



The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XVIII -- The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk

Compilation of quizzes from the Diogenes Club and the Crew of the Barque Lone Star

1.	How does Sherlock Holmes know that Dr. Watson has a summer cold?	
2.	How does Homes know that Dr. Watson's medical practice, which he just purchased from a retired doctor, is more lucrative than the practice next door?	
3.	What does Pinner require of Pycroft if he agrees to take the job?	
4.	What first causes Pycroft to become suspicious concerning the new company for which he now works?	
5.	What is Pycroft's first duty for his new employer?	
6.	When does Pycroft become suspicious about his new employers, suspecting that the two brothers are really the same?	
7.	How do Homes and Watson arrange to interview with Mr. Pinner?	
8.	On which two "fairly obvious" points does Holmes deduce the solution to the mystery?	
9.	What does Henry Pinner do when he discovers that his brother was caught robbing the stock-broking company?	
10.	How does Henry Pinner learn of his brother's arrest?	
11.	In 1896, after Sherlock Holmes had tumbled over into Reichenbach Falls, Conan Doyle wrote a Holmes parody for Edinburgh University's magazine. What is the name of this story?	
12.	Who is Dr. Watson married to during this adventure? (HINT: "Mrs. Watson" will get you no points.)	
13.	Who is Holmes' client?	
14.	What country's economic situation put Holmes' client in poor fiscal health?	

15.	What is the name of the firm represented by Arthur Pinner, Financial Agent?	
16.	How many branches does Mr. Pinner's firm claim to have in France?	
17.	What is the address of Mr. Pinner's firm?	
18.	What profession did Holmes claim when initially speaking to Mr. Pinner?	
19.	Who took Holmes' clients place at Mawson & Williams?	
20.	What City Policeman foiled the crime?	
21.	What was the amount of railway bonds discovered in the bag?	
22.	What other Sherlock Holmes adventure shares a similar plot line?	
23.	Holmes' client says:"I dare say E.C is not much in your line . . ." What is E.C?	
24.	In what year was the London Stock Exchange formed?	
25.	What did Arthur Pinner question Hall Pycroft about?	
26.	With what was Henry Pinner's second tooth on the lefthand side stuffed?	
27.	From who did Watson purchase his practice?	
28.	For what firm did Hall Pycroft previously work?	
29.	How long had Hall Pycroft worked for his most recent employer?	
30.	How many branches did Arthur Pinner say the Franco-Midland Hardware Company had in France?	
31.	What is Pycroft's first duty for his new employer?	
32.	What does Henry Pinner try to do once he finds out his brother was caught robbing the company?	
33.	The temporary offices of the Franco-Midland Hardware Company were located on what floor of the building?	
34.	How many countries are referred to in the story?	
35.	Who did Watson buy a medical practice from?	
36.	What was in the "carpet bag"?	
37.	How much of a raise per year did Pycroft receive when he changed firms?	
38.	Who had a yellow moustache?	
39.	Who had a black beard?	
40.	Who was first noted with a gold tooth?	
41.	Beddington impersonated who?	
42.	Name three crimes that were suspected?	
43.	What was "seven to seven-and-six"?	

Answers

1.	How does Sherlock Holmes know that Dr. Watson has a summer cold?	Holmes notices that Watson's new slippers are slightly scorched. Then only reasonable explanation, according to Holmes, is that Watson was warming his feet by the fire, which is rarely done in the summer, unless one is sick.
2.	How does Holmes know that Dr. Watson's medical practice, which he just purchased from a retired doctor, is more lucrative than the practice next door?	The steps of Dr. Watson's office are worn down more than the steps leading to the other doctor's office.
3.	What does Pinner require of Pycroft if he agrees to take the job?	Pinner does not want Pycroft to notify his prospective employer of his decision not to accept his offer.
4.	What first causes Pycroft to become suspicious concerning the new company for which he now works?	When Pycroft enters the office, he notices the room is very austere, lacking carpet, curtains, tables, and other employees.
5.	What is Pycroft's first duty for his new employer?	Pycroft is assigned the task of marking off all the hardware sellers and their addresses listed in the Paris directory.
6.	When does Pycroft become suspicious about his new employers, suspecting that the two brothers are really the same?	Each man has a gold filling in the second tooth in the upper left jaw.
7.	How do Holmes and Watson arrange to interview with Mr. Pinner?	They arrive with Pycroft seeking employment.
8.	On which two "fairly obvious" points does Holmes deduce the solution to the mystery?	Mr. Pinner makes Pycroft write a declaration of service concerning his new job, and he requires that Pycroft not arrive at Watson's office on Monday morning as expected.
9.	What does Henry Pinner do when he discovers that his brother was caught robbing the stock-broking company?	Mr. Pinner tries to hang himself.

