

221B BAKER STREET®

RULES, CLUES & SOLUTIONS
FOR CASES NO. 1-75



— THE —
Sherlock Holmes
MASTER DETECTIVE GAME

"It is of the highest importance in the art of detection to be able to recognise, out of a number of facts, which are incidental and which are vital."

- SHERLOCK HOLMES

EQUIPMENT

- 1 die
- 1 playing board
- 6 playing pieces
- 6 Scotland Yard cards
- 6 Skeleton Key cards
- 75 Case Cards
- Rules, Clues & Solutions Booklet
- Solutions Checklist Pad

ELEMENTARY RULES

BEFORE STARTING

Before starting, each player should do the following:

- (1) Pick a playing piece and place it on the playing board at 221B Baker Street.
- (2) Take a Skeleton Key card.
- (3) Take a Scotland Yard Key card.
- (4) Take a Solution Checklist sheet.

The remaining Skeleton Key Cards should be placed at the Locksmith shop, as indicated on the playing board, whilst the remaining Scotland Yard cards should be placed at Scotland Yard.

Now one of the players should take a Case card and read the adventure on that card out loud to the other players. He should read it once rather quickly and then again a bit slower. This will be the adventure that all players attempt to solve during the game.

At any time during the game, a player may pick up the Case card being played and read over the adventure again.

SOME NOTES ON CASE CARDS

There are 75 Case cards in the game, listing 75 different adventures. The Case cards are numbered 1 – 75, and it is suggested that you play the Cases in order. Of course, you may choose to play the Cases in any sequence you wish. An average game with four players will last around 1 hour and 20 minutes.

At the end of each adventure, the items to be solved are listed, preceded by letters – a), b), c) etc. These are items that you must solve in order to win the game.

BASIC PLAY

All players start at 221B Baker Street. Roll the die to determine who starts, turn of play moving to the left. The basic procedure of play is to roll the die on your turn and move to the various locations on the board (e.g. Museum, Park, Hotel) picking up clues which will help you in solving the Case you are playing.

When you think you have solved the Case, you must return to 221B Baker Street (via your regular turns and roll of the die) and announce your solution. You may not announce a solution or win the game unless your playing piece is inside 221B Baker Street.

Playing pieces may not move diagonally.

CLUES

There are fourteen locations on the board where you can pick up clues. Each of these locations is listed on each Case card, followed by a number. These numbers correspond to the clue numbers listed in the Clue Booklet.

When you move into a location, you are entitled to look at the clue which corresponds to that location.

For example, let's say you are playing Case No 1. "The Adventure of the Unholy Man," and you move into the Bank. You then check the Bank clue number on the Case card and see that it is 28. So you pick up the Clue Booklet and read (to yourself) clue number 28.

You may study a clue for up to 30 seconds. You are on your honour to look at only the clue you are entitled to see. Once you put the Clue Booklet down, you may not pick it up again to re-check the clue.

Note the contents of the clue or your Solution Checklist.

TYPES OF CLUES

There are two basic types of clue: 1) the general statement clue, and 2) the puzzle clue. Such a clue may say: Stanley Harris has a bad case of asthma. Or: Alice Gloth was seen outside the Boar's Head the night of the murder.

The puzzle clue is usually a syllable clue to a specific item – killer, weapon, motive, hiding place, or whatever – and is labelled as such. For example, a puzzle clue might read:

KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)

- I Capone's first name.(AI)

Note that there are "Four Parts" to this clue, and you will have the first part (1) listed here. This means that there are three more parts to the KILLER CLUE listed either separately or together, at some other location or locations on the board.

When you find the other KILLER CLUES they might read as follows:

KILLER CLUES (Four Parts)

- II The alphabet letter after W. (X)
- III The opposite of East.(West)

KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)

- IV "Atishoo, atishoo, we all _____ down." (fall)

If there is a character named Alex Westfall mentioned somewhere in the story, you know that he is the killer.

NOTE: You will find that some general statement clues are more pertinent than others to the solution of a particular case. It's up to you to determine which facts are incidental and which are vital. There are some locations that say "No Clue."

SCOTLAND YARD CARDS

Each player starts the game with one Scotland Yard card and you may never hold more than one Scotland Yard card at a time.

A Scotland Yard card may be used to seal off a location you have entered, in order to keep other players from entering that location and discovering the clue there. To do this, you simply place the Scotland Yard card over the location entrance on the Board as you leave that location.

NOTE: You may seal off any location on the board except 221B Baker Street, Scotland Yard, or the Locksmith shop. You may not seal off a location if another player is still inside.

SKELETON KEY CARDS

Each player starts the game with one Skeleton Key card, and you may never hold more than one Skeleton Key card at a time.

A Skeleton Key card is used to open any location that has been sealed off by another player. To do this, you simply place your Skeleton Key card on top of the Scotland Yard card which is blocking the entrance to the location where you have arrived. Then remove both cards from the board and place them back in their respective piles at Scotland Yard and the Locksmith shop.

SCOTLAND YARD

If you enter Scotland Yard and you do not have a Scotland Yard card in your possession, you may take one from the pile. You do this in addition to looking at the clue there.

LOCKSMITH

If you enter the Locksmith and you do not have a Skeleton Key card in your possession, you may take one from the pile. You do this in addition to looking at the clue there.

CARRIAGE DEPOT

From the Carriage Depot you may, without rolling the die, take a cab to any location on the board. Usually after moving into the Carriage Depot, you will want to check the clue there. Then on your next turn, without rolling the die, you may immediately move your playing piece to any other location on the board and check the clue there, all in the same move.

KEEPING NOTES

Use your Solution Checklist card to keep notes. It is advisable to check off a location after you have entered it and keep track of all clues, however insignificant they may seem at the time.

WINNING THE GAME

When you think you have solved all the lettered items listed at the end of the Case you are playing, return to 221B Baker Street (via your regular turns and roll of the die) and announce your solution. To win, you must give the correct answer to all lettered items in the Case – for example, a) the killer, b) weapon, and c) motive – but you do not have to explain or understand all the intricacies of the Case.

After announcing your solution, take the Rules Booklet and look up the solution to the Case you are playing. (When doing this, be careful not to read the answers to any other Case.) If your answers are correct, declare yourself the winner and let all the 'Watsons' read the solution in the Rules Booklet. If your answers are not correct, however, close the Rules Booklet and you are out of the game. The other players continue playing without you until someone arrives at the correct solution.

When announcing your answers, you do not have to give exact answers listed in the Answer Booklet, as long as you can show that you thoroughly understand the proper solution. For example, if the motive listed in the solution is "inheritance," and you say "She killed him because she knew all his money would go to her," – that's acceptable. But if you say the motive was "Blackmail," of course, you are wrong.

Also, if a player misreads puzzle clues – for instance, if he says the motive was "Brown man," when it should be "Blackmail," – he is wrong, showing that he does not comprehend the proper solution to the Case.

LOCATION ENTRANCES

A separate square off the main pathways marks the entrance to each location. You must count at least one extra move beyond this square (i.e. exact throw not necessary), to enter the building itself and check the clue.

The Park and the Docks have more than one entrance/exit. You may use any entrance or exit when visiting these places.

N.B. A Scotland Yard card will seal off only **one** entrance to these particular locations.

FINAL NOTE

When deciding where to look for the clues, pay close attention to the information supplied on the Case card and in other clues. For example, if you know that a bent pipe cleaner was found at the scene of the crime, you might surmise that the Tobacconist would be a good place to go for a clue. If the crime occurred in the Hotel, you will find substantial clues at the Hotel.

Clues

- 1 No clue.
- 2 No clue.
- 3 The Earl of Longworth has constant headaches.
- 4 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
III Tea for how many?
IV Tilt an aircraft to save money.
- 5 HIDING PLACE CLUES (Four Parts)
II "___ for the wings of a dove?"
III Reverse of NIL.
- 6 No clue.
- 7 MOTIVE CLUE (Three Parts)
III Chemical recipe.
- 8 If John Kinney was delirious in the Penguin's lifeboat, his comments may have been ill-advised.
- 9 Prescott's ship is being repossessed.
- 10 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
I The sincerest form of flattery.
- 11 Prudence Madderley was the model for a scandalous painting by Fletcher Exworthy.
- 12 Whilst mopping the Bank floor last Saturday, cleaner Sam Willis says he heard a noise like a firecracker which seemed to come from the architect's office next door.
- 13 The ransom note is really a coded message.
- 14 Daphne Farber hates dogs.
- 15 MOTIVE CLUE (Three Parts)
II Another word for positive or certain.
- 16 For the past two years, Wellington Bakman has been living well above his means.
- 17 No clue.
- 18 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
IV A famous giant said "___, fi, fo, fum".
- 19 MOTIVE CLUE FOR KILLING BURNED BODY (Two Parts)
II Head of University department for studies in evil?
- 20 A sailor was seen in the vicinity of the chemists talking to Melanie Blakesley.
- 21 No clue.
- 22 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
II Stone ___ is a prehistoric circle on Salisbury Plain.
- 23 CODE CLUE
W = D
- 24 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
II Loud noise in which Di no longer can think properly.
- 25 The killer must be someone who is naturally on the streets at the early hour of the morning when each victim died.
- 26 THIEF CLUE (Two Parts)
I A part of the foot.
- 27 Sir Alan Benchly is an expert botanist.
- 28 The Duke of Tallcourt is a well know collector of original manuscripts.
- 29 There's no clue at the Hotel.
- 30 WHEREABOUTS OF PLANS CLUE (Four Parts)
III Family, relatives and kith.
- 31 No clue.

- 32 The carriage company has no record of ever having employed a one-armed driver.
- 33 WEAPON CLUE (Two Parts)
II B D F H J _.
- 34 Roderick Garrick desperately feared that Albert Boswell's performance would garner greater critical acclaim.
- 35 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II IF US = WE, I = ___.
- 36 During their courtship Randolph Meacham had brought Raphaela many presents.
- 37 Leopold Harkness is an undercover agent for British Intelligence.
- 38 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
I Come first.
II Miss Pierpoint was known to take aspirin for her arthritis at bedtime.
- 39 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II Baby's bed.
- 41 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
II Ornaments are placed on a Christmas ___.
- 42 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
II Approximately, more or ___?
IV Grow old naturally.
- 43 No clue.
- 44 MOTIVE CLUE (Four parts)
I Abbreviated century + over.
II The opposite of down.
- 45 Arthur Hawksworth owes vast gambling debts.
- 46 Ann Whiston is not able to have a baby of her own.
- 47 No clue.
- 48 GENERAL WEAPON CLUE
The weapon is the water.
- 49 CHAMELEON CLUE (Two Parts)
I Little, ____, Least.
- 50 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
IV Ele ___ary, my dear Watson.
- 51 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
III Cats lap it up.
- 52 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II Group of orange trees.
- 53 It was Saleem's responsibility to feed the animals during the voyage.
- 54 CODE CLUE
H = S
- 55 KILLER CLUE (Two parts)
II Abbreviated name of famous London Hospital.
- 56 Holmes knows that once caught up in Moriarty's web of crime, it is impossible to escape.
- 57 No clue.
- 58 Longworth had read a bible to the victim and the Duke of Tallcourt the day before the murder.
- 59 The police have been unable to get information on Bessie Kidder in the neighbourhood where Ferguson believed she came from.
- 60 HOLMES WHEREABOUTS CLUE (Two Parts)

- 61 II Not high cattle noise.
When inspecting the Sumatran menagerie, Mandeville jokingly remarked "that the Giant Rat looked hungry enough to eat a horse".
- 62 Heelwright's greatest desire is to make some notable archaeological discovery during his lifetime.
- 63 WEAPON CLUE (Two parts)
I "Well, ___ me down!"
The carriage driver is not the Chameleon.
- 64 A broken piece of oar was found floating near the Southern Star.
- 65 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
III True or ____ ?
IV Discs played on a gramophone.
- 67 No clue.
- 68 Carriage driver Newton Jennings was in the employ of Professor Moriarty.
- 69 GENERAL KILLER AND MOTIVE CLUE
He had them do his dirty work.
- 70 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
I To vote into office.
I Used by painters.
- 72 Rita Frawley and Walter Ostermann occasionally spent nights together at the Hotel.
- 73 The hunk of candle found by Holmes was from a heavy decorated candle approximately 3 kilograms (six pounds) in weight. It's safe to assume that a man taking a candle for the purpose of lighting his way, would use a much smaller candle.
- 74 Whereabouts clue at the Bank.
- 75 Alfred Wadsworth needed money to marry Florence Catlett.
- 76 GENERAL MOTIVE CLUE
You can't judge a book by its cover.
Bevin Radcliffe and Mrs Chamberlain were having an affair.
No clue.
- 79 Yew leaves produce a poison which does not work immediately.
- 80 Manfred Maloney had documents relating to Donald Hobson's disgraceful past.
- 81 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
III Expression of disgust.
- 82 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
I Too much shouting results in an equine animal!
III You never fetch this sort of cot
- 83 The victims' stab wounds are made by a thin rapier like blade.
- 84 BURNED BODY CLUE
Gateway to fish market.
- 85 Holmes discovered, from her personal papers, that Melanie Blakesley's handwriting matched that of the anonymous benefactor.
- 86 WHEREABOUTS CLUE (Three Parts)
III Does a gray ___ float?
- 87 Footprints at the stables show that the killer wore a size 12 shoe.
- 88 Daniel Ferguson uses a shed behind the Tobacconist to hickory smoke certain blends.
- 89 The translated message must be read backwards.
- 90 The envelope brought by Wiggins was addressed thus : "Four Sherlock Holmes".
- 91 CODE CLUE

- Each letter represents itself.
- 92 Many paints such as titanium white are extremely poisonous
- 93 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II An imperial unit of measure
Colonel Sebastian Moran, an associate of the notorious Professor James Moriarty, is of medium height, medium build and around forty years of age.
- 94 The killer is a native of Africa.
- 95 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
III What shaped room did Lynne Reid Banks write about?
MOTIVE CLUE FOR KILLING BURNED BODY (Two parts)
I Pudding for April 1st.
- 98 An autopsy of the giant rat has revealed the animal died from overeating.
- 99 Norton Quimby believes the insured value of the Penguin was inordinately high.
- 100 Thomas Jones and George Netter were seen drinking at the Boar's Head on Saturday afternoon.
- 101 The rooms above the Chemist are rented to Uriah Wiggins
- 102 HIDING PLACE CLUE (Four Parts)
I Short for Violet.
IV If p's and q's, then presumably j's and ____ ?
- 103 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
I Use oars.
I Cyclops had only one of these.
No clue.
- 106 The floor of Silver Patch's stall contained some fresh black paint.
- 107 The chemist recalls an Italian girl desperately seeking medical help for her sick mother.
- 108 Jules Ridgely purchased some pills to help his severe case of vertigo.
- 109 Three months ago Emmanuel Everley, a drinking friend of Niles MacFie's, was arrested attempting to pass forged bank notes.
- 110 Holmes notices Brian O'Neill smokes cigarettes with two gold bands.
- 111 Arthur Paisley visited Miss Pierpoint on the day of the murder.
- 112 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
II A Portion.
Lampkin was killed by a sharp blow under the chin breaking his neck. The killer in fury then appears to have jumped on him breaking two ribs.
- 114 Where a seated man will always cross his legs to catch a thrown object in his lap, a seated woman will usually spread her legs apart to catch the object in her skirt.
- 115 The Duchess's daughter, Anastasia, did not like the strange preacher.
- 116 Whereabouts and Weapon Clues at Bank.
- 117 CODE CLUE
J = R
Holmes observes that a belt, found with Radcliffe's evening clothes, is not in the loops of the man's trousers.
- 119 Holmes notices dust leaking from the bottom of Heelwright's suitcase.
- 120 CAUSE OF DEATH CLUE (Five Parts)
I It gets in your eyes, according to the song.
The engraver was dead before the ventilator grating was removed.
- 121

- 122 Burkhardt had told Kinney that Meacham confided in him that he believed the sinking of the Penguin had not been accidental.
- 123 Both Rita Frawley and Patrick Reardon are left-handed.
- 124 COMPLETE KILLER CLUE
Chef's offspring?
- 125 No clue.
- 126 HOLMES WHEREABOUTS CLUE (Two Parts)
Ancient fortification that separates Scotland and England
- 127 MOTIVE CLUE (Two parts)
I This stone celebrates 60 years.
- 128 No clue.
- 129 MOTIVE CLUE (Four parts)
IV Rise in a muddle
130 HIDING PLACE CLUE (Two Parts)
II Dr Finlay's _____ book.
- 131 Near Scotland Yard are vacant premises with a deep cellar and boiler room.
- 132 J S Subkow takes little yellow pills regularly for a liver condition.
- 133 KILLER CLUE (Two parts)
I High ground.
- 134 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
I Something that produces an effect.
- 135 Sir Alan Benchly and Harrison Hawksworth quarrelled recently.
- 136 GENERAL WEAPON CLUE
The Bible says that if you live by one, you'll die by one.
- 137 COMPLETE WEAPON CLUE
I A cylindrical tin container.
II The opposite of sharp or bright.
- 138 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
I A room.
- 139 There is no blood on the walking stick.
- 140 BENEFACTOR MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
IV A tune is composed of many.
- 141 No clue.
- 142 The public exhibition of "The Naked Nymph" was cancelled at the last minute.
- 143 CODE CLUE
V = E
- 144 "Although the proprietor on holiday be, where murder occurs is no problem to me."
- 145 LOCATION OF INVENTION CLUE (Two Parts)
II Adam's ale.
- 146 Normally Gabriel Van Zandt is a strict grammarian.
- 147 A kite and length of copper wire are found on the roof of the Hotel.
- 148 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
III Second word of Lord's Prayer.
- 149 Daniel Ferguson is known to be a ladies man.
- 150 Checking on known associates of Moriarty, Holmes discovers that cab driver Billings has been missing since the night of the fire.

- 151 The largest shipment of gold ever to reach London will arrive later this month for storage in the Bank Vault.
- 152 Arthur Hawksworth was not in his father's will.
- 153 The Sumatra Bones were not in the packing cases when the cases arrived at the Museum.
- 154 No clue.
- 155 Holmes knew Lampkin was intensely secretive.
- 156 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
I Oil is sometimes known as " _____ gold".
- 157 John Strickland withdrew a large sum from his account on the day the survivors of the Penguin returned to England.
- 158 SURPRISE CLUE (Three Parts)
III Implement used to separate fine grains from coarse grains.
- 159 Ridgeley was seen talking to Boris Crepnick in the Park the day before Ladder's death.
- 160 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
IV Comes to us all in the end.
- 161 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II One of the most fashionable residential addresses in London is Park _____.
- 162 Charles Barlow broke off his courtship of Nona Van Zandt because of a lack of funds.
- 163 WHEREABOUTS CLUE (Three Parts)
I Bass, trout and perch are _____.
- 164 Chemist, Arthur Paisley, supplied the pills at Miss Pierpoint's bedside.
- 165 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
I The opposite of front.
- 166 No clue.
- 167 The message tells where the Eyes of Lucifer are hidden.
- 168 The Earl of Longworth is considered a foremost authority on the authenticity of original manuscripts.
- 169 CODE CLUE
Each word is divided in half.
- 170 William Skottle, basically an honest man, had for some time been bothered by strong pangs of guilt.
- 171 Mario Morelli's monkey knows how to use a slingshot.
- 172 Lowell Quilley established an alibi.
- 173 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
II A rolling _____ gathers no moss.
- 174 J L Farlinger visited the Museum with a companion on the night of the theft and made a personal check of the security arrangements for his jewels.
- 175 Fletcher Exworthy drank a great deal at the party and made several visits to the toilet in the bedroom.
- 176 Bobby Jansen is now working at the Locksmiths.
- 177 KILLER MOTIVE CLUE
A very dark man.
- 178 Holmes reasons that the killer is pursuing a vendetta. He has to find someone with a reason to hate middle aged doctors violently.
- 179 The weapon and the courier's valise were thrown overboard.
- 180 Boswell and Garrick are very similar in height, build and appearance.
- 181 MOTIVE CLUES (Four Parts)
I The answer sounds as if it will hit you like a _____ of bricks!
II Shell without sh.
- 182 HIDING PLACE (Two Parts)

- I The plates are hidden in the hollow bottom.
- 183 Hilliard is short-sighted.
- 184 CHAMELEON CLUE (Two Parts)
- II Winds that blow permanently east-west in southern seas for commerce.
- 185 J L Farlinger, staying in town to be near his diamonds, is found in a drugged stupor on the morning of the theft.
- 186 Prince Jamal was known to guard his sister's honour zealously.
- 187 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
- IV To possess something.
- 188 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
- III Abel's brother.
- 189 Leland MacFie has access to the bank's case reserves.
- 190 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
- I Half of them.
- 191 An original manuscript of Hamlet was stolen recently from an exhibition on the Riviera.
- 192 Angus Burkhardt is due to receive his first mate's papers within the year.
- 193 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
- I ____'s Well that ends Well
- 194 Reading between the lines won't save Van Zandt's life; skipping words might.
- 195 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
- II Entitled to feel cross.
- 196 Archibald had no scholarly background in archaeology.
- 197 WEAPON CLUE (Two Parts)
- I Mother sheep.
- 198 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
- III Is every cathedral town one?
- 199 Housemaid Daphne Farber uses a particularly poisonous brand of cleaning fluid.
- 200 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
- II What the mailman delivers to Americans.
- 201 CODE CLUE
- Number the first half of the message 1-33, odd numbers only.
- 202 X = C
B = Y
- 203 The daughter of an Italian act performing at the theatre is an extremely attractive dark haired girl.
- 204 Most unusually, Lampkin was in a celebratory mood in the Boar's Head the previous night and telling other customers he was in "transports of delight" over his latest invention.
- 205 The murderer fired the killing shot from a distance.
- 206 "If you've reasoned, gentle reader, I make my own key, you've solved, at last, who the killer will be."
- 207 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
- II French, de; German, von; Italian, di; English, ____.
- III Hero loses nought.
- 208 CAUSE OF DEATH CLUE (Five Parts)
- III Secure a shot of heroin.
- 209 Sir Reginald Cosgrove had a large insurance policy on his prize horse, Silver Patch.
- 210 MOTIVE CLUE (Three Parts)
- III Boy Scouts know how to pitch them.
- 211 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)

- I "Grown up".
- 212 Victim clue at Tobacconist.
- 213 KILLER CLUES (Three Parts)
- II Sir Henry ____ is a famous sculptor.
- III Henry VIII divorced Katherine to marry ____ Boleyn.
- 214 MOTIVE CLUE (Three Parts)
- I Let's play hide and ____.
- 215 For years, Mandeville had unsuccessfully attempted to woo Princess Hartika.
- 216 Luther Chamberlain had threatened his wife with a divorce and no financial settlement if she behaved indiscreetly.
- 217 Holmes noticed a streak of rust between the thumb and forefinger of Captain Prescott's right hand.
- 218 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
- I Not short.
- 219 Mr Dunphy knows that he was not the sole benefactor of his wife's will. In fact Mrs Dunphy's will leaves most of her inheritance to charity.
- 220 Elton Tobias is employed part-time at the Hotel.
- 221 Lestrade was taking the Chameleon to a new prison, when the criminal escaped.
- 222 Holmes suggests an autopsy which reveals that a broken neck was not the cause of Harrison Hawksworth's death.
- 223 There is a puncture the size of a pinhole at the base of the engraver's neck.
- 224 Florence Catlett believed Miss Pierpoint wanted her to end up an old maid.
- 225 No clue.
- 226 KIDNAPPER CLUE (Three Parts)
- II A card game for four players.
- 227 Grady Upjohn carries a sheath knife in his belt.
- 228 The carpet in Thomas Jones' office contains two freshly cleaned spots. One of them has the slight smell of beer.
- 229 CODE CLUE
- Number the second half of the message 2-34, even numbers only.
- 230 At a board meeting scheduled for this afternoon, Mr Ostermann was to give a report on the bank's profits.
- 231 Sunbeam is an aggressive character demanding quick returns on his investments.
- 232 CODE CLUE
- R = I
- 233 A funeral attended by many members of the theatrical group was reported recently.
- 234 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
- III Not a "Gottle of Gear" but a " ____ of beer".
- 235 Holmes notices that the stitching of Wolper's suitcase handle does not match the rest of the case.
- 236 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
- I Kith and ____.
- 237 Niles MacFie is an accomplished 'character' actor.
- 238 WEAPON CLUE (Two Parts)
- II The USSR emblem is the hammer and ____.
- 239 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
- II At home.
- 240 Among Bessie Kidder's personal effects was a Liverpool to London railway ticket stub.
- 241 Mrs Dunphy has a gardener named Winthrop Capp.
- 242 Holmes analyses the beside pills, and finds them to be sleeping pills, not pain killers.

