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**THE RETURN OF  
SHERLOCK HOLMES.**  
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*IV.—The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist.*

**F**ROM the years 1884 to 1901 inclusive Mr. Sherlock Holmes was a very busy man. It is safe to say that there was no public case of any difficulty in which he was not consulted during those eight years, and there were hundreds of private cases, some of them of the most intricate and extraordinary character, in which he played a prominent part. Many startling successes and a few unavoidable failures were the outcome of this long period of continuous work. As I have preserved very full notes of all these cases, and was myself personally engaged in many of them, it may be imagined that it is no easy task to know which I should select to lay before the public. I shall, however, preserve my former rule, and give the preference to those cases which derive their interest not so much from the locality of the crime as from the ingenuity and dramatic quality of the solution. For this reason I will now lay before the reader the facts connected with Miss Violet Smith, the solitary cyclist of Charlington, and the curious sequel of our investigation, which culminated in unexpected tragedy. It is true that the circumstances did not admit of any striking illustration of those powers for which my friend was famous, but there were some points about the case which made it stand out in those long records of crime from which I gather the material for these little narratives.

On referring to my note-book for the year 1895 I find that it was upon Saturday, the 23rd of April, that we first heard of Miss Violet Smith. Her visit was, I remember, extremely unwelcome to Holmes, for he was immersed at the moment in a very abstruse

and complicated problem concerning the peculiar persecution to which John Vincent Harden, the well-known tobacco millionaire, had been subjected. My friend, who loved above all things precision and concentration of thought, resented anything which distracted his attention from the matter in hand. And yet without a harshness which was foreign to his nature it was impossible to refuse to listen to the story of the young and beautiful woman, tall, graceful, and quietly, who presented herself at Baker Street late in the evening and implored his assistance and advice. It was vain to urge that his time was already fully occupied, for the young lady had come with the determination to tell her story, and it was evident that nothing short of force could get her out of the room until she had done so. With a resigned air and a somewhat weary smile, Holmes begged the beautiful intruder to take a seat and to inform us what it was that was troubling her.

"At least it cannot be your health," said he, as his keen eyes darted over her; "so ardent a bicyclist must be full of energy." She glanced down in surprise at her own feet, and I observed the slight roughening of the side of the sole caused by the friction of the edge of the pedal.

"Yes, I bicycle a good deal, Mr. Holmes, and that has something to do with my visit to you to-day."

My friend took the lady's unglazed hand and examined it with as close an attention and as little sentiment as a scientist would show to a specimen.

"You will excuse me, I am sure. It is my business," said he as he dropped it. "I nearly fell into the error of supposing that you were *spying*." Of course, it is

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## **SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON PUZZLES**

**Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle  
DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON**

# **The Return of Sherlock Holmes**

## **The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist, 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**

