on hand."

--W., p. 572, BLAC: "If you want me for the trial, my address and that of Watson will be somewhere in Norway - I'll send particulars later."

44. Holmes, a keen student of handwriting, identified this particular and peculiar letter as a clue in no less than three cases. Which letter and which three cases?

(4 pts.) Answer: Greek e's, VALL, SIGN, and REIG

---W., p. 769, VALL: "It is Porlock's writing," said he, thoughtfully. "I can hardly doubt that it is Porlock's writing, though I have only seen it twice before. The Greek `e' with the peculiar top flourish is distinctive."

---W., p. 96, SIGN: "They are disguised hands, except the letter," he said, presently; "but there can be no question as to the authorship. See how the irrepressible Greek e will break out, and see the twirl of the final s."

---W., p. 408, REIG: "They belong to men who are blood-relatives. It may be most obvious to you in the Greek e's, but to me there are many small points which indicate the same thing."

45. In one breath, Holmes praises Watson's abilities and then praises himself quite highly for the art-like method he just used to trap a killer. What method?

(1 pt.) Answer: the pretence of dying

---W., p. 941, DYIN: "Can you ask, my dear Watson? Do you imagine that I have no respect for your medical talents? Could I fancy that your astute judgment would pass a dying man who, however weak, had no rise of pulse or temperature? At four yards, I could deceive you. If I failed to do so, who would bring my Smith within my grasp? No, Watson, I would not touch that box. You can just see if you look at it sideways where the sharp spring like a viper's tooth emerges as you open it. I daresay it was by some such device that poor Savage, who stood between this monster and a reversion, was done to death. My correspondence, however, is, as you know, a varied one, and I am somewhat upon my guard against any packages which reach me. It was clear to me, however, that by pretending that he had really succeeded in his design I might surprise a confession. That pretence I have carried out with the thoroughness of the true artist."

46. According to the savior, there was one simple thing Holmes could not have known regardless of his reasoning. Who is the savior, and who was saved?

(2 pts.) Answer: Bannister, and the student Gilchrist

---W., p. 606-607, 3STU: ""It was simple enough, sir, if you only had known; but with all your cleverness it was impossible that you could know. Time was, sir, when I was butler to old Sir Jabez Gilchrist, this young gentleman's father. When he was ruined I came to the college as servant, but I never forgot my old employer because he was down in the world. I watched his son all I could for the sake of the old days...Wasn't it natural, sir, that I should save him, and wasn't it natural also that I should try to speak to him as his dead father would have done, and make him understand that he could not profit by such a deed? Could you blame me, sir?"

47. In spite of the darkness when Holmes first looked into the matter, he solved it more than a year later. What matter?

(1 pt.) Answer: the theft of the black pearl of the Borgias

---W., pp. 594-595, SIXN: ""Yes, gentlemen," said he, "it is the most famous pearl now existing in the world, and it has been my good fortune, by a connected chain of inductive reasoning, to trace it from the Prince of Calonna's bedroom at the Dacre Hotel, where it was lost, to the interior of this, the last of the six busts of Napoleon which were manufactured by Gelder and Co., of Stepney. You will remember, Lestrade, the sensation caused by the disappearance of this valuable jewel, and the vain efforts of the London police to recover it. I was myself consulted upon the case; but I was unable to throw any light upon it..... In an instant Beppo, a skilful workman, made a small hole in the wet plaster, dropped in the pearl, and with a few touches covered over the aperture once more. It was an admirable hiding-place. No one could possibly find it. But Beppo was condemned to a year's imprisonment, and in the meanwhile his six busts were scattered over London."

48. One of Holmes's practices while working results in a physical state that has two definitions. One definition, indicating a loss of intellectual vitality or vigor, does not apply to Holmes. The second definition does apply, as Watson reports that the detective had passed out because of it. What practice? What state did this practice cause?

(2 pts.) Answer: refusing to eat; inanition

---W., p. 505, NORW: "My friend had no breakfast himself, for it was one of his peculiarities that in his more intense moments he would permit himself no food, and I have known him presume upon his iron strength until he has fainted from pure inanition. "At present I cannot spare energy and nerve force for digestion," he would say, in answer to my medical remonstrances."

--- See *Merriam-Webster* definition (merriam-webster.com/dictionary) of inanition: the quality or state of being empty:

a: the exhausted condition that results from lack of food or water

b: the absence or loss of social, moral or intellectual vitality or vigor

49. To locate the responsible cleric, Holmes used this directory. What cleric? What directory?

(2 pts.) Answer: J.C. Elman, Crockford

---W. p.1117, RETI: "This is evidently from a responsible person, the vicar of the place. Where is my Crockford? Yes, here we have him. J.C. Elman, M.A., Living of Mossmoor cum Little Purlington. Look up the trains, Watson."

--- See Tracy, *The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, Doubleday & Company, New York, 1977, p. 91: "**Crockford's Clerical Directory**", an annual directory published since 1858. Holmes turned up J.C. Elman in his Crockford (RETI).

