

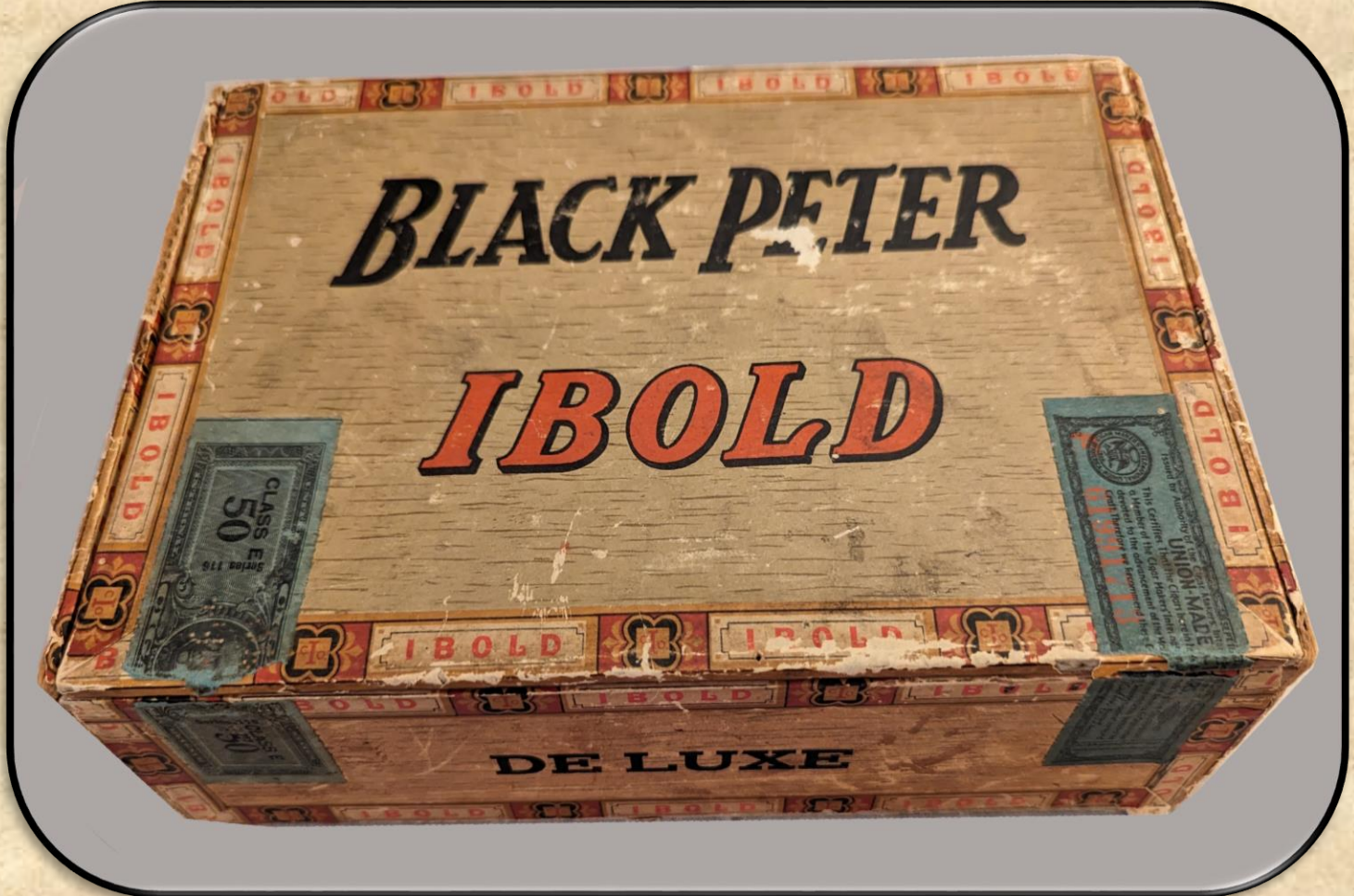
Adventure XXXIII – The Adventure of Black Peter



Paul Churchill once quipped he had a hard time studying for Sherlockian quizzes, so inspired by Simon Goodenough's *A Study in Scarlet – A Sherlock Holmes Murder Dossier*, Paul began collecting Canonical artifacts around 1990 to help him remember each story. Over 1,500 artifacts later, Paul's 'Evidence Boxes' became legendary in the Sherlockian world as he displayed them at numerous Scion meetings.

What Paul could not find, he made. He became known as a master forger, and 'created' numerous 'genuine faux' objects, such as letters, documents, and telegrams. Paul was invested in the Baker Street Irregulars in 2006 as "Corot." After Paul's passing, the Evidence Boxes were bequeathed to Watson's Tin Box Scion Society, a Society Paul co-founded in 1989. Debbie Clark has maintained the Boxes and continues the practice of displaying the items from one of the Boxes at each society meeting.

Beth Austin assisted in this effort by photographing, annotating the items, and finding the quotes for many of the items, while Denny Dobry and Rusty Mason supported Paul's efforts by photographing each of the items, as well as developing a comprehensive inventory with notations of item's mentioned in the story. Each of the Boxes is posted with permission of Debbie Clark and Jacquelynn Morris.