ADMIRERS

AKIMBO

ARDENT

BACK

BEFALL

BLUNDER

BULLY

CARCASS

COAL

CROP

CYCLE

DERIVE

DISSIPATION

DUNS

EXCLUSION

FOOTPATH

GAITERS

GLADE

GREENSWARD

GURGLE

HEATH

HIDEOUS

INCLUSIVE

INTRIGUE

KEEN

LICHEN

MEDITATIVE

NOTE

ORDAINED

PALLOR

PLACE

PUB

PUFFY

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SALLOW

SHARES

SLOGGING

SPATULATE

TAP

TERMINATION

TRIFLING

UNTOWARD

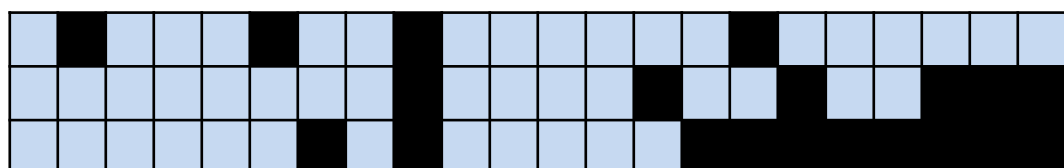
VOLLEY

WHISKED

# The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #4)

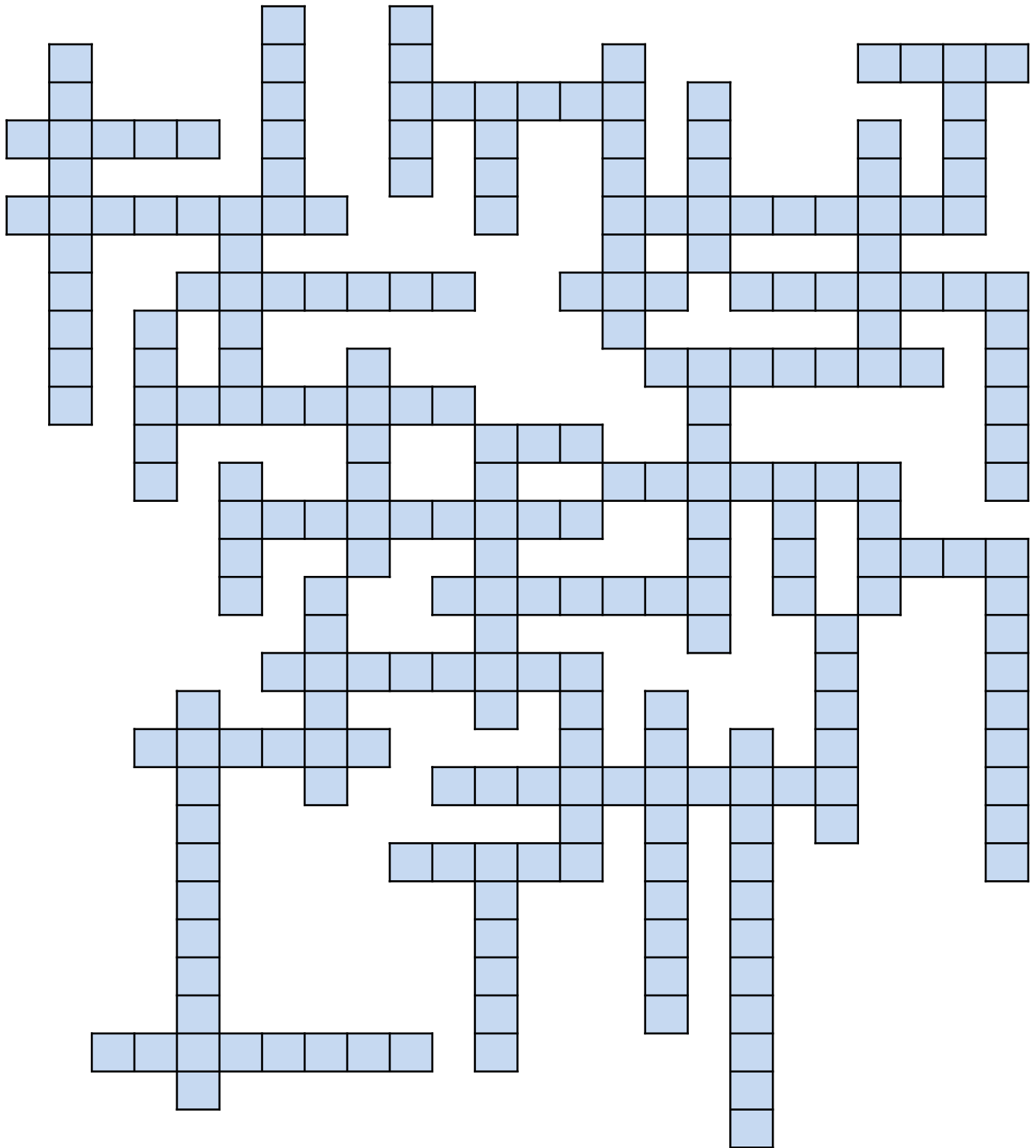
WORDCIRCLE: Find each of the listed words in the puzzle. Click on each letter found and circle it with a CAPITAL "O". You can tab between letters. Once all terms are found, the remaining un-circled letters should complete a quote from the story below.