- 243 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II Value.
- 244 Stephen Pinter bought a gun the night the play opened.
- 245 Knowing her past employment, Mrs Dorothy Madderley threatened to disinherit her son if his bride did not meet the strict moral code of the Madderley family.
- 246 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
I Expression used in golf to warn someone of an oncoming ball
III _____ in crime
- 247 MASTERMIND CLUE (Two Parts)
I The sort of soup you walk through on a foggy day!
248 The soil between Scotland Yard and the Bank is composed of rich, black earth.
- 249 Melanie Blakesley was Niles MacFie's girlfriend.
- 250 Holmes has the fortune in his pocket.
- 251 KIDNAPPER CLUE (Three Parts)
III "Let him who is without sin cast the first _____".
- 252 Important clue at Scotland Yard.
- 253 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
III _____ Watchers Anonymous.
- 254 SURPRISE CLUE (Three Parts)
II Palestinian Liberation Organisation?
- 255 Killer clue at Bank.
- 256 The killer would need to get very close to the victim to kill in this fashion.
- 257 CODE CLUE
M = N
O = L
- 258 The first word of Van Zandt's real message is "Holmes".
- 259 You got here just in time to stop Boris Crepnick from leaving the country.
- 260 There are three diamonds in the Farlinger collection.
- 261 Only one oar was found in the dinghy.
- 262 Sir Reginald would never kill his prize horse, Silver Patch.
- 263 The cause of death will never be located.
- 264 Nathaniel Stockport was convinced Mandeville's Sumatran exhibit would over-shadow his own contributions to the society.
- 265 MOTIVE CLUE (Three Parts)
I First half of the cox's repetitive cry to his rowers.
II Strands that grow from the scalp.
- 266 Professor Moriarty had associates inside Dartmoor Prison.
- 267 Alfred Cooke's real name is Donald Hobson.
- 268 Dennis Sculley has a collection of ancient spears.
- 269 WHEREABOUTS OF PLANS CLUE (Four Parts)
IV Your neck bone's connected to your _____ bone!
- 270 Heelwright's malaria was cutting his expedition short.
- 271 Mrs Chamberlain showed her Theatre ticket stub to Inspector Gregson during questioning.
- 272 No clue.
- 273 Jonas Bailey was arrested at the Docks after the theft of the Teasdale diamonds.
- 274 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
II An Antarctic bird which appears formally dressed.

- 275 MASTERMIND CLUE (Two Parts)
II A corpse.
- 276 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
I Town in Cheshire selling things cheap.
- 277 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
I Ancient British king.
- 278 WHEREABOUTS OF PLANS CLUE (Four Parts)
I In prison, looking out.
- 279 Gabriel Van Zandt's hobby is codes.
- 280 The Bishop of Whittenfroth was in attendance at the Theatre the night of the murder.
- 281 "A killer seeking vengeance silently roams, the intended victim is Sherlock Holmes".
- 282 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II The opposite of woman.
- 283 When visiting Robart's house to interview him, Holmes notices the surprising degree of opulence in which he lives.
- 284 CAUSE OF DEATH CLUE (Five Parts)
IV The reverse of ai.
- 285 FORTUNE CLUE (Two Parts)
I Not medium or well done.
- 286 There is a KILLER CLUE at the Newspaper shop.
- 287 Holmes is aware Wolper has worked for the fiendish Professor Moriarty.
- 288 WEAPON CLUE (Two Parts)
II They fall in autumn.
- 289 Some fresh silver paint was found on the stall floor of Night Dancer, another of Sir Reginald's horses.
- 290 Elston MacFie requires regular prescriptions of quinine for malaria.
- 291 Arthur Kendrick smokes Turkish cigars.
- 292 WHEREABOUTS CLUE (Three Parts)
II " _____ a ong of ixpence".
- 293 Mrs Dunphy often argued with her husband about the way he squandered her money.
- 294 Boswell had recently started an affair with another actress.
- 295 No clue.
- 296 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II Gipsy Rose?
- 297 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
II Not a mistress whole.
- 298 HIDING PLACE CLUE (Two Parts)
I Would you pack suits in a _____ case?
- 299 The killer must have access to and be familiar with handling knives.
- 300 Austin Kitchener was seen in the Park in the evening of the murder.
- 301 Actress Erin McCann is starring in the current production of "The Taming of the Shrew".
- 302 WEAPON CLUE (Two Parts)
II Indians peacefully smoke it.
- 303 Stephen Pinter knew of the affair between Boswell and his wife.
- 304 No clue.
- 305 A vast diamond field has been discovered near Miss Pierpoint's worthless gold mine.
- 306 WEAPON CLUE (Two Parts)
II Painful twist of a joint.

- 307 The message contains three words.
- 308 Item on the Sumatran animal feed bill; one pound of red pepper.
- 309 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
 II If at first you don't succeed. ?
- 310 Each word of the answer has an even number of letters.
- 311 KILLER CLUE (Three Parts)
 I Nutty centre.
- 312 No clue.
- 313 No clue.
- 314 Wolper recently exchanged a large trunk for the leather case with a stitched handle.
- 315 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 II The sound a bee makes.
- 316 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
 I He did not take a very Christian view of Captain Bligh; or did he?
- 317 Van Zandt's real message to Holmes contains thirteen words.
- 318 Harrison Hawksworth had lent Sir Alan Benchly a great deal of money without formal papers ever having been drawn.
- 319 THIEF CLUE (Two Parts)
 II These brothers made the first powered flight.
- 320 Call at the Park.
- 321 George Netter had a new house key made on Monday.
- 322 BENEFACTOR MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 III To solve this will be no mean ____.
- 323 Holmes noticed that Mrs Dunphy was wearing no wedding ring; nor was there a ring mark on any of her fingers.
- 324 The killer must be able to approach each victim closely without arousing suspicion.
- 325 MOTIVE CLUE
 Large pygmy married twice.
- 326 In the photograph, Maloney is smoking his pipe with his left hand.
- 327 GENERAL WEAPON CLUE
 The marks on Radcliffe's neck appear to be caused by some sort of leather strap.
- 328 KIDNAPPER CLUE (Three Parts)
 I A nadder is now called ____ adder.
- 329 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
 II Part of the body that wears a cap.
- 330 Lampkin has recently been warning cab drivers that their "days are numbered".
- 331 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 II A furnace sometimes used by a blacksmith.
- 332 Like Holmes, Moriarty is a master of disguise.
- 333 GENERAL CLUE
 The Chameleon expects to see Holmes high strung.
- 334 BENEFACTOR MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 I The Khyber is a famous ____.
- 335 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
 I A doorbell might have this written on it.
- 336 The Leaping Horse, Petworth Park, and the Third of May, 1808, are all famous paintings.
- 337 WEAPON CLUE (Two Parts)

- I Hoves (Anagram)
- 338 CAUSE OF DEATH CLUE (Five Parts)
 V To avoid conspicuously.
- 339 An elderly gentleman has recently been taking unhealthy interest in the show girls at the theatre.
- 340 There were air holes drilled into one of the packing crates that Peabody brought back from Africa.
- 341 Meacham made enquiries at Lloyds on the morning of his death.
- 342 A woman who lives above the Newspaper Shop says she saw three or four men get out of a private carriage in the back alley last Saturday afternoon.
- 343 No clue.
- 344 Ann Whiston's husband is a fisherman.
- 345 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
 II Theme lacking the.
- 346 MOTIVE CLUE (Three Parts)
 I Another name for Tavern.
 III Insects in restless people's underwear.
- 347 The message contains six words.
- 348 WHEREABOUTS OF PLAINS CLUE (Four Parts)
 II Source of light.
- 349 No clue.
- 350 MOTIVE CLUE (Three Parts)
 II Retired abbreviated.
- 351 The victim had a handsome tan, peculiar in London.
- 352 The packing cases did not come open in the crash; nor were they tampered with.
- 353 A week ago, Terrance Van Zandt purchased tickets for a clipper leaving today.
- 354 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
 III Completed; finished.
- 355 "The Pawnbroker's door will be rigged up just so, a well-honed tree feller delivers the blow."
- 356 Lawyer James Pushkin is an authority on rare coins and stamps.
- 357 CODE CLUE
 K = P
- 358 KILLER CLUE
 II Scottish town.
- 359 Holmes knows that any person actually involved in the Erse Kernes would use the old Gaelic spelling of Ireland - ERIU - instead of ERIN.
- 360 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
 I Crime doesn't ____.
- 361 One of the outstanding features of Cripton Manor is the impressive driveway lined with Yew trees.
- 362 CODE CLUE
 Z = A
- 363 Holmes reasons that a petty thief such as Wolper would not be capable of breaking the Museum security without help.
- 364 Artist Fletcher Exworthy regarded his painting, "The Naked Nymph" as his masterpiece.
- 365 The pawnbroker's ticket at the scene of the crime belonged to Sir Reginald Cosgrove.
- 366 Holmes examination of the ground reveals spots of oil leading across the quayside and a similar spot on Lampkin's jacket.
- 367 Skottle's firm had been falsifying records to conceal the company's continuing worsening financial situation.

- 368 The strength required to strangle Radcliffe is beyond that of the average woman.
- 369 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
 I The sound made by a contented cat.
- 370 Gill Bennett considered Bowell's run-of-play contract financially disastrous.
- 371 The clothes of the three victims had a dank smell, not unlike that found in cellar.
- 372 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 I Son or daughter.
- 373 CODE CLUE
 The message is written in two equal halves.
- 374 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
 I Something painful or tender is _____.
- 375 Holmes has certainly taken to disguise to pursue his enquiries.
- 376 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
 I A swine or glutton.
- 377 Holmes remarks Dr Watson might suitably entitle this adventure "The Sign of the Fourth."
- 378 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
 II It isn't very funny when you bang your funny _____.
- 379 Stirling Ballard has lost a great deal of money in the stock market.
- 380 Raphaela Dorian hoped to marry Captain Lightfoot.
- 381 FORTUNE CLUE (Two Parts)
 II Necessary to post letter.
- 382 No clue.
- 383 Harrison Hawksworth and Lady Mitsford were having an affair.
- 384 The Bishop of Whittenfroth smokes German-made cigarettes.
- 385 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 I Short Avenue.
 I KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
 II The opposite of poor.
- 387 Enquiries in Liverpool reveal that Bessie Kidder was known as Mrs Ferguson.
- 388 As soldiers some years ago, Manfred Maloney and Donald Hobson were stationed together in Ireland.
- 389 BENEFACTOR MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 II A shop assistant traditionally serves at a _____.
- 390 Although there was the smell of beer on Skottle's lips, a coroner's report showed no alcohol in his bloodstream.
- 391 Killer clue at Park.
- 392 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 I As many as the _____ in the heavens.
- 393 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
 I When you have no money you are flat _____.
 II An egg layer dropping her H's
- 394 Weapon clue at Bank.
- 395 The eyes of Lucifer were too "hot" for Hicckel to dispose of. He still had the precious pearls in his possession when he died.
- 396 HIDING PLACE (Two Parts)
 II of a Museum display case.
- 397 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 I Bucket for carrying coal.

- 398 While Mrs Dunphy disdained all social activities, Mr Dunphy yearned for a more active night life.
- 399 Lord Mitsford publicly threatened Harrison Hawksworth.
- 400 WEAPON CLUE (Two Parts)
 I A jungle creature who likes bananas.
- 401 Boswell once jilted Cliff Mountjoy's daughter.
- 402 The victim was hit on the head from behind.
- 403 Uriah Wiggins was once denied a loan at Van Zandt's bank.
- 404 No clue.
- 405 If change was found under the cab's seat cushions, one of Radcliffe's passengers must have been a man.
- 406 While stationed in Ireland, Donald Hobson was dishonourably discharged from the Army for illegal mistreatment of civilians.
- 407 Mandeville led a leopard hunt in which one of Prince Djamal's servants was mauled to death.
- 408 Ann Whiston has worked as a governess and nanny for nearly twenty years.
- 409 KILLER AND BENEFACTOR CLUE:
 Only one person gained real financial benefit from the operation, other than the Locksmith.
- 410 No clue.
- 411 Performing at the theatre is an Italian family specialising in a knife throwing act, the grand finale of the programme.
- 412 CAUSE OF DEATH CLUE (Five Parts)
 II The cockney for has.
- 413 LOCATION OF INVENTION CLUE (Two Parts)
 I Where ships safely anchor.
- 414 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
 I Wrecked, ruined.
- 415 Wolper was aware he was being followed by Cabman Renan Billings.
- 416 SURPRISE CLUE (Three Parts)
 I No _____ pense spared.
- 417 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
 I Start without the Saint.
- 418 Interpose the letters (in numerical sequence) to obtain message.
- 419 COMPLETE METHOD OF REMOVAL
 The Plates were carried up the air shaft in human hands.
- 420 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
 II Do gold and coal come from an explosive device belonging to me?
- 421 The attendant remembers Olivia Gregory and de la Pole visiting the Museum together Monday afternoon; but when questioned closely is certain that they did not leave together.
- 422 Mrs Hibbert much resented her younger brother's rapid acquisition of wealth since emigrating, whilst she struggled to make ends meet at the Newsagents. She is now in poor health.
- 423 The wound suggests he was struck by something round, hard, yet fairly small.
- 424 Bullock's missing left eye is made of hollow glass; inside is the magnificent diamond he and his accomplices had smuggled out of the Diamond Mine.
- 425 Holmes located a cabbie who had driven three bedraggled students from Grantchester the previous afternoon. "They looked the worse for drink. One of them couldn't even stand up!"
- 426 The blow which killed Edna Burridge was delivered to the back of the head, but she was found lying on her back.
- 427 MOTIVE CLUE
 Sir Richard Grenville's ship returns to settle old score.

- 428 WEAPON CLUE
Fishy nose.
- 429 The Major had taken out a court order to have Metherell's zoo closed as a health hazard.
- 430 An old China hand, "Sharkey" Wilson got his nickname through his unusual liking for Shark's Fin soup.
- 431 Winchester was absent from work last week, due to illness. Winchester confesses to Holmes that he had actually arranged interviews with other banks in the hope of obtaining a more senior position.
- 432 The Bank is well aware of the poor state of Sotheby's finances.
- 433 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
III Legendary chivalrous person from Sherwood Forest (second name only).
IV Human offspring (plural).
- 434 Richards and Newell were seen drinking and talking earnestly in the Boar's Head later in the evening of Gregory's death, and eventually left together.
- 435 KILLER CLUE (Three Parts)
I Post script initially, followed by churchyard tree whose wood made long bows.
Darnly Butterfield is known to his friends as "Butters."
- 437 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
I Noise a cat makes.
- 438 Angela and Maisie Fortescue say they heard a loud bang when collecting mis-hit balls from the edge of the tennis lawn.
- 439 "A lascar ... that is an Oriental seaman, is it not?"
"Actually Holmes, it is Indian army slang for 'an inferior artillery man.'"
- 440 Enquiries reveal that a dark swarthy man has been asking about sailing to South Africa. He is believed to have lodgings near the Newsagents.
- 441 Meadows' small circle of friends are all fellow bell ringers; Derek Camp the Chemist; Jeremy Stubbs the Tobacconist; Rodney Prior, police sergeant; Nigel Darby, curator at the Museum; Andrew Pratt, Newsagent; and John Orchard, Park Keeper.
- 442 "Look, Watson do you see? There – by the pond weed!"
"Good grief, it looks like a finger, Holmes!"
- 443 Templar, Winchester and Huxley were all interviewed recently for promotion, in the Bank Manager's office, on the Friday before last.
- 444 WHEREABOUTS CLUE (Two Parts)
I His nose was a fowl affair.
II Past tense of 'throw'
- 446 Edna Burridge's room is immediately below the roofline of the building in which she lived.
- 447 At Grantchester we discovered a punt moored and almost concealed by branches and rushes.
- 448 The boomerang struck Lincoln's neck at quite an acute downward angle. A boomerang does not achieve such an angle during its flight.
- 449 Dunster had intended to replace Hinkston as his executor.
- 450 HOW POISONED CLUE (Two Parts)
II Animal trap worked by alcoholic drink?
- 451 After leaving India, Dr O'Shaughnessy had practised in Johannesburg before returning to England. He would certainly have learned of the diamond theft which the South African Press had covered exhaustively.
- 452 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
I Hide by deceiving seal!
III Police parade of innocents and suspect.
- 453 It was known amongst his belling friends that Meadows always inspected the bells the evening before their weekly practice, to ensure that everything was in good working order.
- 454 A dockside loafer reports seeing "a bundle of rags" being thrown off the quay-side early in the morning that Gregory's body was discovered.
- 455 "His hair was quite damp when I found him," said Cynthia, without emotion.
- 456 An open friendly person, the jeweller has let drop in conversation that he is engaged on a very valuable commission.
- 457 KILLER CLUE (Four Parts)
I Horse says no!
II Wild pig drones on and on the River Severn.
The confidential documents relate to the issue of a new high interest bond by the bank, which would be of great interest to the bank's competitors. They were kept in the Manager's office.
- 459 WEAPON CLUE
When punting, could you be said to be "up the creek without a?"
- 460 METHOD CLUE (Four Parts)
I Public School famous for collars and scholars.
III She was musically involved with the King of Siam.
- 461 Tooley's drinking had caused, and now disguises, an inability to produce fresh storylines. Tooley has recently advertised under an assumed name for ideas, in exchange for payment.
- 462 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
I Rock-like disciple.
II Wilfred Parsons is a senior clerk, and is entrusted with commercial accounts. It is well known that his till is full of cash on Saturdays.
- 464 Holmes is aware that the Tobacconist trades not only in ordinary tobaccos.
- 465 MOTIVE CLUE (four Parts)
I Sid goes backwards
II Competitor/opponent
- 466 Holmes astonishes Watson by climbing on to the roof of the building across the road "to watch the children play."
- 467 Hoskins told Holmes they had brought a tramp into the station. The tramp though poorly dressed had a yellow silk scarf in his pocket. He gave his name as 'Saxon.' "His name is most suggestive, Watson," said Holmes.
- 468 From the rigidity of Gregory's limbs it has been established that he died late Monday night.
- 469 METHOD CLUE (Four Parts)
II A Lord at the seaside?
IV And what he was angling for!
- 470 WHEREABOUT OF SERVANT CLUE
Not exhumed in Park.
- 471 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
II Not false, singular Scottish trousers.
IV Possible relative of famous Victorian Cricketer.
- 472 "It is not true that you had hopes of marrying Cynthia yourself?" Smythe lowered his eyes. That gesture answered Holmes.
- 473 THIEF CLUE (Two Parts)
I A real knave, master of no trades.
- 474 The police constable who arrested Sotheby confirms that the Pawnbroker was walking slowly past the Museum when arrested, a surprisingly short way away from the Bank in the circumstances.

- 475 Holmes found two half smoked cigars in Bullock's study. The Tobacconist confirms Holmes' suspicion that these are Dutch South African "Dijk Meisters" which he imports specially from Johannesburg for a gentleman who comes up to London to collect them twice a year.
- 476 KILLER CLUE
He cuts a suit and spreads on bread.
The bank's security guard confirms that the locksmith was called in to open the desk of one of the clerks, who had lost his key.
- 478 The window in Edna Burridge's room was open when she was found.
- 479 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
II Given wages
IV Abstract plan or concept derived by thought.
Like King Harold at Hastings, the killer is the last of his line.
- 480 To keep his plants and fish alive, Metherell had installed greenhouses and a complex heating system.
- 482 Potts and his lad Dorsett have been seen drinking the "Crows Nest" when not engaged in their chimney sweeping duties.
- 483 Sotheby always visits the Bank at the same time every Saturday, to pay in his shop's takings.
- 484 Holmes points out that it would take a strong skilful arm to hurl a boomerang with sufficient force to break Lincoln's neck.
- 485 Expressing astonishment, Jewell learns that Meadows died a rich man and has bequeathed his entire estate to his nephew.
- 486 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
II Managing to finish off the top of a wall.
Holmes has noticed a patch of sweet scented hair oil soaking into the back of the armchair facing Bullock's body. The chemist recalls a dark, swarthy man with a colonial accent has recently purchased a bottle of Micasser of this type.
- 488 Carson Newell sports a handsome black eye, which he claims is the result of a drunken brawl.
- 489 Holmes is aware that Professor Moriarty is a member of Sir Percival's Club.
- 490 Both Huxley and Dunster served together during the notorious 'Kandishstan Revolt' in North India.
- 491 Holmes found no trace of a blazer in Hearnshaw's room.
- 492 Silverman's business empire was in chaos. A marriage might help cement the proposed merger between Silverman Enterprises and the Fortescue Foundation.
- 493 MOTIVE CLUE (Four parts)
I One nautical mile per hour.
III New book.
- 494 One of the brass plated screws which affixes the nameplate to Winchester's desk is newer than the other three.
- 495 A routine inventory at the Bank reveals that a cash bag is missing from the work station occupied by Parson's neighbour.
- 496 The window overlooking the courtyard had been left open during West's fateful absence.
- 497 Professor Metherell had won world renown after his Amazon Expedition of 1881, but his mind had been twisted by the awful experience.
- 498 Inspector Gregson informs Holmes that "Nothing suspicious was found upon Meadows' person; on the floor beside him; underneath him; on top of him; and that he was simply killed by a blow on the head, namely by the belt; and now Mr Holmes, if you can waste your time on this, I can't, so goodnight."
- 499 Gregory had told his wife that he would be working at the Museum throughout Monday evening.
- 500 Lincoln had no relatives living, other than his sister and her sons.

