



The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure IV – The Red-Headed League

1. What indicates this to be an early or not so early a case?
2. Why does this case precede *A Case of Identity*?
3. What sources confirm “thousands of cases”?
4. What are possible snuff clues?
5. What inferences can be drawn from the wear on the frock coat?
6. How many coats was Jabez Wilson wearing?
7. Why was the advertisement so long and addressed to the League?
8. How should Spaulding have improved his mind?
9. Are there any hints why Wilson’s business fell off?
10. Is age fourteen of any significance?
11. Why was Wilson asked about his marital status?
12. What may be the reason for the short hours?
13. Why was the Encyclopedia used?
14. Didn’t the crowd draw the accountant’s interest?
15. When would an artificial knee-cap be worn?
16. Why is the corner occupied by a shop and not the bank?
17. Did Vincent Spaulding own more than one pair of trousers?
18. Why did Saturday complicate matters?
19. Wouldn’t a building like the pawn shop have a back entrance?
20. Was the girl in on the plot?
21. Would the League be legal today?



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