50. How did a Holmes covertly convey the funds to secure the invention?

(1 pt.) Answer: Mycroft Holmes smuggled the funds for the Bruce-Partington plans past Parliament through the Estimates

---W., p. 916, BRUC: "You may take it from me that naval warfare becomes impossible within the radius of a Bruce-Partington's operation. Two years ago a very large sum was smuggled through the Estimates and was expended in acquiring a monopoly of the invention. Every effort has been made to keep the secret."

---See Tracy, *The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, Doubleday & Company, New York, 1977, p. 119: "**Estimates, The**, the accounts presented annually to Parliament, showing the probable amount of expenditure on the several administrative departments for the current year."

"Life is full of whimsical happenings..."

Category: Olio of Watson's interesting way with words

51. Although Holmes might be known for cold-bloodedness, he had enough concern for Watson to provide a warm drink for the good doctor upon waking him for the walk across the moor. What drink and where?

(2 pts.) Answer: Cocoa at the break of day in the priory school

---W, p. 547, PRIOR: "The day was just breaking when I woke to find the long, thin form of Holmes by my bedside. He was fully dressed, and had apparently already been out. "I have done the lawn and the bicycle shed," said he. "I have also had a ramble through the Ragged Shaw. Now, Watson, there is cocoa ready in the next room. I must beg you to hurry, for we have a great day before us."

52. The launch and two players had this in common, but a hound did not. What?

(1 pt.) Answers: The launch (Aurora) and two players (Morton and Johnson) were fliers (fast); the hound (Pompey) was not

---W., p. 141, SIGN: "Smith says she is one of the fastest launches on the river, and that if he had had another man to help him with the engines we should never have caught her. He swears he knew nothing of this Norwood business." "Neither he did," cried our prisoner - "not a word. I chose his launch because I heard that she was a flier."

---W., p. 623, MISS: He's a fine place-kick, it's true, but, then, he has no judgment, and he can't sprint for nuts. Why, Morton or Johnson, the Oxford fliers, could romp round him."

---W., p. 633, MISS: "Let me introduce you to Pompey," said he. "Pompey is the pride of the local draghounds, no very great flier, as his build will show, but a staunch hound on a scent."

53. This last of three must have been heavy indeed to cause such a shake. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Willoughby Smith

---W., p. 609, GOLD: "The first two he tried were not successes, but the third, Mr. Willoughby Smith, a very young man straight from university, seems to have been just what his employer wanted; "At the same instant there was a heavy thud, which shook the old house...Mr. Willoughby Smith was stretched upon the floor...blood was pouring from the underside of his neck."

54. This lady, similar in name to the heavy one above, was sitting gracefully while her attendant was bent low some 600 feet away. Which lady?

(1 pt.) Answer: Violet Smith

---W., p. 531, SOLI: "A quarter of an hour passed and then a second cyclist appeared. This time it was the young lady coming from the station. I saw her look about her as she came to the Charlington hedge. An instant later the man emerged from his hiding-place, sprang upon his bicycle, and followed her. In all the broad landscape those were the only moving figures, the graceful girl sitting very straight upon her machine, and the man behind her bending low over his handlebar, with a curiously furtive suggestion in every movement...He at once stopped, too, keeping two hundred yards behind her....Presently she came back up the road again, her head haughtily in the air, not deigning to take any further notice of her silent attendant."

55. Although Holmes said no ghosts need apply, he was assured once that the deceased parent and child led the way for the two men. Who assured Holmes, and who were the family members he named?

(3 pts.) Answer: Jefferson Hope, John Ferrier and Lucy

W., pp. 80-81, STUD: "As I drove I could see old John Ferrier and sweet Lucy looking at me out of the darkness and smiling at me, just as plain as I see you all in this room. All the way they were ahead of me, one on each side of the horse, until I pulled up at the house in the Brixton Road. "There was not a soul to be seen, nor a sound to be heard, except the dripping of the rain. When I looked in at the window, I found Drebber all huddled together in a drunken sleep. I shook him by the arm. 'It's time to get out,' I said. "'All right, cabby,' said he. "I suppose he thought we had come to the hotel that he had mentioned, for he got out without another word, and followed me down the garden. I had to walk beside him to keep him steady, for he was still a little top-heavy. When we came to the door, I opened it, and led him into the front room. I give you my word that all the way, the father and the daughter were walking in front of us."

56. Of the six, one was missing something the other five had—perhaps for the same reason the owner no longer had a picture. Name the one, what the one did not have, and the owner.

(3 pts.) Answer: The Duke of Balmoral was the owner of Iris, a horse racing in the Wessex Plate. Iris did not have a cap listed on the race card

---W., p. 289, NOBL: As it is an open secret that the Duke of Balmoral has been compelled to sell his pictures within the last few years, and as Lord St Simon has no property of his own, save the small estate of Birchmoor..."

---W., p. 347 , SILV: Wessex Plate. 50 sovs. each, h ft, with 1,000 sovs. added, for four and five-year olds. Second œ300. Third œ200. New course (one mile and five furlongs).

1. Mr. Heath Newton's The Negro (red cap, cinnamon jacket).
2. Colonel Wardlaw's Pugilist (pink cap, blue and black jacket).
3. Lord Backwater's Desborough (yell cap and sleeves).
4. Colonel Ross's Silver Blaze (black cap, red jacket).
5. Duke of Balmoral's Iris (yellow and black stripes).
6. Lord Singleford's Rasper (purple cap, black sleeves).