- 501 Yolande and Clarissa claimed they had been reading by the river when Hearnshaw, clad in blazer and flannels, punted past them heading for Grantchester. He ignored them.
- 502 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
II Went without tea.
Discreet inquiries by Holmes reveal that Digweed is acquainted with Parsons; indeed he owes Parsons money in respect of debts incurred at cards.
- 504 ADVICE CLUE (Two parts)
I The polite way to back out of an argument age of 65!
The street below Edna Burridge's room is strewn with rubble, rubbish and refuse which Holes examines with some care.
- 506 Peregrine's first wife had drowned in a tragic boating accident on the Thames.
- 507 Holmes observes that two of the boomerangs have been strangely mistreated, their normal highly polished finish being badly scratched and marked at the ends.
- 508 The 'matrimonial activities' of British soldiers produced the first Anglo Indians.
- 509 All who met Bullock remarked on the peculiar stony stare which he fixed upon them.
- 510 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
II "Religion is the _____ of the working classes" (Karl Marx)
Interviewing Sir Percival, Holmes notes that he has a slight limp, as if his shoes are too tight for him.
- 512 The Locksmith confirms he was called out last week to unlock a desk in the bank by Mr Templar. Mr Templar had asked him to keep quiet about the incident to prevent his being disciplined by the bank for losing his key.
- 513 Since the excavation of the tomb, Gregory has been sleeping badly, suffering from recurring nightmares, as if the Curse of the Khaful-Amin was preying on his mind.
- 514 LOCATION OF RUBY (Two Parts)
I Makes excellent soup, says the Chairman
"The last time I spoke to him we were standing by the ornamental pond." Said Professor Metherell. "He then made off towards the old quarry."
- 516 REVOLVER/BANK CLUE
Place carefully in soil by Gardener type!
- 517 "Just yesterday I saw a shabby character making off across the lawn. When I called he just kept running," said Waller.
- 518 "Dear Cynthia, she was so overcome by the prospect of marriage," said Crabbe. "Whenever I saw her she was weeping quietly, moved by God's splendour."
- 519 PRESENT LOCATION OF OBJECT CLUE (Two Parts)
I This M.D is an Irish S.O.S.
- 520 Tooley's illness had been brought on by an exceptionally excessive drinking spree.
- 521 There are fresh scratch marks on the floor underneath both Templar's and Winchester's desks.
- 522 Senior police officers who are acquainted with Sir Percival have commented that Miss Sharp's death appears to have aged him somewhat.
- 523 A boomerang is only an effective weapon on its outward journey.
- 524 Meadows' body was discovered by his friend John Orchard, who noticed the church tower door was ajar, on his way home from the Boar's Head where he had been drinking with Pratt.
- 525 The village blacksmith, Anthony Harrow, had a violent quarrel with Pearson over the price of shoeing his pony.
- 526 Fenner, the College Porter, whose room is adjacent to the tower, said he heard nothing during the night.
- 527 METHOD CLUE (Four Parts)
III Power source needed by sailing ships.

- IV Francis Drake played bowls on Plymouth _____
- 528 Miss Sharp lived alone in a quiet residential cul-de-sac, then minutes walk from Scotland Yard.
- 529 Meyer's middle name is Ignatius.
- 530 KILLER CLUE
He might be a merger between an Old Testament prophet and a metal worker.
- 531 Rupert Richards has discovered the affair between Olivia Gregory and de la Pole, and this has been a popular topic of conversation with his Captain on the voyage home from Egypt.
- 532 PRESENT LOCATION OF OBJECT CLUE (Two Parts)
II Final resting place of billiard ball.
- 533 Pearl Tooley left her husband after one of his violent drinking bouts, vowing she would only return "to sit at his death bed."
- 534 Huxley's cousin is a senior official with the London and Country, one of the Bank's main rivals.
- 535 The Pawnbroker tells Holmes that in fact he was knocked over on the steps outside the Bank, but did not notice who was responsible, as he was more concerned with retrieving his carryall.
- 536 MOTIVE CLUE (Two Parts)
I Brace oneself for metal alloy used by West Indian Bands!
Digby admitted that at one point in the game he had to crawl deep into the bushes to retrieve a ball he had mis-hit, but was gone only a few seconds. "I observe you can see the courts clearly from the croquet lawns," said Holmes.
- 538 Close questioning of Metherell's butler reveals that he had not actually seen the Major leave, although the Major and Professor had certainly talked together outside.
- 539 Johnson had a reputation locally for hard drinking and brawling.
- 540 Marion Childs has carefully invested her father's legacy, whilst Edna has dissipated hers on drink, and has now been forced to pawn most of her possessions.
- 541 The "Crow's Nest Inn," is a popular meeting place for members of the jewellery trade who frequently discuss their work with each other.
- 542 A cab driver recalls being approached by a man and a woman with a large trunk that Monday night. He drove them to the Docks, leaving them on the Quayside.
- 543 An excellent but ruthless cricketer, Hearnshaw, had accused Honeydew and Butterfield of failing to pull their weight and had dropped them from the College team permanently.
- 544 Two men have recently taken rooms above the shop, giving their names as Peter Porter and James McGuinness.
- 545 THIEF CLUE
Saintly knight!
- 546 Dr Flaherty has remained a lifelong friend of Tooley's even though Tooley eventually married Flaherty's one time, fiancée, Pearl.
- 547 THIEF CLUE
They are actually seen with dog collar.
- 548 The boomerang had struck Lincoln to the right and rear of the neck. Lincoln was found on his front facing uphill.
- 549 Perhaps Pearson saw something he'd have been wiser to forget
- 550 KILLER CLUE (Three Parts)
II Opposite of don't
III A Knight of the Round Table?
- 551 Carstairs explained that he had been thrashed by Hearnshaw for his temerity in asking for repayment of a loan.
- 552 LOCATION OF RUBY (Two Parts)
II Charles II's leafy hiding place, after Battle of Worcester.

- 553 Samuel was a headstrong boy who was utterly devoted to his sister.
- 554 Bullock was born in Beddingstone. He left at the age of seventeen under suspicion of theft from the Jewellers where he worked.
- 555 The scraps of bandage found in the Museum are not "original equipment!"
- 556 WEAPON CLUE (Three Parts)
I Not tight.
III Piece of rock weighing 14lbs.
Templar, Winchester and Huxley sit at identical desks next to each other. Winchester is the senior of the three whilst Huxley is some years younger than Templar.
- 558 The flowers brought that afternoon by Pearl Tooley had withered completely.
- 559 Thomas Hibbert resembled his uncle in appearance, being powerfully built and interested in physical sports.
- 560 Closely inspecting the floorboards where Meadows' body was found, Holmes discovers two loose planks, which he removes, revealing a substantial hiding place. Reaching in, he sniffs with interest a reddish brown substance adhering to his fingers.
- 561 Major Forsyth had had Pearson forcibly removed from his traditional stopping place this year, as the spot was central to his development plans.
- 562 Wilfred Parsons is held in awe by the junior bank clerks, his neighbour Stanford Leach excepted, who uses his considerable talents for mimicry in the fond hope that the senior Bank Clerk will smile.
- 563 The Indian cult of Thuggee had been virtually eradicated by the British. Victims of the Thugs were killed in a way which did not shed blood.
- 564 Holmes finds a dull brass plated screw caught in the gap between the floorboards under Templar's desk.
- 565 "Think about it, Watson. Is it not interesting that Hearnshaw was called 'Foureyes'?"
- 566 Edna Burridge is unpopular with her neighbours, being short tempered with children, and having a reputation as a "Nossey Parker".
- 567 THIEF CLUE (Two Parts)
II "When one closes, another opens".
- 568 Holmes cables the police in South Africa, and receives confirmation that a Ronald Stear is wanted in connection with a theft eighteen months ago from the Diamond Mine where he worked.
- 569 Gregory's wife Olivia, unknown to Gregory, had started a torrid love affair whilst in Egypt, with his assistant, John de la Pole.
- 570 "Well, I didn't like him" said Samuel. "He kicked my dog, Wellington, and he kept making my sister cry."
- 571 Holmes found an empty bottle of gin under Tooley's bed.
- 572 MOTIVE CLUE (Four Parts)
II Opposite of debit.
IV The aim of Football clubs in lower divisions?
- 573 KILLER CLUE (Two parts)
II Bishop paints horses?
- 574 The killing was a real "cat and mouse" affair.
- 575 Holmes sifted through the earth near Dunster's body and found a coin. "It is a one rupee piece," he said.
- 576 Sir Percival has been spending more time at his Club since his secretary's death.
- 577 In the stove in the boiler house, Holmes found something in the ashes. "It is a charred but recognisable part of a shin bone." I informed him.
- 578 Handyman Jack Ashton is a small, agile man, with a criminal record for cat burglary.
- 579 WHEREABOUTS CLUE (Two Parts)
II Delves - in the ribs, for a laugh?

580 Early Monday afternoon, the Chemist was visited by a man who purchased his entire stock of bandages "to replenish his ship's first aid kit".

581 KILLER CLUE (Two Parts)
 II He carries stout ale.

582 A College punt has failed to be returned by nightfall.

583 ADVICE CLUE (Two parts)
 II Said before meals

584 A devoted reader of Tooley's novels, Mrs Purvis has been impressed by Nurse Owen's detailed knowledge of his latest work, "for Women Must Weep".

585 "I suppose," ruminated Holmes, "that a blow from a croquet mallet could easily kill a man."

586 A tramp has been seen recently in the locality, remarkable for his particularly swarthy appearance.

587 Witness Archie Digweed makes a precarious living as a professional juggler at the Theatre.

588 WHY KILLED CLUE
 Add a chopper to little Sidney and half his false teeth for unintentional occurrence.

589 Lincoln's servant, an Aboriginal called Billy Bong had been nicknamed by Hotel Staff "The Rat Catcher" due to his uncanny ability to trap mice in the cellars.

590 Holmes put his walking stick in the pond and felt it tugged violently from side to side.

591 An infrequent member of the band of bellringers was Stubbs' brother Michael, a sailor on the China run who attended their practices when on shore leave.

592 Miss Sharp was found face down in her front parlour, with her head nearest the fireplace.

593 Sharkey Wilson likes to talk to his customers whilst seated in a large ornate chair, which he refers to as his 'throne'.

594 Templar is known to have expensive tastes (for a bank clerk) which is accounted for by his having "private means". However, he has recently been forced to change his lodgings, being substantially in arrears with his rent.

595 At 5.30 the parents were in the drawing room, Cynthia, Smythe and Crabbe were playing croquet, and the two girls were with Peregrine's crowd at the tennis courts.

596 The coroner told Holmes the body was in an advanced state of rigor-mortis. There were also traces of water in the lungs.

597 Father O'Hanlon has in the past spoken out against Tooley's life style, and his earnings from "immoral" stories.

598 Holmes notes that Gregory has recently skinned the knuckles of his right hand, as if he had punched something before his death.

599 Bullock moved into Swallowfield some twelve months ago. Obviously rich, he is reclusive, and obsessed with security. He employs no permanent servants.

600 Miss Sharp had been killed by a heavy blow to the back of the head by a blunt instrument.

601 KILLER CLUE (Part I)
 Angelic Saint's name.

602 Holmes has found bare footprints and broken twigs amongst bushes overlooking the spot where Lincoln died.

603 Branches of the tree in the courtyard come very close to the jeweller's window.

604 The General was bad tempered and disliked by his neighbours.

605 Agnes Sharp was the only person who could be said to know Sir Percival well.

606 Sotheby is normally attended at the Bank by Parson's neighbour, Stanford Leach, who was granted leave to attend his father's funeral that afternoon.

607 Holmes' troop of street urchins report a cab driver's horse being startled outside the Park early on the morning of Lincoln's death by a "silent dark shadow" flitting across the road.

608 "Would you not say, Watson that this pond water is uncommonly warm?" said Holmes, quickly scooping some in his palm.

609 AUTHOR OF NOTE CLUE
 Horse which has Corporation.

610 A violent scene between de la Pole and Richards was overheard by one of the cleaning maids, de la Pole called Richards a "blackmailing scoundrel" whilst Richards had threatened "to reveal all".

611 HOW POISONED CLUE (Two Parts)
 I Neutered by M.D.

612 WEAPON CLUE
 A pretence followed by hurtful piece of glass and a bottle stopper.

613 In 1864, Huxley and Dunster had sat on a court martial after the disastrous retreat from Kandish. Amongst those found guilty of cowardice and executed was a Bombardier Sachs.

614 Holmes seems concerned with inspecting the blunt end of the Marlin spike (used for repairing ropes) lying at the far end of the belfry floor.

615 Jackson the College Groundsman said "I was returning from my rubbish burning at dusk when I saw someone running away from my bonfire."

616 Holmes interviews the Hibberts, taking a keener interest in the state of their fingernails and boots than in their replies to his questions.

617 Whilst I stood by Hugo Marshall's door, Holmes assured me he had been slamming the piano keys in the drawing room. I heard nothing.

618 "Yes Barnes and Robson knew each other for years. Used to play baccarat together. Hardly ever knew Barnes to lose. Used to make Jamie furious," said a friend, Freddie Berringer.

619 Scotland Yard told Holmes they had arrested Siegfried Busch, a German spy. On him was £5,000.

620 A cabbie said, "I drove a Mrs MacGregor from Northumberland to the Theatre at 7.00. She tipped me half a sovereign." (Continued at Pawnbroker).

621 Lord Wrightlea is 45 years old. His wife is 28.

622 Holmes examined the egg shells with a magnifying glass. "Look Watson, do you see that tiny hole no bigger than a pin prick?"

623 "Did you see Sir Richard before he died?"

624 METHOD CLUE
 "He gave me a letter to post," said his dresser. "It went out at once."

625 Whoever brought off such a spectacular crime would certainly walk tall.
 John Mattock the blacksmith, waved a hammer under Holmes' nose and said, "We want none of yer city meddlin round 'ere. We knows it was the 'Orseman and that's all."

626 in the second floor infirmary, Hanson was in a deep sleep. "The boy appears to be sweating out his illness." I said. (Continued at Hotel).

627 Willie the Weasel, one of Holmes' underworld informers whispered "The one that set up the Snowdrop job never got to see it ... he was double crossed." (Continued at Boar's Head).

628 "See here, Watson! If I am not mistaken, we have a blood stain on this serving hatch."

629 The pawnbroker took the ticket from Holmes and produced a small clock. Attached to it was a key. "It is for a safe deposit box at the bank," said Holmes.

630 Bunker has lost heavily on the Stock Exchange since his return to England with the tablet.

631 "Lovely boy," said Sword's landlady. "Brought his mother round to meet me. Where does she live? Let me think; Scabbard Street down by the docks."

632 METHOD CLUE
 Ate ark in pieces with chop.

- 633 Auguste Chatelain had visited Miss Catlin at 3.00pm. She was alive and well when he left. "Of course he would say that if he were the murderer."
- 634 Bill Burkiss towered over Holmes and snarled. "Yes, he was here and was lucky I didn't get in first. He even walked off with one of my newspapers without paying for it."
- 635 Moored in the River Thames was the German cruiser "PRINZ OTTO" on a goodwill mission to England.
- 636 The scene was chaotic at Ireland Hall. Sir Benton Morris had cut himself on a broken glass and Leopold Kottski insisted on using his own handkerchief to staunch the blood.
- 637 VILLAIN CLUE
"Let us see if you have learnt from our code breaking, Watson. Here is the villain we seek." He handed me his notebook. In it was scrawled 'GV DIBO'.
- 638 "Barrett, how long have you worked for the Squire?"
"Nigh on thirty years, sir!"
"And before that?" (Continued at the Theatre)
- 639 On the balcony Holmes found a trace of ash. "It is a Turkish tobacco, imported only by Cosgrove's of Bond Street."
- 640 The autopsy revealed that the deceased had been shot through the mouth at close range with a high calibre bullet.
- 641 "Regarding the Curate's evidence, Watson. How accurate do you think testimony can be when the hour is late, the moon hidden and the watcher a great distance from the scene?"
- 642 "Note the imperfection in the 'n's' Watson. See how it matches the same key on Miss Cave's typewriting machine."
- 643 Ian MacGregor was a ruthless man, who rarely admitted defeat and believed his son belonged with him.
- 644 Ewan Hull admitted under Holmes' questioning that the plans for an improved machine gun he had been working on, 'seemed to have been mislaid'.
- 645 In the kidnapper's room Holmes found a Post Office counterfoil. A large crate had been sent to Liverpool.
- 646 Rodrigues was of Portuguese extraction, his family having built a thriving commercial empire in Macao.
- 647 Cook reported she saw Jones and Dakin loitering outside the gates when she returned from the butcher's at lunchtime.
- 648 Holmes examined the body. She was wearing a black dress, her hands were clenched on the chair arms and her head lay slumped on her chest. I said "The Doctor's diagnosis seems correct," (Continued at Newsagents).
- 649 "I give you these points to consider, Watson ... a death in May, the speed of a boat, parental love and a submerged cable."
- 650 "Yes, young chap came round about midnight. I dropped him off down by the docks."
- 651 Laura Williams said, "When I awoke just before one, I heard two voices in the garden. I don't think they were arguing."
- 652 Holmes saw that whatever had killed Enervo was not a bullet and had gone clean through his chest. "The projectile is undoubtedly at the bottom of the Thames."
- 653 In Room 17 Holmes found a photograph of a young woman. "With love to my darling" was written across it. Beside it Holmes found a ticket stub for the Gaiety Theatre.
- 654 The tobacconist said Winter had called in to collect his mortgage payment and said he was going to the Docks. He had also seen a cabbie and a policeman passing by in the same direction. Winter had left his umbrella behind in the shop.
- 655 The crate he took to the Museum was loaded personally by Bunker. It took two men to lift it onto the carriage before he left.
- 656 "It appears, Holmes, her Ladyship has been found. She had struck her head and wandered off in a daze. It was all an accident. The case is closed."
- 657 On Sir Richard's new piece of blotting paper, the only imprint was of a single example of his signature. "Why no address of the letter he sent." Holmes queried.
- 658 "Strange," said Holmes. "Davis told me he always delivered four eggs each morning for the Squire. Counting these shells, there are only three ..."
- 659 Doctor Alching has had occasion to reprimand Lechlade's house master on his apparent inability to control Lechlade's unruly behaviour.
- 660 Robson's doctor shook his head. "I am sorry, he may never regain consciousness."
- 661 "It is plain from the events of the past two days, that we have crossed swords with none other than Professor Moriarty, and he stands to make a lot of money out of this scheme."
"As I came down the stairs after the shot," said Harrison. "Hugo Marshall appeared from the servants' quarters."
- 662 "This has all the markings of a ritual killing, Watson."
- 664 Cuzner told Holmes the marks indicated the month of manufacture.
- 665 Crouch's companions were Nathan Mortimore, a Tobacco 'Baron', Miles Rodrigues and Lord Farthingale, both directors at the Bank.
- 666 At Felldeaw Farm Holmes used his walking stick to telling effect when Albert Ryan set his bulldog on us.
- 667 After examination of the body, Holmes was convinced the murder weapon was blunter and wider than a crowbar and wielded by a tall man from behind.
- 668 One headline read "Blades to be put to the Sword!" Another reported "Police concern at heavy betting on Cup Final"
- 669 "I assume from the costume you are wearing that you play Dick Whittington's cat." "That is correct, Mr. Holmes," said Peter Kelly.
- 670 Mycroft Holmes beckoned us to a cab. "The body you found was that of John Dabney, an undercover agent. He was on the trail of 'The Web', a secret organisation. It was a dangerous assignment."
- 671 Sir Richard's solicitor explained, "His will stated that his fortune was to be spent in setting up a number of orphanages controlled by the director of Coleridge Hall." (cont. at Newsagents.)
- 672 The flower bed below the window yielded the Friar Tuck mask and a set of footprints. "Extraordinary, is it not, how deep are the heel marks?"
- 673 Giovanni Faccetti was a circus knife thrower.
- 674 "What do you make of this stain round the thumbnail of the corpse's left hand?" I could not answer. "Then I shall tell you Watson ... it is boot ... blacking!"
- 675 The Snowdrop was not the only thing stolen from Hull's safe.
- 676 LOCATION CLUE (2 parts)
II Source for water or oil.
- 677 Lechlade's house master, Mr Shepherd, has reported that items of warm clothing are missing from the boys wardrobe.
- 678 LOCATION CLUE (3 parts)
III Not only lions live in such places.
- 679 "No one else ever enters our compartment," said Mortimore. "Never?"
"No, the ticket inspector sees to that." (Continued at Bank)
- 680 Major Allen, as a young Lieutenant, won the V.C. in the Zulu war of 1879, when during a surprise attack on his encampment he killed three Zulus with his polo stick.
- 681 "It is obvious then Watson, that Lady Hirst had nothing whatever to do with the scheme you overheard."
- 682 "It might be imagination, but I fancied 'Friar Tuck' wore buckled shoes under his cassock as he ran up the stairs," said George Ireland. Holmes looked at him with renewed interest.
- 683 On the floor of the Squire's bedroom, Holmes found a letter which simply said, "You will die on the 9th."

684 Sarbase denied he and Ripley had argued over dinner on the relative merits of Beethoven and shooting grouse on the wing, but admitted he had been playing the piano at the time of the shot.

685 "I went round to Miss Catlin's house but got no response after tapping on her door. I assumed she was asleep and departed." Said Mr Thoms.

686 Holmes noticed how Horseman's Lane twisted and turned in the direction of Crowford.

687 The wine steward said, "I did see Mr Berringer go up the stairs just before the accident happened, yes sir."

688 Winter had recently enquired about changing his locks.

689 THIEF CLUE

690 II Fair Lash (Anagram)

691 MOTIVE CLUE

Not to be cast before swine.

692 "I saw him Thursday evening in the Boar's Head talking earnestly to two men. "They had northern accents." said the wing half.

692 Langdale Pike told Holmes that Todd was married to Anthea Forbes, who was as plain and solid as her aristocratic and Catholic background.

693 "I remember a Graham Baldwin from my India days, Holmes. He was cashiered for stealing from Mess Funds ... a dreadful type."

694 Jones admitted that he always carried a walking stick to defend himself.

695 LOCATION CLUE (Two parts)

II A carpenter's case

(Continued from Tobacconist).

696 "The ticket inspector?" "Yes," said Lord Farthingale. "He always checked to see we were comfortable before Sir Jasper fell asleep."

697 (Continued from Bank)

698 The Director of an orphanage in Sussex, Reginald Snodgrass, kept in regular postal contact with Sir Richard. Holmes' careful examination of the bedroom ended with a triumphant cry. "Tell me, Lestrade, when have you known a red rose produce a dahlia petal?"

699 The graveyard wall was the height of a man's chest.

700 "Let me give you a few clues, Watson, as to what killed Enervo. It was high powered and is 'an angry weapon'. Oh, and not everything needs feathers to fly!"

701 "It would seem," said Holmes, "that Barnes and Robson argued and the Scotsman went upstairs to take the air on the balcony."

702 METHOD CLUE (Four Parts)

II Sandy hollow golfers aim to miss.

IV Every locksmith will have this type of skeleton in his cupboard.

703 "Can I see the letters sent to you requesting new papers?"

"I am afraid that I threw them out," replied Heasman.

704 Lord Todd told the Club Porter when he arrived with Albert that he was leaving for Spain in the morning and was on no account to be disturbed as he required a good night's sleep. (Continued at Scotland Yard.)

705 "These accusations of cowardice have reduced demand for Ripley's books virtually to nothing," said Simon Harrison.

