

2016 John H Watson Society Treasure Hunt Answers

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

--Sherlock Holmes, THOR

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**1. To the casual observer it is easy to imagine Watson spent his first night in Baker Street alone.**

**Why?**

Answer: Watson states he moved from the hotel the day they entered into possession at Baker Street, and Holmes followed the next morning.

(1pt)

--W., p. 20, STUD: We met next day as he had arranged, and inspected the rooms at No. 221B, Baker Street, of which he had spoken at our meeting. They consisted of a couple of comfortable bedrooms and a single large airy sitting-room, cheerfully furnished, and illuminated by two broad windows. So desirable in every way were the apartments, and so moderate did the terms seem when divided between us, that the bargain was concluded upon the spot, and we at once entered into possession. That very evening I moved my things round from the hotel, and on the following morning Sherlock Holmes followed me with several boxes and portmanteaux. For a day or two we were busily employed in unpacking and laying out our property to the best advantage.

**2. Watson was not slacking off to participate in the case as his practice was least busy during this time of the year. What month?**

Answer: Last part of July

(1pt)

--W., p. 447, NAVA: The July which immediately succeeded my marriage was made memorable by three cases of interest in which I had the privilege of being associated with Sherlock Holmes, and of studying his methods.

--W., p. 457, NAVA: "My practice - " I began. "Oh, if you find your own cases more interesting than mine - " said Holmes, with some asperity. "I was going to say that my practice could get along very well for a day or two, since it is the slackest time in the year."

**3. Despite the mixture of spellings of this name among Watson's published tales, he was not referencing Vermont. Where?**

Answer: Montpelier / Montpellier

(1pt)

--W., p. 18, STUD: "There was the case of Von Bischoff at Frankfort last year. He would certainly have been hung had this test been in existence. Then there was Mason of Bradford, and the notorious Muller, and Lefevre of Montpellier, and Samson of New Orleans. I could name a score of cases in which it would have been decisive."

--W., p. 84, STUD: "The forcible administration of poisons is by no means a new thing in criminal annals. The cases of Dolsky in Odessa, and of Leturier in Montpellier, will occur at once to any toxicologist."

--The Original Illustrated 'Strand' Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Facimile Edition, Mallard Press, 1990, p. 559, EMPIT: "Returning to France, I spent some months in a research into the coal-tar derivatives, which I conducted in a laboratory at Montpelier, in the South of France."

-- The Original Illustrated 'Strand' Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Facimile Edition, Mallard Press, 1990, p. 816, LADY: "To Miss Marie Devine. There is nothing to show where the cheque was drawn. It was cashed at the Credit Lyonnais at Montpelier less than three weeks ago. The sum was fifty pounds."

--www.montpelier-vt.org: Montpelier is the capital of the state of Vermont.

**4. Holmes believed this detective should find some 1,000+ hours to spend reading. Who?**

Answer: MacDonald

(1pt)

--W., p. 777, VALL: "Mr. Mac, the most practical thing that you ever did in your life would be to shut yourself up for three months and read twelve hours a day at the annals of crime." [3 months = 90 days x 12 hrs per day = 1,080 hours]

**5. Watson determined these are necessary items for a loafer. What five individual items?**

Answer: 1) Turned up collar, 2) shiny & seedy coat, 3) red cravat, 4,5) two worn boots

(5pts)

--W., p. 311, BERY: It was not yet three when we found ourselves in our room once more. He hurried to his chamber, and was down again in a few minutes dressed as a common loafer. With his collar turned up, his shiny seedy coat, his red cravat, and his worn boots, he was a perfect sample of the class.

**6. Despite Holmes's specific noting instructions, Watson recorded the name of the paper incorrectly. Which paper? Why is it incorrect? Which story?**

Answer: The Morning Chronicle, the paper went bankrupt around 1860, not available April 27, 1890, REDH --W., p. 178, REDH: Holmes chuckled, and wriggled in his chair, as was his habit when in high spirits. "It is a little off the beaten track, isn't it?" said he. "And now, Mr. Wilson, off you go at scratch, and tell us all about yourself, your household, and the effect which this advertisement had upon your fortunes. You will first make a note, Doctor, of the paper and the date." "It is The Morning Chronicle, of April 27, 1890. Just two months ago."

--Klinger, Leslie, The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, p. 45, note 19: The Morning Chronicle went bankrupt around 1860. Watson (or Wilson) thus made an error in the name of the newspaper.

--Tracey, Jack, The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana, Doubleday & Company, 1977, p. 247: Morning Chronicle...ended in bankruptcy in 1862. The Red-Headed League's advertisement is supposed to have appeared in the Morning Chronicle for 27 April 1890.

**7. Holmes believed these creatures to be infallible. What?**

Answer: Dogs

(1pt)

--W., p. 1109, SHOS: "Well, Watson, that's done it," said Holmes, as he fastened the lead to the neck of the excited spaniel. "He thought it was his mistress and he found it was a stranger. Dogs don't make mistakes."

**8. The friend believed the septuagenarian's illness could result in a ready stick. Name the friend, the septuagenarian and the illness.**

Answer: Overton, Lord Mount-James, Gout

(3pts)

--W., p. 624, MISS: [Overton speaking] "Yes, he was his heir, and the old boy is nearly eighty - cram full of gout, too. They say he could chalk his billiard-cue with his knuckles. He never allowed Godfrey a shilling in his life, for he is an absolute miser, but it will all come to him right enough."

**9. Holmes stated this would do in lieu of a place on the list. What?**

Answer: Playing the game for the game's own sake

(1pt)

--W., p. 917, BRUC: "Possibly, Sherlock. But it is a question of getting details. Give me your details, and from an armchair I will return you an excellent expert opinion. But to run here and run there, to cross-question railway guards, and lie on my face with a lens to my eye - it is not my metier. No, you are the one man who can clear the matter up. If you have a fancy to see your name in the next honours list - " My friend smiled and shook his head. "I play the game for the game's own sake," said he. "But the problem certainly presents some points of interest, and I shall be very pleased to look into it. Some more facts, please."

**10. Holmes warned this one-word accusation from Watson could result in the loss of Watson's retirement income for a year. What accusation?**

Answer: Watson calling Moriarty a criminal

(1pt)

--W., p. 769-770, VALL: "You have heard me speak of Professor Moriarty....A touch - a distinct touch!" cried Holmes. "You are developing a certain unexpected vein of pawky humour, Watson, against which I must learn to guard myself. But in calling Moriarty a criminal you are uttering libel in the eyes of the law, and there lie the glory and the wonder of it! The greatest schemer of all time, the organizer of every deviltry, the controlling brain of the underworld - a brain which might have made or marred the destiny of nations. That's the man. But so aloof is he from general suspicion - so immune from criticism - so admirable in his management and self-effacement, that for those very words that you have uttered he could hale you to a court and emerge with your year's pension as a solatium for his wounded character."

**11. With some 68 years on the throne, it is easy to imagine the ruler stored away many, many bottles of the remarkable product. Who? Where? What product?**

Answer: Franz Joseph, ruler of Austria, Schoenbrunn Palace, Tokay

(3pts)

- Tracy, Jack, The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana, Doubleday & Company, 1977, p. 132: Franz Joseph (1830-1916), the Emperor of Austria, 1848-1916. Von Bork's Tokay was said to be from Franz Joseph's special cellar at the Schoenbrunn Palace.

--W., p 977, LAST: "Another glass, Watson?" said Mr. Sherlock Holmes, as he extended the dusty bottle of Imperial Tokay. "We must drink to this joyous reunion." The thick-set chauffeur, who had seated himself by the table, pushed forward his glass with some eagerness. "It is a good wine, Holmes," he said, when he had drunk heartily to the sentiment. "A remarkable wine, Watson. Our friend upon the sofa has assured me that it is from Franz Josef's special cellar at the Schoenbrunn Palace. Might I trouble you to open the window, for chloroform vapour does not help the palate."

**12. Holmes could easily find his escape route if he decided to sail, especially if the locals were smoking. Sail from where?**

Answer: Rotterdam

(1pt)

--W., p. 976, LAST: "We have been allies too long to quarrel now at the very hour of victory," he said. "You've done splendid work and taken risks, and I can't forget it. By all means go to Holland, and you can get a boat from Rotterdam to New York. No other line will be safe a week from now, when Von Tirpitz gets to work. But let us settle up, Altamont. I'll take that book and pack it with the rest."

--W., p. 214, BOS: "I have, as you know, devoted some attention to this, and written a little monograph on the ashes of 140 different varieties of pipe, cigar, and cigarette tobacco. Having found the ash, I then looked round and discovered the stump among the moss where he had tossed it. It was an Indian cigar, of the variety which are rolled in Rotterdam."

---Acceptable alternative--- from the trap-door in the "Bar of Gold" Opium Den

---W., p. 232, TWIS: "Had I been recognized in that den my life would not have been worth an hour's purchase; for I have used it before now for my own purposes, and the rascally lascar who runs it has sworn to have vengeance upon me. There is a trap-door at the back of that building, near the corner of Paul's Wharf, which could tell some strange tales of what has passed through it upon the moonless nights."

**13. Some of the information printed in Watson's directory must have been incorrect considering the absent-minded doctor's letters. What information about the correspondence is incorrect?**

Answer: The Swedish Pathological Society did not exist at that time

(1pt)

--W., p. 671, HOUN: Mortimer, James, M.R.C.S., 1882, Grimpen, Dartmoor, Devon. House-surgeon, from 1882 to 1884, at Charing Cross Hospital. Winner of the Jackson Prize for Comparative Pathology, with essay entitled 'Is Disease a Reversion?' Corresponding member of the Swedish Pathological Society. Author of 'Some Freaks of Atavism' (Lancet, 1882), 'Do We Progress?' (Journal of Psychology, March, 1883). Medical Officer for the parishes of Grimpen, Thorsley, and High Barrow.