57. This lady's little item, with its binding, brings Jonathan Small's strange story to mind. What item?

(1 pt.) Answer: Mrs. Cubbitt's handbag of crocodile skin, with its notes bound with an india-rubber band

---W., p. 520 , DANC: It was a lady's handbag which stood upon the study table - a trim little handbag of crocodile-skin and silver. Holmes opened it and turned the contents out. There were twenty fifty-pound notes of the Bank of England, held together by an india-rubber band - nothing else.

---W., pp. 144-145 , SIGN: " At last, however, when I was about eighteen, I gave them no more trouble, for I got into a mess over a girl, and could only get out of it by taking the Queen's shilling and joining the 3rd Buffs, which was just starting for India. "I wasn't destined to do much soldiering, however. I had just got past the goose-step, and learned to handle my musket, when I was fool enough to go swimming in the Ganges. Luckily for me, my company sergeant, John Holder, was in the water at the same time, and he was one of the finest swimmers in the Service. A crocodile took me, just as I was half-way across, and nipped off my right leg as clean as a surgeon could have done it, just above the knee."

58. Perhaps Lestrade is related in some way to the small criminal and the confused actor. Who is the criminal? Who is the actor? What is the similarity?

(3 pts.) Answer: James Ryder (BLUE), Mr. Norlett (SHOS), they are all described as rat-faced

---W., p.22, STUD: " There was one little sallow, rat-faced, dark-eyed fellow, who was introduced to me as Mr. Lestrade, and who came three or four times in a single week."

--- W., p. 253, BLUE: "His remarks were suddenly cut short by a loud hubbub which broke out from the stall which we had just left. Turning round we saw a little rat-faced fellow standing in the centre of the circle of yellow light which was thrown by the swinging lamp, while Breckinridge the salesman, framed in the door of his stall, was shaking his fists fiercely at the cringing figure.... No; but one of them was mine all the same," whined the little man."

---W., p.1111, SHOS: "When he returned he had two companions with him: the one, the florid young woman whom we had seen in the carriage; the other, a small rat-faced man with a disagreeably furtive manner. These two wore an appearance of utter bewilderment, which showed that the Baronet had not yet had time to explain to them the turn events had taken. "There," said Sir Robert, with a wave of his hand, "are Mr. and Mrs. Norlett. Mrs. Norlett, under her maiden name of Evans, has for some years been my sister's confidential maid...Her maid's

husband - this man here - is an actor. It came into our heads - it came into my head - that he could for that short period personate my sister."

59. What did the ephelides do when Watson asked the compelling question?

(1 pt.) Answer: the freckles started out on the lady's face

---W., p. 733, HOUN: "The first impression left by Mrs. Lyons was one of extreme beauty. Her eyes and hair were of the same rich hazel colour, and her cheeks, though considerably freckled, were flushed with the exquisite bloom of the brunette, the dainty pink which lurks at the heart of the sulphur rose... 'It was about the late Sir Charles Baskerville that I have come here to see you.' The freckles started out on the lady's face."

---See Merriam-Webster definition (merriam-webster.com/dictionary) of ephelis, plural ephelides: medical definition of freckle

60. This conversation topic that Holmes and Watson engaged in after some refreshment proves once again that Watson's original limits list was incorrect. What topic?

(1 pt.) Answer: causes of the change in the obliquity of the ecliptic

---W., p. 435, GREE: "It was after tea on a summer evening, and the conversation, which had roamed in a desultory, spasmodic fashion from golf clubs to the causes of the change in the obliquity of the ecliptic, came round at last to the question of atavism and hereditary aptitudes."

---W., p. 21. STUD: "SHERLOCK HOLMES - his limits... 3. Knowledge of Astronomy. - Nil."

---See Wikipedia, Axial Tilt: "The Earth's orbital plane is known as the ecliptic plane, and the earth's tilt is known to astronomers as the obliquity of the ecliptic."; numerous others.

"There is no one who knows the higher criminal world of London so well."

Category: The villains

61. Out of the natural order of things, these villains, one committing assault and one committing murder, were themselves intended to be used as tools in the commission of other crimes. Which assaulter and which murderer?

(2 pts.) Answer: Horse (Silver Blaze), Lion (Sahara King)

---W., pp. 1099-1101, VEIL: see text concerning the lion, the planned murder of Eugenia Ronder's husband, and the assault upon Eugenia Ronder by the lion.

---W., pp. 348-350, SILV: see text concerning Straker's planned crippling of the horse Silver Blaze, and the horse's fatal strike at Straker.

62. A particular weapon was utilized by three villains: once to frighten a victim into submission, once to threaten Holmes, and once to commit murder. What weapon? Which villains?

(4 pts.) Answer: life-preserver, Hugo Oberstein, George Burnwell, Wilson Kemp

---W., p. 930, BRUC: "Oberstein had a short life-preserver. He always carried it with him. As West forced his way after us into the house Oberstein struck him on the head. The blow was a fatal one. He was dead within five minutes. There he lay in the hall, and we were at our wits' end what to do."