706 "According to the Times Review," said Holmes, "Tirwald Ericksson is renowned for his agility on stage, his lightness of touch and fine sense of balance."

707 "£100 Watson; a poor reward for a gang facing a kidnapping charge. On the other hand, an excellent haul for two school boys looking for extra pocket money."

708 "I ask you, Watson, how the director of a theatre which appears to be on the rocks is able to pay in large sums each week to his Bank?"

709 The guest list revealed that no "Friar Tuck" had been announced as arriving.

710 As they left the Inquest, Holmes noticed that the Coroner and Page shook each other's left hands.

711 CODE CLUE (Three Parts)

II U = T, O = N, J = I

712 Burkiss was here from 6.00pm until midnight.

713 The water from the winecup contained no trace of poison.

714 Walking back over the cross country course, we came upon gypsies. After a brief conversation, Holmes pointed the way to a ruined shepherd's hut on the distant ridge.

715 (Continued from Chemist)

"More is at stake than just the recovery of a valuable pearl," went on Mycroft.

"We are talking about something of national importance."

716 "Does Swords smoke heavily?" "No more than normal for a young man of his age."

717 Under Miss Parish's bed we found a bag containing a syringe and a bottle of castor oil. Holmes noticed that the initials had been scraped off the leather. One seemed to be a B or P.

718 The stage door keeper admitted he had briefly left his post about the time of the last refreshment break.

719 "What was Winter carrying when you saw him yesterday?"

"Just an umbrella and a notebook." Said PC Brownlow, "Oh, and a newspaper."

"Thank you," said Holmes "That is most interesting."

720 "Crouch pays the clipper captains well, but drives them hard; he tolerates no deviation from his standards. Watson, I see light at the end of the tunnel!"

721 LOCATION CLUE

I Far from on top.

722 THIEF CLUE

A switch from the Navy to the Church?

723 "I think we can discount blackmail, Watson."

724 (Continued from the Chemist).

"Struck one as odd," continued the Porter. "He only had a small case with him."

725 "I think you should be arresting Old Mother Forbes," said Mr Riceman of Bell's End Farm. "She looked at my cows once and one of them drowned the next day."

726 Holmes sat in a hansom cab and mused, "I have little doubt that our killer has been well paid and is now on the other side of the Channel."

727 "I took her some lotion for her arthritis," said Pershin.

728 "Mm, you would agree that stealing anything from a building works better with an inside man?"

729 "I took a small fellow to the Docks early this morning. Said he had to give his master his personal effects before he sailed."

730 "Why do you suppose, Watson, Ripley should take off his right boot in order to deal with an intruder."

731 Holmes stood by the scene of the crime. "Only an expert marksman could have done this evil deed," he murmured.

732 Sheffield United's nickname is the 'Blades'.

733 "I have an idea, Holmes," I said, "The thief had an accomplice who waited below the bedroom window. The man held up a billiard cue and the thief slipped the ring over the end. Simple eh?"

734 Among the crimes perpetrated by 'The Web' had been the murder of the Foreign Secretary in 1898.

735 CODE CLUE (three Parts)

III I = H, F = E, P = O

736 Hanson is a particular crony of Lechlade and had taken part in Lechlade's previous escapades and practical jokes.

737 "We supply this particular blend to very few people."

- 738 "Including Captain Charles Barnes?" "Yes!"
In the fireplace in Barrett's room Holmes found something in the ashes. It was a blackened needle.
- 739 "My husband loved tinkering around on the old barge. It was his hobby. He was always taking the engine apart."
- 740 METHOD CLUE (Four Parts)
I Variety of plum.
III As as houses? More so!
741 'Batting Bill' runs the 'Atlas Gymnasium for Young Men'. He has a reputation for having a quick temper.
742 (Continued from Carriage Depot)
"Did she speak, cabbie?"
743 "No, gov. She was all wrapped up against the cold. Had a hood up as well."
METHOD CLUE
Completely enfold: cocoon.
744 "The blow which killed Crouch was delivered to the right side of the neck from above."
745 ESCAPE CLUE
He'll bring you food but he's not very clever.
746 LOCATION CLUE
Look for ribbons that are slightly askew. The ring's held in place by a pin.
747 "Did your Aunt ever visit a performance?" asked Holmes.
"Of Dick Whittington? Hardly, she suffered from allurophobia." replied Loretta. (Continued at Boar's Head)
748 Lord Ireland, a tall man, likes his staff to match his own height.
749 Despite a detailed survey, Holmes can find no evidence outside the house to corroborate the gardener's story.
750 Hesketh, the first boy home, said "As we turned for home down Windy Ridge I noticed some gypsies were breaking up camp."
751 KILLER CLUE
An Army man without a doubt, whose name you'll have to turn about.
752 Holmes saw a set of barely noticeable marks in the dust which crossed each other twice; thin bands like patterned snakes.
753 It was well known that all Viney's employees would receive a bequest in his will.
754 Lord Todd has emptied all available cash from the family account. There were indications that he still had substantial debts unpaid.
755 A London boy, Swords has been Tottenham's top scorer since he joined the 1st XI earlier in the season.
756 "The man died approximately 12 weeks ago and had been stabbed several times with a long bladed knife. He was not strangled."
757 LOCATION CLUE (Three Parts)
I Home for green fruit.
758 A beautiful woman had boarded the Boat Train for France, accompanied by her dishevelled servant, who carried only a small case.
759 "They argued at about 8.45," said Philip Astag. "Charles said, 'I want it back' and Jamie replied, 'I never thought you'd break your word, but now they'll all know the truth.'"
760 (Continued from the Theatre)
Holmes asked, "Did you notice the grease marks on the hem of Barley's right trouser leg?" I confessed I had not.
761 Lady Wrightlea's maiden name was Juliet Vass and she was born and raised in South Africa.
762 The guests had come as a variety of famous people. Waters was Julius Caesar, Lord Ireland was Napoleon, his son George was Samson, and Sir Benton Morris came as the poet Milton.

- 763 "My master was strange last night. After dinner he shakes my hand and say 'Thank you for everything.'"
764 Green had finally paid off his debt to Winter.
765 "About 12 am I heard running footsteps and the front door slammed," said the porter. "But when I came out of the back room there was no sign of anyone."
766 Lord Todd's previous valet explained his dismissal. "Said he couldn't stand looking up to me - wanted someone his own size."
767 CRIME CLUE
What a baby goat has in the afternoon?
768 Bunker had previously refused a large sum offered by the Chairman of the Museum Directors, Lord Potton, for the mysterious tablet.
769 "Let me pose you a question Watson. For what reason would you rouse someone who neither leaves his room nor sees a soul?"
770 CODE CLUE (Three Parts)
I It can be confusing, being one step ahead of the rest.
771 Miss Dulcie Edwards had left the theatre after the previous night's performance and had not yet appeared for rehearsals.
772 The day before, the 'Burgomeister Snowdrop' had been stolen.
773 "When the shot was fired," said Alan Hardy, "I tapped on Marshall's door. There was no reply."
774 "Miss Catlin wrote to me last week over irregularities in her business concerns," said Thoms. "She spoke of 'catching the man red handed.'"
775 Ewan Hull had made his fortune from the design and manufacture of weapons.
776 Bunker shelters his wife, Victoria, from worldly affairs, in deference to her "delicate" nature.
777 Heasman's daughter, Frances, had married John Waking, a butcher, on May 15th.
778 "Lord Todd?" said the assistant at Jackson's. "Yes, Sir, most particular about the fit of his clothes."
779 "The team stayed last night together with the Club Officials at the Hotel. It helps team spirit and ensures the players have a good night's sleep."
780 "The killer struck. Surely, powerfully and silently. A significant combination. Pass me down that volume 'Unarmed in the East', Watson."
781 "See over there, Watson." Holmes directed my gaze to a sign which read 'ATLAS GYMNASIUM. DONATIONS NEEDED. IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE OUR GOOD WORK'.
782 LOCATION CLUE:
Hickory, _____ dock.
783 Miss Hitchcock said, "Both Jamie and Charles asked me to marry them but I refused. Jamie is too serious about everything and Charles, well he is just obnoxious!"
784 In the ditch along Horseman's lane, Holmes found a navy, Seamus O'Dour, sleeping rough.
785 "Why should anyone return from a refreshment break and immediately take a drink on stage?"
786 In a solicitor's window in the village, Holmes spotted a notice offering a desirable property for sale ... Sarum Lodge.
787 "Notice anything about the rose, Watson?"
"This thorn is smeared with blood."
788 Enervo had cancelled his performance at the Theatre the night before his death.
789 LOCATION CLUE (Two Parts)
II Primitive dwelling.
790 On the base of each vase Holmes found a serial number: Au9, Au 10, Au 11, Au 12, Au 13, Au 14, Au 15, Au 16, Au 17, Au 18.
791 The Theatre's present production was a pantomime with Loretta Chambers in the lead role. It was playing to packed houses.

792 Mrs MacGregor was booked into the Hotel until the following morning and had ordered tickets for the steamer to America.

793 LOCATION CLUE (Two Parts)
I Push/shove

794 On the dressing room desk was a letter from Coleridge Hall Orphanage requesting more funds for the gymnasium Sir Richard was paying to be built.

795 The party from Sheffield is staying in accommodation near the Theatre.

796 "Confess, Jevons; when you were locking up you saw or heard something outside."

797 Up the lane from the Church we came across gypsy Matthew Banley, mending a wheel on his caravan, "Mim, a tinker ... a peddler ... I wonder," said Holmes with a smile. (Continue at Boar's Head).

798 THIEF CLUE (Two Parts)
I Not a hand maiden, but also ...

799 Two ticket inspectors travelled on the fateful train: Albert Frogmore and Victor Edwards.

800 "Dear Richard was usually such good company," said Hermione, "but he has not been the same since Judith refused to marry him."

801 A large sum of money had recently been paid into Winter's bank account.

802 "Ah Watson, of all the food he consumed, which could not possibly be tampered with or arouse his suspicions? Would that not be the perfect food to taint?"

803 On a golf club head in Lord Todd's room, Holmes found dried blood and a single strand of hair.

804 Charles Barnes had spent the evening before the ball winning at cards at his Club.

805 Frances and John Wakeling had left three months before on the steamer to build a new life in Australia.

806 "Who was the last person to call upon your mistress?"

807 "Mr Thomas, at 4.00pm, not long after that theatrical gentleman left."

808 The attendant at Freilburgs remembered two men entered the steam room after Watson. "One was a Scottish gentleman, the other looked a military type."

809 The chamber maid reported a spirit lamp missing from the kitchen.

809 LOCATION CLUE (Two Parts)
I You need a double top to win, and...

810 Holmes finds traces of grey stone dust on the floor and on the door jamb inside the study door.

811 Lechdale had been threatened with expulsion the previous term for hanging an item of apparel belonging to Miss Cave from the chapel clock tower during evensong.

812 "I am intrigued by that phrase, 'A waking death'," Holmes looked surprised and replied, "It should be easy for a medical man like yourself to deduce."

813 The thief had scated a high wall, picked several locks, cracked a safe and escaped undetected.

814 On the terrace below the window Holmes found a tiny scrap of paper. On it in two different inks was "rnes
896"
(Continued from Locksmith)
"In the Army, Sir."
"As a medical orderly, perhaps? Your silence gives me my answer!"

816 Holmes gave up the key and was given a box. Inside was a notebook filled with dates and times. One entry in a different hand was circled, "Hickory, Dickory, Dock."

817 Walter Green had asked at the Supreme Shipping Line about emigration cost to Australia.

818 "Mrs MacGregor is married to Ian MacGregor, the Steel Magnate. They have parted pending divorce," said Langdale Pike, Holmes' informant on London Society.

819 LOCATION CLUE (Three Parts)
I I O, I'm up, changed and ready for a smoke."

820 "Oh, yes," said Frogmore, a ticket inspector, "we all looked after Sir Jasper's compartment. Tipped us all very well for our trouble."

821 "I was right behind them," said Kottski, "when the first people came into the bedroom. I saw nothing."

822 The barman said Willie the Weasel had last been seen at the docks.

823 Miss Adolffsson was noted for her expensive tastes. It took most of Ericksson's salary to satisfy her lust for precious items.

824 "I must confess," said Hardwicke, "that I found Sir Richard's portrayal of Hamlet to be a travesty and a disgrace to the traditions of the English theatre."

825 "The ransom note uses the language of the common criminal. Amazing is it not that the modern thug includes typewriting in his repertoire?"

826 LOCATION CLUE (Two Parts)
I I Home for a blade?
"High society is strange, Watson. It will tolerate most things ... womanisers and drunkards among them. But it will not abide those who won't play the game fairly."

828 KILLER CLUE
Narommaltsbesienoloc.

829 In a theatre wardrobe was a container with 'Stage Model' chalked on the side. Holmes held up the wispy contents between two fingers and exclaimed, "puss in box!"

830 "The point you consistently fail to grasp," said Holmes, "is that solving a mystery is like running your fingers along the length of chain. Each link connects with the next..."

831 From late 1879 to 1888 Major Allen was stationed at Jodphur. After his present leave he was due to be posted to Singapore for an indefinite period.

832 "Were the lights on in the train?" queried Holmes. "No, the daylight was perfectly adequate throughout the journey."

833 "I am not one to spread tales, Mr Holmes," said Serina Marshall, "but relations between dear Shelagh and Ripley were rather cool!"

834 "Yes, I am Mrs MacGregor," said the woman in the theatre box. "Forgive our intrusion, Watson, I fear we have been misled. We have less than thirty minutes to prevent the crime."

835 WEAPON CLUE
Comes close to luncheon but begins with 'tea'.

836 "Shanghai is a thriving centre for smuggling, Watson. Slaves, opium, gens, anything which will turn a profit."

837 Holmes thought carefully and said, "Why should Dabney leave his notebook in the bank and then hold the pawn ticket so obviously in his hands?"

838 THIEF CLUE (Two Parts)
I I Cereal Crop.
The Squire had given Barrett and Mrs Rowles one month's notice on the grounds they were now too old.

840 Crouch had peremptorily dismissed his youngest Captain, Edward Vincent, some years previously for "gross negligence". The captain's crime was to throw overboard tea chests to save his ship in a fierce storm.

841 In Strong's study, Holmes found an open inkwell and a pen lying on the writing desk. A half empty brandy bottle stood nearby.

842 Mrs Bunker has been convinced by her maid that the recent chain of accidents in the household are caused by the tablet, and it is only a matter of time before the Bunkers themselves are afflicted.

843 'The Great Enervo' had worked in a circus until one of his routines went tragically wrong, and a little girl, Maria Faccetti, had been killed.

844 Someone had already ransacked Enervo's house. Holmes picked up a grubby, torn photograph from the floor. It showed the escapologists at the wheel of a river barge.

845 (Continued from Chemist)
"His condition may owe more to the state of his boots," replied Holmes, picking fresh earth from the insteps of the boy's footwear.

846 "I have no faith in your powers of hearing Watson. Are you sure you heard the conversation clearly?"

847 (Continued from Carriage Depot)
"It appears she had a pet cat. Not unusual for someone in need of company. This hair is from a tabby cat... the brindled cat beloved of witches. I wonder where the creature has gone?"

848 Swords' bed was not slept in. An empty pack of Player's Wrights and a full ashtray was on the mantelpiece (Continued at the Tobacconist).

849 "Describe the ring," said Sherlock Holmes.

850 "It was gold, studded with diamonds and had 'J.V. 1879' inscribed inside it."

851 "He couldn't hold his drink," said the publican. "Last time I saw him he was rambling on about being in love."

852 "Did you notice anything unusual about the envelope?"

853 "Well I didn't recognise Sir Richard's handwriting on it...."

854 PC William Brownlow is dedicated to keeping young men off the streets and on the straight and narrow. He has recently been passed over for promotion to Sergeant.

855 "Which famous personality were you?"

856 "I came dressed as Horatio Nelson, Mr. Holmes," said Kottski.
(Continued from Tobacconist)

857 "Give me a name, Willie," persisted the detective. The Weasel paled and murmured "I can't Mr Holmes, it's more than my life's worth!"

858 "Ailurophobia is a fear, a mortal dread of cats," replied Holmes.
"That really is most interesting, Miss Chambers."

859 "The tablet is too heavy for any of the staff to lift, although Bunker, who is a burly man, can just move it single handed."

860 "I had broken off our engagement," said Shelagh Maxwell. "He had grown secretive and I began to suspect another woman. Anyway I plan to marry Charles."

861 Holmes ran his fingers over each vase. On one of them he felt a series of bumps, barely noticeable under the glaze.

862 "I recall last week, Jamie mentioning something about having got one over on Charles," said Mr Robson.
"They were always sparking each other off. It was no doubt something trivial."

863 THIEF CLUE (Two Parts)
I Dull finish.

864 "Watson, in my experience, poisoners are either physically weak, old, cunning or plain desperate ... or medical men!"

865 Tommy held up the cord and said, "This is like the stuff our papers come tied with."

866 LOCATION CLUE (Two Parts)
I He cares for sheep.

867 Crouch was always fast asleep by the time the train emerged from the tunnel south of Crawley.

868 "Were you really not aware, my dear Sherlock," said Holmes' brother, Mycroft, "that the man who visited you this morning was from our own Secret Service?"
(Continued at Newsagents)

869 "What do you remember of Frances Heasman, Tommy?"

"Last time I saw her she was running from above Hawkins'. She was red faced and crying. She emigrated not long after."

867 Lady Ireland said, "It must be either Jones or Dakin, two of our servants. I dismissed them only this morning for dishonesty."

868 Sir Richard normally spent his breaks socialising with the cast.

869 Eva Sarbase died during a tiger shoot. Strong claimed his gun had jammed as the beast charged. Rumour subsequently had it that Strong's nerve had failed.

870 Robin Forbes' room was directly above that shared by Lord and Lady Wrightlea.

871 GENERAL CLUE
It's certainly a crafty place to hide something.

872 "I knew it would end up like this," sobbed Mrs Woodruff.
"I suppose he did take undue risks," I said as we walked away.

873 "I'm not sure she was referring to that, Watson."

874 The only guests booked into the Northumberland were Mr Norris; Mr and Mrs Barwald, a Swedish couple; Mrs. MacGregor. Her infant son and maid; and Captain Baldwin, home on leave from India.
"He's a likeable lad but shy," said the goalkeeper. "Seemed very nervous at practice, yesterday," volunteered the full back.

875 "I supported her decision to sell the Transome," said Shaw. "It had been losing money. When I left she was quite cheerful."

876 "My contacts in Sussex tell me," said Holmes, "that for the last nine months the only occupants of Coleridge Hall have been a Mr Snodgrass, two gardeners, a cook and a parrot!"

877 "The Squire," said the Coroner, "was poisoned by a minute amount of Ricin." "Ah, a common poison," replied Holmes, "I believe traces are even found in common castor oil!"
"Did your grandson do anything unusual during the ball?"

878 "Yes, just before the police arrived he lit a cigar with a screwed up piece of paper. It seemed a curious thing to do."

879 "We sat as usual," said Rodrigues. "Sir Jasper next to the corridor, his back to the engine. I sat next to him, Montmore opposite me, and Lord Farthingale opposite Crouch."

880 Beyond the graveyard wall Holmes found some hoof prints.
"Curious but not conclusive!"

881 "I don't care what society gossips say, Mr Holmes," cried Laura Williams. "Robin is an honest man... He really loves me for myself."

882 "Does the school possess a typewriting machine, Headmaster?"
"My secretary, Miss Cave, has recently taken to using one."

883 Justice Riley told us that he and Darnley Adams had sat up late in the study, drinking port and playing chess.
"Is this the set?" inquired Holmes. (Continued at Docks).

884 "A bit of a puzzler, eh Holmes?" I ventured. "Not a puzzle, Watson, more of a chess problem." replied Holmes.

885 CARGO CLUE
Remember, remember the 5th of November...

886 "Who was involved?" "I am not sure and I wouldn't tell you if I did. Always Maintain Secrecy, that's our oath and I won't break it now."

887 "What are my initials, Watson? What is today's date?" "SH...OUT...19!" (Continued at Theatre)

888 "Yes, he did stay here. I liked him, he helped us when our mare foaled the other night. Went round to the Pawnbroker this morning and then paid up and left."

889 WEAPON CLUE
Classical blunt instrument -- heavy tube.

890 "Fitzroy's veterinary practice? Yes, still being run by his partner; very successful too. His name? Pelham Duffy, I believe."

891 I noticed that a strong smell emanated from the Emmental cheese.

892 "Adleston ... where have I seen that name recently? Do we still have Monday's copy of 'The Times', Watson?" (Continued at Carriage Depot).

893 "... that they were at college or university together! Which reminds me, was there not a report quite recently in the papers ..." (Continued at Newsagents).

894 "But one person did get out, Inspector." I pointed out. "And I recommended his immediate arrest."

895 "Why has Alice Jones a bank account containing £50.00 and regular cheques for £10.00 paid in monthly?"

896 "I regret that I have had to point out to Mr Nerose he must take more care to match his expenditure with his income."

897 A wharfinger told us that Captain Niarchos supervised the loading of the Sophy Anderson personally, and even sat on the crates at night to keep guard.

898 "If we remain, the file remains. Location definite but access impossible".

899 "Enemies? My wife?" Barton said incredulously. "Never! She led a very quiet and sheltered existence since our marriage. She felt unable to trust anyone after her previous fiancé was sent to prison." (Continued at Tobacconist)

900 (Continued from Boar's Head) "Then what is that bushy substance over your upper lip?" Holmes enquired acidly.

901 "Why print initials only on that dinner card?"

902 "To conceal the full identity of ... some Secret Society!" (Continued at Theatre)

903 The victim's wound had been made by a broad bladed knife or sword.

904 (Continued from Newsagent) "Yes, here we are. 'Victoria Ann, beloved daughter and niece, missed in death as much as loved in life.'"

905 ... regarding a re-union of former officers to celebrate the founding of the Oxford Union?" (Continued at Museum).

906 "Michael Fatt? He died last week." Holmes and Lestrade exchanged glances.

907 "A case of reckless driving. The poor old chap never stood a chance."

908 The autopsy confirmed Von Kring had died of a broken neck.

909 (Continued from Newsagent) "Yes we had unbuttoned over our drinks, although Nerose had straightened himself up again by the time we returned."

910 "I cannot divulge the Government's current concerns in the Balkans," said Mycroft Holmes. "Officially we recognise Turkish rule and oppose terrorism of any kind."

911 Carson was adamant that all windows and doors were properly secured when he did his rounds the previous night.

912 "The man was dressed as a tramp – but did he earn his keep by begging do you suppose?" (Continued at Museum)

913 "I feel I am being out-manoeuvred Watson; that whichever way I step it will be into Moriarty's hands."

914 "Glue it may be," said Nicholson. "But it ain't the sort I use – too soft." Nicholson sniffed "More like costurnier's glue, I'd say."

915 (Continued from Chemist) "Or been injected by someone else. The calluses on his right hand imply he was not left handed; but with what was he injected?"

916 Having instructed his colleagues to close the Maze the attendant went immediately to get the police who arrived promptly some 20 minutes later.

917 "I think I have spotted your man, Inspector, leaving the hotel. I've come straight to tell you." Holmes groaned.