--Bostrom, Mattias, 'The Humble Dr. Mortimer: On The Real Swedish Pathological Society', [www.sherlockholmes.se](http://www.sherlockholmes.se): Dating The Hound of the Baskervilles is, at first sight, easy. Holmes mentions that five years have passed since 1884. However, Sherlockian chronologists have noted that other events in the Canon make 1889 an impossible choice of year and have instead suggested different years from 1886 to 1900. Whichever year you pick there is a problem with the membership in the Swedish Pathological Society: there was no such society. In August 1917, when the professor of pathology Ulrik Quensel welcomed his colleagues to a meeting in which they would found the first Swedish pathological society, he greeted only eight persons: these were all the pathologists in Sweden at that time. Even in Mortimer's own country there wasn't such a society at the turn of the century. The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland was established in 1906. [Originally published in The Baker Street Journal, No. 4, 2008.]

**14. The last of the three was something a little recherché. Three what?**

Answer: Holmes's early cases from the introduction of old fellow-students

(1pt)

--W., p. 387, MUSG: "There are cases enough here, Watson," said he, looking at me with mischievous eyes. ...And here - ah, now this really is something a little recherche...When I first came up to London I had rooms in Montague Street, just round the corner from the British Museum, and there I waited, filling in my too abundant leisure time by studying all those branches of science which might make me more efficient. Now and again cases came in my way, principally through the introduction of old fellow-students, for during my last years at the university there was a good deal of talk there about myself and my methods. The third of these cases was that of the Musgrave Ritual."

**15. Imagine Holmes reading about Laura while in route. What is he reading and where is he going?**

Answer: Pocket Petrarch, on the train to Ross

(2pts)

--W., p. 207, BOSG: "And now here is my pocket Petrarch, and not another word shall I say of this case until we are on the scene of action. We lunch at Swindon, and I see that we shall be there in twenty minutes." It was nearly four o'clock when we at last, after passing through the beautiful Stroud Valley, and over the broad gleaming Severn, found ourselves at the pretty little country town of Ross.

--[www.poetryfoundation.org](http://www.poetryfoundation.org): In 1327, Petrarch attended a mass in Avignon and saw Laura de Noves for the first time. Laura, though her true identity has yet to be confirmed, would become the primary subject of his poetry for the rest of his life. Petrarch...became a well-known scholar and poet. His poetry, mainly composed sonnets focusing on the intense love and admiration he has for Laura, became immensely popular.

**16. On at least two occasions, Holmes asked Watson if he had a weapon and Watson, without a firearm, offered this device instead. What device?**

Answer: stick

(1pt)

--W., p. 121, SIGN: "That was like following the brook to the parent lake. He makes one curious but profound remark. It is that the chief proof of man's real greatness lies in his perception of his own smallness. It argues, you see, a power of comparison and of appreciation which is in itself a proof of nobility. There is much food for thought in Richter. You have not a pistol, have you?" "I have my stick." "It is just possible that we may need something of the sort if we get to their lair. Jonathan I shall leave to you, but if the other turns nasty I shall shoot him dead."

--W., p. 950, LADY: "You see, Watson, no mystery; everything above board! In some way the legal forms have undoubtedly been complied with, and they think that they have little to fear. Well, there's nothing for it now but a direct frontal attack. Are you armed?" "My stick!" "Well, well, we shall be strong enough."

**17. Apparently as early as 1891 Holmes was already considering his eventual study of the natural world of the bees. What statement of his makes this evident?**

Answer: "Of late, I have been tempted to look into the problems furnished by nature rather than those more superficial ones for which our artificial state of society is responsible."

(1pt)

--W., p. 469, FINA: During the winter of that year and the early spring of 1891, I saw in the papers that he had been engaged by the French Government upon a matter of supreme importance, and I received two notes from Holmes, dated from Narbonne and from Nimes, from which I gathered that his stay in France was likely to be a long one. It was with some surprise, therefore, that I saw him walk into my consulting-room upon the evening of the April 24. It struck me that he was looking even paler and thinner than usual.

--W., p. 477, FINA: "I think that I may go so far as to say, Watson, that I have not lived wholly in vain," he remarked. "If my record were closed tonight I could still survey it with equanimity. The air of London is the sweeter for my presence. In over a thousand cases I am not aware that I have ever used my powers upon the wrong side. Of late I have been tempted to look into the problems furnished by nature rather than those more superficial ones for which our artificial state of society is responsible."

**18. Why did Watson imagine he had failed to stay up to date in his field?**

Answer: He said he had lost touch with his profession because he did not know the name of Leslie Armstrong.

(1pt)

--W., p. 629, MISS: It argues the degree in which I had lost touch with my profession that the name of Leslie Armstrong was unknown to me. Now I am aware that he is not only one of the heads of the medical school of the university, but a thinker of European reputation in more than one branch of science.

**19. Mixture: Victor Hatherley + Sherlock Holmes = definite; Jonas Oldacre + Colonel Barclay = possible. What definite or possible common event?**

Answer: murderous attack

(1pt)

--W., p. 275, ENGR: "A thing like a cleaver," said he. "An accident, I presume?" "By no means." "What, a murderous attack!" "Very murderous indeed."

--W., p. 993, ILLU: Murderous Attack Upon Sherlock Holmes

--W., p. 415, CROO: "It was quite certain that he had foreseen his fate, and that it had caused him the utmost horror. This, of course, fitted in well enough with the police theory, if the Colonel could have seen his wife making a murderous attack upon him."

--W., p. 498, NORW: "An examination of his room revealed that the bed had not been slept in, that a safe which stood in it was open, that a number of important papers were scattered about the room, and, finally, that there were signs of a murderous struggle, slight traces of blood being found within the room, and an oaken walking-stick which also showed stains of blood upon the handle."

**20. Mixture: Sarah Cushing + Alice Ruecastle + Rachel Howells = What common event?**

Answer: brain fever

(1pt)

--W., p. 897, CARD: "We found that the news of the arrival of the packet—for her illness dated from that time—had such an effect upon her [Sarah Cushing] as to bring on brain fever."

--W., p. 331, COPP: "When she wouldn't do it, he kept on worrying her [Alice Ruecastle] until she got brain fever, and for six weeks was at death's door."

--W., 389, MUSG: "Rachel—who is a very good girl, but of an excitable Welsh temperament,—had a sharp touch of brain-fever, and goes about the house now - or did until yesterday - like a black-eyed shadow of her former self."

--EASY

**21. This simple repair helped Holmes to believe the noble was not wealthy. What repair? Who?**

Answer: Lord Holdhurst's boots had been re-soled

(2pts)

--W., p. 460, NAVA: "He's [Lord Holdhurst] a fine fellow," said Holmes, as we came out into Whitehall. "But he has a struggle to keep up his position. He is far from rich and has many calls. You noticed, of course, that his boots had been resoled."

**22. Obviously Watson was a clean-shaven student. Why is it obvious?**

Answer: His fellow-student, Tad Pole Phelps, said he would not have known Watson under the moustache (1pt)

--W., p. 447, NAVA: During my school days I had been intimately associated with a lad named Percy Phelps, who was of much the same age as myself, though he was two classes ahead of me.

--W., p. 449, NAVA: He clutched her hand to detain her. "How are you, Watson?" said he, cordially, "I should never have known you under that moustache, and I daresay you would not be prepared to swear to me. This I presume is your celebrated friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes?"

**23. Without taking too many steps arrive at the 36th. Where should you go now?**

Answer: And so under

(1pt)

--W., p. 392, MUSG: "North by ten and by ten, east by five and by five, south by two and by two, west by one and by one, and so under." [10+10+5+5+2+2+1+1=36]

**24. As difficult as it is to imagine now, this city, as Watson noted, was once the seat of the British government. Where?**

Answer: Winchester

(1pt)

--W., p. 322, COPP: "There is a train at half-past nine," said I, glancing over my Bradshaw. "It is due at Winchester at 11.30." "That will do very nicely. Then perhaps I had better postpone my analysis of the acetones, as we may need to be at our best in the morning." By eleven o'clock the next day we were well upon our way to the old English capital.

--Klinger, Leslie, The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, p. 362, note 19: Winchester became the capital of the Saxon kingdom of Wessex in 519 and the capital of England (under Alfred the Great) in 827, serving as the seat of government for Alfred, Canute the Dane, and William the Conqueror.

**25. If Watson had not shortened the title of the tale, one could file it away in the same business-like manner as Holmes did. What tale?**

Answer: The "Gloria Scott"

(1pt)

--W., p. 1034, SUSS: "Make a long arm, Watson, and see what V has to say." I leaned back and took down the great index volume to which he referred. Holmes balanced it on his knee and his eyes moved slowly and lovingly over the record of old cases, mixed with the accumulated information of a lifetime. "Voyage of the Gloria Scott," he read. "That was a bad business."

--W., p. 373, GLOR: [Title Page] THE "GLORIA SCOTT"

**26. With two shrill whistles, Watson could be on his way for a busy day. Why the whistles?**

Answer: two whistles to call the Hansom Cab

(1pt)

--W., p. 412, CROO: "I see that you are professionally rather busy just now," said he, glancing very keenly across at me. "Yes, I've had a busy day," I answered. "It may seem very foolish in your eyes," I added, "but really I don't know how you deduced it." Holmes chuckled to himself. "I have the advantage of knowing your habits, my dear Watson," said he. "When your round is a short one you walk, and when it is a long one you use a hansom. As I perceive that your boots, although used, are by no means dirty, I cannot doubt that you are at present busy enough to justify the hansom."

--Doyle, Steven, *Sherlock Holmes for Dummies*, Wiley Publishing Inc., 2010, p. 80: The most iconic vehicle in all of London was the hansom cab, a two-wheeled vehicle pulled by a single horse....The driver rode high up behind the passengers. To hail a Hansom, a patron would blow two blasts on his cab whistle.

**27. Perhaps Holmes had William Paley's propositions of divine goodness in mind when he reflected upon the value of this item. What?**

Answer: moss rose

(1pt)

--W., pp. 455-456, NAVA: "There is nothing in which deduction is so necessary as in religion," said he, leaning with his back against the shutters." It can be built up as an exact science by the reasoner. Our highest assurance of the goodness of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are really necessary for our existence in the first instance. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its colour are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope from the flowers."

