

Adventure XV – The Adventure of Silver Blaze



Paul Churchill once quipped he had a hard time studying for Sherlockian quizzes, so inspired by Simon Goodenough's *A Study in Scarlet – A Sherlock Holmes Murder Dossier*, Paul began collecting Canonical artifacts around 1990 to help him remember each story. Over 1,500 artifacts later, Paul's 'Evidence Boxes' became legendary in the Sherlockian world as he displayed them at numerous Scion meetings.

What Paul could not find, he made. He became known as a master forger, and 'created' numerous 'genuine faux' objects, such as letters, documents, and telegrams. Paul was invested in the Baker Street Irregulars in 2006 as "Corot." After Paul's passing, the Evidence Boxes were bequeathed to Watson's Tin Box Scion Society, a Society Paul co-founded in 1989. Debbie Clark has maintained the Boxes and continues the practice of displaying the items from one of the Boxes at each society meeting.

Beth Austin assisted in this effort by photographing, annotating the items, and finding the quotes for many of the items, while Denny Dobry and Rusty Mason supported Paul's efforts by photographing each of the items, as well as developing a comprehensive inventory with notations of item's mentioned in the story. Each of the Boxes is posted with permission of Debbie Clark and Jacquelynn Morris.



Pictured is the pipe and tobacco Holmes was smoking at the beginning of the adventure.

...charging and re-charging his pipe with the strongest black tobacco...



Pictured is the binoculars, or field glasses, which Holmes asked Watson to bring with them on their trip. Also pictured is the carrying case for the glasses.

‘We have, I think, just time to catch our train at Paddington, and I will go further into the matter upon our journey. You would oblige me by bringing with you your very excellent field-glass.’



King's Pyland
Dartmoor, Devon

Pictured is stationary from King's Pyland Stables, in Dartmoor, Devon, where Silver Blaze was raised and trained.

'I am afraid, Watson, that I shall have to go,' said Holmes, as we sat down together to our breakfast one morning.

'Go! Where to?'

'To Dartmoor - to King's Pyland.'



Pictured is a framed lithograph of Isonomy, a famous thoroughbred racehorse, with Silver Blaze from his stock.

‘Silver Blaze,’ said he, ‘is from the Isonomy stock, and holds as brilliant a record as his famous ancestor.’



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at } TAVISTOCK, DEVON

at } 5:48 P.M.

Received } here at } 6:15 P.M.

TO } MR. SHERLOCK HOLMES, 221B BAKER ST., LONDON NW1

I BEG YOU TO FIND SILVER BLAZE, MY PRIZE HORSE WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO RUN FOR THE WESSEX CUP. HE IS OR WAS, THE FAVOURITE. THE HORSE DISAPPEARED OR WAS ABDUCTED LAST NIGHT OR EARLY THIS MORNING. THE TRAINER, MR STRAKER, HAS BEEN FOUND MURDERED. I AM AT A LOSS WHAT TO DO. CALL UPON ME AT KING'S PYLAND AND I SHALL BEAR ALL EXPENSES. COLONEL ROSS

R.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Pictured is the telegram sent by Colonel Ross of King's Pyland Stables, requesting Holmes assistance in the disappearance of Silver Blaze, his prize horse, and the murder of John Straker.

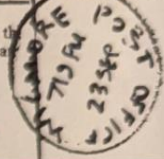
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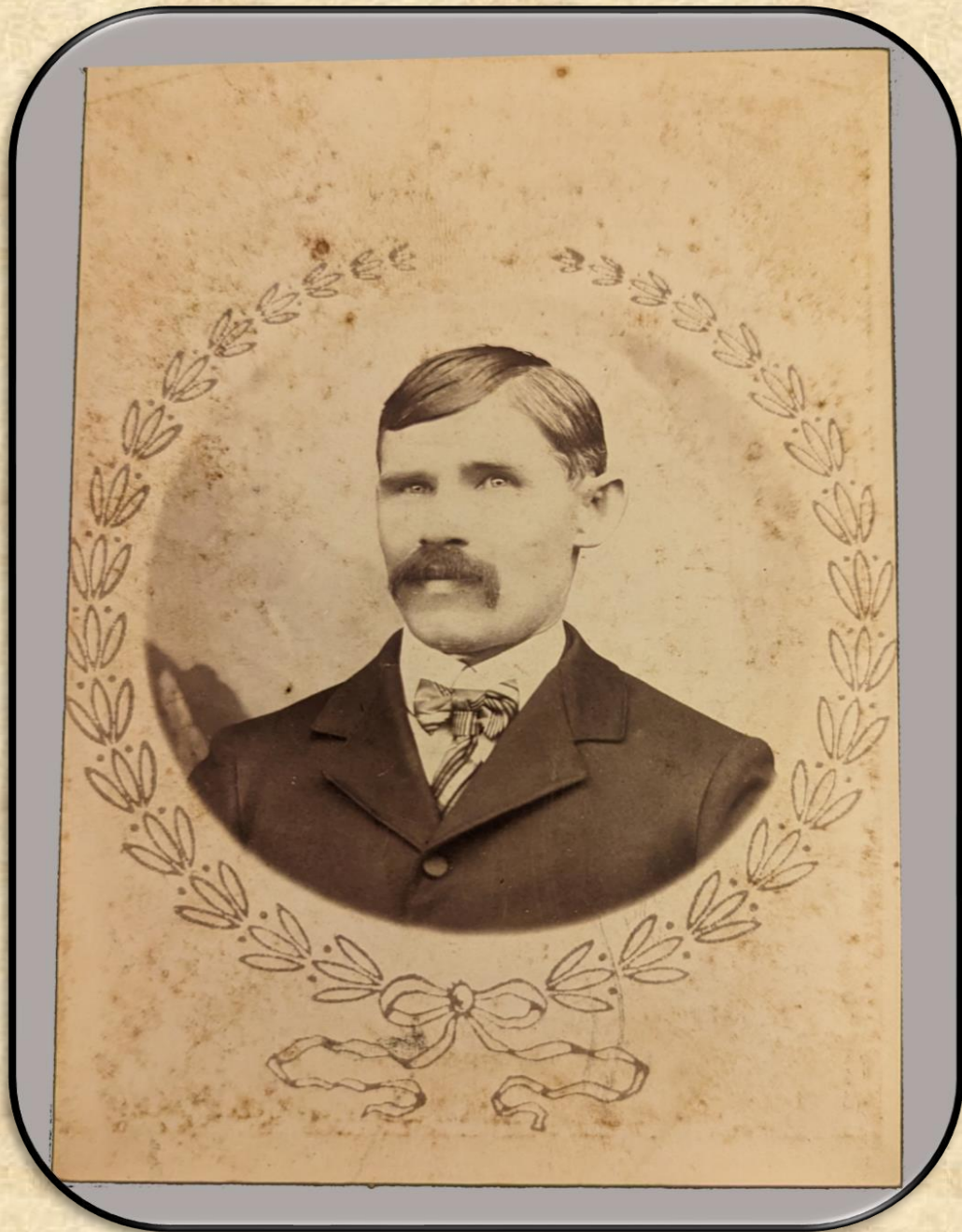
TO } MR SHERLOCK HOLMES, 221B BAKER ST., LONDON NW1

I AM LOOKING AFTER THE CASE INVOLVING THE DEATH OF MR JOHN STRAKER, TRAINER AT KING'S PYLAND, DEVON AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE HORSE KNOWN AS SILVER BLAZE. I INVITE YOUR CO-OPERATION IN WHAT HAS BEEN A MOST PERPLEXING CASE. WIRE ME AT DARTMOOR, PRINCETOWN PRISON.
— INSPECTOR GREGORY

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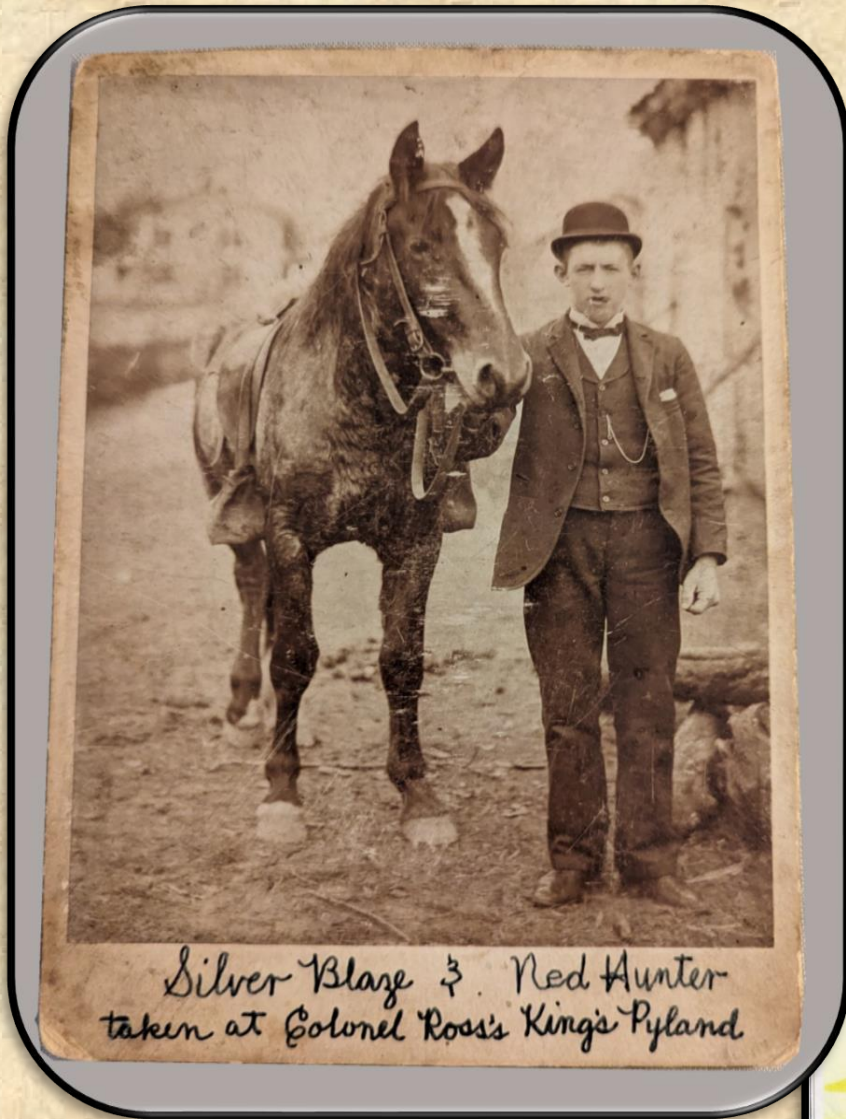
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Pictured is a cabinet photograph of John Straker, the trainer of Silver Blaze, who was found murdered.