B	I	G	E	M	W	O	L	L	A	S	T	N	S	E	D
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T	E	R	M	I	N	A	T	I	O	N	C	T	I	V	W
S	L	I	H	T	A	D	U	N	S	N	E	A	E	G	O
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B	L	E	F	V	U	F	L	K	P	A	K	I	M	B	O
T	R	A	E	E	I	S	J	A	C	A	L	A	O	C	U
G	X	F	D	R	B	F	I	Q	T	A	T	P	O	R	C
P	Q	P	T	E	L	E	A	O	H	E	B	H	H	G	D
H	I	D	E	O	U	S	C	P	N	L	I	C	H	E	N



# The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #5)

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



- |      |       |        |        |         |          |           |             |
|------|-------|--------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| PUB  | KEEN  | PLACE  | GURGLE | BLUNDER |          |           |             |
| TAP  | NOTE  | PUFFY  | LICHEN | CARCASS | ADMIRERS | TRIFLING  | SPATULATE   |
| BACK | BULLY | AKIMBO | PALLOR | GAITERS | FOOTPATH | UNTOWARD  | GREENSWARD  |
| COAL | CYCLE | ARDENT | SALLOW | HIDEOUS | INTRIGUE | EXCLUSION | MEDITATIVE  |
| CROP | GLADE | BEFALL | SHARES | RIGHTED | ORDAINED | INCLUSIVE | DISSIPATION |
| DUNS | HEATH | DERIVE | VOLLEY | WHISKED | SLOGGING | RECONCILE | TERMINATION |