10.	How does Henry Pinner learn of his brother's arrest?	He reads about his brother's arrest in an early edition of the Evening Standard.
11.	In 1896, after Sherlock Holmes had tumbled over into Reichenbach Falls, Conan Doyle wrote a Holmes parody for Edinburgh University's magazine. What is the name of this story?	The Field Bazaar
12.	Who is Dr. Watson married to during this adventure? (HINT: "Mrs. Watson" will get you no points.)	Mary Morstan - SIGN
13.	Who is Holmes' client?	Mr. Hall Pycroft
14.	What country's economic situation put Holmes' client in poor fiscal health?	Venezuela
15.	What is the name of the firm represented by Arthur Pinner, Financial Agent?	Franco-Midland Hardware Company, Limited
16.	How many branches does Mr. Pinner's firm claim to have in France?	134
17.	What is the address of Mr. Pinner's firm?	126B, Corporation Street
18.	What profession did Holmes claim when initially speaking to Mr. Pinner?	Accountant
19.	Who took Holmes' clients place at Mawson & Williams?	Beddington
20.	What City Policeman foiled the crime?	Sergeant Tuson
21.	What was the amount of railway bonds discovered in the bag?	A hundred thousand pounds
22.	What other Sherlock Holmes adventure shares a similar plot line?	Red-Headed League
23.	Holmes' client says:"I dare say E.C is not much in your line . . ." What is E.C?	East Central – the postal district where a most all the London stockbrokerage enterprises are located.
24.	In what year was the London Stock Exchange formed?	1773
25.	What did Arthur Pinner question Hall Pycroft about?	Prices on the stock exchange
26.	With what was Henry Pinner's second tooth on the lefthand side stuffed?	Gold
27.	From who did Watson purchase his practice?	Farquhar
28.	For what firm did Hall Pycroft previously work?	Coxon and Woodhouse
29.	How long had Hall Pycroft worked for his most recent employer?	5 years
30.	How many branches did Arthur Pinner say the Franco-Midland Hardware Company had in France?	134
31.	What is Pycroft's first duty for his new employer?	Marking off all the hardware companies in Paris
32.	What does Henry Pinner try to do once he finds out his brother was caught robbing the company?	Henry tries to hang himself

33.	The temporary offices of the Franco-Midland Hardware Company were located on what floor of the building?	Fifth
34.	How many countries are referred to in the story?	Three (Venezuela, New Zealand, France)
35.	Who did Watson buy a medical practice from?	Mr. Farquhar
36.	What was in the “carpet bag”?	American Railway Bonds, Scrip in mines, and other countries
37.	How much of a raise per year did Pycroft receive when he changed firms?	344 pounds (was originally making 3 pounds per week/156 per year went up 1 pound per week, then to 500 pounds per year
38.	Who had a yellow moustache?	Hall Pycroft
39.	Who had a black beard?	Arthur Pinner
40.	Who was first noted with a gold tooth?	Harry Pinner
41.	Beddington impersonated who?	Hall Pycroft
42.	Name three crimes that were suspected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forgery • Robbery • Murder
43.	What was “seven to seven-and-six”?	The stock value of British Broken Hills

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