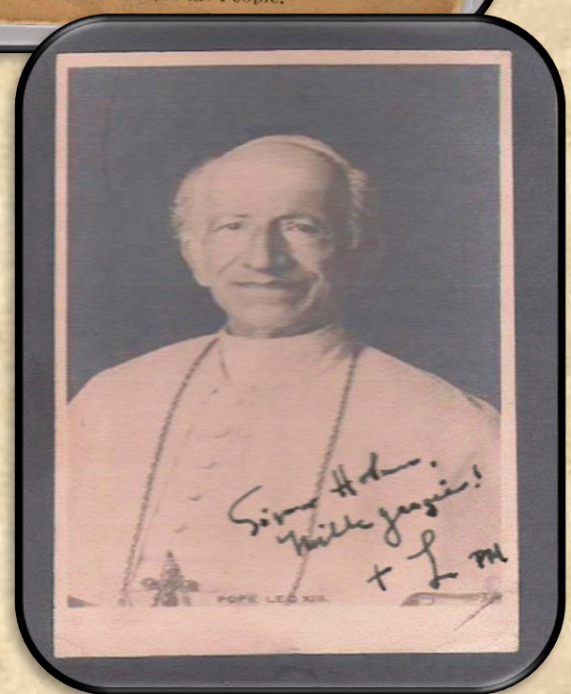
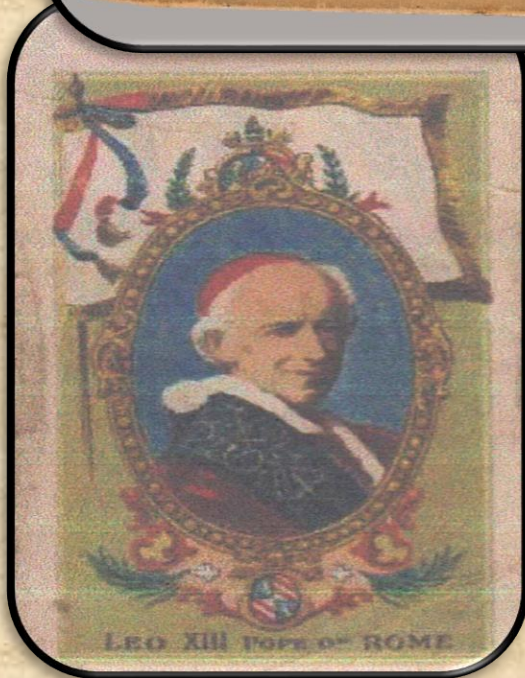
Pictured is a box of cigars, the brand named after Black Peter.



Pictured is the photo of Cardinal Tosca, who mysteriously disappeared. Holmes investigated the death on behalf of the Vatican.

From the story:

In this memorable year '95 a curious and incongruous succession of cases had engaged his attention, ranging from his famous investigation of the sudden death of Cardinal Tosca - an inquiry which was carried out by him at the express desire of his Holiness the Pope.



Pictured is a Pope Leo XIII portrait, stereo card and cigarette card, the gentleman who asked for Holmes assistance in the murder investigation of Cardinal Tosca.

From the story:

...ranging from his famous investigation of the sudden death of Cardinal Tosca - an inquiry which was carried out by him at the express desire of his Holiness the Pope.



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

FIRST SECTION - GENERAL AFFAIRS

N. 5.221

From the Vatican, 28 July 1895

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII gratefully acknowledges the kind assistance rendered by you, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, in investigating the sudden death of our beloved brother, Giuseppe Cardinal Tosca.

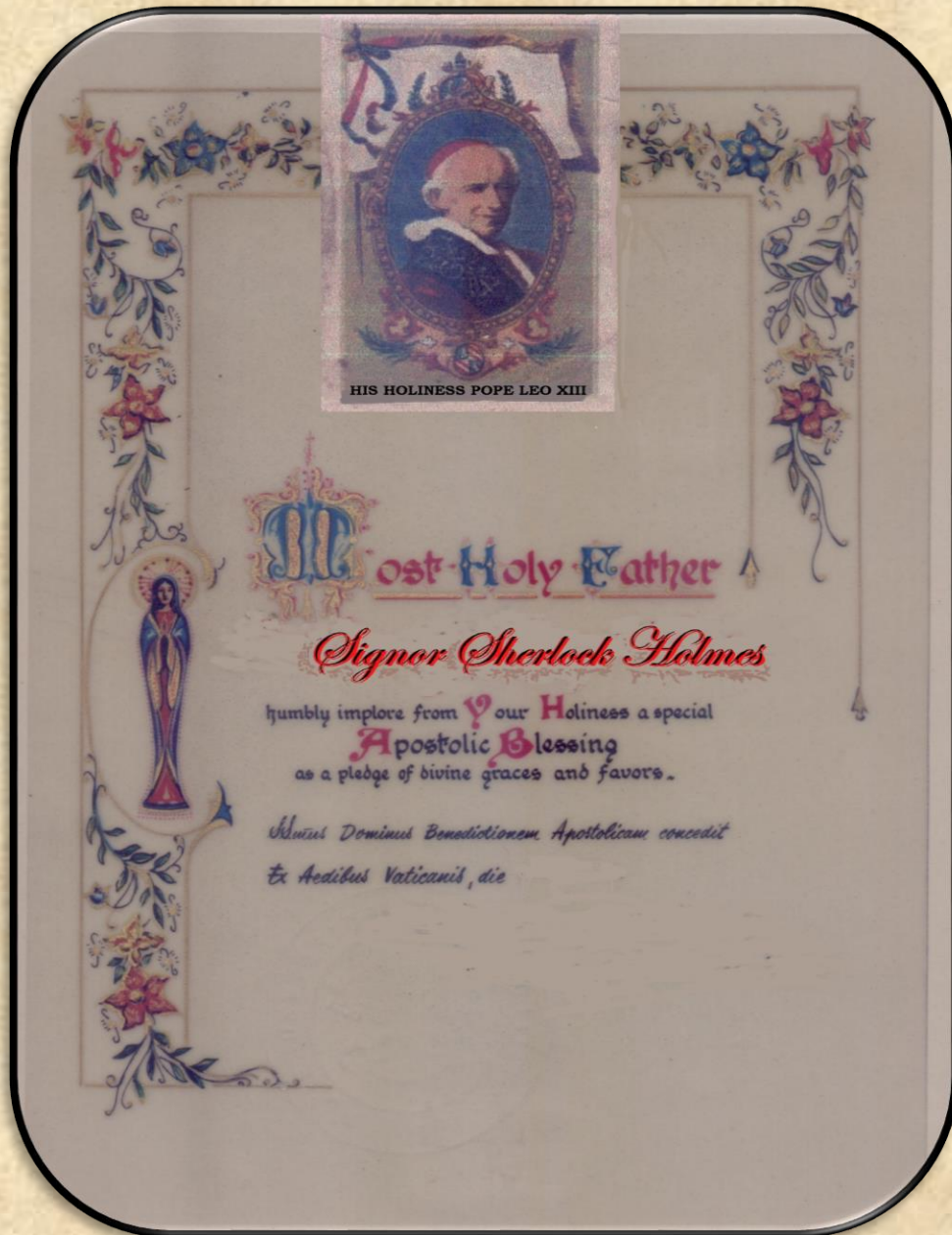
As a token of his esteem His Holiness imparts his Apostolic Blessing and invokes the grace and peace of the Risen Lord upon all your good works and services to God and humanity.

