



## The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure X – The Adventure of the Speckled Band

Armitage	Gentleman residing of Crane Water; his second son, Percy probably married Helen Stoner following the death of Grimesby Roylott
Armitage, Percy	Second son from near Reading, who did Helen Stoner the honor of asking for her name in marriage
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
Bengal Artillery	Regiment of the Bengal Army prior to the Indian Mutiny; Major-General Stoner served with the Bengal Artillery
Berkshire	Southern county of England, almost entirely under cultivation; estate of Crane Water was located there; the Roylott estate at one time extended over the borders of Surrey into Berkshire and Hampshire
Calcutta	Capital of British India, situated upon a branch of the Ganges; Grimesby Roylott established a large practice there
Crane Walter	Apparently, the house or country estate near Reading of Mr. Armitage
Crewe	City and important railway junction of north-western England in Cheshire; Helen Stoner's mother was killed in a railway accident near there in 1875
Crown Inn	Inn at the village of Stoke Moran, where Holmes and Watson stayed before entering the house to foil Roylott's' murder attempt against his daughter
Doctor's Common	Name formerly applied to a society of ecclesiastical lawyers in London; records of marriage licenses, divorces, and will were kept there for much of the 1800s; Holmes examined the will of the late Mrs. Stoner at the location
Eley Bros.	Manufacturer of fire-arms ammunition; Holmes reference to Watson's "Webley No. 2" is most probably an allusion to the Webley No. 2 revolver, for which Eley cartridges

	are made
Farintosh, Mrs.	Client of Holmes before Watson's time, involving the recovery of a tiara, who mentioned him to Helen Stoner
Hampshire	(Southampton) Southern county of England, principally agricultural; at one time, the Roylott estate extended over the borders of Surrey into Berkshire and Hampshire
Harrow-on-the-Hill	(Harrow-on-the-Hill) City in Middlesex, celebrated for its famous public school; Honoria Westphail, the aunt to the Stoner sisters, lived there
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.
Hudson, Mrs.	Landlady of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson at 221b Baker Street; she was awakened early in the morning by Helen Stone and retorted upon Holmes
India	Extensive British possession of southern Asia; was administered separately from the rest of the British Empire; Dr. Roylott had lived at one time in India, where he met and met the Stoner's mother; he owned a swamp adder, the 'deadliest snake in India'
Jack-in-Office	Pejorative English term used to describe an arrogant public official; Dr. Roylott called Holmes a scoundrel, meddler, busy-body and the Scotland Yard Jack-in-Office
Leatherhead	Town in northern Surrey; Stoke Moran, where Dr. Roylott and the Stoner sisters lived, was a 20 minute drive 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, Ken, Middlesex, and Essex; after his wife's death, Dr. Roylott had abandoned his attempt to establish himself in practice in London
Marines	Body of soldiers carried aboard naval vessels, first created in the British Army in 1755; Julia Stoner became engaged to a half-pay major of Marines

Palmer, William	Infamous British poisoner, hanged for poisoning of his wife, brother and an associate for their insurance proceeds; Holmes said he been at the head of the medical profession
Pritchard, Edward William	English surgeon who purchased his M.D. in Germany and was hanged in Glasgow for the poisoning of his wife; Holmes said he had been the head of the medical profession
Reading	County-town of Berkshire, a manufacturing town and an important railway junction; Mr. Armitage, the fiancé to Helen Stoner, resided at Crane Water nearby
Regency, The	Regency era of British history officially spanned the years 1811 to 1820, though the term is commonly applied to the longer period between 1795 and 1837; Roylott family ruin was completed by a gambler in the days of the Regency
Roylott	One of the oldest families in England, and at one time of the richest; in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century though, four successive heirs to Stoke Moran were of a dissolute and wasteful disposition, and the family ruin was completed by a gambler in the days of the Regency
Roylott, Grimesby	Established a medical practice at Calcutta, where he married the widow, Mrs. Stoner, and took on two step-daughters, Helen and Julia Stoner; his murder of Julia by means of a poisonous swamp adder led Helen to engage Holmes, who occasioned Roylott's death when he caused the snake to turn upon the doctor
Saxons	Teutonic race that in the 5 <sup>th</sup> century crossed from the Continent and laid the foundations of the Saxon kingdoms in Britain; the Roylott family was one of the oldest Saxon families in England
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; Roylott called Holmes a Scotland Yard jack-in-office
Squire	In England, courtesy title of the chief landed proprietor, usually the lord of the manor, in a parish; the last Roylott squire of Stoke Moran dragged out his existence as an aristocratic pauper
Stoke Moran	Village and former landed estate of north-western Surrey; in the Stoke Moran Manor House, the Roylott family lived, and where Dr. Grimesby Roylott murdered his step-daughter Julia, and attempted to kill her twin sister, Helen; he met his own death there

Stoner, Helen	Daughter of Major-General Stoner, and twin sister to Julia Stoner; brought up by Dr. Roylott at his Stoke Moran estate; she came to Holmes to seek his assistance in investigating the murder of her sister, as well as the mysterious goings-on at the Manor; a month earlier, she had become engaged to Percy Armitage
Stoner, Julia	Daughter of Major-General Stoner, and twin sister to Helen Stoner; brought up by Dr. Roylott at his Stoke Moran estate; murdered by her step-father for her inheritance, and to stop her from marrying her fiancé, a half-pay Major of Marines
Stoner, Major-General	Officer of the Bengal Artillery, who died after 1850; Mrs. Stoner was his widow; father to Julia and Helen Stoner
Stoner, Mrs.	Widow of Major-General Stoner, whose maiden name was Westphail, married Dr. Grimesby Roylott shortly before her own death in a railway accident; mother to Julia and Helen Stoner
Surrey	South-eastern County of England; Guilford is the county-town; the Roylott family of Stoke Moran lived in Surrey
Waterloo Station	Railway station in Lambeth, terminus of the South Western Railway, constructed in 1848; trains to and from Leatherhead make use of Waterloo Station
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
Westphail, Honoria	Aunt of Julia and Helen Stoner, their mother's maiden sister, Julia met a half-pay Major of Marines there and soon became engaged to him
Wilton Carpet	Variety of carpet possessing a lush, cut pile so named from the town in south-western England where it was first made