'The trainer, John Straker, is a retired jockey, who rode in Colonel Ross's colours before he became too heavy for the weighing-chair.'



Silver Blaze & Ned Hunter
taken at Colonel Ross's King's Pyland



"A Rising Star"

Pictured is a cabinet photograph of Ned Hunter and Silver Blaze, as well as a lithograph of Ned Hunter, the jockey for Silver Blaze.

‘Two of the lads walked up to the trainer's house, where they had supper in the kitchen, while the third, Ned Hunter, remained on guard.’



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PRINCETONN, DEVON

at 2.20 PM.

Received } here at 2.45 PM.

TO { MR. SHERLOCK HOLMES, 221B BAKER ST., LONDON NW1

ANSWER YOUR QUERY: YES, HUNTER LOCKED DOOR.
INVITATION STANDS.

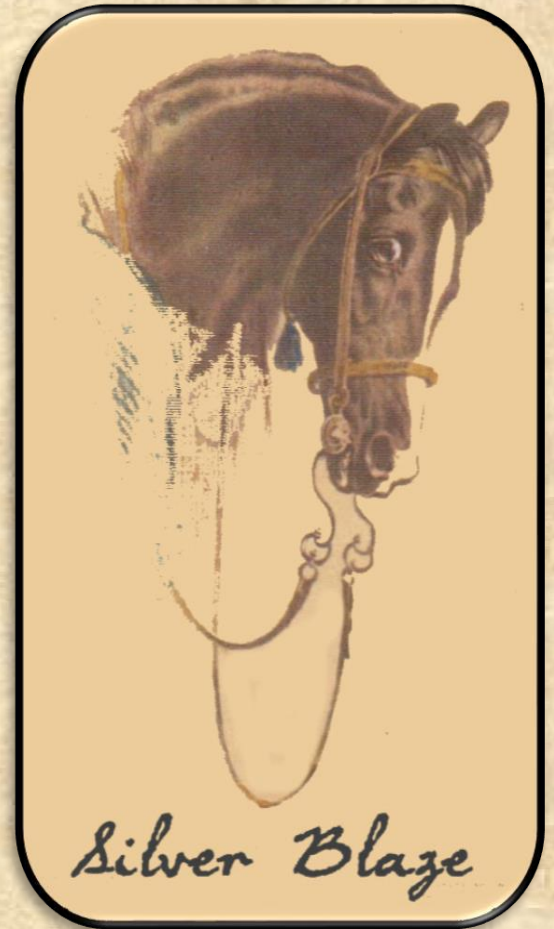
- GREGORY

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Pictured is the telegram from Inspector Gregory to Holmes answering his inquiry concerning the locked door.

‘One moment!’ I asked. ‘Did the stable boy, when he ran out with the dog, leave the door unlocked behind him?’

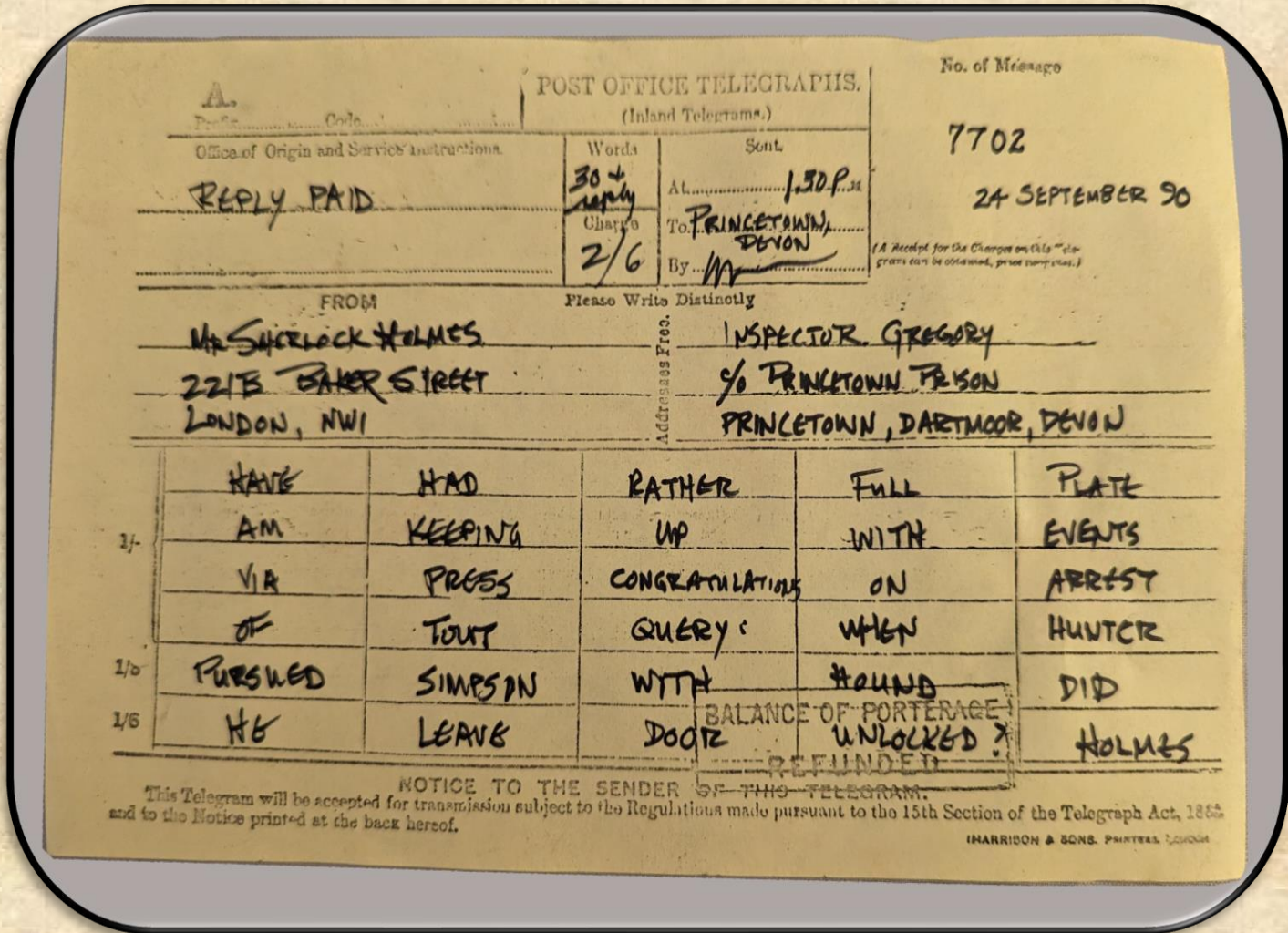
‘Excellent, Watson; excellent!’ murmured my companion. ‘The importance of the point struck me so forcibly, that I sent a special wire to Dartmoor yesterday to clear the matter up. The boy locked the door before he left it.’



Pictured are prints of the dog which guarded the stables, as well as Silver Blaze, the beloved horse of King's Pyland Stables.

'He sprang up and rushed across the stable to unloose *the dog*.'