---W., p. 316, BERY: "I found that I had my man, so I came home and changed my clothes. It was a delicate part which I had to play then, for I saw that a prosecution must be avoided to avert scandal, and I knew that so astute a villain would see that our hands were tied in the matter. I went and saw him. At first, of course, he denied everything. But when I gave him every particular

that had occurred, he tried to bluster, and took down a life-preserver from the wall. I knew my man, however, and I clapped a pistol to his head before he could strike. Then he became a little more reasonable. I told him that we would give him a price for the stones he held - a thousand pounds apiece. That brought out the first signs of grief he had shown. 'Why, dash it all!' said he, 'I've let them go at six hundred for the three!'"

---W., p. 445-446, GREE: "It was a simple story which he had to tell, and one which did but confirm our own deductions. His visitor on entering his rooms had drawn a life preserver from his sleeve, and had so impressed him with the fear of instant and inevitable death, that he had kidnapped him for the second time... whose name was Wilson Kemp - a man of the foulest antecedents..."

63. This capable agent, although suspected twice, did not prove to be the culprit either time. Who? Which two adventures?

(2 pts.) Answer: La Rothiere, SECO, BRUC

---W., p. 654, SECO: "There are only those three capable of playing so bold a game; there are Oberstein, La Rothiere, and Eduardo Lucas. I will see each of them."

---W., p. 925, BRUC: "There are numerous small fry, but few who would handle so big an affair. The only men worth considering are Adolph Meyer, of 13, Great George Street, Westminster; Louis La Rothiere, of Camden Mansions, Notting Hill; and Hugo Oberstein, 13, Caulfield Gardens, Kensington."

64. Apparently the British government, unlike Moriarty, does not practice the American business principle. What principle, and which two subordinates' rates of pay prove the point?

(3 pts.) Answer: The principle of paying for brains; Mycroft Holmes's pay rate of 450 vs Moran's pay rate of 6,000

---W., p.777, VALL: " His chief of the staff is Colonel Sebastian Moran, as aloof and guarded and inaccessible to the law as himself. What do you think he pays him?" "I'd like to hear." "Six thousand a year. That's paying for brains, you see - the American business principle."

---W., p. 914, BRUC: "I thought I might surprise you. Mycroft draws four hundred and fifty pounds a year, remains a subordinate, has no ambitions of any kind, will receive neither honour nor title, but remains the most indispensable man in the country."

65. Despite the oft-repeated error of the first English edition of Watson's tale, how many months of salary, at a minimum, would Colonel Moran have to spend for a Greuze at the 1865 rate?

(1 pt.) Answer: Minimum of 80 months

---W., p. 776, VALL: "All knowledge comes useful to the detective," remarked Holmes. "Even the trivial fact that in the year 1865 a picture by Greuze, entitled 'La Jeune Fille ... l'agneau', fetched one million two hundred thousand francs—more than forty thousand pounds- at the Portalis sale - may start a train of reflection in your mind."

---W., p.777, VALL: "His chief of the staff is Colonel Sebastian Moran, as aloof and guarded and inaccessible to the law as himself. What do you think he pays him?" "I'd like to hear." "Six thousand a year."

---Moran earns 6,000/12 = 500 a month. The painting sold for more than 40,000. 40,000/500 = 80 months.

--- See Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Vol III, The Novels*, p. 651, note 33: The amount of "forty thousand pounds" appears in the manuscript and in the *Strand Magazine* and various American editions, while "four thousand pounds" appears in the first English edition. Forty thousand seems to be correct, as the exchange rate in 1865 was much closer to 30 francs to the pound than 300 francs to the pound.

"The problem has always been not to find but to choose."

Category: The un-told tales

66. The Thirteenth: mentioned in October and July. Who and why?

(2 pts.) Answer: Pope Leo XIII, Cases of the Vatican cameos and Cardinal Tosca

---*The Oxford Sherlock Holmes Series*, General editor Owen Dudley Edwards: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, volume edited W.W. Robson, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1993, p.174, note 17: "...the Pope: Leo XIII (Vincenzo Gioaccino Pecci, 1810-1903, reigned 1878-1903)."

---W., p. 670-671, HOUN: "...he left five years ago..." "House surgeon, from 1882 to 1884" puts the date of the story at about 1889;

---W., p. 677, HOUN: "...that little affair of the Vatican cameos...in my anxiety to oblige the Pope...";

---W., p. 712, HOUN: the date of Watson's first letter: "Baskerville Hall, October 13th";

---W., p. 559, BLAC: "In the memorable year '95", "...famous investigation of the sudden death of Cardinal Tosca...at the express desire of His Holiness the Pope", "During the first week of July..";

67. Watson was repulsed by at least one case. Upon reading his notes, he associated it in his mind with the death of the money handler. When? What money handler?

(2 pts.) Answer: 1894, Crosby

---W., p. 607, GOLD: "When I look at the three massive manuscript volumes which contain our work for the year 1894 I confess that it is very difficult for me, out of such a wealth of material, to select the cases which are most interesting in themselves and at the same time most conducive to a display of those peculiar powers for which my friend was famous. As I turn over the pages I see my notes upon the repulsive story of the red leech and the terrible death of Crosby the banker."

68. Watson was away from home, but everything was suitably furnished. He then noted he might write a summary of the resulting information, but, as far as we know, he did not. What information?

