



The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XV – The Adventure of Silver Blaze

When Holmes fits Silver Blaze’s shoe into the impression on the moor, of course, it “exactly fitted.” But I’m curious — how much variation is there in the size of horseshoes/hooves? Obviously, a Clydesdale is bigger than a Shetland Pony, but **generally** speaking aren’t horseshoes sort of the same size?

If the rain that night was as torrential as Mrs. Straker, Inspector Gregory, and Holmes all observed, then how could Straker have managed to get that vesta lit at all?

Is it possible that Straker’s lady friend wasn’t a mistress, but was in reality a second wife? Could the trainer be a bigamist?

The maid, Edith Baxter, sure has nerves of steel! Another Hound suggested that the maid was in cahoots with Fitzroy Simpson. I think it’s possible. It explains why Edith didn’t shriek and run the minute a man with extreme pallor and a nervous manner suddenly “appeared out of the darkness.” Myself, I’d be halfway to Winchester before you could say “Wessex Cup!” Eeek!

Finally a comment. The actor who played Colonel Ross (Peter Barkworth) is absolutely my favorite guest star in the entire collection of Granada productions. His interpretation of Ross is first-class!



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