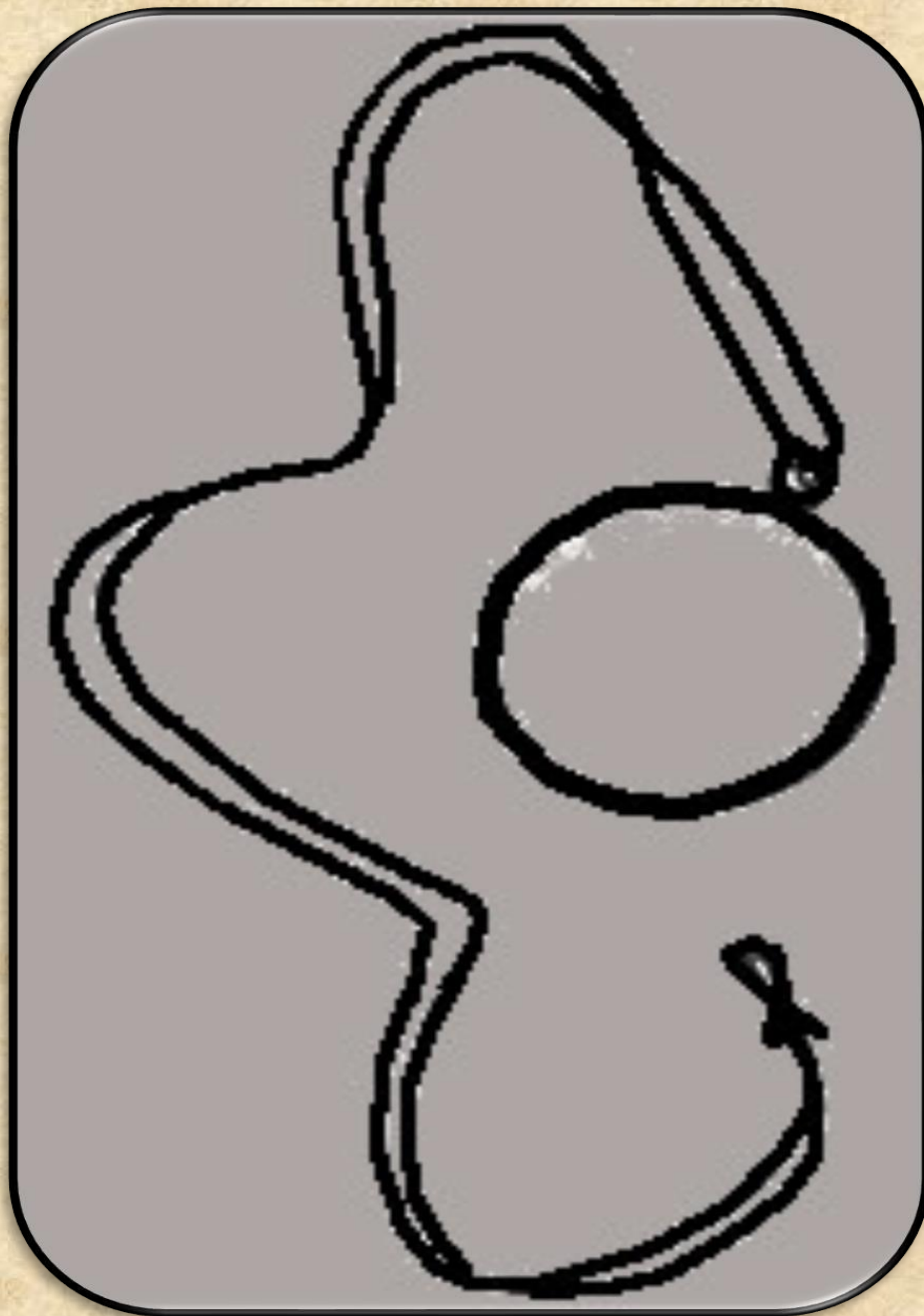
'You've two horses in for the Wessex Cup - Silver Blaze and Bayard.'



Pictured is the telegram sent from Sherlock Holmes to Inspector Gregory requesting information on the locked door.

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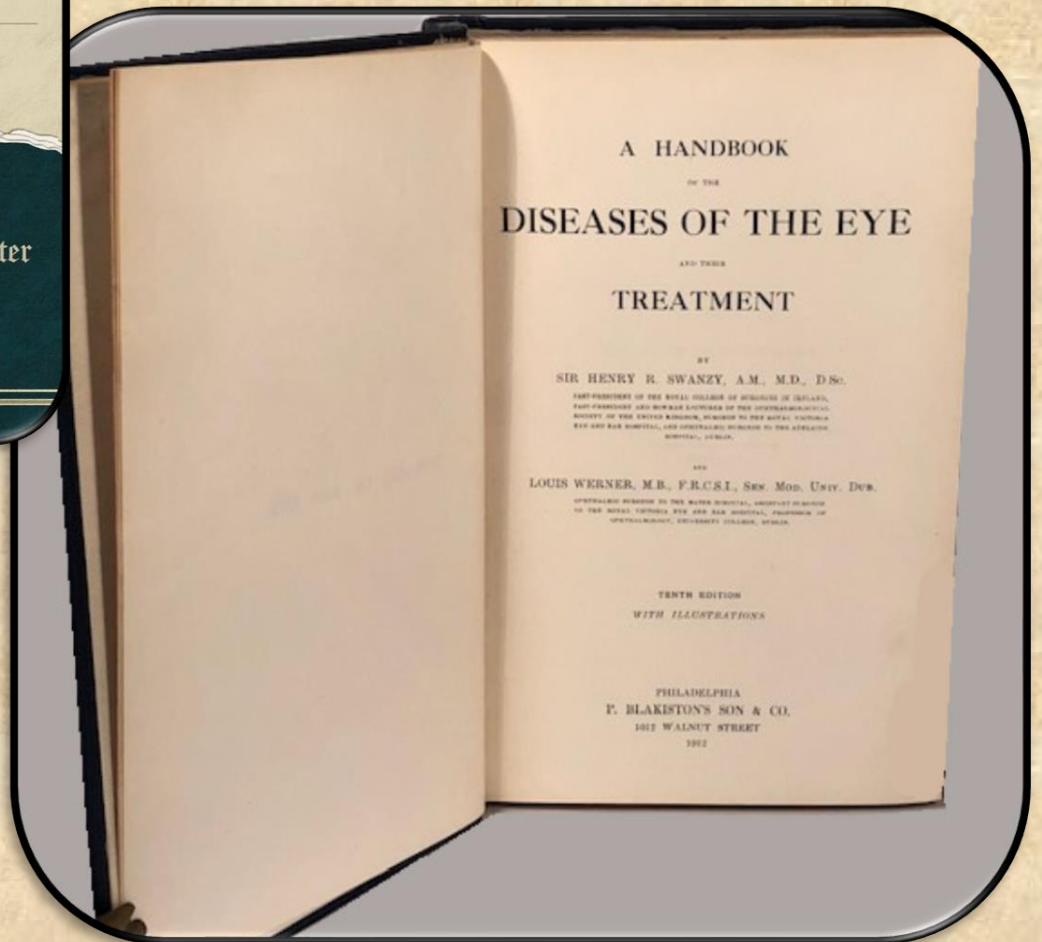
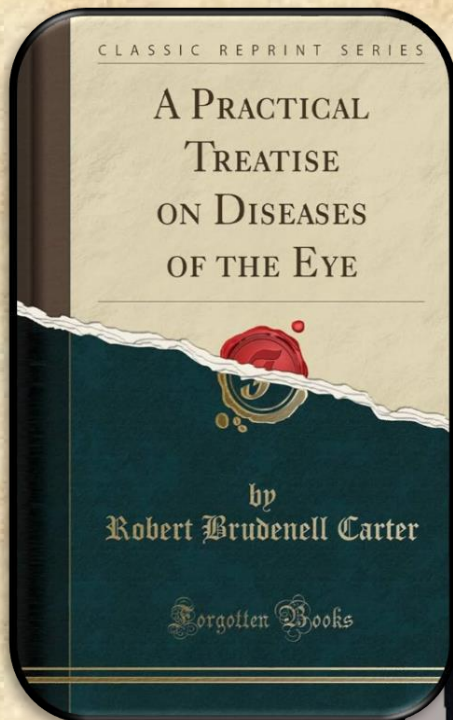
Pictured is the monocle, or eyeglass, worn by Colonel Ross when he met Watson and Holmes at the rail station.

Two gentlemen were awaiting us at the station... the other a small alert person, very neat and dapper, in a frock-coat and gaiters, with trim little side-whiskers and an eyeglass. The latter was Colonel Ross, the well-known sportsman.



Pictured is the £10 note which Mr. Simpson was planning on bribing the stable boy with. It was found on Simpson when he was searched.