(1 pt.) Answer: The results of Holmes's study of Early English charters

---W., p. 596, 3STU: "We were residing at the time in furnished lodgings close to a library where Sherlock Holmes was pursuing some laborious researches in Early English charters - researches which led to results so striking that they may be the subject of one of my future narratives."

69. Holmes confided to Watson that help to these two resulted in the great detective having the option to live in the manner he preferred. Which two?

(2 pts.) Answer: assistance to the Royal Family of Scandinavia and to the French Republic

---W., p. 470, FINA: "Between ourselves, the recent cases in which I have been of assistance to the Royal Family of Scandinavia, and to the French Republic, have left me in such a position that I could continue to live in the quiet fashion which is most congenial to me, and to concentrate my attention upon my chemical researches."

"Art in the blood is liable to take the strangest forms."

Category: Holmes & Watson & the arts

70. Watson preferred these songs without words. Who composed them?

(1 pt.) Answer: Mendelssohn

---W., p.22 , STUD: "That he could play pieces, and difficult pieces, I knew well, because at my request he has played me some of Mendelssohn's *Lieder*, and other favourites. When left to himself, however, he would seldom produce any music or attempt any recognizing air."

--- See Tracy, *The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, Doubleday & Company, New York, 1977, p. 239: "Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Felix (1809-1847), ...his best known works are the *Lieder ohne Worte* (Songs without Words)..."

71. As Watson held his own instruments, he heard the music playing. What music and where?

(2 pts.) Answer: piano playing, Caulfield Gardens

---W., p.927, BRUC: "It is nearly half a mile, but there is no hurry. Let us walk," said he. "Don't drop the instruments, I beg. Your arrest as a suspicious character would be a most unfortunate complication." Caulfield Gardens was one of those lines of flat-faced, pillared, and porticoed houses which are so prominent a product of the middle Victorian epoch in the West End of London. Next door there appeared to be a children's party, for the merry buzz of young voices and the clatter of a piano resounded through the night."

72. Holmes wanted to listen to this tenor and bass after dinner. Who are they?

(2 pts.) Answer: Jean and Edouard De Reszke

---W., p. 766, HOUN: "I have a box for 'Les Huguenots'. Have you heard the De Reszkes? Might I trouble you then to be ready in half an hour, and we can stop at Marcini's for a little dinner on the way?"

--- See Baring-Gould, *The Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, Volume I, p. 112, note 114: Jean de Reszke...polish operatic tenor and teacher.....His brother Edouard de Reszke...was a leading bass at the Metropolitan Opera."!

73. If the constable had been concerned about this uncommon song, his career might have changed. What constable? Song about what?

(2 pts.) Answer: John Rance, Columbine's New-fangled Banner

---W., p. 35, STUD: "The constable's features broadened into a grin. "I've seen many a drunk chap in my time," he said, "but never anyone so cryin' drunk as that cove. He was at the gate when I came out, a-leaning' up ag'in the railings, and a-singin' at the pitch o' his lungs about Columbine's New-fangled Banner, or such stuff. He couldn't stand, far less help."

"What sort of man was he?" asked Sherlock Holmes. John Rance appeared to be somewhat irritated at this digression. "He was an uncommon drunk sort o' man," he said. "He'd ha' found hisself in the station if we hadn't been so took up... "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. You might have gained your sergeant's stripes last night. The man whom you held in your hands is the man who holds the clue of this mystery, and whom we are seeking. There is no use of arguing about it now; I tell you that it is so. Come along, Doctor."

"I hear of Sherlock everywhere since you became his chronicler."

Category: Watson's written work revealed

74. This client had heard that Holmes had the ability to see inside the human body. Which client?

(1 pt.) Answer: Helen Stoner

---W., p. 259, SPEC: "But I have heard, Mr. Holmes, that you can see deeply into the manifold wickedness of the human heart."

75. This gentleman noted he had heard of Sherlock Holmes, too—perhaps this is why he chose to appear brandishing Holmes's favorite weapon. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Dr. Grimesby Roylott

---W., p. 264, SPEC: "I am Dr. Grimesby Roylott, of Stoke Moran...Ha! You put me off, do you?" said our new visitor, taking a step forward, and shaking his hunting-crop. "I know you, you scoundrell! I have heard of you before..."

---W., p. 591, SIXN: "I was not surprised when Holmes suggested that I should take my revolver with me. He had himself picked up the loaded hunting-crop which was his favourite weapon."

76. How, when and where did readers of Watson's fantastic brochure first learn that the detective could not congratulate him upon it?

(3 pts.) Answer: Publication of SIGN, *Lippincott's Magazine*, February 1890

---W., p.90, SIGN: "Yes, indeed," said I, cordially. "I was never so struck by anything in my life. I even embodied it in a small brochure, with the somewhat fantastic title of 'A Study in Scarlet'." He shook his head sadly. "I glanced over it," said he. "Honestly, I cannot congratulate you upon it. Detection is, or ought to be, an exact science, and should be treated in the same cold and unemotional manner."

--- See *The Canonical Compendium*, Steven Clarkson, Calabash Press, Ashcroft, British Columbia, 1999, p 428, *The Sherlock Holmes Adventures Details of First Publication*, SIGN, *Lippincott's Magazine*, February 1890.

