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**THE RETURN OF
SHERLOCK HOLMES.**
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I.—The Adventure of the Empty House.

IT was in the spring of the year 1894 that all London was interested, and the fashionable world dismayed, by the murder of the Honourable Ronald Adair under most unusual and inexplicable circumstances. The public has already learned those particulars of the crime which came out in the police investigation; but a good deal was suppressed upon that occasion, since the case for the prosecution was so overwhelmingly strong that it was not necessary to bring forward all the facts. Only now, at the end of nearly ten years, am I allowed to supply those missing links which make up the whole of that remarkable chain. The crime was of interest in itself, but that interest was as nothing to me compared to the inconceivable sequel, which afforded me the greatest shock and surprise of any event in my adventurous life. Even now, after this long interval, I find myself thrilling as I think of it, and feeling once more that sudden flood of joy, amazement, and incredulity which utterly submerged my mind. Let me say to that public which has shown some interest in those glimpses which I have occasionally given them of the thoughts and actions of a very remarkable man that they are not to blame me if I have not shared my knowledge with them, for I should have considered it my first duty to have done so had I not been barred by a positive prohibition from his own lips, which was only withdrawn upon the third of last month.

It can be imagined that my close intimacy with Sherlock Holmes had interested me deeply in crime, and that after his disappearance I never failed to read with care the various problems which came before the public, and I even attempted more than once for my own private satisfaction to employ his methods in their solution, though with indifferent success. There was none, however, which appealed to me like this tragedy of Ronald Adair. As I read the evidence at the inquest, which led up to a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown, I realized more clearly than I had ever done the loss which the community had sustained by the death of Sherlock Holmes. There were points about this strange business which would, I was sure, have specially appealed to him, and the efforts of the police would have been supplemented, or more probably anticipated, by the trained observation and the alert mind of the first criminal agent in Europe. All day as I drove upon my round, I turned over the case in my mind, and found no explanation which appeared to me to be adequate. At the risk of telling a twice-told tale I will recapitulate the facts as they were known to the public at the conclusion of the inquest.

The Honourable Ronald Adair was the second son of the Earl of Maynooth, at that time Governor of one of the Australian Colonies. Adair's mother had returned from Australia to undergo the operation for cataract, and she, her son Ronald, and her daughter Hilda were living together at 427, Park Lane. The youth moved in the best society, had, so far as was known, no enemies, and no particular vices. He had been

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SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES

Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle

DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

The Empty House, Part 2

**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.
All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

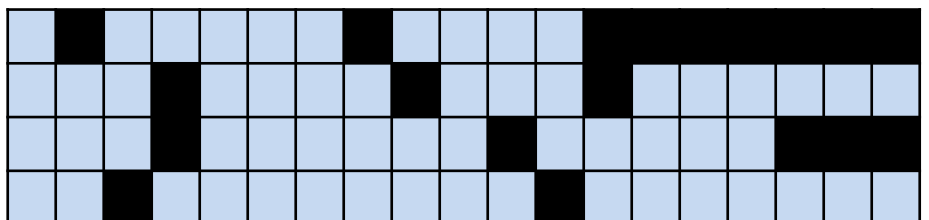
**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of
vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes,
vols. 1 and 2**

The Empty House (Puzzle #4)

WORDCIRCLE: Find each of the listed words in the puzzle. Click on each letter found and circle it with a CAPITAL "O". You can tab between letters. Once all terms are found, the remaining un-circled letters should complete a quote from the story below.