**Count Mariano Cardinal Rampolla del Tindaro
Secretary of State**

Pictured is a letter from the Pope, thanking Holmes for his work on the murder of Cardinal Tosca.

From the story:

...ranging from his famous investigation of the sudden death of Cardinal Tosca - an inquiry which was carried out by him at the express desire of his Holiness the Pope.



Pictured is a papal blessing, issued by Pope Leo XIII to Sherlock Holmes for his help in the death investigation of Cardinal Tosca.

From the story:

...ranging from his famous investigation of the sudden death of Cardinal Tosca - an inquiry which was carried out by him at the express desire of his Holiness the Pope.

ALLARDYCE

Date 3 July 1995

Mr Sherlock Holmes

No. 221B BAKER ST NW1

Reg. No. _____ Clerk _____ ACCOUNT FORWARDED

1	One pig, mutilated		
2	beyond the point		
3	of being fit for sale		12/6
4			

5 Per your request we
6 shall salvage what we
7 can for sausages and
8 rashers of bacon, perhaps
9 some hams, for later
10 delivery to Mrs Hudson,
11 your landlady.

12
13
14 **23643** 2
15

*Paid in full
3-7-95
with our thanks
Allardyce.*

Your account stated to date. If error is found return at once.

Pictured is receipt from the butcher shop where Holmes experimented on a pig with a harpoon.

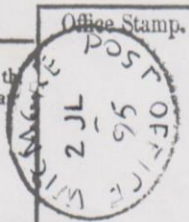
From the story:

'If you could have looked into Allardyce's back shop you would have seen a dead pig swung from a hook in the ceiling, and a gentleman in his shirt-sleeves furiously stabbing at it with this weapon.'



POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

If the Receiver of an Inland Telegram doubts its accuracy, he may have it repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than 1/2d. being reckoned as 1/2d.; and if it be found that there was an error of accuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.



5784

Charges }
to pay }

£ s. d.

Recorded }
here at }

FOREST ROW, SUSSEX

at

7.30 p.m.

Received }
here at }

7.15 p.m.

TO {

MR SHERLOCK HOLMES, 221 B BAKER STREET, LONDON NW1

URGENTLY NEED TO CONSULT YOU ABOUT THIS WOODSMAN'S LEE MATTER.
SHALL CALL UPON YOU AT BAKER STREET AT NINE TO-MORROW MORNING.