--Paley, William, *Natural Theology; or, Evidences of the Existence and Attributes of the Deity*, p. 455, [quoted at quod.lib.umich.edu, and numerous others]: The proof of the divine goodness rests upon two propositions; each, as we contend, capable of being made out by observations drawn from the appearances of nature. The first is that, in a vast plurality of instances in which contrivance is perceived, the design of the contrivance is beneficial. The second, that the Deity has superadded pleasure to animal sensations, beyond what was necessary for any other purpose, or when the purpose, so far as it was necessary, might have been effected by the operation of pain.

**28. Calling on the neighbor must have been funny with the magistrate having an identical given and surname. Who and where?**

Answer: Hynes Hynes, Justice of the Peace, Purdey Place

(2pts)

--W., p. 876, WIST: An answer had arrived to Holmes's telegram before our Surrey officer had returned. Holmes read it, and was about to place it in his notebook when he caught a glimpse of my expectant face. He tossed it across with a laugh. "We are moving in exalted circles," said he. The telegram was a list of names and addresses: Lord Harringby, The Dingle; Sir George Ffolliott, Oxshott Towers; Mr. Hynes Hynes, J.P., Purdey Place; Mr. James Baker Williams, Forton Old Hall; Mr. Henderson, High Gable; Rev. Joshua Stone, Nether Walsling.

**29. Find the villain who did not, in the end, have art in the blood. Who?**

Answer: Jonas Oldacre

(1pt)

--W., p. 510, NORW: "It would strike him [Oldacre] that in disappearing he might throw all pursuit off his track, and at the same time have an ample and crushing revenge upon his old sweetheart, if he could give the impression that he had been murdered by her only child. It was a masterpiece of villainy, and he carried it out like a master. The idea of the will, which would give an obvious motive for the crime, the secret visit unknown to his own parents, the retention of the stick, the blood, and the animal remains and buttons in the wood-pile, all were admirable. It was a net from which it seemed to me a few hours ago that there was no possible escape. But he had not that supreme gift of the artist, the knowledge of when to stop. He wished to improve that which was already perfect - to draw the rope tighter yet round the neck of his unfortunate victim - and so he ruined all."

**30. Each dog took at least six rounds, and the end result was the same. Which two?**

Answer: Charles Augustus Milverton, and Stapleton's attack hound

(2pts)

--W., pp. 580-581, CHAS: "You will ruin no more lives as you ruined mine. You will wring no more hearts as you wrung mine. I will free the world of a poisonous thing. Take that, you hound, and that! - and that! - and that! - and that!" She had drawn a little gleaming revolver, and emptied barrel after barrel into Milverton's

body, the muzzle within two feet of his shirt-front. He shrank away, and then fell forward upon the table, coughing furiously and clawing among the papers. Then he staggered to his feet, received another shot, and rolled upon the floor. "You've done me," he cried, and lay still.

--W., p. 757, HOUN: Then Holmes and I both fired together, and the creature gave a hideous howl, which showed that one at least had hit him. He did not pause, however, but bounded onward. Far away on the path we saw Sir Henry looking back, his face white in the moonlight, his hands raised in horror, glaring helplessly at the frightful thing which was hunting him down. But that cry of pain from the hound had blown all our fears to the winds. If he was vulnerable he was mortal, and if we could wound him we could kill him. Never have I seen a man run as Holmes ran that night. I am reckoned fleet of foot, but he outpaced me as much as I outpaced the little professional. In front of us as we flew up the track we heard scream after scream from Sir Henry and the deep roar of the hound. I was in time to see the beast spring upon its victim, hurl him to the ground and worry at his throat. But the next instant Holmes had emptied five barrels of his revolver into the creature's flank. With a last howl of agony and a vicious snap in the air, it rolled upon its back, four feet pawing furiously, and then fell limp upon its side. I stooped, panting, and pressed my pistol to the dreadful, shimmering head, but it was useless to press the trigger. The giant hound was dead.

**31. At first read, one might imagine Watson actually referred to an angry mushroom. What? Where?**

Answer: livid fungi in the treasure box in Musgrave's cellar

(2pts)

--W., p. 395, MUSG: A small chamber about seven feet deep and four feet square lay open to us. At one side of this was a squat, brass-bound, wooden box, the lid of which was hinged upwards, with this curious, old-fashioned key projecting from the lock. It was furred outside by a thick layer of dust, and damp and worms had eaten through the wood so that a crop of livid fungi was growing on the inside of it. Several discs of metal, old coins apparently, such as I hold here, were scattered over the bottom of the box, but it contained nothing else.

**32. Mixture: Housemaid + Doctor + Caretaker = Common personal aspect. What aspect? What are their names?**

Answer: Last name of Saunders; Saunders, housemaid in DANC; Sir James Saunders, doctor in BLAN; Mrs. Saunders, caretaker in 3GAR

(4pts)

--W., p. 518, DANC: "You have acted with great discretion. Who sent for you?" "The housemaid, Saunders."

--W., p. 1010, BLAN: "I foresaw this situation," I explained, "and I have brought with me a friend whose discretion may absolutely be trusted. I was able once to do him a professional service, and he is ready to advise as a friend rather than as a specialist. His name is Sir James Saunders."

--W., p. 1052, 3GAR: 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.

**33. At the time, Watson imagined with his current age and enough vigor, he could recover the 900 before too long. 900 what?**

Answer: Pounds earned a year—the difference between the earnings of the Paddington Practice from what it once was (1200) and where it now stood (300)

(1pt)

--W., p. 362, STOC: Shortly after my marriage I had bought a connection in the Paddington district. Old Mr. Farquhar, from whom I purchased it, had at one time an excellent general practice, but his age, and an affliction of the nature of St Vitus' dance, from which he suffered, had very much thinned it. The public, not unnaturally, goes on the principle that he who would heal others must himself be whole, and looks askance at the curative powers of the man whose own case is beyond the reach of his drugs. Thus, as my predecessor weakened his practice declined, until when I purchased it from him it had sunk from twelve hundred to little more than three hundred a year. I had confidence, however, in my own youth and energy, and was convinced that in a very few years the concern would be as flourishing as ever.

**34. In spite of the char Watson quickly grasped the significance of the prominence. What prominence?**

Answer: burned upper condyle of human femur

(1pt)

--W., p. 1106, SHOS: "Nor do I," said Holmes. "What do you make of it, Watson?" It was burned to a black cinder, but there could be no question as to its anatomical significance. "It's the upper condyle of a human femur," said I. "Exactly!" Holmes had become very serious.

--www.merriam-webster.com: Condyle: an articular prominence of a bone.

**35. Mixture: Watson described himself + Holmes described himself = New room-mates with an identical self-professed trait. What trait?**

Answer: very lazy

(1pt)

--W., p. 19, STUD: "I keep a bull pup," I said, "and I object to row because my nerves are shaken, and I get up at all sorts of ungodly hours, and I am extremely lazy. I have another set of vices when I'm well, but those are the principal ones at present."

--W., p. 27, STUD: "'I'm not sure about whether I shall go. I am the most incurably lazy devil that ever stood in shoe leather - that is, when the fit is on me, for I can be spry enough at times."

**36. Name at least one patient Watson treated before his injury at the fatal battle. Who?**

Answer: Colonel Hayter

(1pt)

--W., p. 15, STUD: I was duly attached to the Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers as assistant surgeon. The regiment was stationed in India at the time, and before I could join it, the second Afghan war had broken out. ...I followed, however, with many other officers who were in the same situation as myself, and succeeded in reaching Candahar in safety, where I found my regiment, and at once entered upon my new duties. The campaign brought honours and promotion to many, but for me it had nothing but misfortune and disaster. 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.

--W., p. 398, 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.

**37. Perhaps the tin dispatch-box contains notes about an untold tale that does not involve Holmes and Watson. As Holmes noted, the result was one of Lestrade's better efforts. What case?**

Answer: The Molesey Mystery

(1pt)

--W., p. 492, EMPT: "I think you want a little unofficial help. Three undetected murders in one year won't do, Lestrade. But you handled the Molesey Mystery with less than your usual - that's to say, you handled it fairly well."

**38. Holmes needed one or two turns before he managed to nab the counterfeiters' abettor. Who?**

Answer: Mr. John Clay

(1pt)

--W., p. 186, REDH: "John Clay, the murderer, thief, smasher, and forger. He's a young man, Mr. Merryweather, but he is at the head of his profession, and I would rather have my bracelets on him than on any criminal in London. He's a remarkable man, is young John Clay. His grandfather was a royal duke, and he himself has been to Eton and Oxford. His brain is as cunning as his fingers, and though we meet signs of him at every turn, we never know where to find the man himself. He'll crack a crib in Scotland one week, and be raising money to build an orphanage in Cornwall the next. I've been on his track for years, and have never set

eyes on him yet." "I hope that I may have the pleasure of introducing you tonight. I've had one or two little turns also with Mr. John Clay, and I agree with you that he is at the head of his profession."

--Tracy, Jack, *The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana*, Doubleday & Company, 1977, p. 335: Smasher: in underworld cant, a passer of counterfeit coins.

**39. Holmes was perhaps being imaginative when he wrote about a suspect living loftily among the irrational. Who?**

Answer: Ian Murdoch

(1pt)

--W., p. 1084, LION: Murdoch was the mathematical coach at the establishment, a tall, dark, thin man, so taciturn and aloof that none can be said to have been his friend. He seemed to live in some high, abstract region of surds and conic sections with little to connect him with ordinary life.

--Klinger, Leslie, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, Volume II, p. 1671, note 9: [Surd is] an irrational number (one with an infinite number of digits after the decimal point), such as the square root of three.

**40. If Watson could have escaped the heat to either of his choice locations, he might have met the Literary Agent. Where and where?**

Answer: New Forest or Southsea

(2pts)

--W., p. 888, CARD: It was a blazing hot day in August. Baker Street was like an oven, and the glare of the sunlight upon the yellow brickwork of the house across the road was painful to the eye. It was hard to believe that these were the same walls which loomed so gloomily through the fogs of winter. 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 at 90 was no hardship. But the morning 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.

