



The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure IV – The Red-Headed League

A	The first volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica which Jabez Wilson was hired to copy by longhand.
Agra Treasure	Object of the conspiracy of the Four, worth approximately £500,000; Peter Jones refers to the treasure case
Albert Chain	Named after a style of watch chain Prince Albert wore during the Victorian period; Jabez Wilson wore a brassy Albert Chain upon his waist
Aldersgate Street Station	Underground and suburban-line railway station in northern part of London; Holmes & Watson took the Underground to Aldersgate on their way to Saxe-Coburg Square
Archie	John Clay's partner in fooling Jabez Wilson to allow access to the bank
Baker Street	Most famous of all London Streets, the residence of Sherlock Holmes from the 1880s to 1903, during the greatest part of his professional life as a consulting detective; also, the residence of John Watson for much of that same period
Bank of France	National Bank of France, established in 1800 upon a basis similar to the Bank of England; City and Suburban Bank strengthened its resources by borrowing £30,000 from the Bank of France
China	(The Chinese Empire) Largest empire of Asia; Holmes deduced Jabez Wilson had been to China from the tattoo above his wrist and the coin upon his watch-chain
City and Suburban Bank	London banking firm whose Coburg branch office was the target of a burglary foiled by Holmes
City, The	(City of London); commercial center of the Metropolis, forming the nucleus of the East End; legally the City is a separate municipality; Jabez Wilson's pawnshop was there

Clay, John	(Vincent Spaulding) Fourth smartest man in London, according to Holmes, and the third most daring, whose scheme to rob the City and Suburban Bank was frustrated by the detective
Cornwall	Southwestern-most county of England, with its main source of wealth was fishing and mining; Peter Jones stated John Clay would crack a crib in Scotland one week, and be raising money for an orphanage in Cornwall the next week
Encyclopædia Britannica	Best-known and most comprehensive of English-language encyclopaedias, established in 1768; was 24 volumes by 1875; Jabez Wilson was tasked to copy out the Encyclopædia for the Red-Headed League
Eton College	One of the famous schools of England, at Eton in Buckinghamshire; originally intended for the sons of poor but worthy Englishmen; John Clay was educated there
Farringdon Street	Street in the City; Holmes party passed down the street on its way to the City and Suburban Bank Branch to foil John Clay's attempt to rob the bank
Flaubert, Gustave	French writer and novelist, regarded as the master of naturalism; Holmes quoted Flaubert's letter to George Sand, "the man is nothing, the work everything"
Fleet Street	Busy commercial street in the City, the eastern continuation of the Strand, celebrated for its printing, newspaper, and publishing companies; offices of the Red-Headed League were off Fleet Street
Freemasonry	Name commonly give to a secret fraternal organization of ancient origin, called themselves Free and Accepted Masons; Jabez Wilson was a Freemason
Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; Watson described Holmes as "bohemian" in his habits and lifestyle; said to have a "cat-like" love of personal cleanliness, at the same time Holmes is an eccentric with no regard for contemporary standards of tidiness or good order.
Hopkins, Ezekiah	Non-existent person, said to be from Lebanon PA, created by John Clay, who was said to have made his fortune in America and founded the Red-Headed League; supposedly left his entire fortune to provide for easy berths to men whose hair is red in color