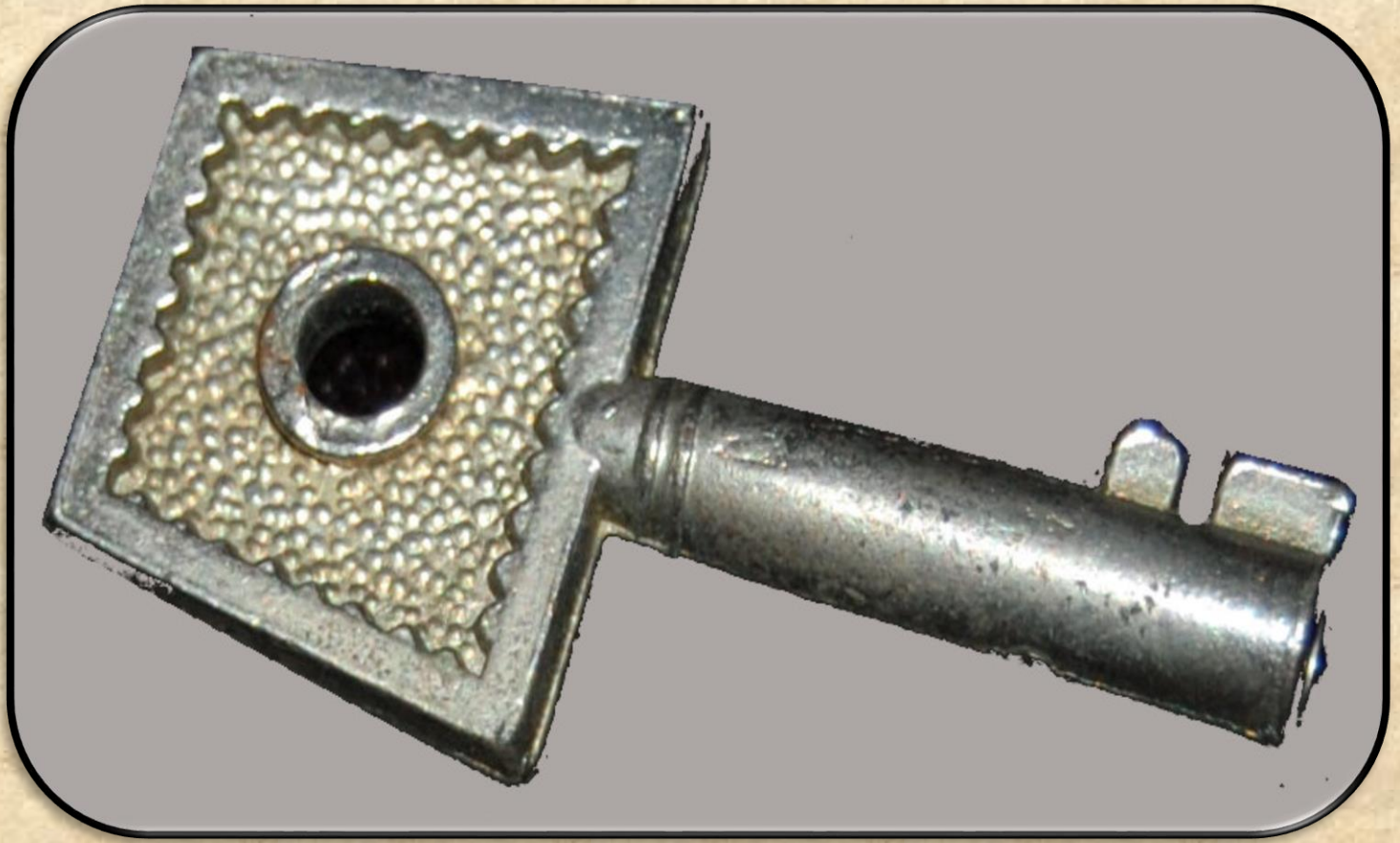
— STANLEY HOPKINS, INSPECTOR

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Pictured is the telegram from Inspector Hopkins to Holmes asking for his assistance in the murder of Peter Carey.

From the story:

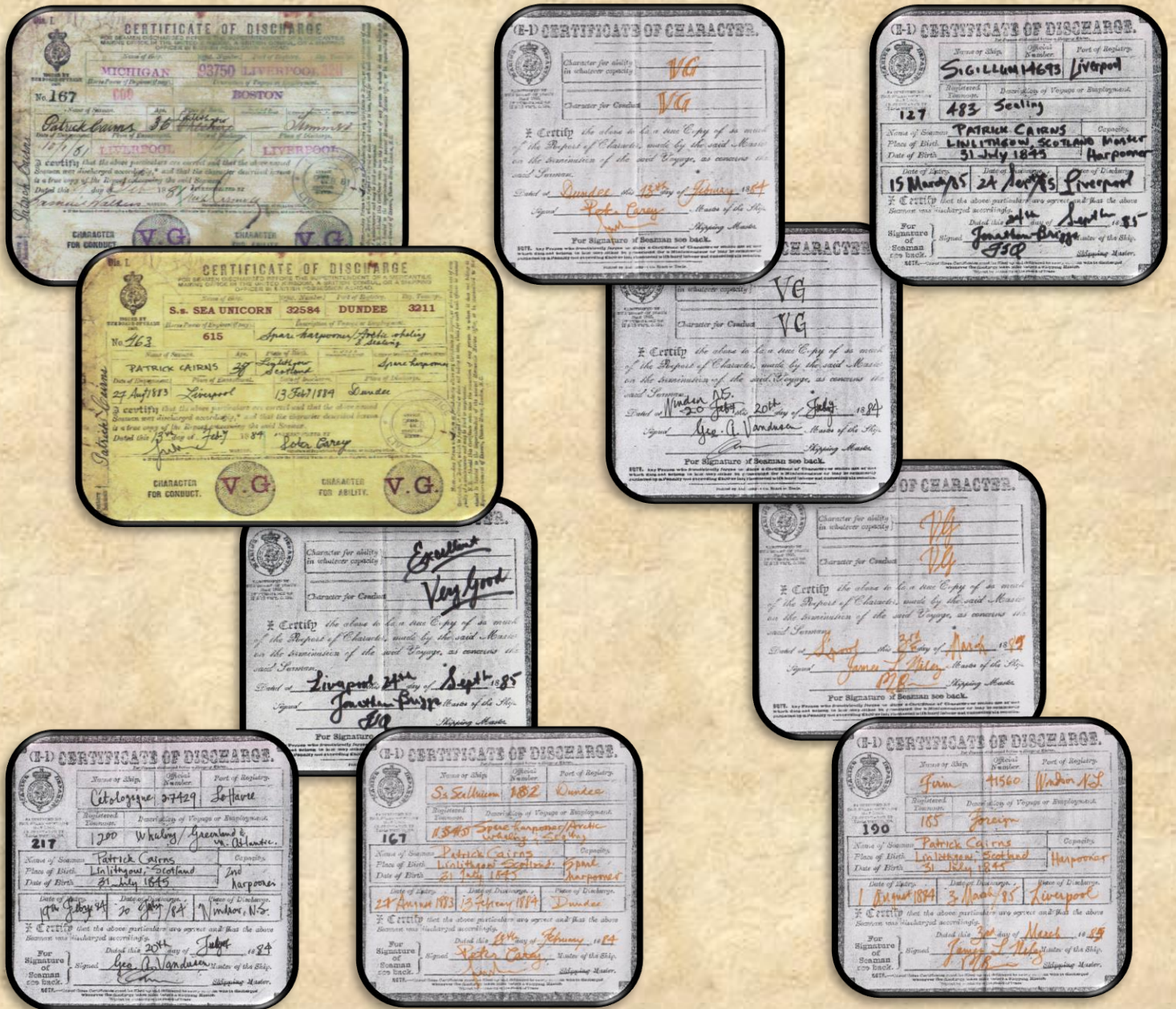
'Ah, Hopkins, I got your wire last night, and I have been expecting you. Come and join us.'



Pictured is the key to Peter Carey's cabin, which he kept in his own pocket. Hopkins used it to unlock the door for Holmes to examine the cabin.

From the story:

'It was a little, single-roomed hut, sixteen feet by ten. He kept the key in his pocket, made his own bed, cleaned it himself, and allowed no other foot to cross the threshold.'



Pictured are the discharge certificates earned by Peter Carey after successful voyages throughout his career. The certificate would also provide a summary of the seaman's character.

From the story:

‘In 1883 he commanded the steam sealer Sea Unicorn, of Dundee. He had then had several successful voyages in succession, and in the following year, 1884, he retired.’



Pictured are the bottle of rum and cups from Peter Carey's cabin.

From the story:

'The fact that the crime was committed at two in the morning, and yet Peter Carey was fully dressed, suggested that he had an appointment with the murderer, which is borne out by the fact that a bottle of rum and two dirty glasses stood upon the table.'