--Klinger, Leslie, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, Volume I, pg. 423, note 4: [New Forest is] An Ancient royal hunting ground...Arthur Conan Doyle had a cottage in the New Forest.

--Klinger, Leslie, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, Volume I, pg. 423, note 5: [Southsea is] An eastern suburb of Portsmouth, where Arthur Conan Doyle practiced medicine for a time.

**41. Holmes's choice of tobacco as a soother to his client seems odd considering his assessment of the client's health in the same breath. Which client?**

Answer: John Hector McFarlane

(1pt)

--W., p. 497, 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. The weather has been so very warm these last few days. Now, if you feel a little more composed, I should be glad if you would sit down in that chair and tell us very slowly and quietly who you are and what it is that you want. You mentioned your name as if I should recognize it, but I assure you that, beyond obvious facts that you are a bachelor, a solicitor, a Freemason, and an asthmatic, I know nothing whatever about you."

**42. Mixture: Holmes + Morgan + Anna + Leon= common action. What action?**

Answer: poisoner

(1pt)

--W., p. 225, FIVE: [Watson talking about Holmes] "Yes," I answered, laughing. "It was a singular document. Philosophy, astronomy, and politics were marked at zero, I remember. Botany variable, geology profound as regards the mud-stains from any region within fifty miles of town, chemistry eccentric, anatomy unsystematic, sensational literature and crime records unique, violin player, boxer, swordsman, lawyer, and self-poisoner by cocaine and tobacco. Those, I think, were the main points of my analysis."

--W., p. 494, EMPT: "My collection of M's is a fine one," said he. "Moriarty himself is enough to make any letter illustrious, and here is Morgan the poisoner, and Merridew of abominable memory, and Mathews, who knocked out my left canine in the waiting-room at Charing Cross, and, finally, here is our friend of tonight."

--W., p. 621, GOLD: "Too late!" she said, sinking back on the bed. "Too late! I took the poison before I left my hiding-place. My head swims! I am going! I charge you, sir, to remember the packet."

--W., pp. 969-970, DEVI: "Now I have told you all. You have yourself supplied the rest. I did, as you say, after a restless night, set off early from my cottage. I foresaw the difficulty of arousing him, so I gathered some gravel from the pile which you have mentioned, and I used it to throw up to his window. He came down and admitted me through the window of the sitting-room. I laid his offence before him. I told him that I had come both as judge and executioner. The wretch sank into a chair paralyzed at the sight of my revolver. I lit the lamp, put the powder above it, and stood outside the window, ready to carry out my threat to shoot him should he try to leave the room. In five minutes he died. My God! how he died!"

**43. No matter how his name is spelled, this ancestor was a celebrity in his own right, and one who clearly passed his natural ability to this star of Watson's tale. Name the ancestor and the star.**

Answer: Isonomy [Misprinted in some editions as Somomy], Silver Blaze

(2pts)

--W., p.336, SILV: "Silver Blaze," said he, "is from the Somomy stock, and holds as brilliant a record as his famous ancestor. He is now in his fifth year, and has brought in turn each of the prizes of the turf to Colonel Ross, his fortunate owner."

--Tracy, Jack, The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana, Doubleday & Company, 1977, p. 194: Isonomy, a famous thoroughbred racing-horse, foaled in 1875....won seven major races between 1878 and 1880 for a total of some £120,000...In some editions the name is misprinted as Somomy.

**44. Mixture: Inspector + Caretaker + Miner = common heritage. What heritage?**

Answer: Scots

(1pt)

--W., p. 777, VALL: Inspector MacDonald had grown steadily more impressed as the conversation proceeded. He had lost himself in his interest. Now his practical Scotch intelligence brought him back with a snap to the matter in hand.

--W., p. 361, YELL: "When I left her in America," she continued, "it was only because her health was weak, and the change might have done her harm. She was given to the care of a faithful Scotch woman who had once been our servant. Never for an instant did I dream of disowning her as my child.

--W., p. 850, VALL: Scanlan and McMurdo climbed a heap of slag from which the whole scene lay before them. They saw the mine engineer, a great bearded Scotsman named Menzies, come out of the engine house and blow his whistle for the cages to be lowered.

**45. Watson's list: keep a bull pup, object to rows, up at all sorts of ungodly hours, and extremely lazy. Much later, Holmes admonished Watson, noting Watson had added this shortcoming to the list. What?**

Answer: Fibbing

(1pt)

--W., p. 19, STUD: I laughed at this cross-examination. "I keep a bull pup," I said, "and I object to rows because my nerves are shaken, and I get up at all sorts of ungodly hours, and I am extremely lazy. I have another set of vices when I'm well, but those are the principal ones at present."

--W., p. 1014, MAZA: "Your morals don't improve, Watson. You have added fibbing to your other vices. You bear every sign of the busy medical man, with calls on him every hour."

**46. Mixture: Enoch Drebbler + Jabez Wilson + Hosmer Anger = common accessory. What accessory?**

Answer: Albert watch chain

(1pt)

--W., p. 30, STUD: "We have it all here," said Gregson, pointing to a litter of objects upon one of the bottom steps of the stairs. "A gold watch, No. 97163 by Barraud, of London. Gold Albert chain, very heavy and solid. Gold ring, with masonic device. Gold pin - bull-dog's head, with rubies as eyes. Russian leather card-case, with cards of Enoch J. Drebber of Cleveland, corresponding with the E.J.D. upon the linen. Stangerson."

--W. p. 177, REDH: He [Mr. Jabez Wilson] wore rather baggy gray shepherd's check trousers, a not over-clean black frock-coat, unbuttoned in the front, and a drab waistcoat with a heavy brassy Albert chain, and a square pierced bit of metal dangling down as an ornament

--W., p. 197, IDEN: I held the little printed slip to the light. 'Missing,' it said, 'on the morning of the 14th, a gentleman named Hosmer Angel. About five feet, seven inches in height, strongly built, sallow complexion, black hair, a little bald in the centre, bushy black side-whiskers and moustache, tinted glasses, slight infirmity of speech. Was dressed, when last seen, in black frock-coat faced with silk, black waistcoat, gold Albert chain, and gray Harris tweed trousers,..".

**47. These two ladies of limited means each wore a thin wool dress that was not brown. Who and Who?**

Answer: Mary Morstan, Violet Hunter

(2pts)

--W., p. 94, SIGN: Miss Morstan entered the room with a firm step and an outward composure of manner. She was a blonde young lady, small, dainty, well gloved, and dressed in the most perfect taste. There was, however, a plainness and simplicity about her costume which bore with it a suggestion of limited means. The dress was a sombre grayish beige, untrimmed and unbraided, and she wore a small turban of the same dull hue, relieved only by a suspicion of white feather in the side.

--W., p. 325, COPP: "The dress which I found waiting for me [Violet Hunter] was of a peculiar shade of blue. It was of excellent material, a sort of beige, but it bore unmistakable signs of having been worn before. It could not have been a better fit if I had been measured for it.

-- Tracy, Jack, The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana, Doubleday & Company, 1977, p. 30: Beige, a variety of thin wool.

**48. In spite of her name, one could hardly imagine she wore a watch on a chain. Who?**

Answer: Countess d'Albert

(1pt)

--W., p. 580, CHAS: He took a note from the drawer of his desk. "You say that you have five letters which compromise the Countess d'Albert. You want to sell them. I want to buy them. So far so good. It only remains to fix a price."

**49. This celebrated illustrator perhaps misread Watson's words; he drew a leather box that appears too small to contain the precious item in this tale of invaluable gold. What illustrator? What box? What item?**



Answer: Sidney Paget, the Black Morocco Case, the beryl coronet

(3pts)

--W., p. 303, BERY: " `I should much prefer to have it so,' said he, raising up a square, black morocco case which he had laid beside his chair. `You have doubtless heard of the Beryl Coronet?' " `One of the most precious public possessions of the Empire,' said I. " `Precisely.' He opened the case, and there, embedded in soft, flesh-coloured velvet, lay the magnificent piece of jewellery which he had named. `There are thirty-nine enormous beryls,' said he, `and the price of the gold chasing is incalculable. ..."I took the precious case into my hands and looked in some perplexity from it to my illustrious client."

--Klinger, Leslie, The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, p. 323, note 9: [Morocco is] A thin leather made from goatskin and tanned with sumac.

--Klinger, Leslie, The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, p. 323, note 10: A coronet was a type of head attire, similar in appearance to a wreath.

--Klinger, Leslie, The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume I, p. 323: Sidney Paget drawing from Strand Magazine, 1892: "I took the precious case".

**50. If Holmes had followed the suggestion of the dresser, it is easy to imagine this publication being available for study today. What publication?**

Answer: 'Police News of the Past'

(1pt)

--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 Bart's.

--W., p. 18, STUD: "You seem to be a walking calendar of crime," said Stamford with a laugh. "You might start a paper on those lines. Call it the `Police News of the Past!'" "Very interesting reading it might be made, too," remarked Sherlock Holmes, sticking a small piece of plaster over the prick on his finger.

**51. Although the charwomen's were of cheap wool, one might imagine Holmes's were of better quality. What?**

Answer: slippers

(1pt)

--W., p. 453, NAVA: "I am glad you raise the point. It occurred to me at the time. The charwomen are in the habit of taking off their boots at the commissionaire's office, and putting on list slippers."

-- Tracy, Jack, The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana, Doubleday & Company, 1977, p.214: List, a kind of cheap wool.

--W., p. 254, BLUE: "Here we are!" said Holmes, cheerily, as we filed into the room. "The fire looks very seasonable in this weather. You look cold, Mr. Ryder. Pray take the basket chair. I will just put on my slippers before we settle this little matter of yours. Now, then! You want to know what became of those geese?"