77. When this narrative first appeared to readers on November 8, 1924, twenty-two years and sixty-four days had passed since the exact date of the onset of the case. Which narrative?

(1 pt.) Answer: ILLU

---W., p. 984, ILLU: "It can't hurt now," was Mr. Sherlock Holmes's comment when, for the tenth time in as many years, I asked his leave to reveal the following narrative. So it was that at last I obtained permission to put on record what was, in some ways, the supreme moment of my friend's career. Both Holmes and I had a weakness for the Turkish Bath. It was over a smoke in the pleasant lassitude of the drying-room that I have found him less reticent and more human than anywhere else. On the upper floor of the Northumberland Avenue establishment there is an isolated corner where two couches lie side by side, and it was on these that we lay upon September 3, 1902, the day when my narrative begins."

--- See *The Canonical Compendium*, Steven Clarkson, Calabash Press, Ashcroft, British Columbia, 1999, p 427, *The Sherlock Holmes Adventures Details of First Publication*, ILLU, *Collier's* 8 November 1924.

78. Once Holmes chatted about items manufactured in this Italian city, and in the greater Field of writings about Holmes, it is asserted that he read an interesting article about the trees of the city. Which city? Where is it asserted?

(2 pts.) Answer: Cremona; in the Holmes parody, *The Field Bazaar*

---W., p. 27, STUD: "My companion was in the best of spirits, and prattled away about Cremona fiddles, and the difference between a Stradivarius and an Amati."

---*The Oxford Sherlock Holmes Series*, General editor Owen Dudley Edwards: *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, volume edited by Richard Lancelyn Green, *The Field Bazaar*, p. 323, : "you will

excuse me if I return to this very interesting article upon the trees of Cremona, and the exact reasons for their pre-eminence in the manufacture of violins."

-----*The Field Bazaar* also appears in many other editions, including *The Published Apocrypha* edited by Jack Tracy, *The Final Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* edited by Peter Haining, *The Uncollected Sherlock Holmes* edited by Richard Lancelyn Green, and the final volume of Leslie Klinger's *Sherlock Holmes Reference Library*.

79. All but these two could be found in the Strand. Which two?

(2 pts.) Answer: A Study in Scarlet and The Sign of Four

--- See *The Original Illustrated Strand Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Facsimile Edition*, Mallard Press, 1990, front book cover notes; numerous others.

80. The American publisher's addition of eight more might be Yellow journalism. Eight what and where?

(2 pts.) Answer: Eight minutes, The Yellow Face; Doubleday and others changed "two minutes" from the original text to "ten minutes" in the American editions.

---W., p. 362, YELL: "It was a long ten minutes before Grant Munro broke the silence..."

---See *The Original Illustrated Strand Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Facsimile Edition*, Mallard Press, 1990, p. 330: "It was a long two minutes before Grant Munro broke the silence..."

--- See Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, Volume I, p. 472, note 25.

"It is a hobby of mine to have an exact knowledge of London."

Category: The character of London

81. If he were not so lucky, the constable would have found himself down the same street as the misplaced buck. What street?

(1 pt.) Answer: Queer Street

---W., p. 662, SECO: "It's lucky for you, my man, that nothing is missing, or you would find yourself in Queer Street."

---W., p. 1103, SHOS: "He [Sir Robert Norberton] should have been a buck in the days of the Regency - a boxer, an athlete, a plunger on the Turf, a lover of fair ladies, and, by all account, so far down Queer Street that he may never find his way back again."

82. Watson had no illusions of frivolity when repeating Holmes's dry words about this place. Where?

(1 pt.) Answer: 104 Berkeley Square

W., p. 991, ILLU: "... Then he told the story, which I would repeat in this way. His hard, dry statement needs some little editing to soften it into the terms of real life. "There was no difficulty at all about the appointment," said Holmes, "...so that at half-past five a cab deposited us outside 104, Berkeley Square, where the old soldier resides - one of those awful gray London castles which would make a church seem frivolous."

83. Watson found this address to be peaceful, yet uninspiring, when compared to the brisk pace of life beside it. What address?

(1 pt.) Answer: 131 Pitt Street, Kensington

--W., p. 585, SIXN: "In half an hour we had reached Pitt Street, a quiet little backwater just beside one of the briskest currents of London life. No. 131 was one of a row, all flat-chested, respectable, and most unromantic dwellings."

84. In no less than ten accounts, Watson mentions this major thoroughfare by the name it acquired in the 18th century, but its older name and its infamous west end might have been bandied about when discussing the three Randalls or Sutton. Which street?

(1 pt.) Answer: Oxford Street

--See *The Canonical Compendium*, Steven Clarkson, Calabash Press, Ashcroft, British Columbia, 1999, p. 8, "Streets: Oxford Street: BLUE, CHAS, EMPT, FINA, GREE, HOUN, LADY, PRIO, REDH, RESI."

-- See discussion of Oxford Street, *The London Encyclopaedia*, edited by Ben Weinreb and Christopher Hibbert, Adler & Adler, Maryland, 1983, p.570: "Oxford Street...was also sometimes called *The Tyburn Way* as the Tyburn flowed across it; The Tyburn Gallows were at the west end; ...Oxford Street became established as its name in the 18th century due to the coincidence that the land on the north side had been acquired in 1713 by Edward Harley, 2nd Earl of Oxford."

