



The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XX – The Adventure of the Musgrave Ritual

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
British Museum	Great national Museum and Library, founded by Hans Sloane in 1753; Holmes had rooms on Montague Street just round the corner from the Museum when he first began his consulting detective business
Brunton, Richard	Butler of Hurlstone, whose death at the hands of Rachel Howells came about as a result of his solving the riddle of the Musgrave Ritual
Charles I	Kings of Great Britain and Ireland, of the Stuart House (1600-1649); open warfare between Charles and Parliament led to his capture and execution; coins of Charles I were found at Hurlstone, along with the ancient Stuart crown
Charles II	Kings of Great Britain and Ireland, of the Stuart House (1630-1685); son of Charles I, spent young manhood in exile; Sir Ralph Musgrave was companion of the king, and referred to in the Ritual
Don Juan	Hero of a Spanish legend, recklessly immoral in character; Reginal Musgrave compared the butler, Brunton, to Juan
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.
Howells, Rachel	Second house-maid at Hurlstone, who was of "an excitable Welsh temperament"; recruited to assist in the discovering the treasure of Charles II by her former fiancé Brunton, whom she trapped and left to die in the treasure crypt

Hurlstone	Musgrave family estate in Western Sussex; Holmes said it was a famous old building built in the shape of an 'L'; over the low, heavy linteled door, was chiseled the date '1607'
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; Holmes indicated when he first came up to London, he had rooms in Montague Street
Montague Street	Street of central London, extending along the eastern side of the British Museum; Holmes had rooms there when he first began his practice as a consulting detective
Musgrave	One of the oldest families of England, a cadet branch of which was established at Hurlstone in Western Sussex
<i>Musgrave Ritual</i>	Peculiar catechism memorized by each Musgrave as he entered adulthood; origins in the middle of the 17 th century, the meaning of the ritual had been lost over time: stand: Whose was it? -- His who is gone. -- Who shall have it? -- He who will come. -- What was the month? -- The sixth from the first. -- Where was the sun? -- Over the oak -- Where was the shadow? -- Under the elm. -- How was it stepped? -- North by ten and by ten, east by five and by five, south by two and by two, west by one and by one, and so under. -- What shall we give for it? -- All that is ours. -- Why should we give it? -- For the sake of the trust.
Musgrave, Reginald	Descendant of Sir Ralph Musgrave; hired Holmes to solve the disappearance of his butler and second housemaid, which led to the discovery of murder and the restoration of the priceless crown
Musgrave, Sir Ralph	Prominent Cavalier and the closest companion of Charles II in his wanderings; it was a Musgrave who secreted the ancient Stuart crown of England at Hurlstone
Ricoletti	Club-footed man who, with his abominable wife, figured in a case in which Holmes was involved

Russia	(The Russian Empire) Next to Great Britain, the largest empire in the world; Holmes participated in the adventure of the old Russian woman before his meeting with Watson
Squire	In England, courtesy title of the chief landed proprietor, usually the lord of the manor, in a parish; the Musgraves had been squires at Hurlstone since the 16 th century
Stuart	Royal family of Scotland (1371-1714) and of England (1603-1714); Holmes commented there could be no doubt the battered and shapeless diadem once encircled the brows of the Royal Stuarts.
Sussex	Southern county of England, the salient physical feature is the hill range called the South Downs; Hurlstone, Musgrave's manor, was located in Sussex
Tarleton Murders	Case Holmes investigated before his meeting with Watson
Tregallis, Janet	Daughter of Hurlston's head gamekeeper; Brunton threw over Rachel Howells, the second maid whom he was engaged, in favor of Tregallis
Tregellis	Head gamekeeper at Hurlston; his daughter, Janet Tregallis was in love with Richard Brunton, the butler
V.R.	Abbreviation for Victoria Regina, Queen Victoria, which Holmes placed on the wall of the sitting room of 221b with 100 Boxer cartridges
Vamberry	Wine merchant with whom Holmes had some professional contact before his partnership with Watson
Victoria	Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India; she ascended the throne upon the death of William IV in 1837; Homes adorned the sitting room at Baker Street with a patriotic V.R. done in bullet-pocks
Wales	Principality in the southwest of Great Britain, conquered and united to England in the 13 th century; Rachel Howells was of excitable Welsh blood
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