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



Answer: Come here at once

(1pt)

--W., p. 526, DANC: "See if you can read it, Watson," said he, with a smile. It contained no word, but this little line of dancing men: - [see illustration above] "If you use the code which I have explained," said Holmes, "you will find that it simply means `Come here at once!'"

---Note: Actual illustration reads Mome Here At Onme due to W production error.

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

Answer: Sir James Walter

(1pt)

--W., p. 917, BRUC: "I have jotted down the more essential ones upon this sheet of paper, together with a few addresses which you will find of service. The actual official guardian of the papers is the famous Government expert, Sir James Walter, whose decorations and sub-titles fill two lines of a book of reference. He has grown gray in the service, is a gentleman, a favoured guest in the most exalted houses, and above all a man whose patriotism is beyond suspicion. He is one of two who have a key of the safe. I may add that the papers were undoubtedly in the office during working hours on Monday, and that Sir James left for London about three o'clock, taking his key with him. He was at the house of Admiral Sinclair at Barclay Square during the whole of the evening when this incident occurred."

--W., p. 921, BRUC: We were ushered into a dim-lit drawing-room, where an instant later we were joined by a very tall, handsome, light-bearded man of fifty, the younger brother of the dead scientist. His wild eyes, stained cheeks, and unkempt hair all spoke of the sudden blow which had fallen upon the household. He was hardly articulate as he spoke of it. "It was this horrible scandal," said he. "My brother, Sir James, was a man of very sensitive honour, and he could not survive such an affair."

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

Answer: Crown Derby tea-set, The Three Gables

(2pts)

--W., p. 1027, 3GAB: "You don't happen to have a Raphael or a first folio Shakespeare without knowing it?" "No, I don't think I have anything rarer than a Crown Derby tea-set."

--www.royalcrownderby.co.uk/history: Confidence in the Crown Derby name was underwritten in 1877 by the opening of an impressive new factory at Osmaston Road, Derby. This was the beginning of a period of growth and diversification which has continued to the present day. Royal acclaim followed in 1890 when the company was appointed 'Manufacturers of porcelain to Her Majesty'.

--www.visitderby.co.uk: Derby is the UK's most central city, a great place for a cultural break and a great base to explore nearby Peak District delights.

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

Answer: The Myrtles, GREE

(1pt)

--Tracy, Jack, The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana, Doubleday & Company, 1977, p. 254: Myrtles, The, a the name of Harold Latimer's rented house in Beckenham...The myrtle is a common European shrub possessing white, sweet-scented flowers.

--W., pp. 444-445: A drive of half a mile brought us to The Myrtles - a large, dark house, standing back from the road in its own grounds. Here we dismissed our cab, and made our way up the drive together...Holmes flung open the door and rushed in, but he was out again in an instant with his hand to his throat. "It's charcoall!" he cried. "Give it time. It will clear."...From the open door there reeked a horrible, poisonous exhalation, which set us gasping and coughing.

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

Answer: Grimesby Roylott

(1pt)

--W., p. 265, SPEC: "I have seen the will of the deceased wife," said he. "To determine its exact meaning I have been obliged to work out the present prices of the investments with which it is concerned. The total income, which at the time of the wife's death was little short of £1100, is now, through the fall in agricultural prices, not more than £750. Each daughter can claim an income of £250, in case of marriage. It is evident, therefore, that if both girls had married, this beauty would have had a mere pittance, while even one of them would cripple him to a serious extent.

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

Answer: Von Bork, 1910

(2pts)

--W., pp. 970-971, LAST: It was nine o'clock at night upon the second of August - the most terrible August in the history of the world....The two famous Germans stood beside the stone parapet of the garden walk, with the long, low, heavily-gabled house behind them, and they looked down upon the broad sweep of the beach at the foot of the great chalk cliff on which Von Bork, like some wandering eagle, had perched himself four years before.

--W, p. 975, LAST: "It's beyond me." "Well, I chose 'August' for the word, and '1914' for the figures, and here we are."

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

Answer: John Openshaw

(1pt)

--W., p. 224, FIVE: "I think, Watson," he remarked at last, "that of all our cases we have had none more fantastic than this." "Save, perhaps, the Sign of Four." "Well, yes. Save, perhaps, that. And yet this John Openshaw seems to me to be walking amid even greater perils than did the Sholtos."

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

Answer: Violet Smith, Morton, Woodley, Carruthers

(4pts)

--W., p. 528-530, SOLI: "Yes, Mr. Holmes; Cyril Morton, an electrical engineer, and we hope to be married at the end of the summer..." "Where is the gentleman to whom you are engaged?" he asked, at last.

"He is in the Midland Electrical Company, at Coventry." "He would not pay you a surprise visit?" "Oh, Mr. Holmes! As if I should not know him!" "Have you had any other admirers?" "Several before I knew Cyril." "And since?" "There was this dreadful man, Woodley, if you can call him an admirer." "No one else?"

Our fair client seemed a little confused. "Who was he?" asked Holmes. "Oh, it may be a mere fancy of mine; but it has seemed to me sometimes that my employer, Mr. Carruthers, takes a great deal of interest in me. We are thrown rather together. I play his accompaniments in the evening. He has never said anything. He is a perfect gentleman. But a girl always knows."

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

Answer: Cartwright, untold tale of Wilson of the District Messenger Office, HOUN

(3pts)

--W., p. 691, HOUN: He turned into one of the district messenger offices, where he was warmly greeted by the manager. "Ah, Wilson, I see you have not forgotten the little case in which I had the good fortune to help you?" "No, sir, indeed I have not. You saved my good name, and perhaps my life."

"My dear fellow, you exaggerate. I have some recollection, Wilson, that you had among your boys a lad named Cartwright, who showed some ability during the investigation." "Yes, sir, he is still with us."

--W., pp. 691-692, HOUN: "You will begin in each case by giving the outside porter one shilling. Here are twenty-three shillings..." "In each case the outside porter will send for the hall porter, to whom also you will give a shilling. Here are twenty-three shillings. You will then learn in possibly twenty cases out of the twenty-three that the waste of the day before has been burned or removed. In the three other cases you will be shown a heap of paper, and will look for this page of the Times among it. The odds are enormously against your finding it. There are ten shillings over in case of emergencies." 23+23+10=56

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

Answer: Part of one of the untold tales

(1pt)

--W., p. 527, SOLI: "A beautiful neighbourhood, and full of the most interesting associations. You remember, Watson, that it was near there that we took Archie Stamford, the forger."

--W., p. 559, BLAC: In this memorable year '95, a curious and incongruous succession of cases had engaged his attention, ranging from his famous investigation of the sudden death of Cardinal Tosca - an inquiry which was carried out by him at the express desire of His Holiness the Pope - down to his arrest of Wilson, the notorious canary-trainer, which removed a plague-spot from the East End of London.

-or-

--W., p. 691, HOUN: He turned into one of the district messenger offices, where he was warmly greeted by the manager. "Ah, Wilson, I see you have not forgotten the little case in which I had the good fortune to help you?" "No, sir, indeed I have not. You saved my good name, and perhaps my life." "My dear fellow, you exaggerate.

--W., p.870, WIST: "My dear Watson, you know how bored I have been since we locked up Colonel Carruthers."

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

Answer: Service to the reigning family of Holland

(1pt)

--W., p. 191, IDEN: "And the ring?" I asked, glancing at a remarkable brilliant which sparkled upon his finger. "It was from the reigning family of Holland, though the matter in which I served them was of such delicacy that I cannot confide it even to you, who have been good enough to chronicle one or two of my little problems."

--W., p.198, IDEN: I had had so many reasons to believe in my friend's subtle powers of reasoning, and extraordinary energy in action, that I felt that he must have some solid grounds for the assured and easy demeanour with which he treated the singular mystery which he had been called upon to fathom. Only once had I known him to fail, in the case of the King of Bohemia and of the Irene Adler photograph, but when I looked back to the weird business of the Sign of Four, and the extraordinary circumstances connected with the Study in Scarlet, I felt that it would be a strange tangle indeed which he could not unravel.

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

Answer: Charles Peace

(1pt)

--W., p. 984, ILLU: 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.

--W., p. 987, ILLU: "A complex mind," said Holmes. "All great criminals have that. My old friend Charlie Peace was a violin virtuoso."

--Redmond, Christopher, Sherlock Holmes Handbook, Second Edition, Dundurn Press, 2009, p. 194: A murder (1876) and a long series of burglaries committed by a clever little man described by Holmes as "my old friend Charlie Peace." As Peace was hanged in 1879, Holmes must be referring to his reading of criminal literature rather than to a personal encounter."

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

Answer: Grosvenor, Robert St. Simon, Isadora Klein, Peter the Elder

(4pts)

--W., p. 288, NOBL: "Yours faithfully. ST SIMON" ... "It is dated from Grosvenor Mansions, written with a quill pen, and the noble lord has had the misfortune to get a smear of ink upon the outer side of his right little finger," remarked Holmes, as he folded up the epistle.

--W., p. 1031, 3GAB: "Now, Watson, we are at the last lap of our little journey," said Holmes, when we were back in the roar of Central London once more. "I think we had best clear the matter up at once, and it would

be well that you should come with me, for it is safer to have a witness when you are dealing with such a lady as Isadora Klein." We had taken a cab and were speeding to some address in Grosvenor Square. Holmes had been sunk in thought, but he roused himself suddenly.

--W., pp. 477-478, FINA: It was on the 3rd of May that we reached the little village of Meiringen, where we put up at the Englischer Hof, then kept by Peter Steiler the elder. Our landlord was an intelligent man, and spoke excellent English, having served for three years as waiter at the Grosvenor Hotel in London.

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

Answer: Intensity of hatred

(1pt)

--W., p. 990, ILLU: "If I can help to put him where he belongs, I'm yours to the rattle," said our visitor, with fierce energy. There was an intensity of hatred in her white, set face and her blazing eyes such as woman seldom and man never can attain.

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

Answer: Victor Hatherley, The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb.