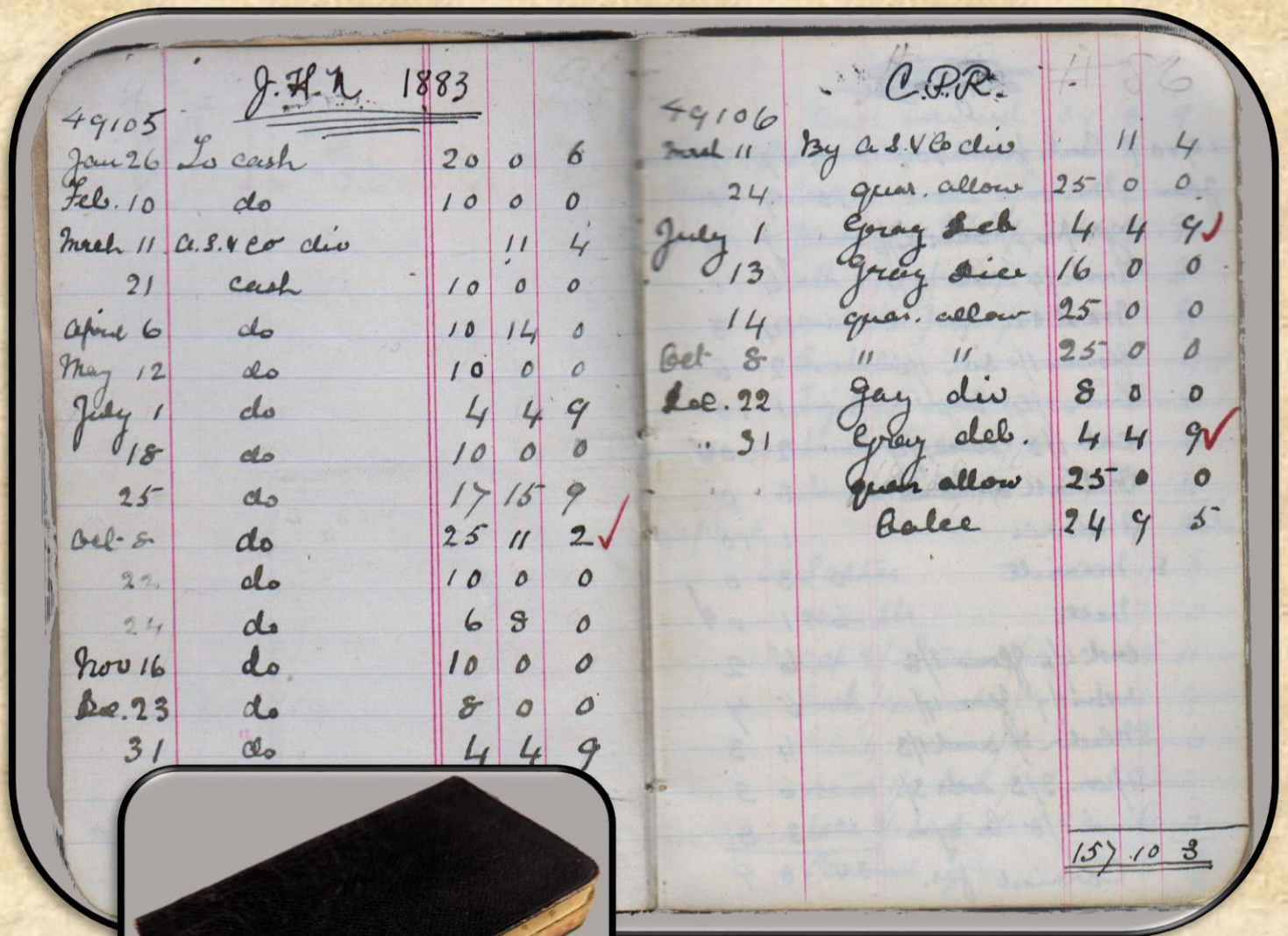
Pictured is the seal-skin tobacco pouch found in Peter Carey's cabin, with the initials 'P.C' inside the flap.

From the story:

'There was this tobacco-pouch upon the table.'

'What part of the table?'

'It lay in the middle. It was of coarse sealskin - the straight-haired skin, with a leather thong to bind it. Inside was 'PC' on the flap.'



Pictured is Neligan's notebook with 'C.P.R. as one of the listings.

From the story:

Stanley Hopkins drew from his pocket a drab-covered note-book. The outside was rough and worn, the leaves were discoloured. On the second page were printed the letters 'CPR', and then came several sheets of numbers.

CONDITIONS.

1. This Debenture is one of a series of £100 Debentures for securing the mortgage principal sum of £655,000 issued or about to be issued by the Company. The Debentures of the said series are all to rank pari passu as a first charge on the property hereby charged, without any preference or priority one over another, and such charge to be a floating charge, but as there exists any mortgage or charge on the property ranking pari passu with, or in priority to the said Debentures.

2. A register of the Debentures shall be kept at the Company's registered office, wherein there will be entered the names, addresses and descriptions of the holders, and particulars of the Debentures held by them respectively.

3. The registered holder will be required as exclusively entitled to the benefits of this Debenture, and all persons may so authenticate, and the Company shall not be bound to take notice of any trust or to recognize any right in any other person, as to the same provided.

4. Every transfer of this Debenture must be in writing under the hand of the registered holder, his personal or administrative. This transfer must be delivered to the registered office of the Company, with a fee of 2s. 6d. and such evidence of identity or title as the Company may reasonably require, and otherwise the transfer will be registered.

5. In the case of joint registered holders, the principal moneys and interest hereby secured shall be deemed to be owing to them upon a joint account.

6. The principal moneys and interest hereby secured will be paid without regard to any dispute between the Company and the original or any intermediate holder thereof and the receipt of the registered holder for such principal moneys and interest respectively, shall be a good discharge to the Company.