---W., p. 637, ABBE: "Exactly; the father and two sons. It's their work. I have not a doubt of it. They did a job at Sydenham a fortnight ago, and were seen and described. Rather cool to do another so soon and so near; but it is they, beyond all doubt. It's a hanging matter this time."

---W, p. 434, RESI: "They were all five arrested, but the evidence against them was by no means conclusive. This Blessington, or Sutton, who was the worst of the gang, turned informer. On his evidence Cartwright was hanged, and the other three got fifteen years apiece."

85. The first at this establishment, who probably did not have a dresser, met his fate in the same infamous west end noted above. First what and where?

(2 pts.) Answer: First physician at St. Bart's Hospital

---W, p. 16, STUD: "On the very day that I had come to this conclusion, I was standing at the Criterion Bar, when someone tapped me on the shoulder, and turning round I recognized young Stamford, who had been a dresser under me at Barts."

--See discussion of the history of St. Bart's at www.bartshealth.nhs.uk: "1567: Dr Roderigo Lopez, the first physician was appointed. Roderigo Lopez, a native of Portugal, was the first regular physician to be appointed to St Bartholomew's Hospital, starting work in about 1567. He later became physician to Elizabeth I, but was falsely accused of plotting to poison the Queen and was hung, drawn and quartered."

--See discussion of St Bartholomew's Hospital, *The London Encyclopaedia*, edited by Ben Weinreb and Christopher Hibbert, Adler & Adler, Maryland, 1983, p. 694: "In 1568 Dr Roderigo Lopez became the hospital's first physician; he was hanged at Tyburn in 1594 accused of trying to poison Elizabeth I."

86. While Watson gave a false name for a private establishment in this street, the address for American diplomat Benjamin Franklin was real. What establishment and which street?

(2 pts.) Answer: Mexborough Private Hotel, Craven Street

--W., p. 763, HOUN: "They lodged, I find at the Mexborough Private Hotel, in Craven Street, which was actually one of those called upon by my agent in search of evidence."

--Mexborough Private Hotel is a fictional name per Tracy, *The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, Doubleday & Company, New York, 1977, p. 240.

--See discussion of Craven Street, *The London Encyclopaedia*, edited by Ben Weinreb and Christopher Hibbert, Adler & Adler, Maryland, 1983, p. 207: "...Benjamin Franklin [lived] at No. 36 in 1757-62, when he was acting for the Colony of Pennsylvania, and again from 1764-72 when he

moved to another house, since demolished, in the street with his land-lady of whom he had grown fond."

"The stage lost a fine actor ..."

Category: Theater and the Sherlockian tales

87. When Holmes and Watson reached the third pillar, they were not met by the business manager; a consultation with him would have been more appropriate in which of Holmes's book of cases?

(1 pt.) Answer: The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire/Casebook

-- W., p. 95, SIGN: "...six years ago—to be exact, upon the fourth of May, 1882...", "...the third pillar from the left outside the Lyceum Theatre..."= Lyceum, 1888.

--Bram Stoker was the business manager of the Lyceum (1878—1898), and the author of *Dracula*, published 1897; see Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume II*, "But What Do We Know About Vampires?", pp. 1576-1580; also see Klinger, *The Annotated Dracula, The Context of Dracula*, pp. xxx-xxxvi, for discussion of Holmes, vampires, and Stoker.

--Consensus of major chronologists place SUSS in 1896; see Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, Chronological Table: The Life and Times of Sherlock Holmes*, pp. 751, footnote 1, and p. 766, table entry.

88. In Watson's estimation, this Garrick Theatre manager was Holmes's equal as an actor. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Mr. John Hare

--- W., p. 170, SCAN: "...his [Holmes as the clergyman] general look of peering and benevolent curiosity were such as Mr. John Hare alone could have equalled..." see discussion of John Hare, Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I*, p. 29, note 71.

89. When this Fog settled on London, Holmes was in pursuit of this elusive criminal. What and Who?

(2 pts.) Answer: Movie *A Study in Terror*, released in England as *Fog*, Jack the Ripper

--Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, The World of Sherlock Holmes*, p. LIV, and www.imdb.com: *A Study in Terror* (1965), released as *Fog* in England.

90. This Brett portrayed Holmes on film some sixty-three years before Jeremy Brett. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Eille Norwood

--Christopher Redmond, *The Sherlock Holmes Handbook, 2nd Edition*, Dundurn Press, Toronto, 2009, p. 233: Eille Norwood played Holmes 45 times beginning in 1921; Eille Norwood was a stage name—his real name was Anthony Brett; numerous others.

"Come, Watson, come!" he cried. "The game is afoot."

Category: Playing The Game of Holmes & Watson as history

91. Sherlockian scholars often fault Watson's poor memory for the odd errors in his manuscripts. Name the tragedy that proves their theory.

(1 pt.) Answer: The Abbas Parva Tragedy

-- W., p. 1097, VEIL: Holmes: "Have you no recollection of the Abbas Parva tragedy?"-- Watson: "None, Holmes"-- Holmes: "And yet you were with me then."
--See the discussion about this exchange in Baring-Gould, *The Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere Since You Became His Chronicler"*, p. 4.