(2pts)

--W., p. 277, ENGR: "Yesterday, however, just as I was thinking of leaving the office, my clerk entered to say there was a gentleman waiting who wished to see me upon business. He brought up a card, too, with the name of 'Colonel Lysander Stark' engraved upon it. Close at his heels came the Colonel himself, a man rather over the middle size but of an exceeding thinness. I do not think that I have ever seen so thin a man."

--W., p. 20, STUD: His very person and appearance were such as to strike the attention of the most casual observer. In height he was rather over six feet, and so excessively lean that he seemed to be considerably taller.

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

Answer: Stackhurst, Cyanea Capillata

(2pts)

--W., p. 1093, LION: "Cyanea!" I cried. "Cyanea! Behold the Lion's Mane!" The strange object at which I pointed did indeed look like a tangled mass torn from the mane of a lion.... "It has done mischief enough. Its day is over!" I cried. "Help me, Stackhurst! Let us end the murderer for ever." There was a big boulder just above the ledge, and we pushed it until it fell with a tremendous splash into the water. When the ripples had cleared we saw that it had settled upon the ledge below. One flapping edge of yellow membrane showed that our victim was beneath it.

--www.extremescience.com: Giant Jellyfish: Arctic Lion's Mane (Cyanea capillata): The Arctic Lion's Mane, like most jellies, is a predator - it kills and eats other living creatures from the animal kingdom. (Even though water buffaloes and hippopotami eat living things (plants), they are not considered predators.) That means that this giant jelly stalks, pursues, catches, kills and consumes its prey.

-- animaldiversity.org/University of Michigan, Museum of Zoology : Cyanea\_capillata: One of the most distinguishing features of Cyanea capillata is its coloration. Its tendency to form shoals is also fairly unusual. The extremely effective nematocysts are also a prominent feature. Even a dead animal or a detached tentacle is capable of stinging. (Grzimek 1972): Grzimek, D. Grzimek's Animal Eyclopedia, Vol. 1. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Company.

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

Answer: Jefferson Hope, Henry Baker

(2pts)

--By proxy: Jefferson Hope; he sent an accomplice in disguise—

--W., pp. 37-38, STUD: "Look at this advertisement," he answered. "I had one sent to every paper this morning immediately after the affair." He threw the paper across to me and I glanced at the place indicated. It was the first announcement in the "Found" column. "In Brixton Road, this morning," it ran, "a plain gold wedding-ring, found in the roadway between the White Hart Tavern and Holland Grove. Apply Dr. Watson, 221B, Baker Street, between eight and nine this evening."

--W., p. 40, STUD: "Old woman be damned!" said Sherlock Holmes, sharply. "We were the old women to be so taken in. It must have been a young man, and an active one, too, besides being an incomparable actor. The get-up was inimitable. He saw that he was followed, no doubt, and used this means of giving me the slip. It shows that the man we are after is not as lonely as I imagined he was, but has friends who are ready to risk something for him."

--In person: Henry Baker—

--W., pp. 249-251, BLUE: "Give me a pencil, and that slip of paper. Now, then: "Found at the corner of Goodge Street, a goose and a black felt hat. Mr. Henry Baker can have the same by applying at 6:30 this evening at 221B, Baker Street." That is clear and concise..."Here you are, Peterson, run down to the advertising agency, and have this put in the evening papers..."Mr. Henry Baker, I believe," said he..."Is that your hat, Mr. Baker?" "Yes, sir, that is undoubtedly my hat..." "Certainly, sir," said Baker, who had risen and tucked his newly gained property under his arm. "There are a few of us who frequent the Alpha Inn near the Museum - we are to be found in the Museum itself during the day, you understand. This year our good host, Windigate by name, instituted a goose club..."

--No Response—

--W., p. 457, NAVA: "Yes, I sent wires from Woking Station to every evening paper in London. This advertisement will appear in each of them."

--W., p. 465, NAVA: "I suppose there has been no answer to my cabman advertisement? Well, well, we cannot expect to score every time."

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

Answer: the un-named inspector in 3GAB

(1pt)

--W., pp. 1029-1030, 3GAB: Within we met a gray old gentleman, who introduced himself as the lawyer, together with a bustling, rubicund inspector, who greeted Holmes as an old friend. "Well, Mr. Holmes, no chance for you in this case, I'm afraid. Just a common, ordinary burglary, and well within the capacity of the poor old police. No experts need apply."

--W., p. 1030, 3GAB: The Inspector drew a folded sheet of foolscap from his pocketbook. "I never pass anything, however trifling," said he with some pomposity. "That is my advice to you, Mr. Holmes. In twenty-five years' experience I have learned my lesson. There is always the chance of finger-marks or something."

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

Answer: Colonel Sebastian Moran

(1pt)

--W., p. 483, EMPT: It was in the spring of the year 1894 that all London was interested, and the fashionable world dismayed, by the murder of the Honourable Ronald Adair under most unusual and inexplicable circumstances.

--W., p.494, EMPT: Moran, Sebastian, Colonel...the second most dangerous man in London.

--W., p. 495, EMPT: The bullets alone are enough to put his head in a noose.

--W., p. 496, EMPT: "Meanwhile, come what may, Colonel Moran will trouble us no more."

--W., p. 984, ILLU: 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.

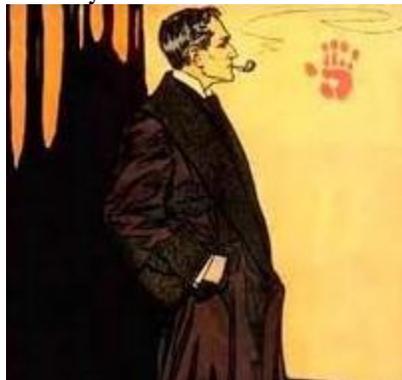
--W., p.985, ILLU: "I have had several opponents to whom that flattering term has been applied," said Holmes, with a smile. "Don't you smoke? Then you will excuse me if I light my pipe. If your man is more

dangerous than the late Professor Moriarty, or than the living Colonel Sebastian Moran, then he is indeed worth meeting. May I ask his name?"

--W., p. 975, LAST: "It's beyond me." "Well, I chose 'August' for the word, and '1914' for the figures, and here we are."

--W., p. 979, LAST: "The old sweet song," said Holmes. "How often have I heard it in days gone by! It was a favourite ditty of the late lamented Professor Moriarty. Colonel Sebastian Moran has also been known to warble it. And yet I live and keep bees upon the South Downs."

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



Answer: Readers believed it should be a fingerprint rather than a handprint, as it appeared on the cover of Collier's for the first printing of The Adventure of the Norwood Builder.

(1pt)

--Image: <http://ignisart.com/camdenhouse/Canon/norw.htm>

--Malec, Andrew: Introduction to The Return of Sherlock Holmes, Mysterious Press, New York, 1987, p. 12: Holmes enthusiasts have long been confused by an apparent Steele inaccuracy in the artist's cover drawing for THE NORWOOD BUILDER (sic) where Holmes is seen looking at a scarlet hand on a wall. Many have interpreted the picture as a misrepresentation of the incident when the detective examines the bloody thumbprint of John Hector McFarlane found in the Norwood home of Jonas Oldacre, the builder of the story's title."

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

Answer: Lestrade

(1pt)

--W., p. 218, FIVE: "Except yourself I have none," he answered. "I do not encourage visitors."

--W., pp. 582-583, SIXN: It was no very unusual thing for Mr. Lestrade, of Scotland Yard, to look in upon us of an evening, and his visits were welcome to Sherlock Holmes, for they enabled him to keep in touch with all that was going on at the police headquarters.

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

Answer: spouse to McCarthy's barmaid wife

(1pt)

--W., p. 210, BOS: "It was with his barmaid wife that he had spent the last three days in Bristol, and his father did not know where he was. Mark that point. It is of importance. Good has come out of evil, however, for the barmaid, finding from the papers that he is in serious trouble, and likely to be hanged, has thrown him over utterly, and has written to him to say that she has a husband already in the Bermuda Dockyard, so that there is really no tie between them. I think that that bit of news has consoled young McCarthy for all that he has suffered."

-- www.dockyardbermuda.com/history : The British Royal Navy established the Royal Naval Dockyard after defeat in the American War of Independence left Britain without a secure operational base between Halifax, Nova Scotia and the West Indies. Bermuda was quickly identified as a strategic mid-Atlantic location where a secure anchorage for the Navy's fleet and a dockyard, victualling yard and ordnance depot to maintain the ships could be developed. The Royal Navy purchased 200 acres on Ireland Island in the west end. In 1809 work began on the North America and West Indies Station, as the base became known, and continued into the early 20th Century. It was a huge project that involved large land reclamations and the labour of thousands of convicts from Britain who were housed in appalling conditions aboard rotting hulks of former naval fighting ships.

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

Answer: In deep waters

(1pt)

--W., p.259, SPEC: "My name is Helen Stoner, and I am living with my stepfather..."

--W., p.263, SPEC: "These are very deep waters," said he; "pray go on with your narrative."

--W., p.532, SOLI: Next morning we had a note from Miss Smith, ..."Our young friend seems to be getting into deep waters," said Holmes, thoughtfully, as he finished the letter.

--W., p. 1103, SHOS: The door had opened and the page had shown in a tall, clean-shaven man with the firm, austere expression which is only seen upon those who have to control horses or boys. Mr. John Mason had many of both under his sway, and he looked equal to the task.

--W., p. 1106, SHOS: "These are deep waters, Mr. Mason; deep, and rather dirty. You say that Sir Robert was not at home last night?"

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

Answer: crony

(1pt)

--W., p. 218, FIVE: "Why," said I, glancing up at my companion, "that was surely the bell? Who could come tonight? Some friend of yours, perhaps?" "Except yourself I have none," he answered. "I do not encourage visitors." "A client, then?" "If so, it is a serious case. Nothing less would bring a man out on such a day, and at such an hour. But I take it that it is more likely to be some crony of the landlady's."