918 "Yes, he sold me this locket. Said he had no more use for it. Pretty girl ain't she?"

917 The broken Hock bottle had not been uncorked.

918 "I say Holmes, you don't suppose the murderer could have mistaken Alice Jones for Virginia Adams, do you? They are rather similar you know."

919 "I believe that Iyesse left the army under something of a cloud," said Langdale Pyke. "Governor of Singapore's daughter," he whispered confidentially.

920 "Funny thing, Holmes, but I had a seaman brought into me recently from one of the seamen's missions, sweating, restless, feverish: I wonder if heroin might have been responsible. He was off the Columbine." (Continued at Docks).

921 "Have you noticed in The Times, Watson, that the carcass of a giant squid was washed ashore in Normandy three days ago?"

922 "I see that all three men are the same age. What may we infer from that?" "That they were at school together?" "Quite so or" (Continued at Hotel).

923 (Continued from Newsagents)

924 The butler answered the door. "The master is attending to his business affairs in Scotland, sir. He left yesterday for a week." (Continued at Carriage Depot).

925 "A great deal of money lies at stake in this case and I feel that some has been spent in obtaining professional criminal protection for those with most to lose."

926 Proposition: if none of the public inside the Maze committed the murder, then the murderer must be outside the Maze.

927 "Suppose Fitzroy meant to kill both Mr and Mrs Barton. Would he know that Tobias Barton had left the box at the time he struck?" "Perhaps, Mr Lestrade. Is Barton known to his friends as 'Tubby'?"

928 "Poor Fleming, it was his first week on night patrol down St Pancras," said Merrivale.

929 An examination of Jones' room uncovered an old photograph tucked into her suitcase. "That man ... remind you of anyone?"

930 Our knock was answered by a languid gentleman. "Last night? Here I suppose." Holmes seized him by the shoulders. "You were at a very special dinner where death was plotted and executed." (Continued at Pawnbroker).

931 "Tell me Mr Lestrade, what could the deaths of a prison governor and a harmless housewife have in common?" (Continued at Scotland Yard).

932 "You know after that Shoscombe affair, Watson, I feel it unwise to judge a man too soon. Let us talk to Nicholson." (Continued at Scotland Yard).

933 "I fear that not only skeletons in cupboards are rattling in this case, Lestrade. What other poisonous creatures inhabit the desert sands of Mexico?"

934 "Have you stopped to consider why the Balkans are known as the 'powder keg of Europe', Watson?"

935 "I suggest, Gregson, that you make a thorough search in the vicinity of the murder for a man's cummerbund."

936 (Continued from Docks). Holmes reached the point where Von Kring had gone over. "I think we may say von Kring's death was caused by over-exposure," he said with a grin. (Continued at Theatre)

937 In Alice's room was a piece of paper with 'Darnley Adams: Hurst & Dowling, Brokers' printed on it.

938 "No, he is on holiday at the moment," said the assistant. "He bought an old Brougham recently. Said he was going to restore it. Daft I call it." (Continued at Carriage Depot).

939 WEAPON CLUE

940 Knife used for trimming dried plums?

941 "Forwarding address? No sir, he always telegrams me if he requires anything sending on." (Continued at Boar's Head).

942 "Slade ... the well-known cat thief? But Sober Eddy?" "So be ready!" (Continued at Locksmiths).

941 "Those suspects you asked me to check on," said Lestrade. "They escaped together and there has been no news of them since. We think they are probably abroad."

942 "Watson, would you not agree that any doctor worth his salt should have diagnosed the cause of death quite easily?"

943 KILLER CLUE
Happily it falls at night but remains outstanding.

944 KILLER CLUE
Arrows are his business.

945 "What if the message is for my benefit – what if I am intended to decipher it and act accordingly?"

946 "Unbutton a dinner jacket, Watson, and what do you see?" "Shirtfront ... waistband ... tops of trousers, really Holmes this is absurd" I said impatiently. (Continued at Carriage Depot).

947 Captain Niarchos had been born in Macedonia and had come to England many years previously, leaving all his relatives behind.

948 "Now, Lestrade, I believe Fitzroy's next victim lives just round the corner. A small clue whilst we make our way there. He could be described as having a weight problem!"

949 Resident in the Hotel was Friedrich Humboldt, son of Fritz Humboldt, the recently deceased prize-winning chemist.

950 (Continued from Carriage Depot) "Did you employ the girl yourself?" "No, my husband brought her home one day. Said her mother had died, and a friend had asked him to take the girl on."

951 Unless he knew the Maze inside out and ran fast.

952 "One young fellow accused them of rigging the election ballot in the year they were officials. Nobody took him seriously. He was only a chemistry student." My half suppressed laugh was rewarded by an icy stare from Holmes. (Continued at Boar's Head)

953 "Yes, he does work late sometimes when there is an urgent job to be finished," said the Pawnbroker. "He lets himself out – he has his own keys."

954 "So both Fitzroy and Tone had money troubles and both claimed their innocence. That is most helpful," said Holmes shaking the manager's hand.

955 "No, no – it wasn't so – an argument that's all – no one liked him, smug little moneybags." (Continued at Locksmith).

956 The Manager told us that Captain Niarchos had withdrawn all his savings last month.

957 "I had not planned to go out today but now we must deal with Maser. Are we faced with a mind reader?" (Continued at Scotland Yard)

958 "It's awful," said Virginia. "The atmosphere, so icy."

959 The small man who collided with Holmes in the cafe was Carl Necker.

960 "Would you consider it poetic justice for a dope pedlar to be killed by the very substance he purveys?" (Continued from Scotland Yard) "Do you agree then that we may strike out Staunton from our list of suspects?"

962 (Continued from Museum) "And where do you suppose such a beast could be obtained?" "A zoo?" "Possibly – but I have other ideas. Let us rendezvous at the Boar's Head."

963 Witnesses confirmed that the attendant had obeyed my instructions and run straight to the exit without delay.

964 "Course I remember that party," said the Landlord. "I arranged a private room for them. I know there was some comings and goings but I couldn't rightly say who it was."

965 "Any ship sailing in the Bay of Biscay runs a risk. Not even you, Mr Holmes, can solve a non-existent mystery," said Lestrade smugly.

966 "We finished our chess about one in the morning," said Adams. "I tidied the room and then followed Riley upstairs."

967 "Listen! A gun shot! Hurry, man, hurry!"

968 (Continued from Park) "Big man, red hair?" said the deckhand on the Columbine.

969 "Sounds like John Kirby – but it's his beard you really notice."

969 On the ledge Holmes noticed three tiny round holes in the dust, in a triangular pattern. He knelt down and looked along the ledge. (Continued at Docks).

970 Outside the door Holmes laughed, pleased with himself. He opened his hand disclosing a visiting card engraved Toby Bassingham A.M.S. (Continued at Park).

971 "Well at least the reason for the robbery is clear," said Merrivale. "There's quite a bit of silver reported missing."

972 "One vessel only has docked from Mexico between the dates you mention. There is just one English name on the passenger list, a Mr Kingson."

973 "But how have my plans been uncovered? Only Maser knows my involvement."

974 "So Maser is a decoy to attract your attention away from your file!" (Continued at Park).

974 "And what significance do you see in that, eh Watson?"

975 "Well, a Brougham is enclosed ... " "Whilst an ordinary hansom is open to the air," finished Holmes. (Continued at Bank).

976 "Were Iyysse, Nerose and Staunton mutual friends?" "Not really; their common link was Grassington."

976 "Seems to have cut himself badly whilst shaving." I pointed out to Holmes. "Or being shaved," Holmes corrected.

977 "I'm certain no one got out," said the local inspector. "The killer must be one of the visitors. We must keep at it until one of them confesses." (Continued at Bank).

978 Both men were dead, Fitzroy killed by the gun still clasped in his hand, whilst his victim's face was contorted in agony. A blow from Holmes' stick stilled the flickering tongue and scaly body that slithered across the floor.

979 A fit of coughing suddenly caught Holmes' throat causing him to clutch the hall table for support. Concerned, I ushered him out into the clear air. (Continued at Docks).

980 "Jones was not a local girl," said Mrs Adams coldly, "If I had known where she was from, I would have sent her back there." (Continued at Museum).

981 (Continued from Theatre). "The fiancé's name? Morton, I think she called him."

982 (Continued from Theatre) "... but not Fletcher."

983 "But Moran is an expert shot – how could he miss?" "To ensure that Maser told us his story."

987 (Continued from Hotel). "So if a jacket were buttoned up, it would hide those items?"

987 "Of course," "What if the buttoned jacket hid the absence of one of those items?"

985 (Continued from Boar's head). Underneath was written in faded ink, "To my darling Eve from your very own Adam."

986 "We have found the bodies of all three men in that warehouse there. The doctor says they all died from carbon monoxide poisoning. "Gassed," cried Holmes and I together. (Continued at Theatre).

987 "I recall that Fitz Humboldt committed suicide in Venice three months ago. Curious ... didn't he work for Von Kring?" said Holmes.

988 "If we go out, our rooms will be vulnerable, and Slade will act." "But the file could go with us!" (Continued at Tobaccconist).

989 Therefore the killer could not have struggled back out of the Maze before the attendant closed the exit. (Continued at Docks).

990 "The doctor says the tramp's neck is broken, Mr Holmes." Holmes pondered.

"Tell me Watson, how do you break a man's neck with a bottle?"

- 991 In a side street I stopped abruptly, in "C. Necker's" window was a picture of my old Army colleague, Sammy Butler, dressed in Alpine clothes, standing on the Schwarzerfels.
- 992 "Lucky I came back to work today," said Corrigan. "I'm sure nobody else would have noticed that extra body." "Not even Mr Slack?" "No, he's not known what day of the week it is since his niece died." (Continued at Bank).
- 993 All signs are that Grassington's death was not a casual murder ... certainly no signs of robbery. Perhaps Gregson is right to suspect the dead man's three companions."
- 994 my hunch. We have a lengthy journey ahead of us."
- 995 DESTINATION CLUE
A manic Ode! (Anagram)
- 996 "Well I do have a number of regulars over from the Theatre," said Blake the Pawnbroker. "There's Mr Bowman, likes the ladies; Mr Adams, likes the horses and Mr Fletcher, likes the bottle. I like to help them enjoy themselves," he finished with an oily smile.
- 997 George Bellairs had at one time been governor of Wandsworth Prison.
- 998 Proposition: if the murderer is outside the Maze he must have escaped before the attendant closed the exit.
- 999 "We'd all had a lot to drink. There was some pushing and shoving and over he went. Caught the back of his head on the bottom stair, dead!" (Continued at Newsagents)
- 1000 "Or did the sender of the message also arrange Maser's injury?"
- 1001 "No, then what should we call him?" "An amateur" "Capital, Watson, capital!" (Continued at Tobacconist).
- 1002 It never ceases to amaze me, Watson, how people in attempting to cover one indiscretion, invariably commit a greater one."
- 1003 "The strangulation marks, Watson; do they suggest to you that the murderer was taller or shorter than his victim?" "Taller," I stated confidently. (Continued at Museum)
- 1004 "Now you mention it I do remember Mr Burton leaving in a Brougham," said the Commissionaire. "Thank you," said Holmes. "Now can we find Merrivale?" (Continued at Locksmiths)
- 1005 "Where did Miss Addleton work?" "For a firm of shipping agents down at the docks."
- 1006 The rumours sweeping the pub were two fold. Some spoke of sea monsters, others of a strange cargo.
- 1007 "Oh yes," said Blake preening himself. "I always keep the windows clean, the more light I get in the shop, the less I have to spend on lighting it."
- 1008 (Continued from Theatre). I joined Holmes on the ledge and gazed at the foot prints in the dust. "But they lead away from the edge," I exclaimed. "They point away," Holmes corrected.
- 1009 Proposition: the body was still oozing blood when I first examined it. Death had, therefore, occurred only seconds before its discovery. (Continued at Boar's head).
- 1010 "Fitzroy was convicted of arson of his own property. Who would benefit most?" "A partner!" cried Lestrade, light dawning.
- 1011 "I have been investigating bare knuckle prize fighting. The biggest fight of the year is tomorrow. I need both my file and Maser in order to bring the organisers to justice." (Continued at Scotland Yard).
- 1012 "Yes, here is the article." "And the list of those attending includes Dark, Friend and Burton. So that's the link!" (Continued at Tobacconist).
- 1013 (Continued from Chemist). "Only two escapes when Bellairs was governor. Naughton Fitzroy, veterinary surgeon, 15 years arson. Seymour Tone, solicitor, 12 years fraud."
- 1014 Of the 73 people who were in the Maze at the time, none possessed any knife or sharp instrument of any sort.
- 1015 "Mr Naco, why had Niarchos left his homeland?" "As a young man he got into serious trouble with the Turks. I helped him escape."
- 1016 "Would you call a tramp a professional mendicant?" (Continued at Bank).
- 1017 (Continued from Boar's Head). "Niece?" "Yes, Victoria Addleton. Killed herself. They say she had been swindling money from her employers." (Continued at Theatre).
- 1018 "Rat poison? Sorry gentleman, I was cleared right out yesterday by a fellow who said he was a vet."
- 1019 "It's true," exclaimed Friedrich Humboldt. "I hated Von Kring. He ruined my father's reputation and career, drove him to suicide. But I didn't know he was staying in Meiringen."
- 1020 "Therefore, the sender of the message also knew of the attempt on Maser's life."
- 1021 "Dragon, gentleman? Hardly! Your description fits very well that of the Mexican venomous lizard also known as the Gila Monster." (Continued at Park).
- 1022 The cord around Alice's neck had been pulled from the curtain. Hidden by the girl's thick hair was a considerable contusion.
- 1023 "Burton, Friend, Dark," Potts the senior porter at the Union repeated the names thoughtfully. "It's a long time now but yes, there were rumours and accusations. (Continued at Pawnbrokers).
- 1024 An astonishing sight met them in Fitzroy's room. "Dead mice in an empty room, Holmes?" "Answer me this, Lestrade. What eats mice yet leaves no bones?" (Continued at Carriage Depot).
- 1025 My theory regarding the motive for the murder was corroborated when Vamberry's chief ledger clerk confessed.
- 1026 "I agree, Mr Holmes," said the Locksmith. "Those are traces of soap - someone has copied these keys."
- 1027 (Continued from Bank). "Why the sudden need for cash?" "A blackmailer, I should think Holmes." "Or paying for something that she needed desperately!"
- 1028 "Might I ask what you were wearing on that evening?"
- 1029 "Ivysie wore his dress uniform; the rest of us wore evening dress," replied Staunton. "A warm evening for it, commented Holmes. (Continued at Pawnbrokers).
- 1029 "A Trojan Horse," suddenly cried Holmes, whirling around towards the table.
- 1030 "My father's dream," said Enver Niarchos, "was to return to the land of his birth to find a free nation." (Continued from Boar's Head).
- 1031 Holmes pulled a postcard from the Hotel rack. The view had been snapped by Carl Necker.
- 1032 (Continued from Newsagent). "Hmm ... pewter and brass I would say. Here, Watson," I caught the piece with difficulty, surprised at the weight.
- 1033 A thorough search by the police uncovered no trace of weapon in or around the Maze.
- 1034 "Who do you think is next, Lestrade?" "Barton - or the arresting officer. I'll check at Scotland Yard." "Very well I shall go to the Bank."
- 1035 "His name?" "Merry something. I can't really recall." (Continued at Chemist)
- 1036 "Yes," said the girl in the shipping agents. "John Kirby was round regularly talking to her. That's just what I told her father."
- 1037 The Manager welcomed us effusively. "Well, two of the gentlemen you mention wear moustaches ..."
- 1038 "Yes, the judges always used one of our cabs. A very particular gentleman. Sam Martin always drove him."
- 1039 "Find a motive, Watson, and you find a potential criminal. Let us explore a little."
- 1040 "If my conclusions concerning the ship's face are correct, the Captain Raessel's words are very apt." With a smile Holmes then told me to remember, remember the children's rhyme.
- 1041 "I have heard whispers of such a society," said Langdale Pike. "Try Caxton Forbes. He lives over near the Park somewhere."
- 1042 The union records revealed that the three men had been President, Secretary and Treasurer in the same year. (Continued at Docks).
- 1043 An examination of the window ledge outside Bellair's study left Holmes amused. "Do you suppose that these are the marks of dragon's teeth?" he murmured.

- 1044 "Yes," said Hotel cook. "I made up a small picnic for Herr Von King this morning. I left it here for a few minutes when I went out. He had his favourite wine with him."
- 1045 I examined the body. "These marks on the arm, Holmes; I do believe they're the marks of the hypodermic needle. The man had been injecting himself!" (Continued at Tobacconist)
- 1046 "Arresting Officer Michael Fatt retired present address 18 Swallow Street, Docks. Excellent; now to find Holmes at the Boar's head."
- 1047 "Only partly, Watson. We still need to find what sets these three men apart from all those others attending. I fear that a visit to Oxford is necessary." (Continued at Park).
- 1048 (Continued from Pawnbrokers). He started crawling from the marks. "Careful Holmes," I cried. "Don't go over the edge too." (Continued at Tobacconist).
- 1049 "My husband seemed very pre-occupied of late," sobbed Mrs Niarchos. "I can see him now, sitting dozing in his armchair, his pipe in his hand."
- 1050 "Now Watson, what are Nicholson's most remarkable features?" "None," I replied puzzled. Holmes eyebrows lifted. (Continued at Carriage Depot).

Solutions

CASE NO 1 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE UNHOLY MAN”

The preacher was in fact a thief who had stolen the original manuscript of Hamlet from an exhibition on the Riviera, where he also acquired his tan.

The preacher disguised the manuscript as a Bible and had Longworth authenticate it for the Duke, whom the preacher hoped would buy it. Longworth, in desperate need of money, killed the preacher with Hamlet's sword and stole the manuscript. Longworth, who does not smoke, planted the German made cigarette near the victim's body to throw suspicion from himself; but in the process, he accidentally dropped his packet of aspirin.

Killer: Longworth; **Weapon:** Sword; **Motive:** Manuscript.

CASE NO 2 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF SILVER PATCH”

Sir Reginald Cosgrove, in dire need of money, concocted a plot to collect money from his large insurance policy on Silver Patch.

Sir Reginald painted over the silver patch on the mane of his prize horse, and painted a silver patch on the mane of Night Dancer, another of his horses. He then switched stalls and poisoned Night Dancer who now looked like Silver Patch.

Realising that he would have to take Oscar Switt into his confidence, Sir Reginald arranged for his trainer to meet him at the stables. When Switt refused to go along with Sir Reginald's plan to kill Night Dancer, Sir Reginald became enraged and killed the trainer, hitting him over the head with a beer bottle and then stabbing him repeatedly with the broken bottle.

Killer: Sir Reginald Cosgrove; **Weapon:** Broken Bottle; **Motive:** Insurance.

CASE NO 3 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE CHAMELEON'S VENGEANCE”

Disguised as Inspector Lestrade, the Chameleon managed to plant explosives in the violin case, which housed the instrument Holmes was to play in the duet finale at the Theatre.

Surprise: Explosives; **Hiding Place:** Violin Case; **Chameleon:** Lestrade.

CASE NO 4 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE KIDNAPPED INFANT”

After twenty years of caring for other people's children, Ann Whiston yearned for a child of her own. Knowing that the Duke of Crescentshire did not appreciate his daughter anyway, Governess Whiston decided to steal the baby and raise it herself. She hid the infant on her husband's fishing boat.

Kidnapper: Ann Whiston; **Whereabouts:** Fishing Boat; **Motive:** Child of her own.

CASE NO 5 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE MURDERED BANKER”

Walter Ostermann discovered that for the past two years, Wellington Bakman had been embezzling money from the Bank.

Ostermann confronted Bakman with this discovery and offered Bakman the opportunity to reveal the facts at the board meeting coming up that afternoon. “Otherwise,” threatened Ostermann, “he would have to reveal the truth himself.”

Not wanting the facts of his embezzlement revealed, Bakman killed the financial director in his office, striking Ostermann from behind with a paperweight. Bakman then removed certain files from Ostermann's filing cabinet which pertained to the embezzling.

Killer: Wellington Bakman; **Weapon:** Paperweight; **Motive:** Embezzlement.

CASE NO 6 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE BONES OF CONTENTION”

It is a foolish client who hires Sherlock Holmes to investigate a crime that the client himself committed. Seeing his career jeopardized by malaria, Heelwright planted an imitation skeleton in the Sumatra

digging. Before reaching London Docks, Heelwright, worried that he might not pass off the bones as genuine, decided to steal the bones himself to cover up the substitution. Whilst still on the ship Heelwright removed the imitation bones from the packing crates and put them in his suitcase. Heelwright hired Holmes in order to further convince MacDoodle and others that his Sumatra find was genuine.

Thief: Heelwright; **Hiding Place:** Suitcase; **Motive:** Imitation bones.

CASE NO 7 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE ETERNAL SLEEP”

Jules Ridgely had made a deal with Creprnick to give him the secret formula in return for one million pounds. To make this deal, Ridgely had to dispose of his partner, Ladder, who wanted to give the formula to the British Government.

Ridgely attached copper wire to the victim's bedpost and from the hotel roof flew a kite into the thunderstorm creating enough electricity to provide Jacob Ladder with a shocking experience.

Killer: Ridgely; **Weapon:** Electricity; **Motive:** Secret Formula.

CASE NO 8 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE LOCKED CHAMBER”

Explorer Philip Peabody smuggled a pygmy into England in a packing case, and instructed him to crawl down the airshaft and shoot the engraver through the grating with his poison blowpipe dart.

The pygmy then removed the grating, scooped up the plates, carried them back up the shaft and delivered them to Peabody, who hid them in the hollow bottom of a Museum display case.

Killer: a Pygmy; **Weapon:** Blowpipe; **How Removed:** carried up the shaft; **Hiding Place:** Hollow bottom of a museum display case; **Mastermind:** Peabody

CASE NO 9 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE SUICIDAL ARCHITECT”

The partners of Netter, Kendrick, Subkow, Skottle and Jones Ltd, had been falsifying records to conceal the company's perilous financial situation. William Skottle decided this was not going to help the firm in the end, and he tried to convince his partners to come clean and accept the consequences.

When it became evident that Skottle was going to expose their fraud, Skottle's four partners formulated a plan to kill him and make it look like suicide.

At their Saturday gathering, Skottle's partners forced him to write a suicide note, shot him in Thomas Jones' office, poured beer on his mouth to make it appear that he had been drinking and moved his body by carriage to the alley behind the Newsagents.

Killer: All four partners; **Motive:** Cover up false records.

CASE NO 10 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE BLUDGEONING BOBBY”

Colonel Sebastian Moran, an associate of the notorious Professor Moriarty, disguised himself as a policeman and led his victims to believe they were being taken to Scotland Yard for questioning in some top secret police matter.

Once at Scotland Yard, Moran led the victims to the cellar of the vacant premises behind Scotland Yard, where he provided them with a shovel and forced them at gunpoint to work all night digging a tunnel to the Bank. At dawn, Moran used the shovel to bludgeon his victims to death and he then transported their bodies to the Park.

At the rate of one man per night, Moran had hoped to finish his tunnel in time to reach the Bank vault when the special gold shipment arrived later in the month.

Killer: Colonel Moran; **Weapon:** Shovel; **Motive:** Tunnel to Bank.

