



The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure IX – The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

Agony Column	In England, personal newspaper advertisements conveyed personal messages; Holmes advertised for Henry Baker, and Countess of Morcar advertised for return of her missing jewel.
Alpha Inn	Small tavern near British Museum; Henry Baker was a member of the goose-club organized there
Amoy River	River in southern China; blue carbuncle was found on its banks
Assizes, The	Periodical session held by superior court judges who are directed the assizes or verdicts of juries for the purpose of trying criminal cases; the case against John Horner was referred to the Assizes
B Division	One of the 22 administrative divisions of the Metropolitan Police of London; includes parts of Kensington and Westminster; Inspector Bradstreet was assigned to the B Division
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
Baker, Henry	Member of the Alpha Inn's goose-club, whose Christmas goose, unknown to him, became the holder of the blue carbuncle, in its crop; his hat became an object of deduction for Holmes & Watson
Baker, Mrs. Henry	Name on the Christmas goose which was dropped by Henry and recovered by Commissionaire Peterson
Bill	Small boy who assisted Mr. Breckinridge (the goose vendor in Convent Garden), possibly his son
Bloomsbury	Region of central London centered around the British Museum; Alpha Inn was located in that area

Bradstreet, Inspector	Scotland Yard official who joined the Force in 1862; assigned to the investigation of the missing blue carbuncle while assigned to the B Division
Breckinridge	Dealer of geese at Convent Garden Market, where Holmes and Watson encounter James Ryder
British Museum	Great national Museum and Library, founded by Hans Sloane in 1753; Alpha Inn was close to the Museum, where Henry Baker and his friends were found during the day
Brixton Road	Thoroughfare in Lambeth, mostly residential in character; Maggie Oakshotts raised geese at her residence there
China	(The Chinese Empire) Largest empire of Asia; the blue carbuncle was found on the banks of a river in southern China
Covent Garden Market	Chief wholesale vegetable, fruit, and flower market of London, situated in the extreme eastern part of Westminster, north of the Strand; Mr. Breckinridge dealt in geese at Covent Garden
Cusack, Catherine	Maid to the Countess of Morcar, who with James Ryder, stole the blue carbuncle
<i>Echo</i>	London evening newspaper; never was in sound financial condition and changed its ownership twice before coming to an end in 1905; Holmes advertised for Henry Baker there
Endell Street	Short street of central London, reaching northward from near Covent Garden; Holmes and Watson passed down there on their way to the market
<i>Evening News</i>	London newspaper, founded in 1881; Holmes advertised for Henry Baker there
<i>Evening Standard</i>	London newspaper, evening edition; Holmes advertised for Henry Baker in the evening edition
<i>Globe</i>	The oldest of the existing London newspapers, founded in 1803; Holmes advertised for Henry Baker in the paper
Goodge Street	Shabby street in the south of St. Pancras; incident between Henry Baker and the street roughs occurred at the corner of Goodge Street and the Tottenham Court Road
Harley Street	Street in the West End, inhabited largely by consulting physicians and specialists; Holmes and Watson walked through Harley street on their way to the Alpha Inn

Holborn	Eastern continuation of Oxford Street, extending from the West End into the City; the Alpha Inn was located in the area of Holborn, Holmes and Watson crossed Holborn on their way to Convent Garden Market
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.
Horner, John	26 year old London plumber who was wrongly arrested for stealing the blue carbuncle from the Countess of Morcar's hotel room; Horner had a previous conviction for robbery and was thus the obvious suspect
Hotel Cosmopolitan	London Hotel at which the Countess of Morcar was staying when the blue carbuncle was stolen
Hudson, Mrs.	Landlady of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson at 221b Baker Street; Holmes quipped Mrs. Hudson should examine the crop of their own woodcock before fixing it
Jem	Nickname for John Ryder by his sister, Maggie Oakshott
Kilburn	Region on the border between Middlesex and the London borough of Hampstead; James Ryder's friend Maudsley, who served time at Pentonville prison, lived there
Maudsley	Friend of James Ryder's who had a criminal record and whom Ryder intended to consult about disposing of the blue carbuncle; was considered a bad influence on Ryder
Morcar, Countess of	Noblewoman of uncertain nationality; the stolen blue carbuncle belonged to her, and she offered a reward of £1000 for its return
Oakshott, Maggie	Married sister of James Ryder, who raised eggs and poultry at No. 117 Brixton Road; sold some of her geese to Mr. Breckinridge of the Convent Garden Market, which were distributed to the members of the goose club of the Alpha Inn
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
<i>Pall Mall Gazette</i>	London evening newspaper, founded in 1865; Holmes advertised there for Henry Baker

Pentonville Prison	Prison in north London, dating from 1842; James Ryder's friend Maudsley had served time there
Peterson	London commissionaire who rescued Henry Baker's hat and goose; his wife discovered the blue carbuncle in the bird's crop
Prussia	Kingdom of Europe the largest state of the German Empire; Mr. Breckinridge told James Ryder he could ask 'the King of Proosia' about his geese
Robinson, John	Alias attempted by James Ryder when confronted by Holmes and Watson at Convent Garden Market
Ryder, James "Jem"	Upper-attendant at the Hotel Cosmopolitan, who with Catherine Cusack stole the Countess of Morcar's blue carbuncle, lost it, and confessed when found by Holmes, though he ended up escaping prosecution for the crime
St. James Gazette	Intellectual evening Tory newspaper, founded in 1880; Holmes advertised for Henry Baker there
<i>Star, The</i>	Liberal evening newspaper, established in 1888; Holmes advertised for Henry Baker in the newspaper
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; Watson observed the case had been entirely free of any legal crime
<i>Times, The</i>	Great daily newspaper of London, began in 1788; always claimed to be a national organ, not a political organ; it stood in a class by itself among all the London newspapers; the account of Countess Morcar's stolen blue carbuncle was in the newspaper
Tottenham Court Road	Thoroughfare of central London, extending northward from Oxford Street; Henry Baker was attacked by a group of street ruffians there
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

Wigmore Street	Street in the West End, mostly of a residential character; Holmes and Watson passed through there on the way to the Alpha Inn to investigate the origin of the goose with the blue carbuncle
Wimpole Street	Street in the West End, noted for the residence of physicians and containing many literary associations; Holmes and Watson passed through there of their way to the Alpha Inn to investigate the goose and blue carbuncle
Windigate	Landlord of the Alpha Inn, where the Goose Club that Henry Baker belonged, was run; Windigate told Holmes of the poultry dealer Breckinridge at Covent Garden, a tip that advanced the case considerably