**76. This vessel, possibly named for a 14<sup>th</sup> century nobleman, collected the nine remaining. Which vessel?**

Answer: Hotspur

(1pt)

--www.englishmonarchs.co.uk/plantagenet: Henry Percy, later made famous as 'Harry Hotspur', was born 20 May 1364 at Alnwick Castle in Northumberland. He was the eldest son of Henry Percy, 1st Earl of Northumberland, and Margaret Neville, daughter of Ralph de Neville, 2nd Lord Neville of Raby, and Alice de Audley. When he was twelve years old, Harry received a knighthood from King Edward III and at the age of fourteen saw active service at the Siege of Berwick.

--W., p. 384, GLOR: "Eight of us, five convicts and three sailors, said that we would not see it done...at last he said if we wished we might take a boat and go. We jumped at the offer, for we were already sick of these bloodthirsty doings, and we saw that there would be worse before it was done.... A splintered boat and a number of crates and fragments of spars rising and falling on the waves showed us where the vessel had foundered, but there was no sign of life, and we had turned away in despair when we heard a cry for help, and saw at some distance a piece of wreckage with a man lying stretched across it. When we pulled him aboard the boat he proved to be a young seaman of the name of Hudson, who was so burned and exhausted that he could give us no account of what had happened until the following morning."

--W., p. 385, GLOR: "Next day we were picked up by the brig Hotspur, bound for Australia, whose captain found no difficulty in believing that we were the survivors of a passenger ship which had foundered."

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

Answer: motherless

(1pt)

--W., pp. 304-305, BERY: "So I think, and so, too, thinks my little Mary, who has a woman's quick insight into character. And now there is only she to be described. She is my niece; but when my brother died five years ago and left her alone in the world I adopted her, and have looked upon her ever since as my daughter."

--W., p. 374, GLOR: "Trevor senior was a widower, and my friend was his only son. There had been a daughter, I heard, but she had died of diphtheria while on a visit to Birmingham."

--W., pp. 1087-1088, LION: Mr. Bellamy proved to be a middle-aged man with a flaming red beard. He seemed to be in a very angry mood, and his face was soon as florid as his hair. "No, sir, I do not desire any particulars. My son here" - indicating a powerful young man, with a heavy, sullen face, in the corner of the sitting-room - "is of one mind with me that Mr. McPherson's attentions to Maud were insulting. Yes, sir, the word 'marriage' was never mentioned, and yet there were letters and meetings, and a great deal more of which neither of us could approve. She has no mother, and we are her only guardians."

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

Answer: Holmes

(1pt)

--W., p. 90, SIGN: "I even embodied it in a small brochure, with the somewhat fantastic title of 'A Study in Scarlet'."

--W., p. 36, STUD: "The ring, man, the ring: that was what he came back for. If we have no other way of catching him, we can always bait our line with the ring. I shall have him, Doctor -- I'll lay you two to one that I have him. I must thank you for it all. I might not have gone but for you, and so have missed the finest study I ever came across: a study in scarlet, eh? Why shouldn't we use a little art jargon. There's the scarlet thread of murder running through the colourless skein of life, and our duty is to unravel it, and isolate it, and expose every inch of it."

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

Answer: James Lancaster, Holmes as Captain Basil

(2pts)

--W., pp.567-568, BLAC: "Excellent, Watson. The alternative develops. Have you telegraph forms? Just write a couple of messages for me: 'Sumner, Shipping Agent, Ratcliff Highway. Send three men on, to arrive ten tomorrow morning - Basil.' That's my name in those parts.

--W., p. 569, BLAC: The first who entered was a little ribston-pippin of a man, with ruddy cheeks and fluffy white side-whiskers. ... The second man was a long, dried-up creature, with lank hair and sallow cheeks... The third applicant was a man of remarkable appearance.

--Klinger, Leslie, The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, Volume II, p. 998, note 27: [ribston-pippin is]..A variety of winter apple with a red skin. It was highly prized as a dessert apple in Victorian England."

--Clarkson, Stephen, The Canonical Compendium, Calabash Press, Ashcroft, British Columbia, 1999, p. 83,

BLAC: A comparison of the British and American first editions of The Return of Sherlock Holmes reveals that the former refers to James Lancaster as a 'little ribston-pippin of a man', while the latter changes capitalization and punctuation, thusly: 'a little Ribston pippin of a man'. In any case, as my co-conspirator Bill Fleischauer would have it, 'It's a apple.' A crab-apple, to be more precise.

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

Answer: gossip

(1pt)

--W., p. 1028, 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. He made, it was said, a four-figure income by the paragraphs which he contributed every week to the garbage papers which cater to an inquisitive public. If ever, far down in the turbid depths of London life, there was some strange swirl or eddy, it was marked with automatic exactness by this human dial upon the surface. Holmes discreetly helped Langdale to knowledge, and on occasion was helped in turn.

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

Answer: "I am no chicken"

(1pt)

W., p.29 , STUD: Lestrade, lean and ferret-like as ever, was standing by the doorway, and greeted my companion and myself. "This case will make a stir, sir," he remarked. "It beats anything I have seen, and I am no chicken."

--Klinger, Leslie, *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, The Novels*, p. 56, note 104: This modern sounding slang was clearly in use in the nineteenth century. John Camden Hoten's *Slang Dictionary* (1865) defines it as a "term applied to anything young, small or insignificant; CHICKEN STAKES; 'she's no CHICKEN said of an old maid.'" It is unclear as to when the saying was altered to specify the fowl as a "spring chicken".

---NOTE: On page 18 of this volume, Klinger provides an image of a menu from the Holborn Restaurant, 1884, and included in the menu offerings is a "Half roast Spring Chicken and Ham".

**82. Watson said there was a single moment that Holmes let his self-containment crack when he thought Watson had been hurt. However there is at least one other occasion when Holmes's composure slipped because he thought someone else was hurt. Who?**

Answer: Henry Baskerville

(1pt)

--W., p.745, HOUN: He had uttered a cry and bent over the body. Now he was dancing and laughing and wringing my hand. Could this be my stern, self-contained friend? These were hidden fires, indeed! "A beard! A beard! The man has a beard!" "A beard?" "It is not the baronet - it is - why, it is my neighbour, the convict!"

--W., p. 1053, 3GAB: Then my friend's wiry arms were round me and he was leading me to a chair.

"You're not hurt, Watson? For God's sake, say that you are not hurt!"

It was worth a wound - it was worth many wounds - to know the depth of loyalty and love which lay behind that cold mask. The clear, hard eyes were dimmed for a moment, and the firm lips were shaking. For the one and only time I caught a glimpse of a great heart as well as of a great brain. All my years of humble but single-minded service culminated in that moment of revelation.

**83. A not-so-hidden fire facilitated the almost perfect murder. Who died?**

Answer: Ronald Adair

(1pt)

--W., p. 484, EMPT: On the evening of the crime he [Ronald Adair] returned from the club exactly at ten. His mother and sister were out spending the evening with a relation. The servant deposed that she heard him enter the front room on the second floor, generally used as his sitting-room. She had lit a fire there, and as it smoked she had opened the window. No sound was heard from the room until eleven-twenty, the hour of the return of Lady Maynooth and her daughter. Desiring to say good-night, she had attempted to enter her son's room. The door was locked on the inside, and no answer could be got to their cries and knocking. Help was obtained and the door forced. The unfortunate young man was found lying near the table. His head had been horribly mutilated by an expanding revolver bullet, but no weapon of any sort was to be found in the room.

**84. In two of Watson's tales, he uses a phrase that leads one to imagine his luxuries included a copy of Burton's *The Thousand Nights and a Night*. What phrase?**

Answer: Arabian Nights

(1pt)

--W., p.296, NOBL: There were a couple of brace of cold woodcock, a pheasant, a pate de foie gras pie, with a group of ancient and cobwebby bottles. Having laid out all these luxuries, my two visitors vanished away, like the genii of the Arabian Nights, with no explanation save that the things had been paid for, and were ordered to this address.

--W., p.1031, 3GAB: A minute later we were in an Arabian Nights drawing-room, vast and wonderful, in a half gloom, picked out with an occasional pink electric light.

--www.britanica.com: *The Thousand and One Nights: The Arabian Nights, Arabic Alf laylah wa laylah*, collection of largely Middle Eastern and Indian stories of uncertain date and authorship whose tales of Aladdin, Ali Baba, and Sindbad the Sailor have almost become part of Western folklore...Among the best-known of the 19th-century translations into English is that of Sir Richard Burton, who used John Payne's little-known full English translation, 13 vol. (9 vol., 1882-84; 3 supplementary vol., 1884; vol. 13, 1889), to produce his unexpurgated *The Thousand Nights and a Night*, 16 vol. (10 vol., 1885; 6 supplementary vol., 1886-88).

**85. Dr. Mortimer, Mr. Stapleton and Holmes had more in common than only the mystery on the moor: they shared a common physical trait as well. What trait?**

Answer: gray eyes

(1pt)

--W., p. 671, HOUN: The appearance of our visitor [Dr. Mortimer] was a surprise to me since I had expected a typical country practitioner. He was a very tall, thin man, with a long nose like a beak, which jutted out between two keen, gray eyes, set closely together and sparkling brightly from behind a pair of gold-rimmed glasses.

--W., p.709, HOUN: There could not have been a greater contrast between brother and sister, for Stapleton was neutral-tinted, with light hair and gray eyes, while she was darker than any brunette whom I have seen in England - slim, elegant, and tall.

--W., p. 740, HOUN: "Holmes!" I cried - "Holmes!" "Come out," said he, "and please be careful with the revolver." I stooped under the rude lintel, and there he sat upon a stone outside, his gray eyes dancing with amusement as they fell upon my astonished features.

**86. Watson chose an odd word to describe these two men; when taken literally, it could mean an excess of red corpuscles in the blood. Which two? What word?**

Answer: Charles Augustus Milverton, Athelney Jones, plethoric

(3pts)

--W., p. 113, SIGN: As he spoke, the steps which had been coming nearer sounded loudly on the passage, and a very stout, portly man in a gray suit strode heavily into the room. He was red-faced, burly, and plethoric, with a pair of very small, twinkling eyes, which looked keenly out from between swollen and puffy pouches. He was closely followed by an inspector in uniform, and by the still palpitating Thaddeus Sholto.