92. This chronologist clings to a date of 1874 as accurate for the events revealed in *The Adventure of the "Gloria Scott"*. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Leslie S. Klinger

--Klinger, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, Chronological Table: The Life and Times of Sherlock Holmes*, p. 751 (footnote), p. 757, table entry.

93. Who said, "It is one of the elementary principals of practical reasoning that when the impossible has been eliminated, the residuum, however improbable, must contain the truth," and where?

(2 pts.) Answer: An un-named letter writer quoted in a letter to the *London Times*, it is said, on July 3, 1890 "over the signature of an amateur reasoner of some celebrity at that date."

--From Arthur Conan Doyle's short story *The Lost Special*, published in the Strand magazine for July 1898; see discussion, Baring-Gould, *The Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere Since You Became His Chronicler"*, p. 17.

94. Watson's literary agent placed an homage to a member of his family into a story concerning Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. Name the reference and the story.

(2 pts.) Answer: His Last Bow, Altamont; Arthur Conan Doyle's father was named Charles Altamont Doyle

--www.conandoyllection.co.uk, *The Conan Doyle Family, The Arthur Conan Doyle Collection Lancelyn Green Bequest*; numerous others.

95. Identify the Piff-Pouff and his hat.

(2 pts.) Answer: M. Piff-Pouff is the invented scholar in the Monsignor Ronald A. Knox paper, 'Studies in the Literature of Sherlock Holmes'; M. Piff-Pouff expounds greatly upon the bowler hat worn by Watson

--*Amazing & Extraordinary Facts: Sherlock Holmes*, Nick Utechin, David & Charles, Newton Abbot, UK, pp. 94-95; www.diogenes-club.com, *The Cornerstone of Sherlockian Literature: Studies In the Literature of Sherlock Holmes by Monsignor Ronald A. Knox*.

"Cut out the poetry, Watson...I note that it was a high brick wall."

Category: Poets writing about Holmes & Watson; and the high brick wall this Treasure Hunt writer has to reach to climb to even come close to the work of Treasure Hunt Founder, Don 'Buttons' Libey.

96. This Sherlockian man of letters was born in the unique hamlet of Sir Henry's cobbler. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Vincent Starrett

--Vincent Starrett, born 1886, Toronto; the Vincent Starrett Collection, Northern Illinois University, ulib.niu.edu;

--See Randall Stock's www.bestofsherlock.com: Starrett's *The Unique Hamlet* was published in December 1920, probably issued in two variants totaling 110 copies.

--W. p. 670-671, HOUN: "...he left five years ago..." "House surgeon, from 1882 to 1884" puts the date of the story at about 1889

-- W., p. 760, HOUN: "He held an old black boot in the air. 'Meyers, Toronto' was printed on the leather inside. 'It is worth a mud bath, said he. 'It is our friend Sir Henry's missing boot.

97. Identify and date [the answer to #96]'s halloo for Edgar W. Smith.

(2 pts.) Answer: Vincent Starrett's *Sonnet 221B*, March 11, 1942

--Vincent Starrett, *Sonnet 221B*, marked *For Edgar W. Smith*, and dated March 11, 1942, includes the "...view--halloo..", often printed as 'halloo'.

--See hrc.utexas.edu/tag/vincent-starrett: A rare original issue, privately printed by Edwin B. Hill of Ysleta, Texas, and distributed at Christmas, 1942, is housed at The Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin; numerous other references and facsimiles.

98. This remarkable worm is certainly not unknown to science. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Isaac Asimov

--Isaac Asimov, *Asimov's Sherlockian Limericks*, The Mysterious Press, NY, 1978. As indicated by the book flap [and numerous other references], Asimov's BSI investiture is "The Remarkable Worm Unknown to Science".

99. How [the answer to #98] titled this piece:

**"Farewell, Sherlock! Farewell, Watson, too.
First to last, you've been loyal and true
Of the human totality
Who've lived in reality
There've been none quite as real as you"**

(1 pt.) Answer: The Adventure of the Retired Colourman

-- *Asimov's Sherlockian Limericks*, p. 60

--Marvin Kaye, editor, *The Game Is Afoot: Parodies, Pastiches and Ponderings of Sherlock Holmes*, St. Martin's Press, New York, 1994: Asimov's piece used as the closing page, p. 513.

100. Name a Sherlockian biography and autobiography edited by another poet.

(1 pt.) Answer: *The Biography and Autobiography of Sherlock Holmes* by Mycroft Holmes and Sherlock Holmes, Don Libey, Editor

--*The Biography and Autobiography of Sherlock Holmes* by Mycroft Holmes and Sherlock Holmes, Don Libey, Editor, Campbell & Lewis, Santa Rosa and London, 2012. Books of poetry published by Don Libey include *Spare*, and *A Few Thoughts Before I Go*, also published by Campbell & Lewis, see campbellandlewis.com.

You have reached the final treasure—the poet, one of the founders of The John H Watson Society, the founder of the JHWS Treasure Hunt, and a true Sherlockian treasure. Who?

(1 pt.) Answer: Don 'Buttons' Libey