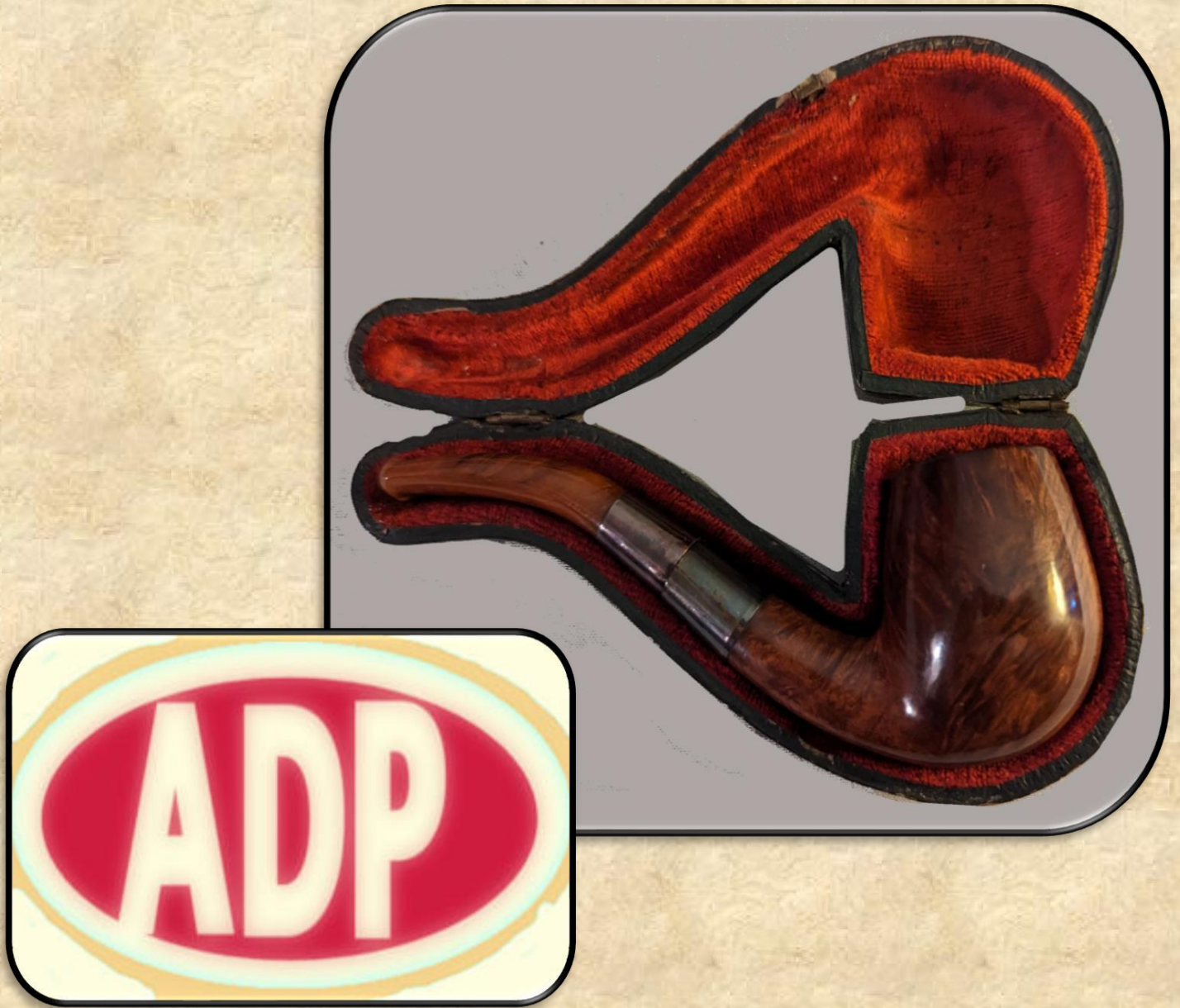
'He says that it was a ten-pound note. One was found in his purse.'



Pictured is *A Handbook of the Diseases of the Eye and Treatment*, which describes the use of a cataract knife for very specific surgeries.

‘It is what we call a cataract knife,’ said I.

‘I thought so. A very delicate blade devised for very delicate work. A strange thing for a man to carry with him upon a rough expedition, especially as it would not shut in his pocket.’



Pictured is the pipe found in Straker's pocket when he was found dead.

'I presume that you made an inventory of what he had in his pockets at the time of his death, Inspector?'

'...an A.D.P. briar-root pipe...'



Pictured is the matches and candle found in Straker's pocket when he was found dead. Also pictured is the burnt vesta (match) found by Holmes.

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'...There was a box of vestas, two inches of tallow candle...'

It was a wax veta, half burned, which was so coated with mud that it looked at first like a little chip of wood.



Pictured is the silver pocket watch and sealskin pouch found in Straker's pocket when he was found murdered.

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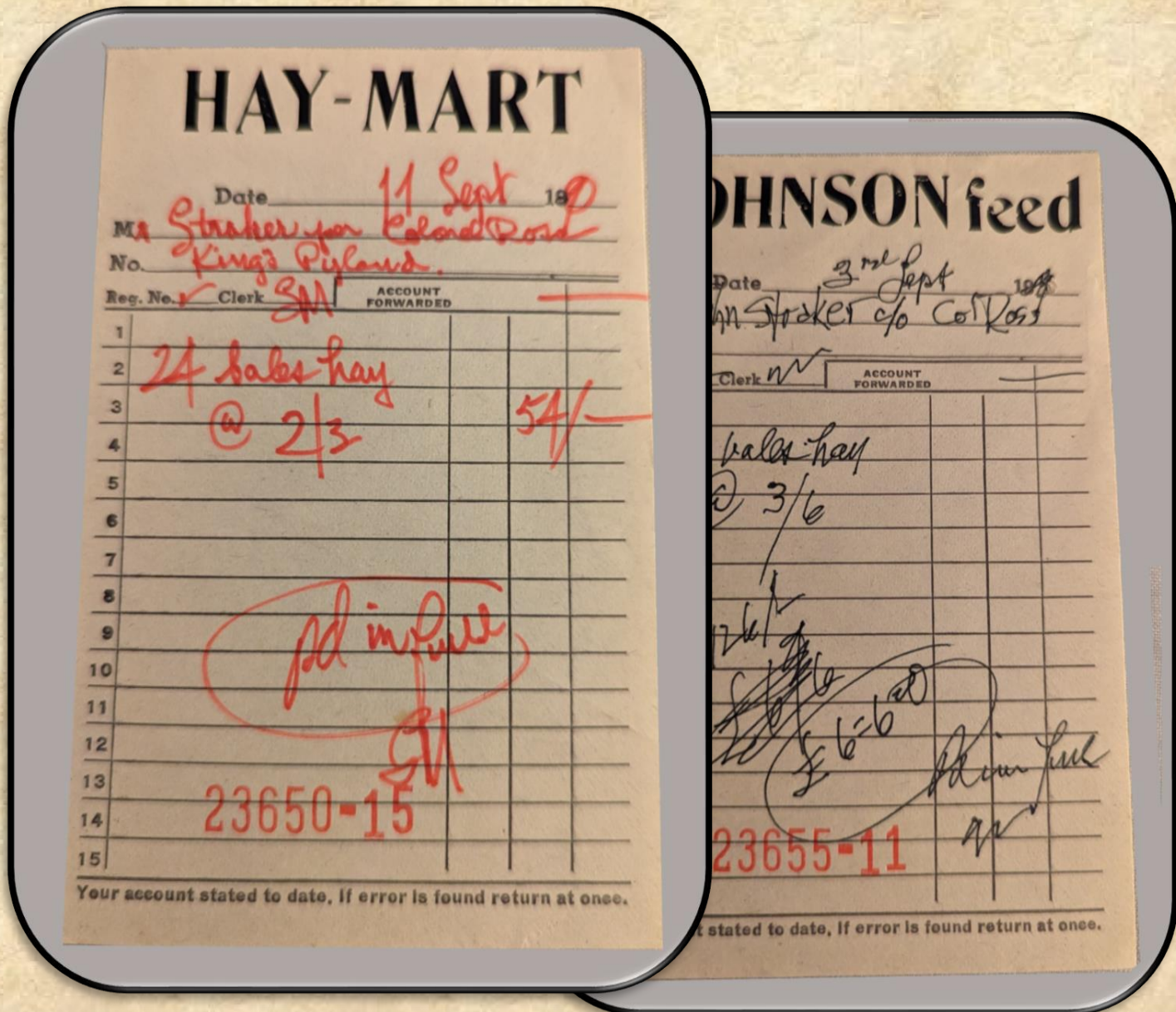
'...There was a pouch of sealskin with half an ounce of long-cut cavendish, a silver watch with a gold chain...'



Pictured is the pencil case made of aluminum and five gold sovereigns found in Straker's pocket when he was found murdered.

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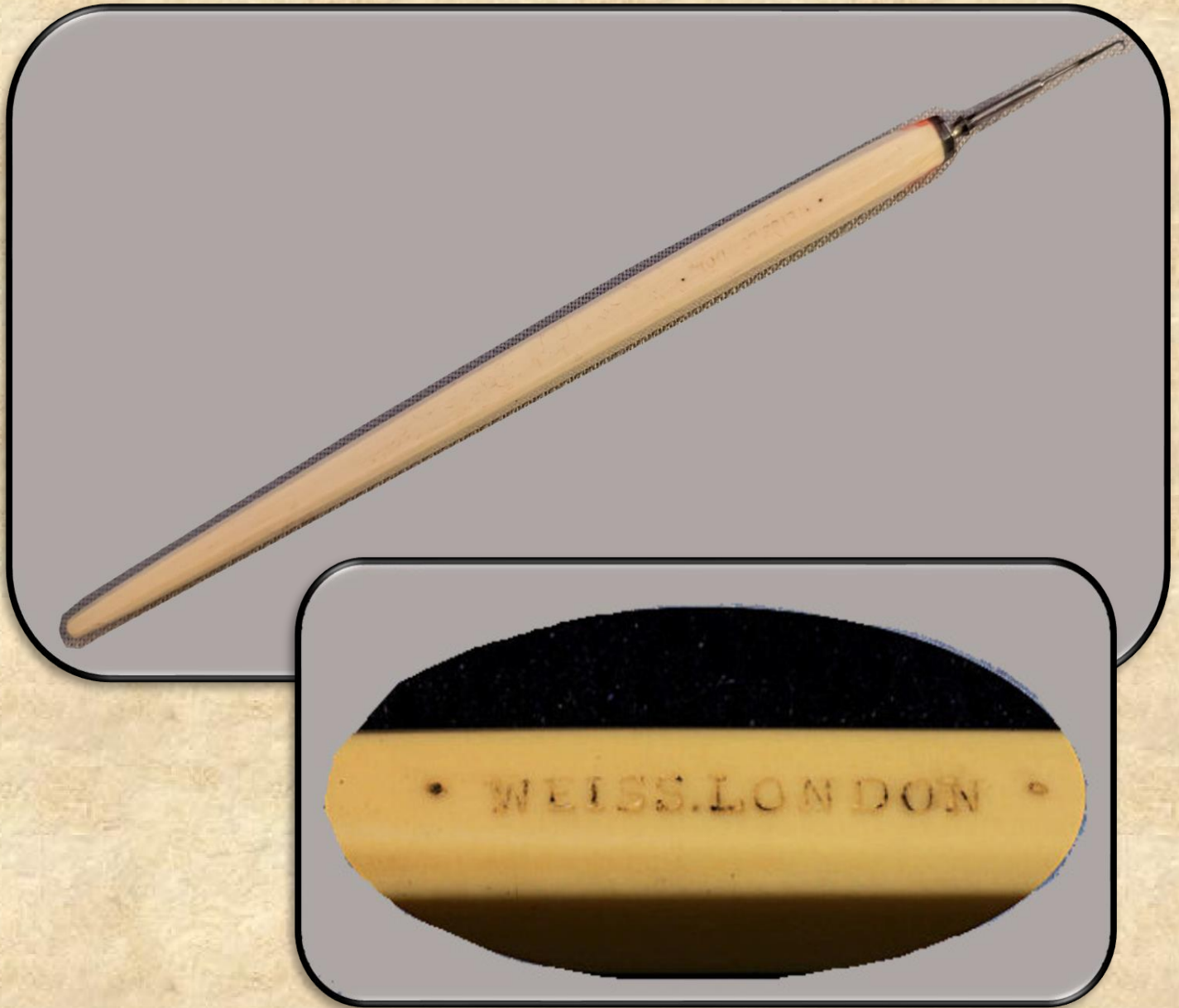
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Pictured is the receipts for Hay-Mart and Johnson Feed found in Straker's pocket when he was found murdered.