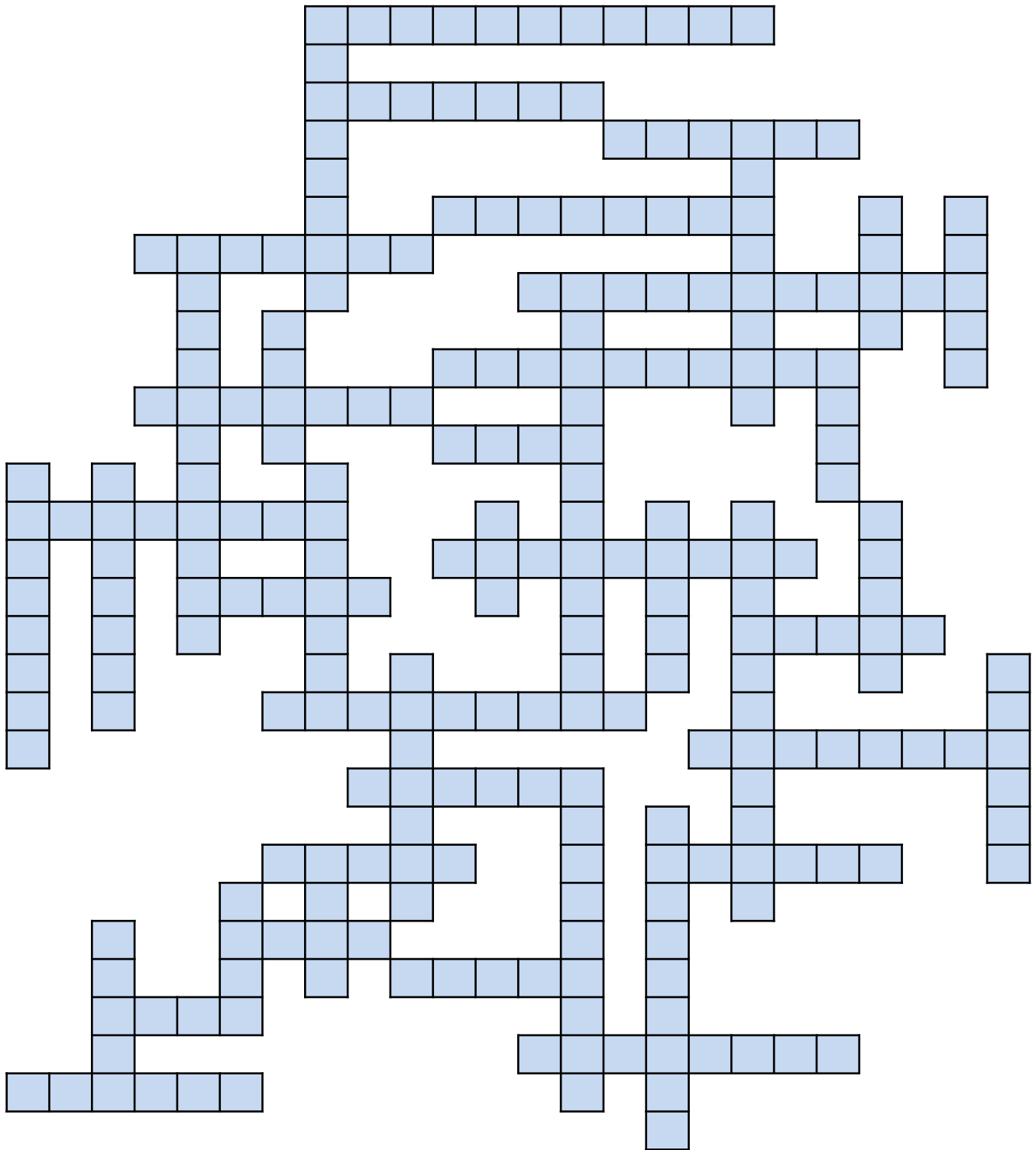
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- CUNNING
- DEPOSED
- EASY
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- FLASK
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- GASP
- GRIM
- HANSOM
- INCREDULITY
- INEXPLICABLE
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- MINUTE
- PARTICULARS
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- QUIVERING
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- SHEER
- SIDE
- SINISTER
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- TRADE
- UNTIDY
- VERDICT
- VIRILE
- WHIST
- WIZENED

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The Empty House (Puzzle #5)

CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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| GASP | BRINK | WHIST | ASSURED | AQUILINE | SARDONIC | STRATAGEM | PARTICULARS |
| GRIM | FLASK | CREDIT | BARITSU | CATARACT | SINISTER | ASPERITIES | INEXPLICABLE |

The Empty House (Puzzle #6)

CROSSWORD: Each clue is a term from the Canon. Highlighted clues on the next page are from this Story.