CASE NO 11 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE TOBACCONIST’S DEMISE”

Two years after being dishonourably discharged from the Army, Donald Hobson changed his name to Alfred Cooke and tried to start a new life. Neither his eventual employers at Scotland Yard, nor his wife and children knew the truth of his past.

Manfred Maloney stumbled onto Cooke and attempted to blackmail his old army comrade. To protect his secret, Cooke killed Maloney with an icicle and tried to make it appear to be the work of a radical political group.

Killer: Alfred Cooke (Donald Hobson); **Weapon:** icicle; **Motive:** Blackmail.

CASE NO 12 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE WAYLAD COURIER”

The phrase “a fortune is at hand” alerted Holmes to the concealment of the fortune as the valuable rare stamp on the envelope. Captain Prescott, needing money to save his ship, killed Barlow with the monkey wrench and then threw the weapon overboard. The rust on Prescott’s hand alerted Holmes to the weapon. Finding nothing of value on Barlow, Prescott disgustedly threw the valise overboard and decided to frame Andrew Jameson by planting the walking stick under Jameson’s bunk.

Killer: Prescott; **Weapon:** Monkey Wrench; **Fortune:** Rare stamps; **Location:** on envelope in Holmes’ pocket.

CASE NO 13 - SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE BEESWAX HEIRESS”

Winston Dunphy planned this murderous scheme to gain control of his wife’s inheritance. Knowing that his wife had willed most of her money to charity, Dunphy decided to do away with her and then disguise himself as his wife.

Dunphy used a heavy decorative candle to knock his wife unconscious; then with the aid of a wheelbarrow, he carried her body to the tool shed and set the shed on fire.

Killer: Winston Dunphy; **Weapon:** Candle; **Motive:** Inheritance.

CASE NO 14 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE CODED MESSAGE”

Knowing death was near, Rudolph Hicckel forced his canary to swallow the valuable Eyes of Lucifer pearls and then attempted to notify his good friend, Harry Blake, by writing in a code the two had developed years ago.

Message: Pearls inside canary.

CASE NO 15 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE REPEATED MURDER”

Sherlock Holmes’ arch enemy Prof. Moriarty planned the robbery of the diamonds, disguising himself as JR Farlinger in order to break the Museum’s security. He then used Wolper to make the actual theft but Wolper double-crossed Moriarty and kept the diamonds for himself.

Hoping to throw Moriarty from his trail by thinking that he was dead, Wolper knocked out cabman Renan Billings, left him in the house and set fire to it. He then attempted to flee the country by boat. Unfortunately for Wolper, Moriarty’s network of spies and informers soon located Wolper and Wolper’s subsequent death was inevitable. But with the limited time available to him, Moriarty was not able to find the hiding place of the diamonds.

Burned body: Renan Billings; **Killer:** Phineas Wolper; **Motive:** Fool Moriarty; **Killer of Phileas Wolper:** Prof. Moriarty; **Motive:** Find diamonds; **Hiding Place of Diamonds:** Case handle.

CASE NO 16 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE MISSING PLANS”

Putting together background information relating to Lampkin’s recent unusual behaviour and the evidence of his own eyes, Holmes was able to reconstruct the unhappy events leading to Lampkin’s

death. Lampkin had succeeded in constructing one of the earliest petrol driven cars. The “Z” shaped bar was the starting handle which had kicked violently when Lampkin cranked the engine and caught him under the chin. The car, in gear, had then run over its inventor causing additional injuries before toppling over the quayside into the harbour water below.

Location of missing invention: Harbour water; **Whereabouts of plans:** Inside Lampkin’s head; **Killer:** Horseless carriage.

CASE NO 17 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE REWRITTEN DEATH”

Understudy Vincent Hillyard planned to murder Roderick Garrick to obtain the star’s role, but owing to Hillyard’s short sight the actor mistakenly killed Albert Boswell.

Killer: Vincent Hillyard; **Motive:** Star’s part.

CASE NO 18 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE LUCKLESS MARINER”

Randolph Meachem reasoned seaman John Kinney had been paid by shipowner John Strickland to sneak into the hold of the Penguin during the voyage and open the sea cocks, thus sinking the ship. When Meachem returned to England, he planned to advise insurance broker Norton Quimby of the truth behind the disaster which befell the highly insured vessel.

But Kinney’s suspicions were also aroused and he followed Meachem to the Docks; confronting the first mate and realising his threats were to no avail, Kinney struck the ship’s officer with an oar from the dinghy of the Southern Star.

Killer: Kinney; **Motive:** Scuttled Penguin; **Weapon:** Oar.

CASE NO 19 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE UNPAID FARE”

Unable to support Isadora Chamberlain in her accustomed style in the event of discovery and divorce, Bevin Radcliffe appeared for their romantic rendezvous in the guise of a carriage driver.

Luther Chamberlain had learned of the affair between his wife and Radcliffe, and waited outside on the night the couple returned from the Theatre.

After his wife entered the Hotel, Chamberlain signalled for Radcliffe’s cab; Radcliffe was forced to pick up the fare and drive to the Park, just he give away the couple’s entire deception.

Inside the carriage Chamberlain found Radcliffe’s evening clothes under the seat, slipped the belt from Radcliffe’s trousers and induced the ‘cabby’ to enter the carriage when they had reached the Park.

Killer: Luther Chamberlain; **Motive:** Adultery; **Weapon:** Belt.

CASE NO 20 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE PECULIAR CHARWOMAN”

Daniel Ferguson, equally dividing his time between his London and Liverpool shops, found in the arrangement an equal opportunity to divide his affections.

Surprised by his Liverpool wife Bessie’s visit to his London shop, Ferguson lured the unfortunate girl into a shed behind the Tobacconist which was used to hickory smoke certain blends. He then dressed his victim in Charwoman’s garb, his immediate problem cured.

Killer: Daniel Ferguson; **Motive:** Bigamy; **Cause of Death:** Smoke Asphyxiation.

CASE NO 21 – SOLUTION TO “THE ADVENTURE OF THE BASHFUL BENEFACTOR”

Shortly before he was arrested, Everley asked Niles to help him exchange a quantity of counterfeit bank notes he had produced. When Everley was arrested attempting to pass the counterfeit currency, Niles decided to pass the remaining forged notes at his leisure and avoid Everley’s fate.

The actor seized upon a ‘benefactor’ scheme using his uncle, Willie MacFie, as a gullible and unwitting accomplice. The destitute locksmith would receive a forged twenty pound note, run the risk of

changing the counterfeit bill, and present Niles, who would appear in various disguises of his trade, with half the proceeds.

Niles fear that his uncle might recognise his handwriting, prompted him to enlist the aid of his girlfriend, Melanie Blakesley, as authoress to the 'benefactor' letters. But Melanie, who stood in for Niles at the latest rendezvous, demanded a larger share or threatened to inform the authorities.

Killer: Niles MacFie; **Killer's Motive:** Blackmail; **Benefactor:** Niles MacFie; **Benefactor's Motive:** Pass counterfeit notes.

CASE NO 22 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE DUPLICATE DEATHS"

Starting with the logical deductions he could make from the known facts, Holmes embarked upon a discreet trail of enquiries disguised as an elderly gentleman. When he discovered the bereavement suffered by the Italian knife throwing act, his suspicions centred on the attractive daughter of the troupe, who was devoted to her mother. Infuriated by the perfidious manner in which the Doctor treated her mother, resulting in her death, she embarked upon a course of revenge on the medical profession in general.

Having made the girl's acquaintance, Holmes feigned illness and called out Watson, knowing that the girl would make an attempt on his life. Holmes then arranged for Lestrade to follow Watson closely to apprehend the killer "in flagrante delicto."

Killer: Italian girl knife thrower; **Motive:** Avenge mother's death; **Holmes:** Adrian Swallow ((H) adrian's wall-low)

CASE NO 23 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE BANKER'S NOTE"

Banker Gabriel Van Zandt worded his ransom note to Holmes in code. Reading every fourth word, the message read: "Holmes, I'm in the Chemist. This man my kidnapper. Don't ransom me. Van Zandt".

Kidnapper: Uriah Wiggins; **Victim Whereabouts:** Chemist.

CASE NO 24 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE REPORTER'S LIST"

Newspaper reporter James Kent discovered that Justin Robarts had used his position as curator to sell three of the Museum's priceless paintings and replace the masterpieces with skillful forgeries. Kent confronted Robarts with this discovery, offering the curator a chance to redeem the treasures. Instead, Robarts drew a sword concealed in his cane, killed the reporter in a remote section of the Museum gallery, and disposed of his body in an alley behind the Boar's Head.

Killer: Justin Robarts; **Weapon:** Sword in Cane; **Motive:** Art forgeries.

CASE NO 25 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE BLOODTHIRSTY BARD"

The locksmith plans to do away with Holmes when he enters the Pawnbroker shop at 9pm this evening. An axe will be rigged to deliver a murderous blow when Holmes opens the door.

Where: Pawnbroker's; **Weapon:** Axe; **Victim:** Holmes; **Poet/Killer:** Locksmith.

CASE NO 26 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE POSTHUMOUS CLIENT"

Mrs Prudence Northcross, model for Fletcher Exworthy's "The Naked Nymph", feared her husband's disinheritance if the scandalous work was exhibited publicly.

Her pleas fell on deaf ears. Exworthy regarded the painting as his masterpiece. Frantic, Prudence destroyed the work shortly before its public unveiling.

In a cold fury the artist joined the bon voyage party, putting deadly 'titanium white' paint in the bride's bedside glass of milk.

Killer: Fletcher Exworthy; **Weapon:** Paint in milk; **Motive:** Destroyed masterpiece.

CASE NO 27 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE SPINSTER'S WILL"

Learning that a vast diamond field had been discovered near the worthless gold mine Miss Pierpoint was to bequeath him, chemist Arthur Paisley substituted sleeping pills for the aspirin tablets kept at the bedside.

Killer: Arthur Paisley; **Weapon:** Sleeping Pills; **Motive:** Diamond mine.

CASE NO 28 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE FINANCIER'S FALL"

Sir Alan Benchly, desperate to avoid repayment of the funds lent by Harrison Hawksworth, prepared his speciality, chicken soup with leeks, adding yew leaves to the portion served to the financier.

After lecturing Brian O'Neill on the balcony for apparently encouraging his son Arthur in his wastrel ways with tales of his father's wealth, Hawksworth grew ill, seized by the effects of the poison. The financier leaned over the railing gasping for breath, collapsed and fell, breaking his neck on the ground below.

Killer: Sir Alan Benchly; **Weapon:** Yew Leaves; **Motive:** Avoid repayment of loan.

CASE NO 29 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE THIEF'S CIPHER"

The notorious Professor Moriarty learned from his associate in Dartmoor prison of Jonas Bailey's terminal illness and vowed to acquire the fabulous Teasdale diamonds for himself.

Notified of Bailey's attempt to communicate by letter with Merrill, Moriarty instructed carriage driver Newton Jennings to eliminate Merrill before he could discover the hiding place of the gems. Unfortunately for the actor his partner's warning never reached him.

Message: Beware Moriarty Jewels in Museum toilet.

CASE NO 30 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE GIANT RAT OF SUMATRA"

Saleem vowed vengeance when Christopher Mandeville's incompetence during a leopard hunt had led to the death of his father. During the voyage to England, the Sumatran starved the giant rat into a frenzied state and planned to turn the ravenous creature loose on Mandeville when the opportunity arose.

Saleem procured a sack of red pepper from the hotel and sprinkled the pungent cayenne onto the lion's meat during the feeding as a diversion for his ghastly plan that evening.

Knowing of Mandeville's romantic interest in Princess Hartika, Saleem told the former white hunter that the princess would meet him that night at the zoo. When Mandeville arrived, Saleem forced him into an unused cage and released the giant rat for its long, awaited bill of fare.

Killer: Saleem; **Motive:** Avenge father's death; **Weapon:** Giant rat.

CASE NO 31 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CAMBRIDGE NIGHT-CLIMBER"

"I believe I can forward a solution to this crime. Obviously it was no accident; Hearnshaw wore spectacles, yet none were found on his body. Would he really go climbing in the darkness so ill-prepared? And how would a death from a great height explain the water found in his lungs? No, he was killed elsewhere and the body placed at the foot of the tower to mislead investigation.

This is what I believe occurred. Hearnshaw punted to Grantchester the day he died and there he encountered Honeydew and Butterfield. They were in an ugly mood; they had been dropped from the cricket team again. Tempers flared, they were all hot headed and either Honeydew or Butterfield

picked up the punt paddle and struck Hearnshaw a mortal blow. Hearnshaw fell into the water, his spectacles sinking into the river mud. The two assailants pulled out the body and concealed the punt. They hailed a cab and because the body had a broken neck, pretended to be drunk. Luckily they got back to their rooms unobserved. There they dried off the body and removed the blazer. Who, after all, would go climbing in such a garment? One of them took it to the College bonfire to destroy it. Jackson saw him running off. In the early hours they carried the body out and re-arranged it beneath the tower. They were resourceful and quick witted, but not thorough enough. They made two fatal mistakes. Firstly they failed to retrieve the spectacles. Secondly, they destroyed the blazer instead of returning it to the deceased's room."

How he died: Struck on the neck with the punt-paddle. **Manner of death:** Murder; **Killers:** Honeydew and Butterfield.

CASE NO 32 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE CUNNING BANK CLERK"

Desperate for the additional income that promotion would bring, Templar decided to remove his most serious competitor by incriminating Winchester with the theft of the vital documents. Removing the documents from the Manager's office where he had seen them during his interview, he then switched desks with Winchester, transferring the name plates but mislaying one of the retaining screws in the process which forced him to substitute a different screw. He then contacted the Locksmith and had his desk (in reality it was Winchester's desk) opened. He was then able to place the stolen documents in the desk and lock it with the replacement key obtained from the Locksmith and finished the job off by switching both nameplates and desks back to their original positions. Ensuring that he had a witness, Templar was then able to await Winchester's return to work, confident that as soon as Winchester opened his desk and discovered the documents his arrest would be assured and thus neatly remove his main rival in the battle for promotion.

Thief: Stanley Templar; **How:** Locksmith opened drawer; **Why:** Discredit rival (for) promotion.

CASE NO 33 – SOLUTION TO "THE MYSTERY OF THE LASCAR'S KISS"

"The origins of this case lie in the deep past, Watson," stated Holmes. "Over twenty years ago General Huxley and General Dunster sat on a court martial to deal with a group of artillerymen who had displayed cowardice in the retreat from Kandish. One of these was Bombardier Sachs who had abandoned his guns and sought flight. He was found guilty and executed according to military custom. Sadly, he left a native wife and son destitute in a foreign land. The son grew up bitter and twisted. Revenge grew in his youthful heart; revenge brought to terrible fruition here, with the murder of General Dunster. The murderer is the tramp Saxon...notice how it is a play upon his real name "Sachs". Plummer chose as his weapon something traditional among the Thugs of India, those who strangled millions in their long reign of terror, namely a silk scarf. Perhaps now Saxon will find the peace of mind which has eluded him since childhood."
"But tell me Holmes, what is the significance of the one-rupee piece, besides telling us the murderer hailed from India?" I asked.

"Few victims will wait while you pass a light, silk scarf round their necks, Watson. The Thugs used the one rupee piece in the corner of the scarf to weigh it, that way the scarf can be flicked easily and quickly into position. On this occasion the coin slipped out, no doubt during Dunster's death throes."

Murderer: Saxon, the tramp, **Motive:** Revenge; **Murder Weapon:** Silk scarf.

CASE NO 34 – SOLUTION TO "THE MYSTERY OF THE MUMMY'S CURSE"

Newell and Richards, on their voyage home, had devised a scheme to blackmail de la Pole by threatening to inform Darold Gregory of the affair with his wife, Olivia. When approached by Rupert Richards in the hotel, de la Pole had lost his temper and thrown him out. Faced with this reaction,

Newell and Richards decided to inform Gregory as they had threatened and Newell sent a note to Gregory arranging to meet him in the Museum. This meeting took place early in the evening and ended with a disbelieving Gregory losing his temper and letting fly at Newell, who was left with no alternative but to drown his frustrations in a drinking bout with Richards at the pub.

In the meantime, de la Pole convinced himself and Olivia Gregory, that the only way to avoid exposure of their illicit love affair was to dispose of Gregory. Knowing that Gregory was to be working late at the Museum on Monday evening, the couple made hasty plans to dress de la Pole as the Mummy Khafu-Amin, in the belief that the sudden appearance of a Khafu-Amin brought back to life would either send Gregory over the edge into insanity or kill him.

The plan worked well. Taking the original mummy with him, de la Pole let himself out of the Museum with Gregory's key and was met by Olivia with a travelling trunk. The Mummy's final resting place was in the murky waters of the Docks.

Killer: John de la Pole; **Motive:** To prevent Darold Gregory putting an end to the love affair; **Method:** Impersonating the Mummy of Khafu-Amin.

CASE NO 35 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE PENURIOUS PAWNBROKER"

Over the years, Parsons had become increasingly smitten with devising a foolproof method of robbing his employers. His thoughts eventually matured into a scheme to "frame" an innocent customer, using an accomplice on the outside. Gaining a hold over Digweed, who possessed helpful skills, Parsons was able to select Sotheby as his victim. Being well aware of Sotheby's banking habits, Parsons supplied Digweed with the revolver and a cash bag taken from neighbouring clerk Leach. "Accidentally" bumping into Sotheby, Digweed placed the revolver and cash bag into Sotheby's carryall. Having allowed suitable time to elapse, Parsons then raised the alarm as if Sotheby had only just left the bank.

As Holmes remarked to Stanley Hopkins, if you assume Sotheby's story to be true, then both Parsons and Digweed must be lying; therefore they must be collaborating. Look for links between them, and you will find them – as soon as you find the links, they must be guilty and Sotheby innocent!

Thief: Parsons; **How:** Planted by Digweed; **Location:** Parsons' Digs.

CASE NO 36 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE SHATTERED TEMPLE"

"You have a habit Watson, of praising all I do, good or bad. This is one case for which I seek no credit. The culprit is one I am reluctant to accuse, for two reasons. Firstly I do not know if the 'crime' was an accident or deliberate. Secondly, the murderer is of tender years. I refer, of course, to Samuel Silverman. Samuel, as with all young men of his age, was emotional and temperamental. He hated his future brother-in-law intensely and knew his adored sister was being forced into marriage which drove her from the one she truly loved. We also have the incident of the kicked dog ... no man who kicks a dumb beast is completely trustworthy. It is this which led me to my conclusion; that and the fact that everyone else had an alibi. They can all be placed somewhere at 5.30pm. – all with the exception of Samuel. As to the weapon ... Digby said he heard a shot, yet we know a gun was not used. What can sound like a gun, create enough force to shatter a man's temple and leave him with dampened hair? Obviously the cork from the champagne bottle! Samuel lay in waiting for Peregrine to finish his game and pass his way, then vigorously shook up the bottle and aimed it with terrifying effect at his target. The bottle and cork were then returned to the marquee. Simple, yet deadly. But who can pursue such a crime? Not I, Watson. Let us return to Baker Street."

Murderer: Samuel Silverman; **Motive:** Youthful hatred; **Weapon:** Champagne cork, (Sham-pane Cork).

CASE NO 37 – SOLUTION TO "THE STRANGE AFFAIR OF THE MISSING MAJOR"

"A tragic affair, Watson. The Major was planning to close the Professor's menagerie and this was too much for the old man. The Professor was a man who was damaged by his experiences up the Amazon.

On his South American journeys Metherell brought back many species common to those lands. One of these was the deadly river fish, the piranha. They can strip the flesh from human bones in seconds, Watson. Metherell stocked his ornamental pond with piranha and, following his argument with Forsyth and acting on impulse I have no doubt, pushed the Major into the water, where he met a hideous death. Watching this was Pearson, on his yearly round. It is probable that Pearson tried to blackmail Metherell and ended up in the dangerous waters too. Fortunately for us they were not completely destroyed."

Murderer: Professor Metherell; **Motive:** To prevent zoo closure; **Method:** Eaten by piranha fish; (eton (by) Peer-anna fish); **Location:** Remains are in the furnace.

CASE NO 38 – SOLUTION TO "THE MYSTERY OF THE IMPOSSIBLE DEATH"

The author of the note found in the dead woman's hand was Joseph Ignatious Meyer. He had been approached by Edna Burridge, who in her gin sodden state, hoped that he would be able to devise a foolproof scheme of disposing of his sister, Agnes Childs, and thereby acquire her income. The plot however, has nothing at all to do with the death of Edna Burridge, who in her usual fashion had stuck her head out of the window to shout at children playing below. The sound of her voice had disturbed a group of children playing on the roof, who scrambling back from the edge of the building had dislodged a loose piece of coping stone which first hit Edna Burridge on the back of the head, then fell to the street below, breaking into small pieces and mixing with general rubbish and rubble already lying there. In the meantime, Edna Burridge whose centre of gravity was still within the room, had slid backwards to end up in her final position, face up with a wound on the back of the head in a room which she had locked herself from the inside.

Author: Joseph Meyer (Mare-Mayor); **Killer:** Neighbourhood children; **Weapon:** Loose Coping stone; **Motive:** Accident; **Axe-Sid-Dent(ures).**

CASE NO 39 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE BIZARRE MURDER"

Quickly following up the evidence afforded by the cigar butts, Holmes was able to establish a link between Bullock and the diamond theft in South Africa. His identification of the hair oil then led him literally hot on the scent of Bullock's ex partners in crime, to their lodgings above the newsagents.

Confronting the two partners in crime, Holmes was able to construct the events leading up to Bullock's death and identify Porter as the killer, by means of the hair oil which the man used. Faced with this denouement Porter broke down and gave a full account of what had happened. Having located Bullock in his rural retreat, Porter approached the Old Lodge only to be invited inside to "talk things over," with Bullock. Suddenly Bullock had seized the sword where it was displayed on the study wall and had made to kill Porter. In self-defence Porter had thrown the dagger, killing Bullock instantly. In frantic haste he had then ransacked the room trying to locate the stolen diamond. Then being interrupted in his search by Doctor O'Shaunessy approaching the building, he had fled. "Your story has a ring of truth to it," mused Holmes, "it would explain the apparently peaceful conversation which took place prior to the killing and certainly Bullock would have a greater motive to kill you than to kill him."

"But what about Bullock's missing eye?" interjected Watson.

"Bullock's eye, what about Bullock's eye?" said Porter blankly.

"Watson, I am a fool and you are a genius," exclaimed Holmes. "Who was the only other person we know who was in that room on his own before the Police arrived? Watson, you shall have your breath of country air yet!"

Killer: Peter Porter; **Whereabouts:** Over the newsagents; **Object of search:** Stolen diamond; **Its present location:** O'Shaunessy's pocket.

CASE NO 40 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE GLITTERING PRIZE"

Despite Holmes' remarks, it was not in fact a coincidence which had led cat burglar Jack Ashton to loiter in the courtyard below or Potts and his lad to sweep the chimneys on this occasion but the gossip circulated amongst the customers of the "Crow's Nest." On this occasion however all had been thwarted by West's closest neighbours – the jackdaws which were nesting in the oak tree.