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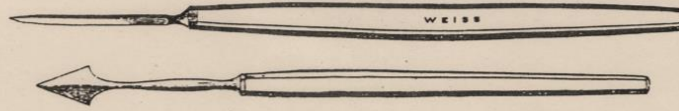
'...There were a few papers... Three of them are receipted hay-dealers' accounts.'



Pictured is the knife found in Strakers hand, from the Weiss & Co., when Straker was found dead.

'I presume that you made an inventory of what he had in his pockets at the time of his death, Inspector?'

'...an ivory-handled knife with a very delicate inflexible blade marked Weiss & Co., London...'



"I presume that you made an inventory of what he had in his pockets at the time of his death, Inspector?"

"I have the things themselves in the sitting-room if you would care to see them."

"I should be very glad."

We all filed into the front room and sat round the central table, while the Inspector unlocked a square tin box and laid a small heap of things before us. There was a box of vestas, two inches of tallow candle, an A.D.P. briar-root pipe, a pouch of sealskin with half an ounce of long-cut Cavendish, a silver watch with a gold chain, five sovereigns in gold, an aluminium pencil-case, a few papers, and an ivory-handled knife with a

very delicate inflexible blade marked Weiss and Co., London.

"This is a very singular knife," said Holmes, lifting it up and examining it minutely. "I presume, as I see bloodstains upon it, that it is the one which was found in the dead man's grasp. Watson, this knife is surely in your line."

"It is what we call a cataract knife," said I.

"I thought so. A very delicate blade devised for very delicate work. A strange thing for a man to carry with him upon a rough expedition, especially as it would not shut in his pocket."

"The tip was guarded by a disc of cork which we found beside his body," said the Inspector. "His wife tells us that the knife had lain for some days upon the dressing-table, and that he had picked it up as he left the room. It was a poor weapon, but perhaps the best that he could lay his hand on at the moment."

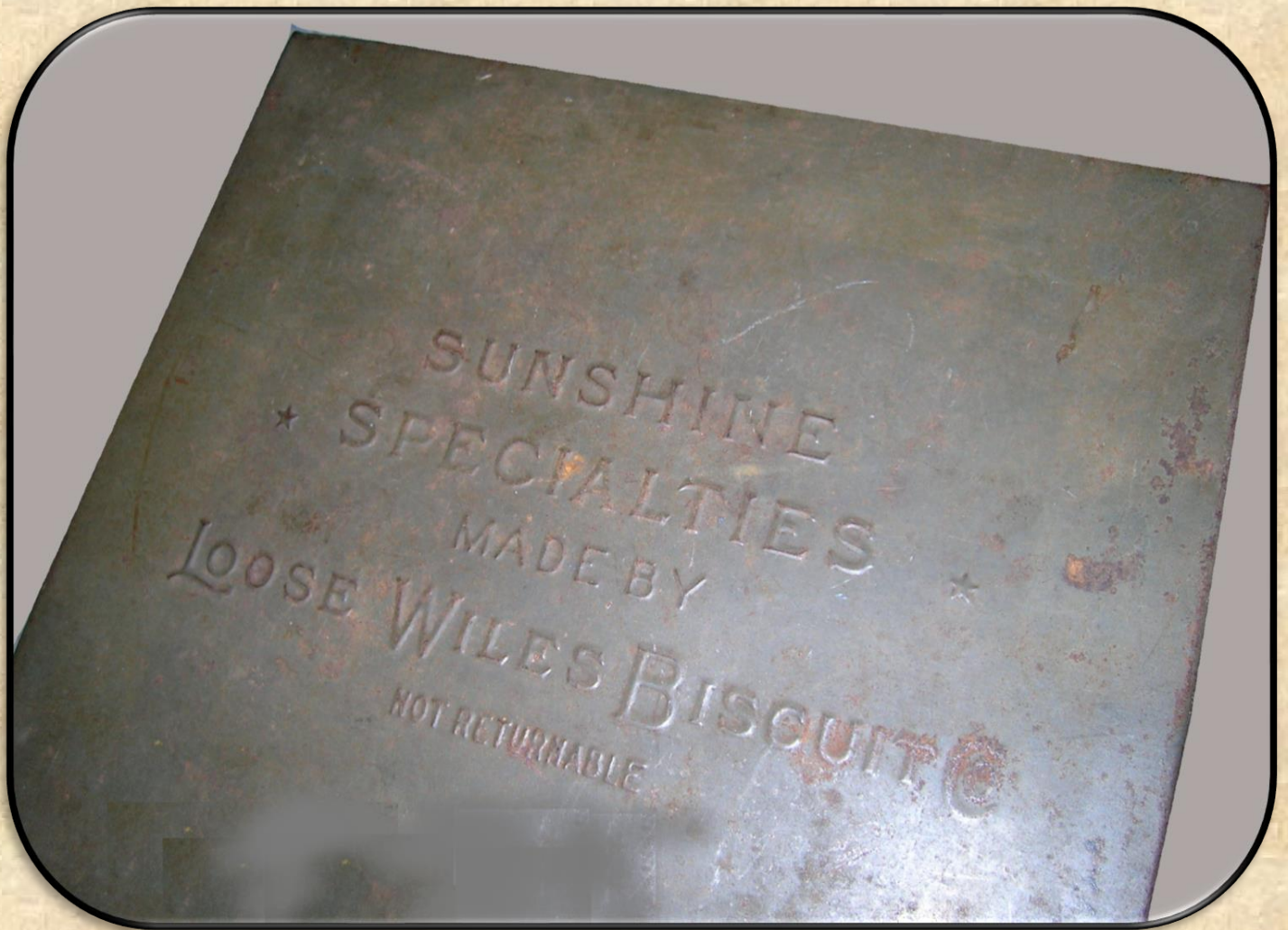


"THEY FOUND THE DEAD BODY OF THE UNFORTUNATE TRAIN"

Pictured is an excerpt from the story "Silver Blaze" at the scene of the murder of Straker and Watson's explanation of what a cataract knife was.

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Pictured is the tin box which Lestrade had stored all of the items found in Straker's pockets when he was found dead.

We all filed into the front room, and sat round the central table, while the Inspector unlocked a square tin box and laid a small heap of things before us.



Pictured is the cataract knife Straker had in his hand when he was found dead, along with the cork tips he used to protect the blade.

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TEXT-BOOK
OF
OPHTHALMOLOGY

BY
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AUTHORIZED TRANSLATION FROM THE TWELFTH REVISED AND GREATLY
ENLARGED GERMAN EDITION WITH NUMEROUS ADDITIONS
BY

ALEXANDER DUANE, M.D.
SURGEON OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL INSTITUTE, NEW YORK

WITH FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE ILLUSTRATIONS

FOURTH EDITION



PHILADELPHIA & LONDON
J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY

Pictured is title page from *Textbook of Ophthalmology* by Dr. Ernest Fuchs. The book would explain the usage of a cataract knife for eye surgery.

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KING'S PYLAND TRAINING STABLES

Dartmoor, Devonshire

Colonel James R. Ross, Owner

Mr Straker,

Send Ned to Adams for hay. I noticed that we are running low.

Also please take both Bayard and Silver Blaze through their paces a bit later in the day so that we may safely avoid the prying eyes of those damned touts who have been seen in the vicinity. I'd also like you to keep a close watch on the gypsies for nearly the same reason.