"Here's a business!" he cried, in a muffled, husky voice. "Here's a pretty business! But who are all these? Why, the house seems to be as full as a rabbit-warren!" "I think you must recollect me, Mr. Athelney Jones," said Holmes, quietly.

--W., p. 577, CHAS: "It's a business that needs delicate treatment," said Holmes. "These documents are contained in a safe in the fellow's study, and the study is the ante-room of his bed-chamber. On the other hand, like all these stout, little men who do themselves well, he is a plethoric sleeper."

----Edwards, *The Oxford Sherlock Holmes, The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, Edited by Richard Lancelyn Green, Note 166, pp. 375: he is a plethoric sleeper: literally a sleeper having an excess of red corpuscles in the blood (the opposite of anaemic) suggesting 'unhealthy repletion'

-----Note: question wording error, as Holmes is speaking in the CHAS reference, not Watson

**87. Mixture: an unhurried meal + : : : : = Holmes reaches a three part determination. What determination?**

Answer: It is a remarkable cow which walks, canters and gallops.

(1pt)

--W., p.551, PRIO: "Can you recall that the tracks were sometimes like that, Watson" - he arranged a number of breadcrumbs in this fashion - : : : : -...."But I can. I could swear to it. However, we will go back at our leisure and verify it. What a blind beetle I have been not to draw my conclusion!"

"And what is your conclusion?" "Only that it is a remarkable cow which walks, canters, and gallops. By George! Watson, it was no brain of a country publican that thought out such a blind as that! The coast seems to be clear, save for that lad in the smithy. Let us slip out and see what we can see."

**88. Where did Watson see the violet water that no longer exists? What water?**

Answer: arriving at Riding [Ridling] Thorpe Manor, German Ocean

(2pts)

--W., p.517, DANC: Yet there was much around us to interest us, for we were passing through as singular a countryside as any in England, where a few scattered cottages represented the population of to-day while on every hand enormous square-towered churches bristled up from the flat, green landscape and told of the glory and prosperity of old East Anglia. At last the violet rim of the German Ocean appeared over the green edge of the Norfolk coast, and the driver pointed with his whip to two old brick and timber gables which projected from a grove of trees. "That's Riding Thorpe Manor," said he.

--Edwards, The Oxford Sherlock Holmes, The Return of Sherlock Holmes, Edited by Richard Lancelyn Green, Note 84, pp. 355: the German Ocean: the North Sea, the alternative name used until the outbreak of the war with Germany in 1914.

**89. Taking into account the dates provided by Watson, one of two possible signatures could have appeared on the autograph letter. Which two possible names?**

Answer: Marie Francois Sadi Carnot, Jean Paul Pierre Casimir-Perier

(2pts)

--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... The famous Smith-Mortimer succession case comes also within this period, and so does the tracking and arrest of Huret, the Boulevard assassin - an exploit which won for Holmes an autograph letter of thanks from the French President and the Order of the Legion of Honour...It was a wild, tempestuous night towards the close of November.

----Tracey, Jack, The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana, Doubleday & Company, 1977, p.131: France:...won for him an autograph letter of thanks from the French president...who in 1894 was Marie Francois Sadi Carnot until he was assassinated 24 June of that year...he was succeeded by Jean Paul Pierre Casimir-Perier who resigned seven months later. [Jan 1—June 24, 1894: Carnot; June 25, 1894-Jan. 16, 1895: Casimi—Perier]

**90. Holmes never guesses; yet, he finds this to be mother of truth. What?**

Answer: imagination

(1pt)

--W., p. 93, SIGN: "No, no: I never guess. It is a shocking habit - destructive to the logical faculty."

--W., p. 802, VALL: "And yet there should be no combination of events for which the wit of man cannot conceive an explanation. Simply as a mental exercise, without any assertion that it is true, let me indicate a possible line of thought. It is, I admit, mere imagination, but how often is imagination the mother of truth?"

**91. Despite the ideas of the literary agent, Holmes did not go the way of all flesh, and in the imagination of the fans, Sherlock and his Watson have found their corner and remain there. Corner where?**

Answer: Valhalla

(1pt)

--W., p. 983, Preface to The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes: 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. This must cease and he must go the way of all flesh, material or imaginary. One likes to think that there is some fantastic limbo for the children of imagination, some strange, impossible place where the beaux of Fielding may still make love to the belles of Richardson, where Scott's heroes still may strut, Dickens's delightful Cockneys still raise a laugh, and Thackeray's worldlings continue to carry on their reprehensible careers. Perhaps in some humble corner of such a Valhalla, Sherlock and his Watson may for a time find a place, while some more astute sleuth with some even less astute comrade may fill the stage which they have vacated.

**92. When asked by The Strand to list his choices for the twelve best stories published about Sherlock Holmes, the literary agent determined, because of this reality, Silver Blaze could not be on the list. Why?**

Answer: the racing detail was too faulty

(1pt)

--<http://www.sherlock-holmes.co.uk/library/doyle.html>: In 1927 The Strand Magazine set a competition for its readers to decide the 12 best Sherlock Holmes stories, and the author was invited to make his own selection known. How I Made My List by A. Conan Doyle: ...The racing detail in 'Silver Blaze' is very faulty, so we must disqualify him...

**93. With a short paragraph in The Saturday Review of Literature in January of 1933, Christopher Morley planted a seed that grew into an imaginary but now largely accepted notion about Holmes. What notion?**

Answer: January birthdate

--[www.unz.org/Pub/SaturdayRev-1933jan07-00367](http://www.unz.org/Pub/SaturdayRev-1933jan07-00367): Image: The Saturday Review of Literature, Page 367, The Bowling Green, January 7, 1933 by Christopher Morley: I have not looked up the data, but if, as an astrologer has suggested, Sherlock Holmes was most likely born in January, some observance is due. Therefore, if the matter has never been settled, I nominate January 7th (the date of this issue of the Saturday Review) as his birthday, and reproduce herewith a new portrait, specially done for the occasion by our staff artist W. S. H. (The year of Holmes's birth is thought to be 1853.)

--NOTE: See also [www.unz.org/Pub/SaturdayRev-1934jan06-00395](http://www.unz.org/Pub/SaturdayRev-1934jan06-00395): Image: The Saturday Review of Literature, The Bowling Green, January 6, 1934 by Christopher Morley—Morley, apparently forgetting his nomination date of the previous year, quotes himself as saying January 6 in his column the year before rather than January 7.

**94. This somewhat sad illustration appeared in 1888. Who is the illustrator and where did it appear?**



Answer: The first book edition of A Study in Scarlet; Charles A. Doyle

(2pts)

--Image from: www.arthur-conan-doyle.com: A Study in Scarlet, Ward Lock & Co., Illustrations by Charles A. Doyle, 1888.

--www.ils.unc.edu: Published Art Work of Charles Altamont Doyle: Doyle, Arthur Conan. A Study in Scarlet. London: Ward, Lock & Co., 1888. 184 pp. Includes six line drawings by Charles Altamont Doyle on pps. 32, 57, 64, 98, 124, 158. Charles Doyle created 6 pictures for the first Sherlock Holmes novel at the request of his son. Charles was in an asylum at the time.

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

Answer: Vincent Starrett, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

(2pts)

--Starrett, Vincent, The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes, Mysterious Press, via Open Road Integrated Media, iBooks, p. 127: “BUT ONE MUST DROP, AT LAST, THE HAPPY PRETENSE; admit that Sherlock Holmes is dead. And being dead yet liveth. The paradox is complete; the tale is ended. The greatest detective of the modern world has gone, at length, upon his final quest, the most mysterious of all his strange adventures. He died upon the 7th of July, the year being 1930, at his home in Crowborough, Sussex—Windlesham, he called it—in the person of the man who had created him. For true as it may be that the model for the immortal detective was Dr. Joseph Bell of Edinburgh, there can be little doubt that the real Holmes was Conan Doyle himself.”

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

Answer: domestic pet (“bull pup”)

(1pt)

--W, p. 19, STUD: I laughed at this cross-examination."I keep a bull pup," I said, "and I object to rows because my nerves are shaken, and I get up at all sorts of ungodly hours, and I am extremely lazy. I have another set of vices when I'm well, but those are the principal ones at present."

--Edwards, The Oxford Sherlock Holmes, A Study in Scarlet, Note 12, pp. 147-148, A bulldog was a short-barrelled revolver of large caliber. Scott uses the term. Watson evidently means a smaller gun, which duly makes its first appearance in the Canon in Ch5 below. Sherlockians have expended much ink in quest of a domestic pet impossible in Afghanistan, illegal on the Orontes, inappropriate for a private hotel, and invisible in Baker Street.

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

Answer: Dr. Joseph Bell

(1pt)

--Klinger, Leslie, The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, The Novels, pps. 203-207: Appendix: “Mr. Sherlock Holmes” By Dr. Joseph Bell.

--Klinger, Leslie, The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes, The Novels, p. 203, note 263: Dr. Bell’s essay first appeared in The Bookman (London) for December 1892 under the title “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes”, and is reprinted in the 1893 Ward, Lock & Bowden Ltd. Edition of A Study in Scarlet.

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

Answer: Fail to play the game.

(1pt)

--W., p.1015, MAZA: "Yes, you can, Watson. And you will, for you have never failed to play the game. I am sure you will play it to the end."

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

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

**Which novelist? Which sleuth?**

Answer: Agatha Christie, Hercule Poirot,

(2pts)

--Roden, Barbara, Violets & Vitriol: Through A Glass Darkly, Calabash Press, 2004, p. 17: Quoting Agatha Christi, The Clocks, William Collins Sons & Co LTD, 1976.

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

Answer: Murray, Dr. Watson's orderly

(1pt)

--W., p. 15, STUD: The campaign brought honours and promotion to many, but for me it had nothing but misfortune and disaster. 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 packhorse, and succeeded in bringing me safely to the British lines.