7. The principal moneys hereby secured shall immediately become payable (A) if the Company makes default for a period of six calendar months in the payment of any interest hereby secured, and the registered holder hereof

before such interest is paid, by notice in writing to the Company, calls in such principal moneys. (B) if an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up of the Company.

8. The registered holder of this Debenture will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at meetings of the Company, as provided by the Articles of Association.

9. The Company may, with the sanction of a majority of not less than two-thirds of each Debenture holder of this form as long as it remains in force or by proxy at any meeting of Debenture holders of which notice specifying the intention to propose a resolution to such effect shall have been given in the manner provided by the Articles of Association with respect to meetings of the Company, make a further issue or issues of Debentures either in exchange for existing Debentures of the Company or otherwise, with further issue or issues ranking pari passu with or in priority to the Debentures of this series, or may otherwise direct or vary any of the terms or conditions upon which this series of Debentures have been issued.

10. In the event of the becoming necessary, either by reason of any requisition of the Government of Costa Rica in that behalf or otherwise, to establish a sinking fund for the purpose of redeeming the Debentures of this series, any question whether in regard to the fixing of the rate of the per centum or otherwise arising in relation to the establishment of such sinking fund, and which may require the sanction or determination of the Debenture holders, shall be referred to a meeting of Debenture holders, of which notice shall be duly given as aforesaid, and the sanction of a majority of Debenture holders present in person or by proxy at such meeting, shall be deemed to be the sanction of, and shall bind all the Debenture holders of this series.

11. A notice may be served by the Company upon the holder of this Debenture either personally or by sending it through the post in an envelope addressed to such holder at the registered address.

THE COSTA RICA RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE.

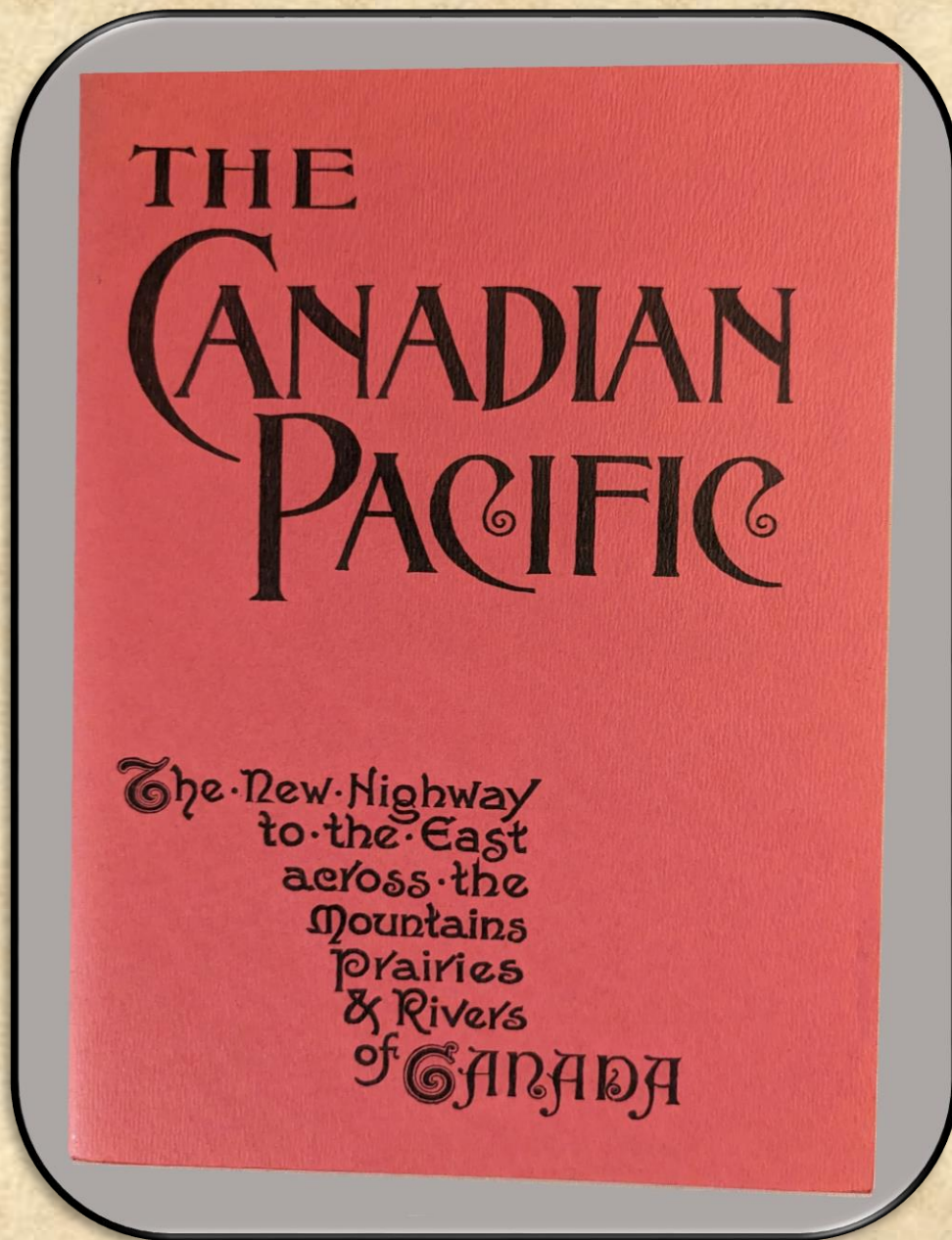
CANCELLED No. 5913

Table with 4 columns for 'A Transfer of this Debenture' and rows for 'To the order of', 'To the order of', 'To the order of', and 'To the order of'. Each row contains fields for Name, Address, and Secretary.