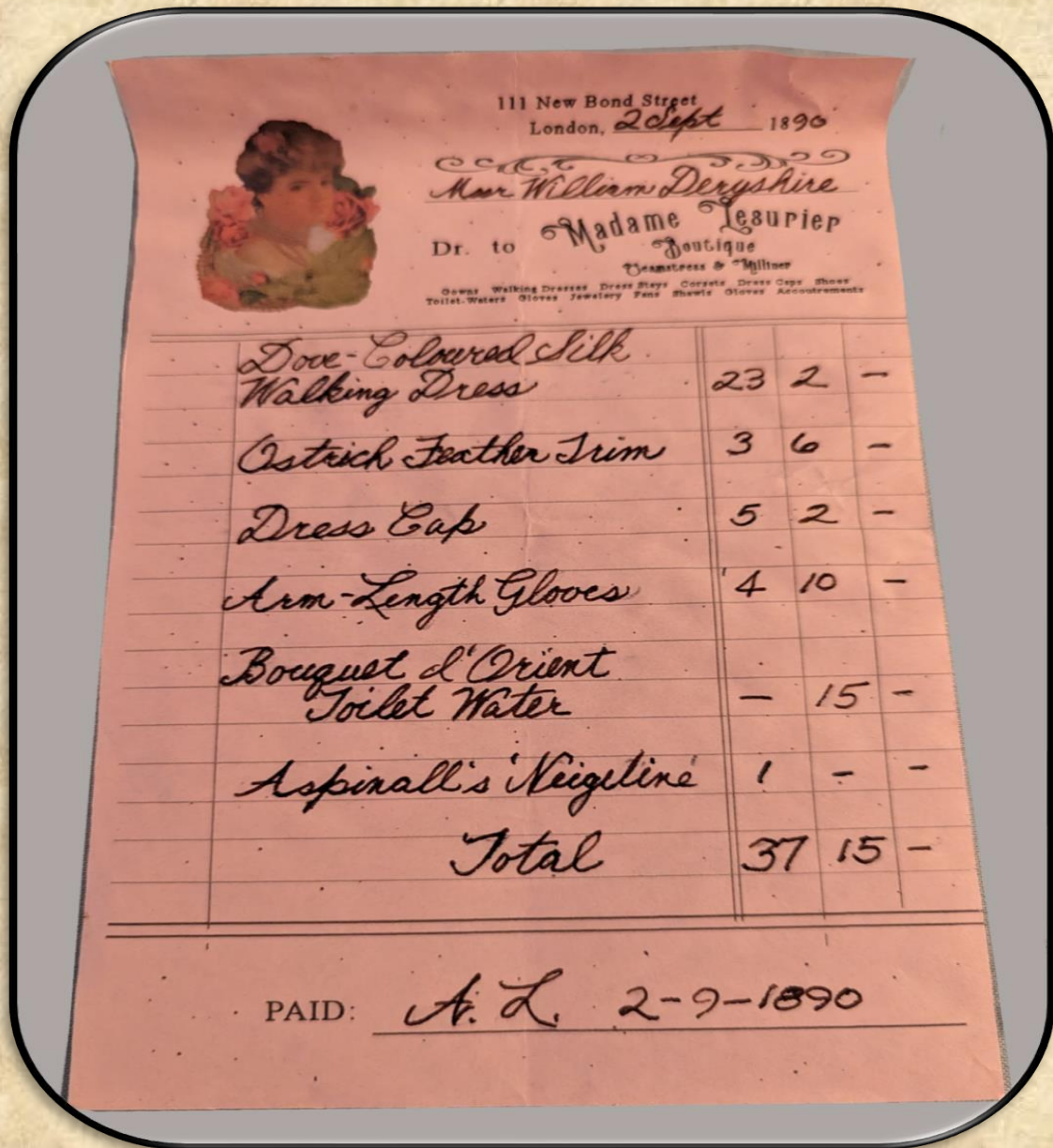
The carried mutton for dinner two nights hence sounds quite a delicious choice. Please convey my thanks to your wife for her suggestion.

J. R. Ross

Pictured is a letter of instructions on King's Pyland letterhead. Colonel Ross' instructions were found in Straker's pocket.

'Very possible. How about these papers?'

'One of them is a letter of instructions from Colonel Ross.'



Pictured is the receipt for dove-coloured walking dress @ 22 guineas and accoutrements from Madame Lesurier to William Darbyshire.

'This other is a milliner's account for thirty-seven pounds fifteen, made out by Madame Lesurier, of Bond Street, to William Darbyshire. Mrs. Straker tells us that Darbyshire was a friend of her husband's, and that occasionally his letters were addressed here.'



Pictured is John Straker's shoe, which Holmes was able to use to match prints in the soil and to track where Straker had been.

'In this bag I have one of the boots which Straker wore... and a cast horseshoe of Silver Blaze.'



Pictured is the stirrup from Silver Blaze's saddle, used by the jockey during the Wessex Cup. Also pictured is one Silver Blaze's horse shoes, which Holmes used to compare to hoof prints found near Straker's body.

'But I should like to take a little walk over the moors before it grows dark, that I may know my ground tomorrow, and I think that I shall put this horseshoe into my pocket for luck.'



Pictured is the half crown Holmes offered the groom at Capleton stables. The British half crown was worth $\frac{1}{8}$ of one pound, or two shillings and six pence.

As Sherlock Holmes replaced the half-crown which he had drawn from his pocket, a fierce-looking elderly man strode out from the gate with a hunting-crop swinging in his hand.

WAGERING ON THIS RACE

6 FURLONGS

CLAIMING PURSE \$7,000.

THIRD RACE

FOR FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD, 120 lbs. Non-winners since August 22, allowed 2 lbs.; July 15, 4 lbs. Claiming price \$6750

Track Record—1:08 1/2; ZULU TOM 1:08 1/2

MAKE SELECTION BY NUMBER

1 DOROTHY BRAVER Purple, Yellow Star

2 O'HARA'S B.F.2, O'Wear—Elegance Maroon, Red Star

3 CLEARLY Ch.1,2, Bold Manes ARTSONS STABLE Yellow and Red Star

4 BERTA'S B.F.2, Grey Dawn SUNNINGHILL Yellow and Red Star

5 REGAL Dk.b. or br.f.2, Traces SIGMUND SOMMER Green, Gold Star

6 CROSS B.F.2, Verbatim—LEON D. STARK Brown, Black Stripes

7 CHICK Dk.b. or br.f.2, King KING BANCH Brown, White Star

8 PANAL Dk.b. or br.f.2, Out RICHARD D. BOKS Blue, White Star

9 RICK'S Dk.b. or br.f.2, Rich

SCRATCHED—LADY VERA

Please do not destroy race involved is OFFICIAL Mutual Informational ticket.

6 FURLONGS

CLAIMING PURSE \$500

SECOND RACE

FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD, Three-year-olds, 120 lbs.; 4th winners of two races since July 20, allowed 3 lbs.; two races since a race since August 22, 2 lbs. Claiming price \$200