Hyde Park	Extensive park in Westminster, it is the place in London perhaps most frequented by the fashionable world; informally known as 'the Park'; Watson strolled across the Park on his way to Baker Street
Jones, Peter	Scotland Yard Inspector who participated in the vigil in the City and Suburban Bank vault with Mr. Merryweather, Holmes, and Watson; Holmes said of him, "he is not a bad fellow, though an absolute imbecile in his profession"
Kensington	Western metropolitan borough of London, once an exclusive suburb inhabited by members of court; Watson at one time lived there
King Edward Street	Street in the City, north of St. Paul's; Duncan Ross, in his alias as William Morris, gave an address there; the address turned out to be a manufactory of artificial knee-caps
Lebanon	City in Pennsylvania; Ezekiah Hopkins, who supposedly started the Red-Headed League, was said to have been from there
London	Largest city in the world during the Victorian period, capital of England and the British Empire, located in the south-eastern part of England on the River Thames; extended into the counties of Surrey, Kent, Middlesex, and Essex; Vincent Spaulding that the founder of the Red-Headed League was originally from London
McFarlane's	Carriage-building depot near the City, next to the Vegetarian restaurant on the Strand, backing on to Jabez Wilson's pawnshop
Merryweather	Director of the City and Suburban bank, present at the vigil in the branch bank vault when Holmes confronted John Clay who had tunneled to the bank from Jabez Wilson's pawnshop
<i>Morning Chronicle</i>	One of the great daily newspapers of London, begun in 1769; the Red-Headed League's advertisement is supposed to have appeared in the <i>Morning Chronicle</i> in April, 1890, though the newspaper had ended in bankruptcy in 1862
Morris, William	Alias of John Clay (Vincent Spaulding), when he posed as a lawyer who wished to rent the office of the fictitious Red-Headed League at 7 Pope's Court
Mortimer's	Tobacconist's near the City, backing on to Jabez Wilson's pawnshop
Oxford Street	One of the principal streets in London, running from Holborn into the West End; Holmes and Watson often crossed or passed down Oxford Street on their way to and from their rooms on Baker Street

Oxford University	Oldest and most famous English university, located in the City of Oxford, on the Thames 55 miles north of London; John Clay attended school there
Pennsylvania	Eastern state of the United States; the late Ezekiah Hopkins, who supposedly established the Red-Headed League, was from Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Pope's Court	Narrow lane in the City, branching off from Fleet Street, where Duncan Ross held offices of the Red-Headed League
Red-Headed League	Non-existent benevolent organization concocted by John Clay (Vincent Spaulding) to dupe Jabez Wilson away from his pawnshop
Ross, Duncan	One of the aliases assumed by an accomplice of John Clay when posing as a pensioner of the Red-Headed League; his real name apparently was Archie, and another alias was William Morris; tasked Wilson with copying the Encyclopedia Britannica
Sand, George	Pen name of the celebrated French novelist Armandine Lucile Aurore, Baroness Dudevant; Holmes quoted from a letter to her from Gustave Flaubert
Sarasate y Navascuès, Pablo Martin Melitòn	Noted Spanish violinist and composer; Holmes interrupted his investigation of the Red-Headed League to hear Sarasate play at St. James Hall
Saxe-Coburg Square	Square near the City, not far from Aldersgate Station and the Strand, where Jabez Wilson's pawnshop was located
Scotland	Political division occupying the northern part of Great Britain; Peter Jones said John Clay would crack a crib there one week and be raising money to build an orphanage in Cornwall the next
Scotland Yard	Popular name given to the Metropolitan Police Force of London, and specifically to its Criminal Investigation Department (CID); the location of the CID is the New Scotland Yard, close to the Thames River; Peter Jones was a Scotland Yard inspector
Spaulding, Vincent	(John Clay) Fourth smartest man in London, according to Holmes, and the third most daring, whose scheme to rob the City and Suburban Bank was frustrated by the detective
St. James Hall	Great concert hall in Westminster used for concerts and balls; Holmes interrupted his investigation of the Red-Headed League to hear Sarasate play there
St. Paul's	Great cathedral of the City of London, the most magnificent of London's buildings; King Edward is nearby; William Morris was supposed to have law office nearby

Strand	Great artery between the City and the West End, one of the busiest and most important thoroughfares in London; Holmes asked John Clay directions from Saxe-Coburg Square to the Strand
Sutherland, Mary	Daughter of a Tottenham Court road plumber, who had become engaged to Hosmer Angel, and consulted Holmes when her fiancé vanished on her wedding day without a clue; Holmes refers to the case in mentioning the strangest things are found in life
Vegetarian Restaurant	Restaurant which backed up on Jabez Wilson's pawnshop
Watson, John H.	Friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes, it appears he was borne in the early 1850s; took his Degree of Doctor in Medicine in 1878; served as a staff surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; while serving in the Army Medical Department, he was severely wounded in the Battle of Maiwand in Afghanistan; his wound and general impairment of health earned him a retirement and wound pension
Wilson, Jabez	London pawnbroker in Coburg Square, who was duped by John Clay (Vincent Spaulding) into accepting a position with the fictitious Red-Headed League, and who consulted Holmes when the organization was suddenly and mysteriously dissolved