Location of ruby: Bird's nest (in) oak tree; **Identity of thief:** Jackdaw (Jack-door); **Method:** Flew through window (flue, threw, wind, hoe).

CASE NO 41 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE AVENGED AUTHOR"

Unknown to all concerned, Nurse Owen had provided Tooley with the plot for his latest and most successful novel. Unacknowledged and indeed unpaid by Tooley, Nurse Owen's resentment turned to bitter hatred. Making sure she obtained the position to nurse Tooley by affecting admiration for the novelist, she was able, with Tooley's active encouragement, to keep him well supplied with gin. It was, therefore, with thanks on his lips that Tooley drank the poisoned gin. Gloating over her revenge Nurse Owen was surprised by the early arrival of Father O'Hanlon, and had no time but to empty the poisoned gin into the flower vase, and kick the empty bottle under the bed.

Found under bed: Empty gin bottle; **What else had died:** Pearl Tooley's flowers; **Killer:** Mia Owen (Miaow-wen); **Motive:** Not paid (for) Novel idea; **How Poisoned:** Doctored gin.

CASE NO 42 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE CAMPANOLOGIST'S LAST CLANGER"

Meadows and the Stubbs brothers had operated a drugs ring for years. Michael Stubbs obtained opium in China, and passed it to the Locksmith, whilst Meadows was ostensibly involved in maintaining the bells. The opium was stored in bulk in the belfry, and handed on by Meadows to the Tobacconist in small quantities as required. Michael Stubbs had grown increasingly dissatisfied with his share of the proceeds, whilst being well aware of the profits that Meadows was making in selling the opium to Jeremy, his brother. Feeling that Meadows was making the most money, and taking the least risk, the seaman angrily demanded greater payment when delivering the latest consignment. In receiving point-blank refusal, Stubbs seized the marlin spike and crushed Meadow's skull. Having removed the stored opium from its hiding place, Stubbs was able to leave Meadow's body under the bell, confident that the death would appear accidental. Stubbs then made his way to the Tobacconist's to dispose of the opium, secure in the knowledge that the outcome of the evening's events would work in the interests of both brothers.

Killer: Michael Stubbs; **Weapon:** Marlin Spike; **Motive:** Steal opium ("opiate").

CASE NO 43 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE BOOMERANG BOYS"

"I have enjoyed the deductive logic required in this case," remarked Holmes, "which had led me to find the few pieces of tangible evidence available in this case. The chances of Lincoln being killed in the manner described by the Hibberts is so remote that I firstly considered the alternatives. The obvious choice is the Aboriginal servant. If a throw from him had killed Lincoln however, there would be no reason for him to disappear; the story as related by the brothers would exonerate him. My reconstruction of the events is therefore as follows."

"The brothers had planned to kill Lincoln in the belief that his fortune would devolve to their mother, and thereafter to themselves. Suggesting that the three of them only visited the Park at such an early hour would ensure no witnesses. This would explain the illogicality of leaving behind the most expert boomerang thrower, the Aboriginal, when it would be surely natural to use him for instruction purposes."

"Whilst Gerald held Lincoln's attention, Thomas delivered the coup de grace to the back of the neck, using the boomerang as the classical "blunt instrument" and not as a throwing weapon."

"Unfortunately, this scene was witnessed by the servant, whose native instinct had led him to follow the party at a distance. Arriving too late on the scene to prevent his master's demise, the unfortunate fellow was dispatched in like manner. Two bodies however, could not so easily be explained, and so

disposal of the Aboriginal's body was required. His disappearance would also cause the police to disperse their resources attempting to locate his whereabouts rather than concentrating their attention on the Hibberts themselves.

"Then where is this body?" asked Lestrade tetchily.

"I believe it will be found in a shallow grave in the undergrowth surrounding the open area where the murder took place," replied Holmes. "There would be no time for the brothers to make a more satisfactory disposal of the body. This would account for the traces of dried earth on the uppers of both Hibberts shoes, and also the dulling and scratch marks on the blades of the boomerangs, which were undoubtedly pressed into service as rudimentary digging tools."

"Magnificent Holmes," applauded Watson.

"Elementary," corrected Holmes.

Who: Thomas Hilbert; **How:** By a boomerang held in Thomas' hand; **Why:** To gain Lincoln's fortune; **Whereabouts of servant:** Buried in park.

CASE NO 44 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE DISTRACTED POLICE COMMISSIONER"

Working completely alone and only able to work with the barest of facts which he could discover without arousing suspicion, Holmes was able to uncover Moriarty's plot to infiltrate London's police force from the very top with one of his own ungodly band.

Deducing from the position of Miss Sharp's body when it was found and the nature of the blow to the head, that the killer had gained legitimate access to her premises, Holmes established in his own mind that the killer must have been well known to Miss Sharp. Given the weight of the blow which killed Miss Sharp, Holmes was able to rule out the small circle of female acquaintances from his list of suspects.

This left Sir Percival himself. Observing the possible link through his club with Moriarty, Holmes took particular note of Sir Percival's changed appearance and behaviour. The suspicion that Moriarty had replaced the unfortunate police commissioner with one of his own disciples was finally confirmed by Sir Percival's obvious discomfort in a well-worn pair of shoes. His solution that "Sir Percival" should be retired from the police force was readily accepted by the Prime Minister and Home Secretary – thus neatly removing Moriarty's puppet from any position of power and influence, without any hint of scandal.

Killer: Pseudo (P.S. – ye-do) Sir Percival; **Motive:** Conceal true identity (of) Grace; **Advice:** Retire Grace-fully.

CASE NO 45 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CHINESE VASE"

"A simple case Watson, someone at the vase makers in Shanghai was using the vases to smuggle pearls into this country. The pearls were moulded into the vases and sent to England where the valuable ones were bought by the London contact. On this occasion the scheme went wrong. The vase was sent with nine others. All of them had been reserved with Mr Cuzner and the London contact found it impossible to buy it in the normal way. The ringleader, Fu Chan, received a coded telegram which said 'The ninth is the one, Shanghai'. He had Agatha kidnapped. He hid her in an opium den in Limehouse where she would, if the evil Chinaman did not get his spoils, be turned into a mindless drug addict. The code was simple to break. Each letter in the message is represented by the letter which follows it in the alphabet."

Location: In a Limehouse opium den; **Which vase:** Au 9; **Why:** Contains smuggled pearls **Villain:** Fu Chan.

CASE NO 46 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE FLYING SCOTSMAN"

"A diverting affair, don't you think? We were lucky to find the tobacco ash on the balcony which tied Charles Barnes to that place. We also have the argument which occurred after Robson heard that Barnes had been playing cards the previous evening. Why should this provoke such anger; the two often played baccarat themselves? It struck me that perhaps something was amiss. Then I learnt that Robson rarely won when Barnes played. This, plus Miss Hitchcock's verdict on Barnes, planted a seed in my mind. What if Robson caught Barnes cheating at cards? He could reveal him to the world as a cad, or he could take a more gentlemanly course. He could get the cheat to sign a piece of paper to the effect that he admitted his guilt and would never again participate in a game of cards. Only then would the secret be kept".

"The fragment of torn paper we found on the terrace was interesting. We had the letters 'RNES'. Surely this was the end of Barnes' signature. Beneath this were three numbers '896'. No problem; it is the end of the date on the back of the document. We have then a hypothesis. Barnes agreed to stop playing cards. He then broke his promise. Robson confronted him in the garden and threatened to have the document published. The Scot went upstairs to think things through. Barnes followed. I can see Robson waving the paper under his nose. It was an act of impulse to grab at it and push the owner away. Robson toppled into space, but the corner of the paper remained in his fingers until he hit the ground, where it was released and ignored. Barnes went downstairs and casually accepted a cigar, lighting it with his 'confession' before tossing it into the flames.

There we have it Watson, the truth I have no doubt, but it wouldn't stand up in court. I can only predict that somewhere and somehow a bounder of Barnes' quality will receive his just desserts."

Attacker: Charles Barnes; **Motive:** To regain an incriminating document.

CASE NO 47 – SOLUTION TO "THE CURSE OF COOKFOLD MANOR"

"There will be little need to delay our holiday further, Watson. This was a simple case of a man driven to despair by the prospects of being thrown out penniless in the twilight of his years. The Squire had announced his intention of sacking Mrs Rowles and Barrett. Barrett was old and had served his master well for half a lifetime. He also knew by the terms of the Squire's will, that all the servants would receive a bequest which would keep him comfortable in old age. Barrett decided on murder. He sent a threatening letter which was supposed to make Viney panic. It did, but Viney locked himself away, where it was even harder to reach him to make the fatal blow. Barrett had had occasion to use poison. During his army years Barrett had some medical training. He selected Ricin as his poison".

"It is here that he showed true cunning. Barrett knew that the Squire was unlikely to think twice about the checked before being consumed. Barrett knew that the Squire was unlikely to think twice about the eggs which formed part of his daily breakfast. Who after all can tamper with an egg when it is encased in a shell? He injected tiny amounts of the poison into the yolks of the eggs. He had to be careful. There was one mistake; the egg broke which explains why there were only three in the room. So, picture the scene, Squire Viney opens his door and takes inside the poisoned eggs. He eats them heartily and is soon dead".

"But how can Barrett be sure his scheme has succeeded? The Squire doesn't leave his rooms at any time. Simple, Barrett goes up and tries to rouse him; when there is no response the butler knew the recluse is dead and that the police can be called. But he had not counted on our arrival. He planted his own medicine bag from his army days in Miss Parish's room, after scraping off his initials".

Killer: Barrett the Butler; **Motive:** To secure money from Viney's will; **Method:** Injecting Ricin into Viney's eggs.

CASE NO 48 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE BROOKMERE HORSEMAN"

"It is as I said, Watson. The explanation of this mystery takes no notice of ghosts, ghouls or mounted demons. The truth is down to earth. Our Curate saw a strange sight that is obvious. Yet, the

graveyard wall is not very high. If the thief were mounted on a steed surely the animal would have been visible? How then can we explain the movement of the criminal which the eye witness described? It is plain the man was using a mechanical aid to achieve this motion. You will recall the strange tracks left on the ground. It did not tax my mind to realise these were made by a pneumatic tyre of the kind found on a bicycle. Such a machine would be silent and provide the speed necessary to take the thief rapidly out of sight round the twisting lanes. So we have the method of escape. Who is our demon?" "It would seem logical that the bicycle owner would need somewhere to conceal the machine. What better than a caravan? Its owner can travel the countryside and use it when an opportunity presented itself. During his robberies the caravan could be locked. One thing gave the thief away. On Matthew Barley's right trouser hem were grease marks, of the type resulting when cloth comes into contact with a bicycle chain. A simple observation Watson, with which to catch a thief."

Method: Bicycle; Thief: Matthew Barley.

CASE NO 49 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE CHARRED SHIKARI"

"When one is as formidable a character as Ripley Strong, it is hard to admit to suffering the fears and emotions of mortal men, Watson. In Strong's case, he was world famous, he had won world renown on three continents, yet he saw looming before him the life of bankruptcy. His fiancée, the much younger Shelagh, was determined to end their liaison, in favour of Charles Faribairn. Strong's way of life was coming to an end. Thus it was that he determined on suicide ... the only honourable way out of his crisis".

"In the dead of night Strong crept down to the stable, lighting his way with a spirit lamp. This he rested on the floor of the building. Inside he slipped off one shoe and sock. When the barrel of the rifle was in his mouth, Ripley Strong pulled the trigger with his toe. Either the flailing body or the falling weapon knocked the lamp and in seconds the building was a blazing hell. A tragic end Watson, for one such as he. Yet in some sense a fitting tribute to a life and career which burned so fiercely. As for our other suspects, Sarbase had been practising during the night, but could only be heard by Hugo Marshall, if Marshall had been on the ground floor. Marshall had visited one of the servants in pursuit of his amorous designs. From the room used by the chambermaid Marshall could have heard the piano."

"But what was the significance of the open inkwell?" I asked, sure that Holmes could not explain that clue.

"Simply this. Strong penned a suicide note and left this on the floor of the barn, to be found beside his corpse. The note was destroyed in the unexpected blaze."

What happened: Committed suicide; Who pulled trigger: Strong; Why: Accused of cowardice, lost income, fiancée leaving him.

CASE NO 50 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE GONG FROM NATAL"

"I fear we must handle this affair with some delicacy, Watson. Ten years ago the young Lady Wrightlea, then Juliet Vass, fell in love with a dashing army officer, just beginning his career. A ring was given, suitably engraved, but they were parted by war. He was sent to India, she met and married Lord Wrightlea. Yesterday was the first time they had met since. Lord Wrightlea, not knowing of the affair, had invited the Major because of his current celebrity. Late last night, the party broke up and guests went to bed. Lady Wrightlea and the Major did not. They arranged to meet in the shrubbery by the drawing room. Their conversation was heard by Miss Williams, Jevons saw them too, but fearing for the effect such a revelation would have been upon his employer, kept his mouth shut. There in the moonlit garden the beloved ring was returned as a sign of renewed affection. Major Allen was due to depart from her life forever and one can understand her distress.

So, the ring was never on the jewellery box lid. Lord Wrightlea was asleep when his wife finally went to bed. He assumed she had followed her habit and had left it in plain sight. In the morning she even tried to persuade him not to bring in the police over the ring's disappearance."

"Amazing, Holmes, but I still find it hard to discount the two men working together, one with a billiard cue. Where for example is the ring now?"

"It is my educated guess, that the ring is hidden on Major Allen's person. You will observe that his medal ribbon, that impressive array of honours reflecting an active career, is crooked. Would a soldier be guilty of such sloppiness? In the darkness Lady Wrightlea slipped the ring inside Allen's tunic and secured it there by passing the pin of his medal through it. In the gloom she was unable to return the ribbon to its precise location."

"Brilliant ... but I trust you will not divulge your conclusions?"

"I believe my reputation as a great detective can take one more blow, eh Watson? Let us admit our failure to Lord Wrightlea and return to Baker Street and Mrs Hudson's superb hospitality."

Who has the ring: Major Digory Allen; **Where it is:** Secured to the Major's tunic by the pin on his medal ribbon.

CASE NO 51 – SOLUTION TO THE "THE CASE OF THE LOST WINNER"

"The evidence of the typewritten note made it clear that a person or persons within the school were responsible for this plot. When I discover fresh earth on the boots of a boy who has been in bed for two days, the whole episode rapidly takes shape as a school boy prank. Aware the school would be empty for the occasion, Hanson was able to rise from his bed, type the ransom note, and fix it to the abandoned shepherd's hut near the crossroads on Windy Ridge, keeping out of sight of all except the gypsies, who unfortunately for him, had chosen that morning to break camp."

"As for the ransom money, if delivered Lechlade would walk into school tomorrow £100 richer, having been 'released' by his captors; if not forthcoming he would no doubt arrive to tell how he escaped from his kidnapers. In either event, he would gain much sympathy and no little glory."

"In the circumstances, Doctor Alchinge, I suggest that a lonely cold night on Windy Ridge will do Lechlade more good than harm, whilst a further two days in bed on a diet of cod liver oil should cure Hanson of food poisoning for the rest of his school days. I trust that the school is suitably impressed with your powers of detection when you reveal the outcome of today's events."

Location: Shepherd's hut; **What happened:** Lechlade and Hanson faked kidnap; **Motive:** Practical joke.

CASE NO 52 – SOLUTION TO "THE MYSTERY OF THE WHISPERED SCHEME"

"Really, Watson some of my cases are taxing enough without you adding to the hardship! I am glad we have time to reach Northumberland Hotel and intercept the kidnap you heard arranged by Ian MacGregor. In the Turkish Baths you overheard him and Captain Baldwin discussing the plot to regain control of his infant son who had been brought to London by his mother, to escape the clutches of a man she no longer loved. Unfortunately you misheard one important part of the conversation.

MacGregor actually asked, 'Will the laddie be alone?' He was waiting for the sign that his wife would be absent so he and Baldwin, the inside man watching the hotel, could move in and snatch back his child. Again we have an awkward moral question to trouble us. Do we stop the father regaining his only son and heir, or do we side with him against the mother?"

"I think it right and proper to prevent an act of kidnap. British Justice will reach the right decision."
"You are right, Watson, thank you."

Crime: Watson overheard the kidnap of Ian MacGregor's son being planned; **Criminals:** Ian MacGregor and Captain Graham Baldwin; **Motive:** To recover the boy from MacGregor's wife.

CASE NO 53 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE FIRST CLASS MURDER"

"This has been a first class case in every sense. It bears the stamp of the classic crime – apparently motiveless, carried out anonymously, with the minimum of disturbance to normal routine. For this last reason I believed from the first that the murder had been carefully planned. We investigated Sir Jasper's companions thoroughly, and found no obvious culprit. The crime must therefore be committed by an outsider, whose arrival would cause no ripple in the calm of our compartment; a

ticket inspector! Here will be a man who has had time to decide his course of action and choose this time to perfection. He must be a man with a motive, a man whose path had crossed Sir Jasper's. He must be a man of iron will and determination. Examine the records of London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company and you will find only one man who qualifies – Victor Edwards."

How: Karate blow delivered as train entered the tunnel; **Who:** Edward Vincent alias Victor Edwards; **Why:** Unjustly relieved of command by Sir Jasper.

CASE NO 54 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE MISSING SPUR"

"A simple case," Holmes remarked airily, as we settled into our seats at the Crystal Palace ground, as guests of the Tottenham directors. "An analysis of the character and probable mental state of young Swords, backed with evidence afforded by the state of his hotel bedroom, led me to discount the probability of his being involved in an underhand betting plot. He simply walked out of the Hotel when all were asleep and took a carriage to his mother's house."

"It only goes to show," said Holmes, warming to his theme; "The unhealthy pressures that are imposed by the demands of this modern professional approach to games. Sport is recreation, work is work. The two should not, and will not mix."

"No doubt you are right, as usual." I replied, highly content with the outcome of the day's events, and our presence at what proved to be a historic sporting occasion.

Location of missing player: 40 Scabbard St.; **Reason for disappearance:** unable to face pressure (A crowd of 110,000 saw Spurs and Sheffield draw 2-2; Spurs won the replay at Bolton 3-1, the first time a London Club had won the F.A. Cup).

CASE NO 55 – SOLUTION TO "THE MYSTERIOUS MURDER OF THE SHADWELL SHYLOCK"

"This case was surprisingly simple, Watson. We were looking for a tall man with a good motive for murder. Perhaps the identity of the culprit is initially surprising but it all fits into a sorry tale. Samuel Winter was calling in the mortgage payment on the Atlas Gymnasium and threatening foreclosure if William Brownlow did not pay up. 'Batting Bill', as the constable was known, possessed a violent temper and Winter was ill advised to cross his path a final time. Brownlow knew if Winter died it would take months, even years, to sort out the legal tangle of Shylock's finances. Brownlow could thus postpone financial ruin."

"What gave you the final pieces, Holmes?"

"Brownlow referred to the newspaper carried by Winter. Yet the newspaper was acquired *after* the deceased's visit to Lime Grove Police Station. From this I deduced that the policeman trailed Winter on his round. He was seen, incidentally, by the Tobacconist, who did not realise the significance of this observation. At a lonely spot at the Docks, Brownlow struck Winter and battered in his skill with a weapon common to his trade ... a policeman's truncheon."

Murderer: William Brownlow; **Weapon:** Truncheon; **Motive:** To prevent financial ruin.

CASE NO 56 – SOLUTION TO "THE MYSTERY OF THE MORTAL WOUND"

"The great Enervo had two professions. He was an accomplished escapologist but in dead of night was willing to put his athletic talents to other uses. He was responsible for stealing the Burgomeisters Snowdrop. Enervo double crossed the man who hired him for this deed. In revenge, Colonel Sebastian Moran, a crack shot and with no human emotion, was employed to kill Enervo. Moran chose the day of Enervo's display at Tower Bridge. The killer stationed himself on one of the numerous boats and barges present. He shot the escapologist with a flightless bolt from a high powered crossbow. The flightless bolt passed through the body and fell into the Thames. Such a wound would be small and this, combined with the extreme cold, meant little blood spurted out. The onlookers merely saw Enervo convulse, fall to free his hands and drop into the water. Moran then dropped the crossbow over the side and melted into the crowd confident that the body, weighted with chains, would never be found. A clever and expertly executed crime."

Killer: Colonel Sebastian Moran; **Weapon:** Crossbow; **Motive:** Revenge killing for double crossing his employer in crime.

CASE NO 57 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE WEASEL'S PAW"

"It has been an interesting two days, Watson. It is plain we have been slightly wrong over our assumptions concerning the death of Enervo. He did indeed steal the Snowdrop, but that was not the main reason for his burglary of Ewan Hull's house. Enervo was supposed to steal Hull's plans for an improved machine gun, but Enervo also saw the pearl in the safe and couldn't resist taking it. The Government suppressed any news of the loss of the plans. Enervo was hired by Professor Moriarty, who planned to sell the plans to Siegfried Busch, a spy for the German Government, for a considerable sum of money. Enervo double-crossed Moriarty and concealed the plans and the pearl. Moriarty had Enervo murdered and also Willie, who knew more than was good for him. As for the location of the stolen goods, Enervo hid them in the tool box of the barge he used. A success for our methods Watson, but in many ways a failure. We can recover the stolen goods, but Moriarty and Moran are still free to plague us."

Identity: Professor Moriarty; **Reason:** Given Moriarty's involvement, Holmes reasoned that there would be more at stake than just the jewel theft – the machine gun plans. **Location:** Barge tool box.

CASE NO 58 – SOLUTION TO "THE THEFT OF THE IRINA PENDANT"

"Many crimes are successful because they are simple, Watson. In this case, through careful observation and correct interpretation of evidence, we have solved a mystery. It is obvious that the thief is Leopold Kottski. Yet the method of the crime is note-worthy. Kottski arrived at the ball dressed as Nelson, and pinned a white dahlia to his uniform. Then at about 11.30 he slipped upstairs and pulled on a cassock, a red rose and a Friar Tuck mask. He was ready to make his attempt. He secured a dance with Lady Ireland, steered her towards the staircase, grabbed the pendant and raced upstairs. He locked the door, pulled off the Friar Tuck costume, and handed it together with the pendant to the circus stuntman standing outside the window. You recall the curious set of footprints; the heel marks were deeper because the full weight of the man rested on the stilt legs. In their mutual haste, the mask fell unnoticed to the ground outside, whilst the rose, on which Kottski cut his finger, finished on the bedroom floor. This operation complete, Kottski re-locked the window. Either then, or as he straightened his Nelson tunic, a dahlia petal was dislodged. He then stood behind the door and as it was broken open he was hidden from view, ready to appear at the back of the throng. Remember, they were looking for Friar Tuck, not Lord Nelson.

Three things revealed his identity; it was easy for him to acquire the services of a stiltman. Secondly he eagerly used the handkerchief to assist Sir Benton's cut. Why? To cover up the fact he used it already when he scratched his finger on the rose. Blood looks the same to the casual observer. Thirdly, as an accomplished acrobat he possessed the speed and agility necessary for the execution of his plan."

Theft: Leopold Kottski; **Method:** Gave the pendant to stiltman outside the window; **How avoided capture:** Discarded costume, hid behind door and joined search party as they broke in.