£100 5913 £100 THE COSTA RICA RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED. A portrait of a man in a military-style uniform is centered within an ornate arch. Below the arch, the text reads 'FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE. Issue of £655,000 in 6550 First Mortgage Debentures of £100 each bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, numbered from 1 to 6550 inclusive. The Costa Rica Railway Company, Limited. heretofore called the Company, will on the 1st July 1896 or on such particular day as the principal moneys hereby secured shall be payable by the Company, and the Company shall in the meantime pay interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum by equal half-yearly payments on the 1st January and the 1st July in every year, the first payment whereof shall be made on the 1st January 1897. And the Company hereby charges with such payments its undertaking and all its property, both present and future including its uncalled capital for the time being. This Debenture is issued subject to the conditions entered herein GIVEN under the common seal of the Company the 2nd day of January 1896. The Commissioners of the Company are disclosed as follows in the presence of' followed by signatures for DIRECTORS and SECRETARY.

Pictured are shares of stock from Costa Rica, one of the exchanges listed in Neligan's notebook.

From the story: Another heading was Argentine, another Costa Rica, and another San Paulo, each with pages of signs and figures after it.



Pictured is a book on the history of the Canadian Pacific Railway, published in 1887. Stocks of this company were part of the stolen issues from Neligan.

From the story:

‘They appear to be lists of Stock Exchange securities. I thought that ‘JHN’ were the initials of a broker, and that ‘CPR’ may have been his client.’
‘Try Canadian Pacific Railway,’ said Holmes.



Pictured is a Canadian Pacific Keychain. Nelligan's notebook showed a CPR transaction.

From the story:

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'Try Canadian Pacific Railway,' said Holmes.



Pictured are stocks for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Stocks of this company were part of the stolen issues from Neligan.

From the story:

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Pictured is the small pen-knife Neligan used to attempt to enter Peter Carey's cabin.

From the story:

'It is very probable. He came expecting to find the door open. He tried to get in with the blade of a very small penknife. He could not manage it. What would he do?'



Pictured is the box in which Peter Carey kept his logbook, as well as his knife, rum, and cups. The box was originally a tobacco box.

From the story:

‘I read at the inquest a description of his cabin, in which it stated that the old log-books of his vessel were preserved in it.’

GRAPHIC ADDRESS - BRAMBLETYE HOTEL
TELEPHONE No. - 27X SUSSEX EXCHANGE

PLEASE LEAVE KEY
AT THE OFFICE.

Date 4 July 1895

THE BRAMBLETYE HOTEL
SYLVAN STREET, NEW FOREST, SUSSEX
Commercial & Travelers


^{messrs}
Mr. S. Holmes & J.H. Watson No. 27-28 DUNCAN BLEEK, Proprietor & Manager.

PLEASE CHECK ITEMS. NO CHARGE FOR ATTENDANCE. ESTABLISHED 1859.

Day	Breakfast	Dinner	Tea	Supper	Beds	Aerated Waters & Cigars	Washing	Boot Cleaning & Electric Light, 3d.	Fires	Baths	Sundries	£	s.	d.
3/7	-	6/3	4/3	8/6	1-2-6 1/-	-	-	-	-	1/9	-	2	3	3

2-3-3

Official Receipt only Recognised.
 No. of Room 27-28 Date 4 July 1895
 Received with thanks on behalf of
The Brambletye Hotel
 Sylvan Street, New Forest, Sussex
 the sum of £2. 3. 3
 from Stanley Hopkins
of Scotland Yard
 Per AJ



Pictured is the receipt from the Brambletye Hotel where Holmes and Watson roomed while investigating Black Peter's death.

From the story:

'Rooms have been reserved for you at the Brambletye Hotel, so we can walk down to the village together.'



Pictured are postal cards for the Canadian Pacific, possibly part of the C.P.R., and the Sea Unicorn of Alendee.

From the story:

‘Try Canadian Pacific Railway,’ said Holmes.

‘...on board the Sea Unicorn, I might settle the mystery of my father's fate.’

No. of Message
214

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.
(Inland Telegrams.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions: **Wigmore Post Office**

Words: **10** Sent: **At 4/7/95 10.15**

Charge: **1/-** To: **Albert Pades.** By: *[Signature]*

FROM Please Write Distinctly

Captain Basil Sumner, Shipping Agent
c/o 221 B Baker St. Ratcliff Highway, London E1
London NW1

	SEND	THREE	MEN	ON	TO
3/-	ARRIVE	TEN	TO-MORROW	MORNING	- BASIL
1/0					
1/6					

NOTICE TO THE SENDER OF THIS TELEGRAM.
This Telegram will be accepted for transmission subject to the Regulations made pursuant to the 15th Section of the Telegraph Act, 1866 and to the Notice printed at the back hereof.

(A Receipt for the Charges on this Telegram can be obtained, upon application.)

(HARRISON & SONS, PRINTERS, LONDON)

Pictured is the telegram Captain Basil (Holmes) sent out seeking seamen to serve on an exploring ship.

From the story:

‘Have you telegraph forms? Just write a couple of messages for me: ‘Sumner, Shipping Agent, Ratcliff Highway. Send three men on, to arrive ten to-morrow morning. - Basil.’ That’s my name in those parts.’

No. of Message
2/5

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.
(Inland Telegrams.)

Office of Origin and Service Instructions: **Weymouth Post Office**

Words: **13**

Charge: **1/-**

Sent At: **4/7/95 10.23**

To: **Brixton**

By: **[Signature]**

FROM: **Captain Basil Sherlock Holmes**
% 221 B Baker St.
London NW1

Please Write Distinctly

Addressed To: **Inspector Stanley Hopkins**
46 Lord Street
Brixton

	COME	BREAKFAST	TO-MORROW	AT	NINE-THIRTY.
1/-	IMPORTANT.	WIRE	IF	UNABLE	TO
	COME.	SHERLOCK	HOLMES		
1/0					
1/6					

BALANCE OF PORTERAGE REFUNDED

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HARRISON & SONS, PRINTERS, LONDON

Pictured is the telegram Holmes sent to Inspector Hopkins inviting him to Baker Street when Holmes expected to capture the murderer.