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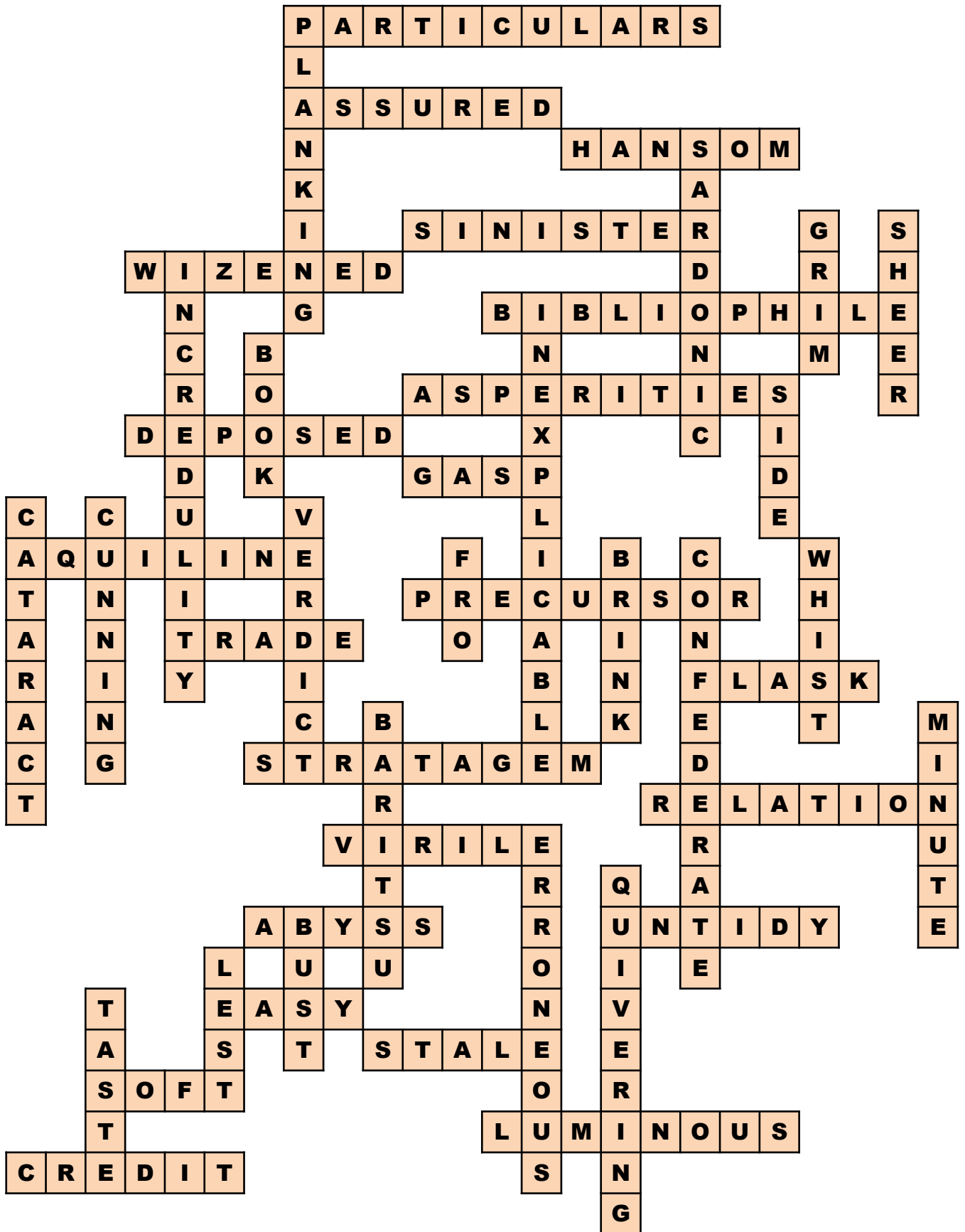
Across

5. _____ - collector
10. Detailed information about something
11. Glue used for sticking paper or other light materials
12. Messy; not well done
13. Two-wheeled carriage
16. Billiard - ____; stick
18. Having strength and energy
19. Decision on an issue in civil or criminal case or an inquest
20. Notion
21. British
24. Kinsman; relative
27. Give or ask for advice
29. Plan or scheme
31. Father
32. Actions performed intentionally or consciously
34. Fever or shivering fit
36. Edge; rim
37. _____ - going
42. Testify or give evidence on oath
43. Harsh qualities or conditions
45. Great delight
47. Burial box or container
48. Evil
49. Bullet fired by a rifle or pistol
50. Five-year _____
55. _____ and compass
57. After - _____
58. Medical condition involving the eye
60. Container for liquids
62. Feeling of uncertainty or lack of conviction
63. Very detailed
67. Thing that comes before another of the same kind
68. Selected methods of ju-jitsu
69. Card game, a predecessor to bridge

Down

1. To and _____
2. Emitted a long, deep breath expressing sadness or relief
3. Disastrous disintegration of someone's life
4. Forbidding or uninviting
6. Any artistic work on a large scale
7. Ingenious; crafty; wily
8. Trembling or shaking with a slight rapid motion
9. Deep gulf or chasm
10. Flooring
14. Perpendicular or nearly so
15. Withered; shriveled
16. Public acknowledgment or praise
17. Shiny silicate mineral with layered structure
22. Small, single story house or shelter
23. No longer fresh
25. Very bright; harsh to the eye
26. Being unwilling to believe something
27. Unusual; not ordinary
28. Concealed
29. Large body of water
30. By _____ !
33. Disdainful; sneering
35. Inhale suddenly with the mouth open
36. Sculpture of a person's head and shoulders
38. _____ - whiskers
39. Profession
40. Person who works with another
41. Wrong; incorrect
44. Means of egress
46. Transgression
48. _____ - nosed
50. Frequently; many times
51. Container made of flexible material
52. Confident; sure of oneself
53. Because of the possibility of something undesirable happening
54. Layer of dirt or froth on the surface of a liquid
56. Hue; tinge, shade
59. Feeling of needing or wanting to drink something
61. Small pieces of metal with incisions to open up a lock
62. Put something down briefly into a liquid
64. Handheld implement with flat base heated to use on clothing; very strong mineral
65. Large group of rowdy people
66. Using dry, humour

The Empty House (Puzzle #5)



The Empty House (Puzzle #6)

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