



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXVIII – The Adventure of the Empty House

1. Was “society” so compact as to be dismayed?
2. What parts of the case were suppressed?
3. Why was the ten-year restriction imposed?
4. Does “indifferent success” mean total failure?
5. Did Watson report other “locked room” cases?
6. Had Watson always driven on his rounds?
7. Why would a cataract trip last so long?
8. Does a cautious player win £420 in a single sitting?
9. Are there problems with the second (our third) floor location?
10. What are possible implications of the smoky fire?
11. How do rifle and revolver bullets differ?
12. Would an inquest report draw spectators?
13. Who was the plain-clothes detective?
14. Was Adair’s arithmetic so poor he needed currency to count with?
15. Could Holmes expect Watson not to know his neighboring bookseller?
16. Why would Holmes use brandy on an unconscious Watson?
17. Why did Holmes have an unhealthy appearance?
18. Who provided the dinner and where?
19. Was Moriarty’s scream caused by pain or terror?
20. What danger was there for Holmes in Park Lane?
21. Which of Holmes’ accounts of returning to London is true?



22. Why the delay until 9:30?
23. Is a garroter a harmless fellow?
24. Could Watson have kept the secret if he knew Holmes to be alive?
25. Was it two or three who escaped conviction?
26. How did Holmes (and Moran) acquire a Camden House key?
27. How did Moran adjust his aim for the lamp's location?
28. Why would Watson use the butt?
29. What diagrams were kept at 221B?
30. In what adventure did Holmes use two dogs?

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