Track Record—1:08 1/2; ZULU TOM 1:08 1/2; May 15, 1890

MAKE SELECTION BY NUMBER

1 SIGMUND SOMMER Green, Gold Diamond Head, Gold Stars, Green Cap, Gold Tassel

2 DECI KHALE 117 Gr.1,3, Decidely—Dexter by Khaleid

3 SIGMUND SOMMER Green, Gold Diamond Head, Gold Stars, Green Cap, Gold Tassel

4 NATIVE SEA 112 No.1,3, Restless Native—Water Lady by Amphibia

5 GREEN HILL FARM Royal Blue, Light Green Star, Green Stripes, Two Blue Hoops, Green Cap

6 DULAN 107 B.F.2, Dull—Sound Saver by Deamer

7 LEE & FINE Florence Orange and Black Stripes, Orange Stripes, Black Star, Orange Cap

8 SCANDALOUS JUDGE 112 Dk.b. or br.f.2, White Jockey—McClaren Street by Red Admiral

9 AL-JO STABLES Salmon Pink, Two Red Hoops on Stripes, Red Cap

10 GAY FELLOW 112 Dk.b. or br.f.2, Epitaph—Ladylight by Hillman

11 CHIEF SCAT 112 Ch.1,2, Copy Chief—Scott Lake by Marehale

12 MISS STANLEY & SHARPEY Black and Gold Stripes, Gold Stripes and Cap

13 STELLAR EVENT 114 B.F.2, Swallow—Mosses by Black Beard

14 WILLIAM B. HELLER Green, White Hoop on Stripes, White Cap

15 NIGHT AUDITOR 112 B.F.4, Epitaph—First Blush by Sun Again

16 JOHN P. TITS Red, Yellow Tails, Yellow Diamonds on Stripes, Yellow Cap

17 B. W.'S LARK 109 B.F.4, T. V. Lark—Barbost by Double Jay

18 HARWOOD C. KABLESSY Gold, Black Panel, Gold Cap

19 HIGH CRANE 105 B.F.3, Exquisite Native—Lady Grace by Venetia

20 EARLEN STABLE Blue, Green Diamond Fringe, Green Stripes, White Stripes, Silver Cap

21 MR. ED W. 108 Ch.1,3, Steward—Double Blush by Summer Tea

SCRATCHED—SMART HACK, WHAT A FELLOW, CHIEF SIENA

DOUBLE ON FIRST AND SECOND RACES
WINDOWS OPEN 12:00 CLOSE 1:00

THE WESSEX CUP RACE

FIRST RACE

WESSEX PLATE
1,000 SOVEREIGNS ADDED

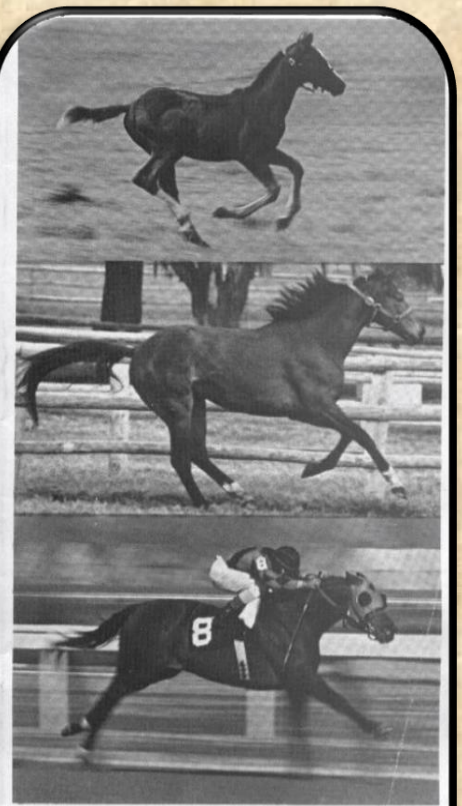
DISTANCE: ONE MILE AND FIVE FURLONGS

NO.	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	HEATH NEWTON Cinnamon, red cap THE NEGRO	PAUL CHURCHILL 109	BRENT MORRIS
2	COLONEL WARDLAW Blue and black jacket, pink cap PUGILIST	DAVID HATCH 105	DENNY DOBRY
3	LORD BACKWATER Yellow DESBOROUGH	SILAS BROWN 114	JACK DAWSON
4	COLONEL ROSS Red jacket, black cap SILVER BLAZE	JOHN STRAKER 114	NED HUNTER
5	DUKE OF BALMORAL Yellow and black stripes IRIS	ROD McCASLIN 108	JAMES SMITH
6	LORD SINGLEFORD Purple and black RASPER	STEVE CLARKSON 109	WILLIAM CRAVEN

SCRATCHED: BAYARD

The winner of this first race will receive the Wessex Cup and Plate, first given in 1878 to Isonomy's owner, the Duke of Hokerlesse, of Mackleton, Halkams. The cup and plate were originally owned by the Earl of Hereford who bequeathed the treasures in trust to the English racing fraternity under the aegis of the Wessex Cup Board of Directors in 1877.

ODDS ON THIS RACE:



WESSEX CUP RACE

Tuesday, 30 September 1890
1.30 o'clock, p.m.
Winchester Downs

Pictured is the racing program for the Wessex Cup, scheduled to be run on September 30, 1890. Silver Blaze was part of the 1st race, competing against 5 other horses.

Four days later Holmes and I were again in the train bound for Winchester, to see the race for the Wessex Cup.



Pictured is the jacket and cap worn by King's Pyland jockeys. Red and black is the colors of the stables.

As I spoke a powerful bay horse swept out from the weighing enclosure and cantered past us, bearing on its back the well-known black and red of the Colonel.

SALES BY AUCTION

DE KUYPER'S FOR SALE. **MESSES. ARMITAGE AND ARMITAGE** respectfully give notice that they will **SELL BY AUCTION** at their great room, 21, Bevier-street, on Tuesday, July 1, at 11 o'clock precisely, 2 recently discovered **DE KUYPER PAINTINGS**, *Summer Solstice* and *The Blue Unicorn*.
MESSES. HODGKINSON will **SELL** by **AUCTION** Valuable Topographical Works relating to the Northern Suburbs of London, with extra Illustrations, County Histories, and Standard Miscellaneous Books.
NOV. 12, O'clock exact. On Wednesday next, July 26, at 11 o'clock precisely, a valuable importation of antique Furniture and China, by order of Mr. Van Gelder, of Rotterdam — **W. and M.C. BONHAM** will **SELL** by **AUCTION**.

SITUATIONS

BUTLER and VALET (GOOD WORKING), Married, Age 38, Height 5 ft. 10. Town or country — **J. B., 33 Rowing-crescent, Christ Church, Battersea.**
SHARP LAD, age 16, under a coachman. Has had some experience. Town or country — **W. T., Norfolk-ldge, Barnet.**
GARDENER (HEAD), Recommended as first-class gardener and grower. Thoroughly sober and trustworthy — **Gardener, 31 Hatham-grove, Hatham, SW.**
INDOOR SERVANT, German, speaks French and English well 2 years character. Age 24 — **J. M., 12 Cadogan-street, South Kensington, NW.**
WAITER (HEAD), tavern or restaurant. 5 years' good character from last employer. — **E. B., 82 Castle-street, Battersea.**
PARTNER REQUIRED, by the inventor of a new screw for packing-cases (patent). Not more than £1,000 required. Apply to **C. H. N., 40 White Cross-street, EC.**
PARTNER (SLEEPING) REQUIRED, in a London manufacturing business, to invest £500 to £1,000, at good interest, to help develop the increasing trade. **W 277, Address and Inquiry Office, The Times Office, EC.**
GOOD COOK WANTED. — French preferred. Kitchensmaid kept. Apply at 4 Courtfield-gardens, SW. Excellent wages and other considerations. Must have good personal character.

TEXTILE STOCKS UP

Several textile manufacturing companies have posted gains in the past few days, but the leader has been the firm of Heathcliff and Son, Ltd. The active buying is apparently the result of rumours concerning an imminent merger between this Manchester-based firm and one of more German textile companies. **Angus Heathcliff**, president and majority shareholder, could not be reached for comment on the rumours. **Ermen and Engels**, another Manchester-based firm, has also shown impressive gains.

AMERICAN MARKETS

Wheat opened about 1/2c lower, and the market has ruled weaker on the better weather reports from Europe and "lings" selling. The export trade, however, has been fairly good, values closing at 1/2c to 1/4c lower. Corn has had an irregular market, although "bulls" have sold out some of their contracts, and the tone, in sympathy with the wheat market, is dull at the quotation. **Lard** has a weaker market under the influence of speculation. The closing quotations show a decline of 2 to 10 points.
Coffee at the opening was weaker, 25 points down for September and October, and 15 down for December.

STRAND IMPROVEMENT IMMINENT

Plans for the transformation of part of Holborn are being earnestly studied by members of the London City Council. Besides the new iron-road streets to be created, there will be a tunnel for the trams which will run underground for a half-mile before surfacing on the Embankment. As with all such developments in which poorer sections of crowded housing are to be removed, the plans designate generous recreation and park space. The private contractor's name most often mentioned in association with the plans for this street is that of **Cedrick Livingston**. His ambitious developments in the past have generally been quite successful, and the plans he has submitted for the new one-hundred-foot-wide Kingway, as the street is being tentatively called, are gaining favour with the council members.

NEW CONSTABLES

A new recruitment to enhance and expand the ranks of the London Constabulary is now under way. Applicants for these positions must be free of Criminal backgrounds and in good physical condition. Those interested are urged to present themselves at the New Scotland Yard offices.

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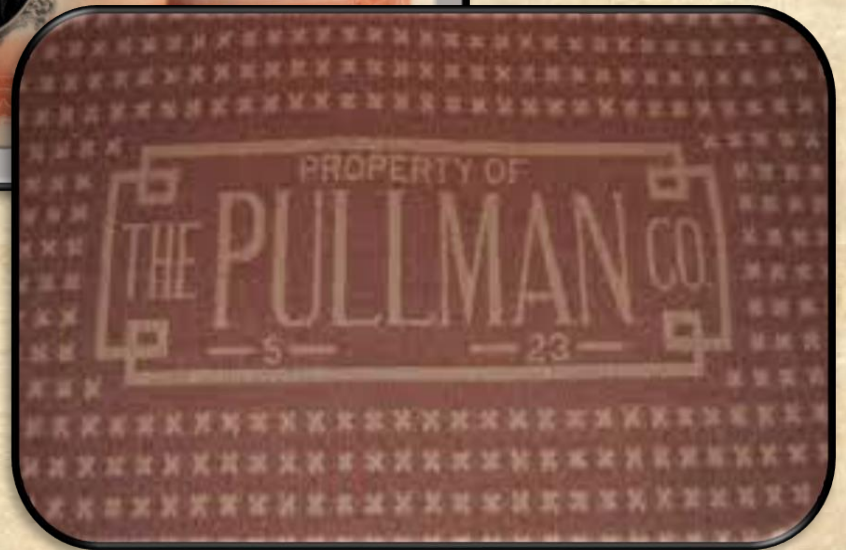
Last evening it was stated that Mr. Bright had slept well during Tuesday night, had passed a comfortable day, and had sat by his bed for two hours. Although, however, he was slowly improving and strong, the state of the weather rendered it unusual for him to attempt any further exertion at the present time.

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Pictured is The Times article announcing the victory of the Wessex Cup by Silver Blaze.

Before they reached us, however, Desborough's bolt was shot, and the Colonel's horse, coming away with a rush, passed the post a good six lengths before its rival, the Duke of Balmoral's Iris making a bad third.



Pictured are shares of stock for the Pullman Company, as well as a blanket from a railcar owned by the Pullman Co. The Pullman Company was a manufacturer of railroad cars in the mid-to-late 19th century.

We had the corner of a Pullman car to ourselves that evening as we whirled back to London.



Pictured is the phials which carried the powdered opium which was added to the curry ingested by the stable boy, putting him to sleep, so Silver Blaze could be taken without obstruction.

‘The opium was added after the dish was set aside for the stable boy, for the others had the same for supper with no ill effects.’

