



The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XII -- The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor

There are several “bachelors” and “bachelorettes” in this week’s story.

- St. Simon went through the wedding, but the marriage is now void.
- Holmes will remain a bachelor, but he “earnestly” ogles Hatty’s image in miniature.
- Watson is still single, but about to marry.
- Doran was married but is now a widower. A very rich one!
- Flora Millar would probably like to marry St. Simon but never can.
- Lestrade is married, but we never, **ever** see his wife in the canon.
- Alice might once have been involved with Frank. Now she’s helping Frank and Hatty.
- Then there’s Hatty, who wound up with one husband too many.



Gosh, it sounds like the story outline for a Shakespearean comedy!

Or maybe like a heroic epic, since Holmes declares that Lady St. Simon is “a myth.”

Exactly how nobly did each of these people behave in the course of the story? I believe Doran was the **least** noble. He forbade Hatty from marrying the man she loved, which set all the other wheels turning in this story. Then he arranged Hatty's marriage to a man she didn't love in a country/society where she'd never be able to fit in. Some other folks also behaved in a less-than-noble fashion. And I can't decide who, if any, is the most noble in the cast. Watson? Except he wrote it all down for everybody to see. Thoughts and ideas, Hounds?

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