CASE NO 59 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE BRINDLED CAT"

"Few things chill the heart Watson, as much as cold calculated murder. The blow struck in red hot passion or anger is almost understandable, but one which is the result of careful planning leaves me despairing of humankind. Let us take the case of Miss Catlin. She inherits various enterprises, two of which, the Hotel and Theatre, have fallen on hard times. How can this be, she asks? The Theatre is playing to packed houses yet is losing money. Obviously money is being embezzled. She is aware of who is guilty; it can only be Felix Marker. Upon learning of Miss Catlin's abnormal fear of cats he plans

to kill her before she can expose him as a criminal. His plan was straight forward. He placed a brindled cat in a box labelled "Stage Model" to avoid suspicion and carried it to Miss Catlin's house. During conversation he placed it upon her lap. The old woman literally died of fright. The cat was replaced in the box and Marker left, failing to notice the tell-tale hairs on the dead woman's clothes. Miss Chambers will no doubt be gratified to learn that her suspicions were justified."

Murderer: Felix Marker; **Motive:** To avoid being exposed as an embezzler; **Method:** A cat used to frighten his victim to death.

CASE NO 60 – SOLUTION TO "THE ADVENTURE OF THE DISAPPEARING TABLET"

Bunker, having finished translating the tablet, is now ready to believe that the spate of misfortunes which have affected himself and his household are not to be taken lightly. His trip to the Museum was in reality, to re-open negotiations to dispose of the tablet; this in order to both rid himself of the tablet and recoup some of his financial losses. His dismay therefore on discovering the absence of the tablet from his safe is genuine, as with it has disappeared his chance of raising any money. Unaware of the rapid decline in her husband's financial resources, Victoria Bunker has been convinced (with little difficulty) by the servants that the tablet must be disposed of. Using her duplicate keys and the services of the footman and valet, they threw the tablet down the well, this being the real cause of the valet's dislocated shoulder.

Motive: Remove cause of household misfortunes; **How safe opened:** Victoria Bunker's safe key; **Thief's identity:** Footman and valet (Al Sharif); **Location of tablet:** At bottom (of) well.

CASE NO 61 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE DIOGENES HEAD"

"This affair ran counter to our usual cases, Watson. On the surface it seemed complex, yet in reality was straight forward and relatively simple for my minor talents to solve. Lord Todd wished to run away and disappear in the company of his new love, Dulcie Edwards."

"Todd could not hope that his wife, being a Catholic, would grant him a divorce. Besides, his wife possessed more money than he. No, it would be better to vanish. He fired his old servant and took on a man who was a similar build to himself. Obviously their faces differed drastically. So for the plan to work something had to be done with the head. The plan performed here last night took a blood curdling turn. Todd struck the unsuspecting Albert with the golf club, knocking him out cold. The body was then dressed in Todd's clothing and tied to the bed frame. The head was removed, and Todd cleaned the gore from his face and hands. He placed the head in the small case which the porter had commented upon, changed into Albert's clothes, and in the small hours of the morning used the dumb waiter in the room to drop down to the ground floor from where he made his escape undetected by the staff of the Diogenes Club."

"Both he and his actress now imagine themselves safely on route to the continent with Albert's head no doubt at the bottom of the channel."

"What aroused your suspicions?" asked Lestrade.

"Aside from the ill-fitting jacket and the sheer ridiculousness of removing the head in the first place ... it was the small stain of boot polish on the body's fingers. A man of Lord Todd's breeding would never have polished his own shoes. That is a task done by a menial, a servant such as the unfortunate Albert ..."

Murderer: Lord Todd; **Motive:** To cover his disappearance; **Location of Murderer:** En route to France, or already there!; **Location of head:** In small case, on sea-bed?

CASE NO 62 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE MELANCHOLY DANE"

"Encountering an original criminal mind is like bathing in an Alpine lake --- refreshing! Such is with this case, Watson. It is most encouraging to find someone who is willing to think beyond the usual and create a crime worthy of my skills, even if the human price paid is so great. Our murderer thought of a

way to remove most of the evidence of his involvement in the affair. After all, when a poisoning occurs there has, surely, to be traces of it in the vicinity. Not so, apparently. At the refreshment period, Sir Richard went to his dressing-room to answer an urgent letter from the director of the orphanage he funded. Snodgrass had sent a request for more money and included a stamped, addressed envelope with it. It is my firm belief that the gum on this envelope had been treated with poison. Sir Richard licked the envelope, closed it, and summoned his dresser, who removed the evidence for posting. Sir Richard went back on stage, but the unpleasant taste in his mouth prompted him to take a drink. Within minutes of sealing the letter he was dead.

We need to look afar for motive. Snodgrass was the director of a non-existent orphanage. He was receiving regular sums of money from Sir Richard who no doubt believed he was helping needy orphans. Somehow, the scheme worked so well that Sir Richard made arrangements to leave his wealth to the development of more such places. Snodgrass was to be the controller of the bequest. He decided to hasten Sir Richard's departure by killing him before the actor could change his will. I have no doubt that an investigation of Coleridge Hall will furnish evidence of the poison used."

Poisoner: Reginald Snodgrass; **Motive:** To gain control of Sir Richard's wealth; **Method:** Poisoned gum on a stamped-addressed envelope.

CASE NO 63 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE RHYME OF DEATH"

"A singular case, Watson. We had trailed across half of London in pursuit of 'the Web', trying to unravel a deepening mystery, when it became apparent ... we were meant to be confused. What occurred is really very simple. Dabney became infatuated with Frances who lived next door. He pursued his courtship which was doomed, for Frances was soon to marry John Wakeling. It is my belief that Dabney attacked Frances in his flat and she told her fiancée, who returned to deal with the lodger. In the course of the argument Wakeling stabbed Dabney. Mr Heasman was summoned and he used his wits to develop a plan which would give the two young people a chance to escape.

Heasman read Dabney's notebook, learned he was an agent of the Crown and decided to turn this to his advantage. Firstly, he mutilated the body and adorned it with cord from his shop. Secondly, he arranged the dead mice to lay a false trail and make the police think it was a ritual killing. Thirdly, he took the notebook, wrote in a reference to the nursery rhyme, deposited it at the bank and handed the key and clock from his living room into the pawnbroker. He chose one far away so he wouldn't be recognised. Fourthly he married his daughter to Wakeling and packed them off on the steamer to Australia."

"Now, to ensure their escape Heasman had to keep the body hidden for three months till the boat reached its destination. Should the truth be discovered sooner, a telegram message via the undersea cable would ensure detectives waiting on the Melbourne dock. Obviously Heasman had to create the impression Dabney was still alive so he posted off the rent once a month and occasionally changed his own newspaper deliveries. All to make others think Dabney was alive and kicking. Yet, what good can come of our findings? The two lovers should now be safely absorbed into the vast continent of Australia and one might understand, if not fully support, Heasman's motives. Perhaps it is best if we leave Lestrade happy in his belief that 'The Web' has been at work."

Killer: John Wakeling; **Motive:** Dabney had attacked Frances Heasman; **The Truth:** Heasman was attempting to cover up the crime by laying a false trail.

CASE NO 64 – SOLUTION OF "THE CASE OF THE STRANGLER LAWYER"

"You mean to tell me," said Inspector Gregson incredulously, "That you believe Nerose murdered Grassington simply because his dinner jacket was buttoned up?"

"Not merely, Mr Gregson, not merely," Holmes corrected. "Think for yourself, the buttoned jacket was the one odd fact in this case and one that immediately drew my attention. It by no means proved Nerose's guilt but it did set us on the right track and enable you to find the conclusive piece of

evidence; the cumbersome with which he strangled Grassington. It is identifiable as belonging to Nerose and should give you a powerful enough case to secure a conviction."
"Excuse me Holmes," I interjected. "But would you please explain why you likened the case to a chess problem? It quite convinced me that Staunton was our man."
"Really, Watson, if you are to become helpful in such matters, you must avoid leaping to conclusions at the first opportunity. I merely intended to imply that the case was not a puzzle but more akin to a chess problem where one's object is to slowly tighten a net around one's adversary until victory is achieved." Gregson and I looked at each other helplessly as Holmes completed his lecture. "In conclusion therefore gentleman, (a) the killer was Nerose; (b) Grassington was strangled by Nerose using his own cumbersome; and (c) To prevent any further acts of blackmail."
"Why was he being blackmailed?" asked Gregson. "We know he was very short of money," replied Holmes testily. "And surely it would not be too much to expect you to make some contribution towards your own success in this case?"

CASE NO 65 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE BODY IN QUESTION"

"Well, Mr Hopkins, at least we can agree between us the identity of the red headed man in the mortuary," began Holmes. Stanley Hopkins raised his eyebrows and consulted his notebook. "John Kirby of the steamer 'Columbine' he read. "Indeed so," affirmed Holmes. "I am glad to see Watson, that you and I are not the only ones who can surmise that there is no reason at all why a man with a large ginger beard should not turn into a corpse without one! Removing a real beard is just as good a disguise as donning a false one. I think this indicates that our killer is a careful and methodical man. Not only has he bothered to shave off the dead man's beard, but he has also taken the unusual step of placing the body in a mortuary. Someone was really trying to ensure that no body would be discovered and of course if there is no body, there is no crime".
"Who best to smuggle such a body into a mortuary than the person in charge. Remember in Corrigan's own words, he would not have expected the other assistants to notice the discrepancy and Corrigan himself was not expected back to work so soon. But if Slack were implicated then so was Addleton who had quite clearly overlooked an obvious cause of death, which my good friend Watson here had no difficulty in commenting upon. Why should the two men collaborate? A simple and immediate answer is to hand. The distressing death of the young Victoria Addleton, who had taken her own life. It is clear that Addleton at least believed Kirby was responsible for his daughter's death and took his revenge swiftly, by means of a lethal injection of heroin. Whether the disposal of the body was pre-arranged or Slack suggested it after the event, we may never know. The facts, however remain clear, but only thanks to the simple arithmetic of a mortuary attendant. It is a sobering thought that the scales of justice may be tipped in the right direction by such a small consideration."

Killer: Richard Addleton; **Motive:** Revenge for daughter's death; **Method:** Injection of Heroin.

CASE NO 66 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE DRAGON FROM HELL" PART I

"A simple case once you assume that your three murders were indeed linked. We were looking for a person bearing a grudge against a judge, a prison governor and a married woman, and who has the ability to harness the strange creature known as the Gila monster.
Given that Mr Barton's recollection of names is unlikely to be entirely accurate, I could not determine which of your suspects we were dealing with, until verification arrived from two separate sources. Fitzroy is, of course, *Norman French* for King's son and this name stood out on the passenger list of the only vessel to have docked from Mexico. Furthermore, the man was clearly accustomed to handling animals as confirmed by the landlord of the Boar's Head.
Our quarry therefore, is Naughton Fitzroy but what after all these years had led him to embark upon this terrible course of revenge, and how have the murders been achieved? I am sure that his return has been planned over many years and that the strange way in which his revenge has been taken signifies the extent to which an intelligent mind has been warped.
As to his method, I am convinced that the Gila monster has been responsible for all three deaths. Introduced in the case of George Bellairs through the narrow opening which the window afforded and

no doubt restrained by lead, the creature went straight for the unsuspecting victim whose death followed. In the case of Mrs Barton, the introduction of the reptile to the theatre box was again achieved swiftly and silently."

"And Sir Percival?" enquired Lestrade. "No traces of poison in his body, Mr Holmes."

"He died from shock. I am sure that the creature was introduced to the cab prior to Sir Percival's entrance, as it would be easy for Fitzroy to establish his routine. The creature would remain dormant in the darkness and only the motion of the carriage and the faint light from gas mantles along the way would cause it to be aroused. Can you imagine the effect that its presence would have on an old man? We know what it did to the cab driver, a man of clear conscience and robust health!"

"So there we have it Lestrade, but advise your men to tread cautiously, for this man and his beast have a formidable capacity for the destruction of human life!"

What: The Mexican venomous lizard or Gila monster; **Link:** The three murders are linked by the hatred nursed by; **Who:** Naughton Fitzroy.

CASE NO 67 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE DRAGON FROM HELL" PART II

"Well Lestrade, the end result has been as I feared. It is possible to follow but difficult to anticipate the movements of a man whose mental processes have become as erratic as Fitzroy's have. However, this case may teach me not to rest when the immediate objective has been achieved but to follow through to the final conclusion."

"What put you onto Duffy as the next victim?" asked Lestrade.

"It was clear that Fitzroy was bent on destroying those people against who he felt a personal sense of injustice. The man was obviously driven by a powerful motive. What more powerful motive than the fact that he was truly innocent? Accept this fact and then ask which person would have the most to gain from the twin acts of burning down a joint property (which was quite reasonably insured) whilst ensuring that Fitzroy paid for the crime? Both Barton and Fatt were indeed potential targets but with time at a premium, I had to presume that Duffy would be victim."

"But why overweight? And what about the method he would use?"

"How could anybody go through life with the name Pelham Duffy and avoid being known popularly as Plum Duff? As for the method, poison was clearly the intended choice for all his victims. With the Gila monster dead, it was logical to assume that a snake of some sort, and a rattle snake in all probability, would be employed. Hence my alertness when we entered Duffy's room."

"Yes, glad to have you with me, Mr Holmes. And now if you will excuse me, I must leave to make my report."

A wry smile played around Holmes' lips as the policeman disappeared. Would any record of his own activities appear in that report!?

Victim: The next victim was Pelham Duffy, Fitzroy's ex-partner; **Method:** Poisoned by rattle snake, **Location for the murder:** In his own rooms; **When Fitzroy intends to strike:** The same day.

CASE NO 68 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE MANOR HOUSE AFFAIR"

"This leaves a nasty taste in the mouth, Watson, and I am glad to be done with it. The sudden appearance of the girl, the strained relationships between Darnley Adams and his wife, the regular payments, all lead me to conclude that the girl has some sort of hold over Adams. The old photograph, the faded signature and the facial resemblance which you pointed out Watson, leave me without doubt that Adams and Alice Jones were father and daughter, the result of an injudicious relationship formed in Adam's young days.

I do not doubt that he supported both mother and daughter but when her mother died, Alice Jones was determined to make some capital out of her father's guilty secret. A personal situation in her father's own household indeed put her into a powerful situation. Yet her very presence and continuing demands proved too much for the man. Last night proved the final straw. After Riley went to bed, Alice accosted Adams in his study, no doubt to demand more money. Adams lost his temper and as she lay there he added cold calculation to his act of blind fury. He tore down the curtain cord

and finished the girl off. A hurried attempt to suggest a burglary was hardly worth the effort, although perhaps Adams was unlucky to have Justice Riley suggest that use be made of my services".
"Let us leave Watson, as soon as we have told Lestrade."

How: The victim was struck by a chess piece and then strangled; **Who:** The killer was Darnley Adams and **Why:** Alice Jones was his illegitimate daughter and was blackmailing him."

CASE NO 69 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE CRYPTIC MESSAGE"

As Holmes uttered the words "Trojan Horse", it was obvious that we had been outmanoeuvred. Engrossed in our conversation we had failed to notice Maser moving around towards the table and the file which he had now tucked under one arm, whilst from his pocket he had produced a revolver. He backed away towards the door with a nervous smile. He extracted the key from the inside of the lock "I am afraid gentlemen that I must delay your following me by locking you in." My forward movement was checked by Holmes' restraining hand, who then astounded me by asking in conversational terms "What time do you make it, Watson?"

Maser edged backwards out of the door – but was immediately flung back through it. "Whatever else you may say about Lestrade," remarked Holmes, "at least you can rely upon him being punctual!"
"Yes indeed Watson, I had previously arranged for Lestrade to collect the file of evidence from me this morning. I was unaware that his presence would be quite so necessary however!"
"So their plan almost succeeded. I had been so absorbed in my own theorising that I completely forgot Maser's physical presence in the room. I have no doubt that this change in character has been caused by the interest Moriarty has taken in the case. No matter, we have foiled this interest. Now we can see this affair through to its rightful conclusion."

Meaning: The message said "Slade. Sherlock Holmes will be out on the 19th so be ready."; **Link:** The link between the attack on Maser and the message is the planning of Professor Moriarty; **Why:** The message was sent to confuse Holmes; **Who:** Maser was shot by Colonel Morgan.

CASE NO 70 – SOLUTION TO "THE ST PANCRAS MYSTERY"

"So there you are. A crime whose solution had depended almost entirely on the expert knowledge of the suspect – and all the more remarkable for that. Once Nicolson had suggested the glue I had discovered was theatrical in nature, it was a simple task to forge the links in the chain leading to the murderer. Blake, the pawnbroker, gave me three names to choose from – people who worked in the theatre and were regular visitors to his premises, each with a motive for theft at the very least. Blake also explained that Nicolson sometimes worked late into the night, when urgent work was in hand, and therefore had his own keys. This apparently made the case against Nicolson stronger, yet gave me greater cause to doubt Nicolson's guilt."

"Consider this; it is known that Nicolson works late, that he is visible within the shop from the street and that the local constable will pass happily by when he recognises the familiar cap and moustache of Nicolson. The use of such a disguise would allow the thief to work in peace and lay the blame firmly on Nicolson".

"This line of enquiry led me to the Theatre; the need for a motive narrowed the field to three and the need to wear a moustache produced just one name – Fletcher. His misfortune was that P.C. Fleming was new to the district, and conscientious. He investigated the figure in the Pawnbrokers, and the evidence of theft which he saw sealed his fate."

Murderer: Fletcher; **Weapon:** Lead piping; **Reason:** Discovered stealing silver to support his drinking bouts.

CASE NO 71 – SOLUTION TO "THE CASE OF THE MURDER IN THE MAZE"

"My reasoning was as follows. If the murder weapon was not in the Maze, then neither was the murderer. All the evidence pointed to the fact that only one man left the Maze and that was the attendant, to whom I had spoken. His arrest and the subsequent investigation of Vamberry's affairs enabled the complete chain of events to be reconstructed. Vamberry's business had grown rapidly and successfully, but based largely on latter day smuggling activities. The actual shipping was done into the local Isleworth Wharf and organised by the Maze attendant's brother. To hide his connection with this illicit operation, Vamberry's only contact was by way of his regular meetings in the Maze at Hampton Court with the attendant. Now apparently, Vamberry had decided his business had grown to sufficient size to dispense with these underworld dealings and had informed the gang that their services were no longer required. Retaliation was swift and brutal!

None of this web of crime would have been uncovered had I not persuaded the police to apprehend the Maze attendant in the first place and then confront Vamberry's chief clerk and obtain a confession".

"It was this demonstration of my (to them) peculiar powers which led to the police appreciating that my methods would compliment their own in the successful pursuit of justice, with the results as you have reported in many cases."

Weapon: Pruning knife; **Murderer:** Maze attendant.

CASE NO 72 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE DEAD TRAMP"

"An unsavoury affair this, gentlemen, in all senses of the word. At least we can hope it will spell the end of that collection of hot young bloods and idle rich who like to call themselves the Amateur Mendicant Society. Idleness so often breeds evil as evidenced in this case".

"The facts now seem clear. Caxton Forbes had effectively invited himself into this set, which liked to dress up as tramps before drinking themselves into a sodden state. Forbes had however, underestimated his unpopularity and he became the victim of some no doubt coarse horseplay, which ended in his death. We have only Bassingham's word that the death was accidental. In any event we must leave the police to pursue their enquiries amongst Bassingham's special set, but I feel the story is consistent with the facts as we have them".

"It would take no great brain to suggest that the body be removed to a quiet back alley with a very conveniently placed broken bottle nearby. The members of the Society could then melt away quietly into the dark leaving just yet another homeless vagrant dead on the streets of London. There was no danger of Forbes being reported missing for several days to come, thus removing all possible links between his disappearance and the discovery of a tramp's body in the back alleys of Paddington".
"As for Bassingham, I think the only charge based on his comments to Watson and myself would be accessory after the fact, eh Gregson?"

The inspector nodded. "Yes an unsatisfactory conclusion to an unsatisfactory affair."

What the initials stand for: Amateur Mendicant Society; **Identity of the body:** Caxton Forbes' **Why dressed as a tramp:** All members of the Society dressed as tramps; **Who killed him:** Death was accidental; **How:** From a broken neck.

CASE NO 73 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE SOPHY ANDERSON"

"I have teased you, Watson, with my talk of sea monsters for we have here a tale of human courage and of human frailty. Niarchos was a patriot who had been forced to flee the Turkish repression of his homeland, yet he never gave up the dream of returning to fight the hated tyrant. He worked and saved a sum of money which he used to buy guns and powder to take to his freedom fighters of Macedonia. The Sophy Anderson set sail and was last sighted on November 5th, hence my reference to gunpowder. Two clues led me to my conclusion regarding the fate of the ship. Recall that Niarchos' wife told how he often fell asleep with his pipe still smouldering. Then the witness at the docks who said the Captain sat guard over his cargo. It does not take a genius to deduce that Niarchos sat guarding his precious cargo, fell asleep and dropped his pipe midst the powder, this starting a blaze which ended with the ship blowing up. If this happened in dense fog, who would see the

incident? The storm which also broke on the 5th would prevent anyone hearing the explosion. A sad end to a gallant idealist, yet he was a fanatic ... and all fanatics are dangerous, even if only to themselves."

Why she did not make her calls: Running guns and powder to fight the Turks; **Where she was heading:** Macedonia; **What happened:** Exploded due to Niarchos' lack of caution.

CASE NO 74 – SOLUTION TO "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE SWISS CHEESE"

"An interesting diversion Watson, but no more. A simple accident; Von Kring enlisted the services of Carl Necker, the local photographer. The dead man wanted a picture of himself on the Schwarzeefels, with behind him that glorious view. My examination of the ledge indicates that the photographer several times asked Von Kring to step back, in order to get more of the view in the picture. Too late, our German friend went over the edge to his doom."

"Gracious! How did you deduce that?"

"Several things. The Hock had not been tampered with; Von Kring had not been drugged into dizziness. Also I saw on the ledge the tell-tale marks of Necker's camera tripod. And remember the haste in which he collided with me in the café, still in shock and frightened he would be accused of murder. I am sure a gentle conversation with Herr Necker will confirm my analysis, that Von Kring plunged to an accidental death during a photographic session on the ledge."

CASE NO 75 – SOLUTION TO "THE MYSTERY OF THE THREE MISSING MEN"

"So there you have it, Merrivale. A simple case of adducing a theory from the known facts and then collecting further information to corroborate that theory. However I strongly suspect that if the newspaper article which referred to the celebrations organised by the Oxford Union had not appeared, then the three victims would still be very much alive today. I am sure that when you track Merrydew down, he will agree that the crimes he has committed were triggered by the painful memories that the report brought back to him. It is difficult for any man not to feel a sense of grievance when confronted with the evidence of another's success which has been gained at the cost of one's own failure. I have some sympathy for the man."

An irresistible urge to pull my old friend's leg overcame me. "You speak, I suppose Holmes, as a fellow chemistry student?" I asked

Holmes threw back his head and laughed, much to Merrivale's astonishment. "A hit, Watson, a palpable hit," he cried.

"An outer only I am afraid," I replied. "It is you who have scored the bull."

Link: All three victims participated in the rigged ballot when officers of the Oxford Union; **Reason:** Revenge; **Cause:** Gassed by carbon monoxide in Brougham carriage. **Person responsible:** Merrydew.

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