## The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #6)

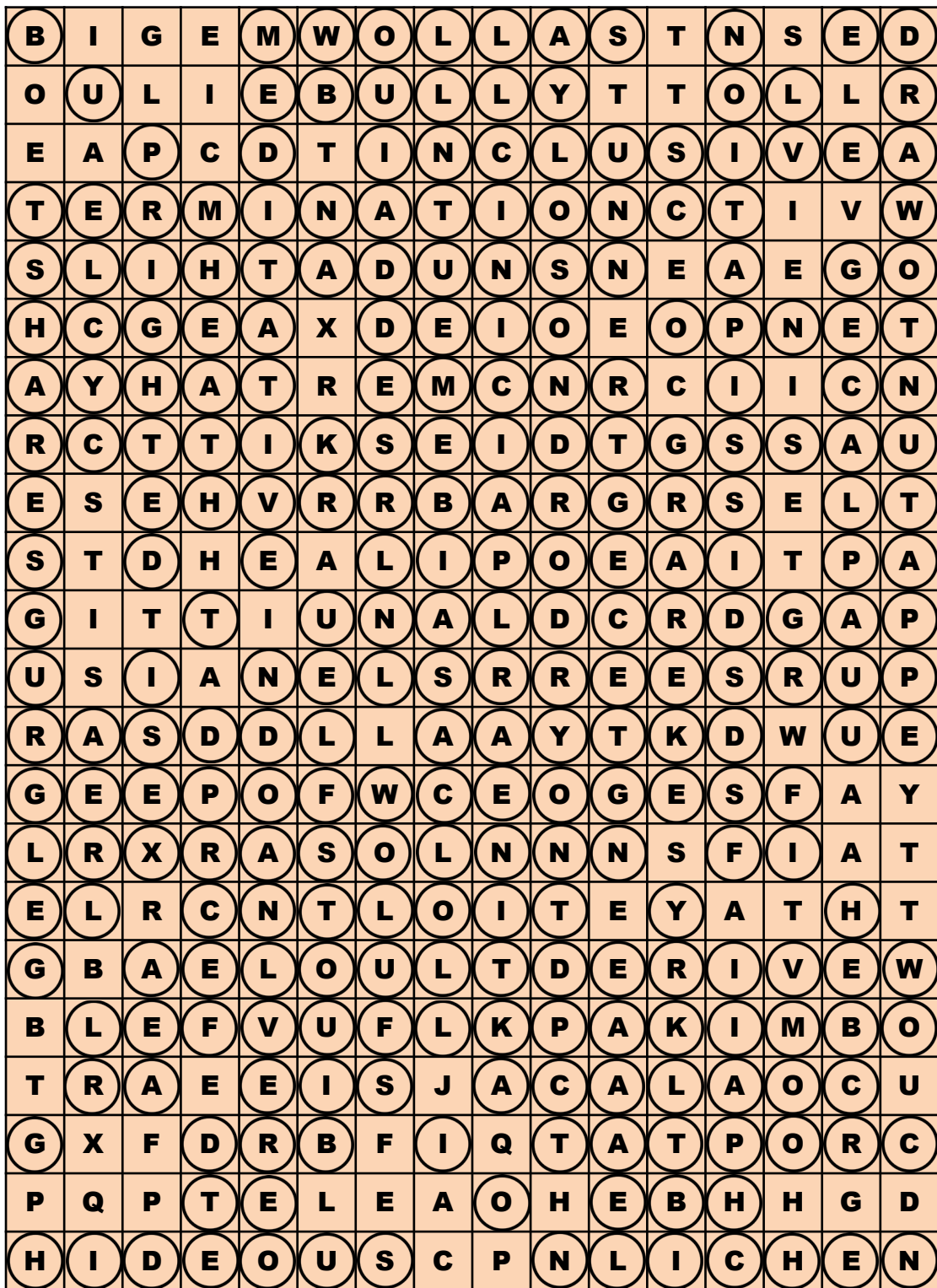
### Across

2. Open space in a forest
5. Happen to someone
10. Wonder; shock
11. Body of all people ordained for religious duties
12. \_\_\_\_ - black
14. Transgression
15. Area of abdomen formed by sitting
17. Not bright
18. Taste
20. Dead body
21. Raw metal chunks
23. Be able to
24. Writer's fluid
27. Unexpected and inappropriate
28. Large hole in the ground
30. Representation of the external form of a person
31. Hands on the hips with elbows outward
34. \_\_\_\_\_ - studden; fungus forming crust-like growth on rocks or tree trunks
35. To and \_\_\_\_
36. Light brown in color
38. Heavy cloth coverings for the legs
43. Having great perception or insight
44. Dog leash
48. Ground that is green with grass; turf
50. Have the courage to do something
51. Means of egress
52. Accept something; cause to coexist in harmony
54. Small lodging for travelers
57. Commotion
58. Enthusiastic or passionate
59. \_\_\_\_ - hander
61. \_\_\_\_ - book
63. \_\_\_\_ - shop; type of alcohol
64. Series of utterances directed at someone in quick succession
65. Sickly yellowish complexion
67. Solemn promise
70. Transportation mode with two wheels
71. Obtain something from
72. Cut completely through
73. Competent

### Down

1. Including all the items expected
2. Hollow bubbling sound
3. One or some of a thing or number of things
4. Barring; kept out
6. All the visible features of an area of countryside
7. Finish; stop something from occurring
8. \_\_\_\_ - room
9. Hiding - \_\_\_\_\_
13. Boat paddle
14. Shaped like a kitchen tool with a flat blade
16. Unimportant or trivial
19. Producing no result; useless
22. Be freed or relieved from
25. Strike or propel forcibly with the foot
26. Mottled \_\_\_\_\_; extreme paleness with blotches or spots
29. Move something in a particular direction
31. Expression of grief or pity
32. Mysterious or fascinating event or quality
33. Handle - \_\_\_\_; way of controlling a bike
37. 'What an \_\_\_\_ I have been'
39. Termination
40. Error
41. Dingy color
42. One of the equal parts into which a company's capital is divided
45. Grotesque
46. Caused to disappear
47. Contemplative; reflective
49. Extremely unpleasant
53. Made someone a priest or minister
55. Therapeutic resort
56. Extensive tract of uncultivated land
59. Person who seeks to harm or intimidate others
60. Person of mixed European and black descent
62. Riding - \_\_\_\_\_
66. Untruths; positions
68. Bind
69. \_\_\_\_ and compass

# The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #4)



I		G	E	T		S	O		L	I	T	T	L	E		A	C	T	I	V	E
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A	L	W	A	Y	S		A		T	R	E	A	T								