‘The opium was probably brought from London.’



Pictured is the red and black cravat that found near Straker's body but was actually the property of Fitzroy Simpson.

'Straker had led out the horse to a hollow where his light would be invisible. Simpson, in his flight, had dropped his cravat, and Straker had picked it up with some idea, perhaps, that he might use it in securing the horse's leg.'

Additional items of interest
in “The Adventure of Silver
Blaze” not included in the
original Evidence Box.



Pictured is a Christmas post card depicting the interior of Paddington Station, one of the major rail stations of London.

‘We have, I think, just time to catch our train at Paddington, and I will go further into the matter upon our journey.’



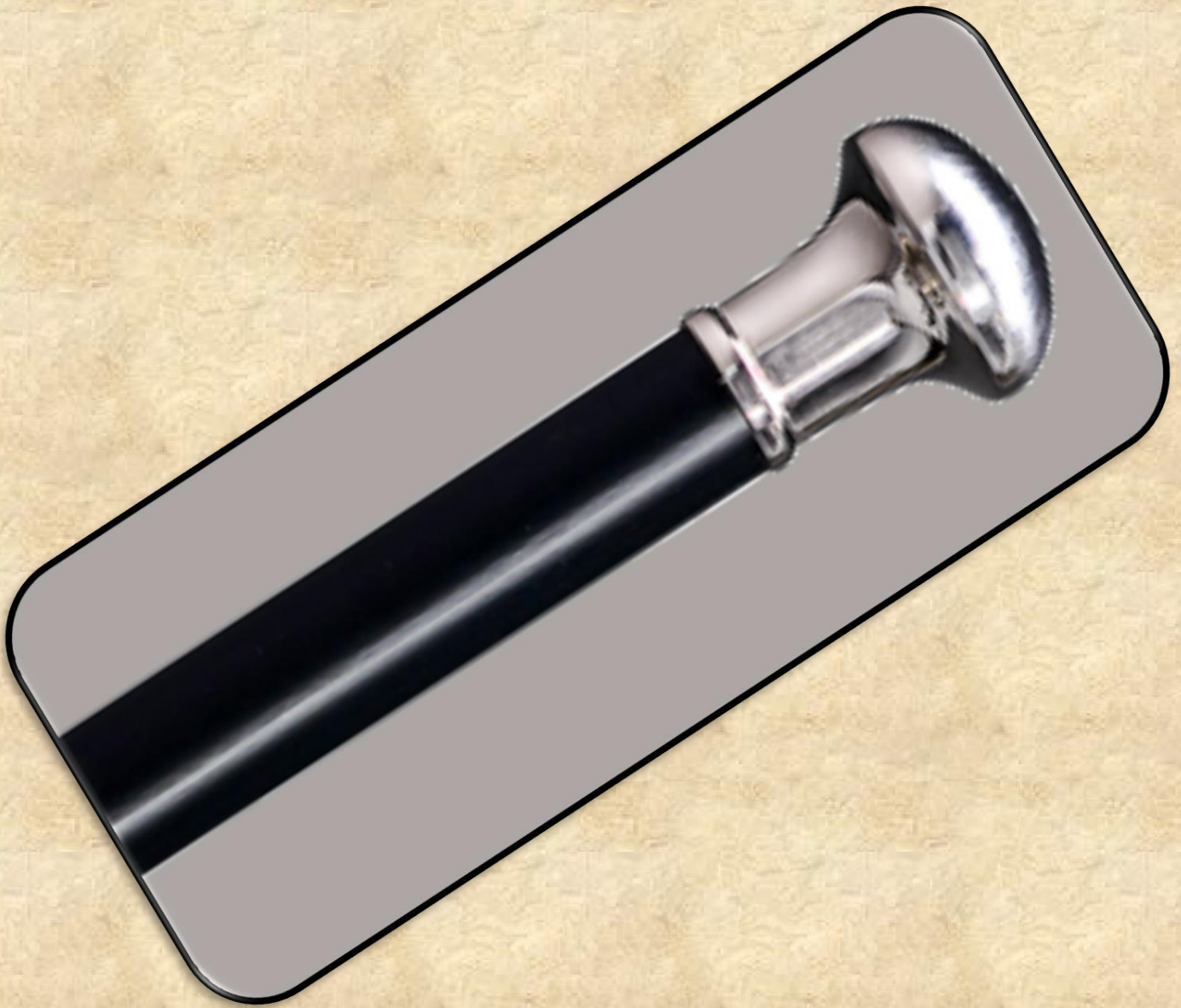
Pictured is a photo of a rural telegraph pole, such as Holmes spotted during their rail trip to Exeter.

‘Nor have I. But the telegraph posts upon this line are sixty yards apart, and the calculation is a simple one.’



Pictured is King's Pyland Stables, owned by Colonel Ross, and the home of Silver Blaze.

'This fact was, of course, appreciated at King's Pyland, where the Colonel's training stable is situated.'



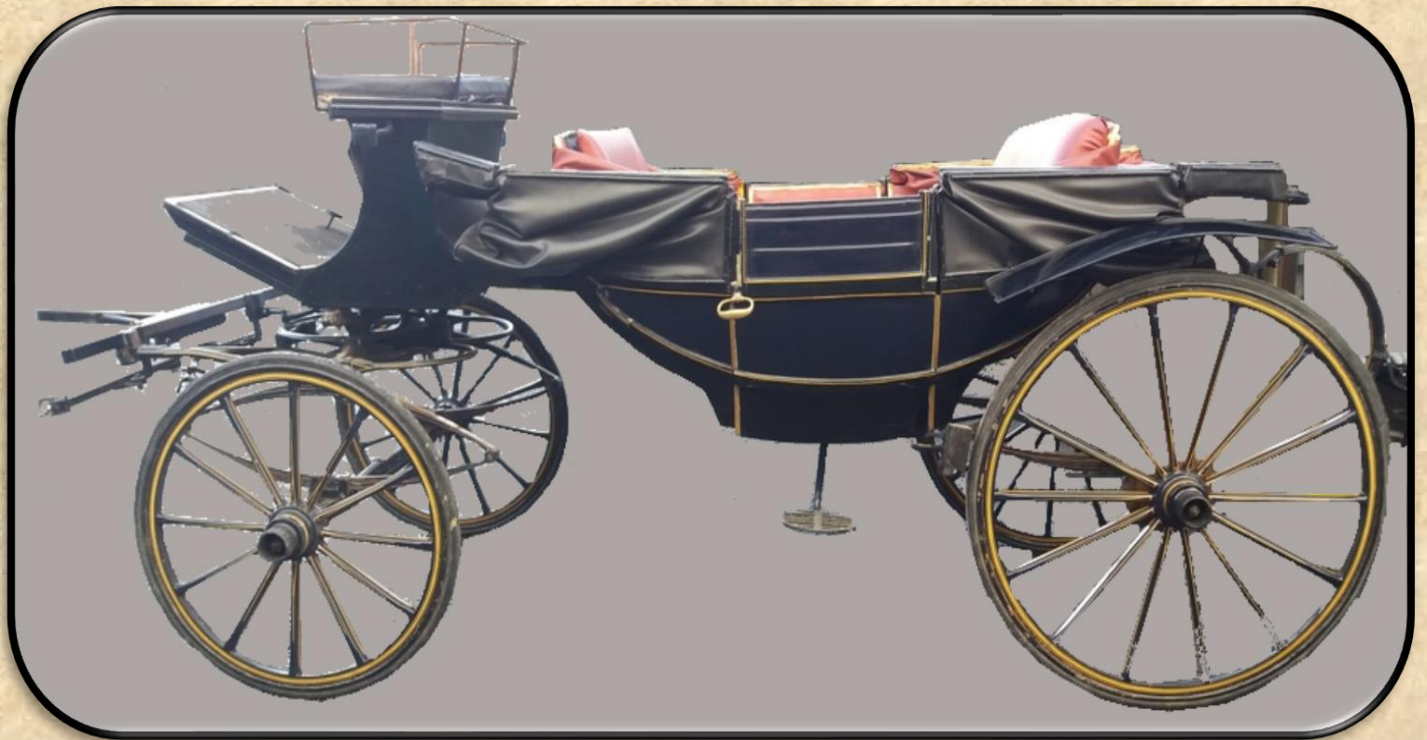
Pictured is the head of the Penang lawyer, a weighted walking stick, carried by Fitzroy Simpson on the night Straker was killed.

His wet clothing showed that he had been out in the storm of the night before, and his stick, which was a Penang lawyer, weighted with lead, was just such a weapon as might, by repeated blows, have inflicted the terrible injuries to which the trainer had succumbed.



Pictured is a post card of Tavistock, the closest town to King's Pyland Stables, and where Holmes and Watson met Colonel Ross and Inspector Gregory.

It was evening before we reached the little town of Tavistock, which lies, like the boss of a shield, in the middle of the huge circle of Dartmoor.



Pictured is the landau which transported Holmes, Watson, Inspector Gregory, and Colonel Ross to the stables of Silver Blaze.

A minute later we were all seated in a comfortable landau and were rattling through the quaint old Devonshire town.



Pictured is the curried mutton served to the lads within the stables, which was treated opium to render them unconscious, allow Silver Blaze to be taken out of the stables.

‘Were it mixed with any ordinary dish, the eater would undoubtedly detect it, and would probably eat no more. A curry was exactly the medium which would disguise this taste.’