From the story:

‘Have you telegraph forms? Just write a couple of messages for me... The other is ‘Inspector Stanley Hopkins, 46, Lord Street, Brixton. Come breakfast to-morrow at nine-thirty. Important. Wire if unable to come. - Sherlock Holmes.’



Pictured is the half sovereign Holmes paid to Lancaster and Pattin for applying to serve on the fake exploring ship.

From the story:

‘I am sorry, Lancaster, but the berth is full. Here is half a sovereign for your trouble. Just step into this room and wait there for a few minutes.’

The second man was a long, dried-up creature, with lank hair and sallow cheeks. He also received his dismissal, his half-sovereign, and the order to wait.

Arctic Explorations

A DIVISION OF BASIL ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

I, Patrick Cairns, do hereby agree to serve well and faithfully aboard the ship Boreas bound for the Arctic Circle under the master Captain R. Basil. I shall serve in the capacity of Master Harpooner and will obey the lawful commands of the Ship's Master and his Mates. For my services I shall receive from the Paymaster the sum of £ 8 : 0 : 0 per month for the duration of the voyage. By my signature or mark I certify that I am in good health, possess all of my faculties, and know of no impediment why I may not be able to fulfill my duties to the Master, his Mates, the Crew, and Company.

Sworn before Almighty God this 5th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord 1895, in the presence of these witnesses, I hereunto set my legal signature or mark.

Stanley Hopkins
(Witness)

John H. Watson
(Witness)

[Signature]
(Signature of Able Seaman)

Scott Holmes
(Company Representative)



Pictured is the phony contract, or agreement, Captain Basil (Sherlock Holmes) executed with Patrick Cairnes.

From the story:

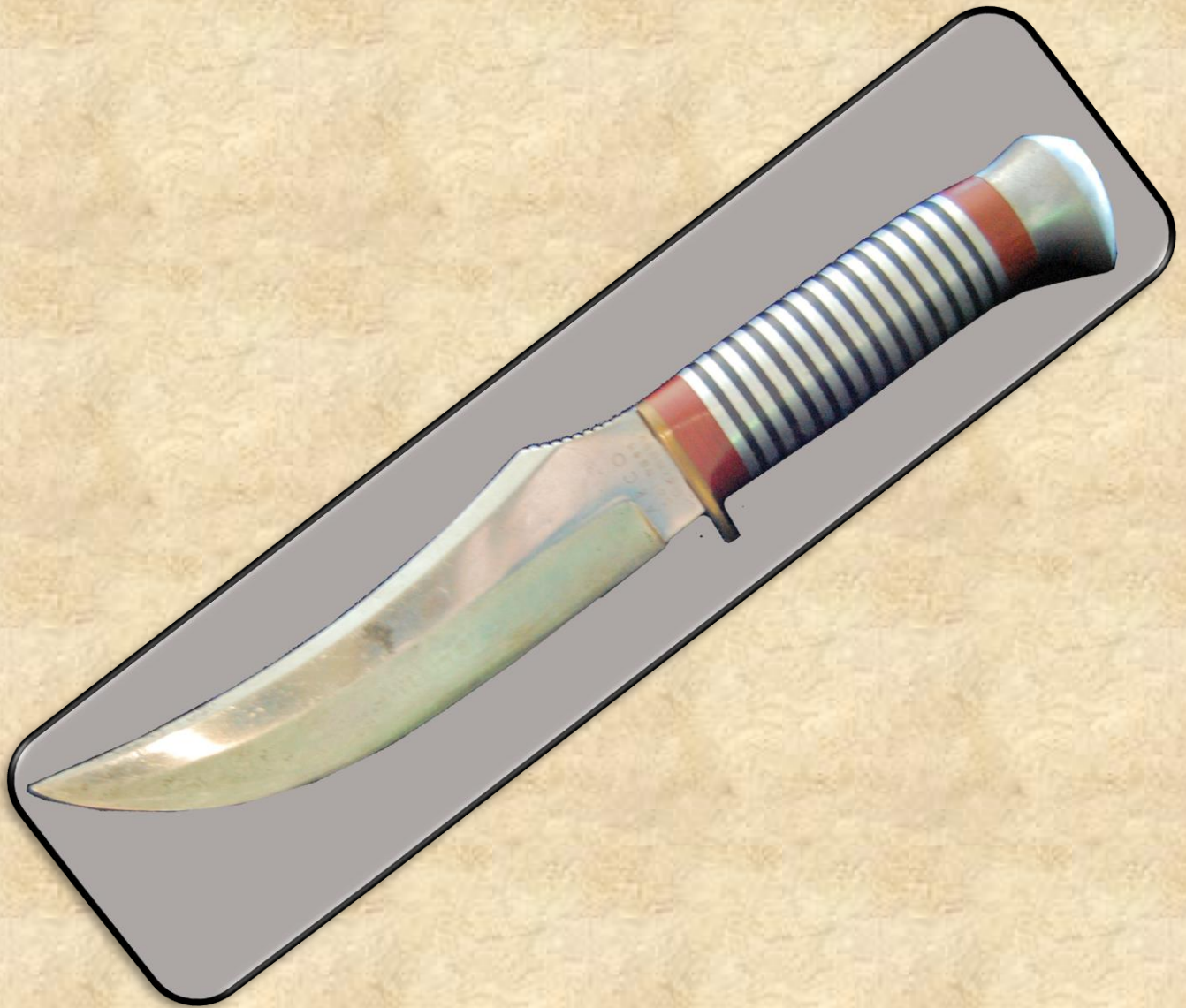
'Here's the agreement on the side-table. If you sign it the whole matter will be settled.'



Pictured are the handcuffs applied by Holmes to Patrick Cairns as he was signing the agreement to serve on the exploring ship.

From the story:

I heard a click of steel and a bellow like an enraged bull. The next instant Holmes and the seaman were rolling on the ground together. He was a man of such gigantic strength that, even with the handcuffs which Holmes had so deftly fastened upon his wrist...



Pictured is Black Peter's knife which was found in his cabin.

From the story:

'I knew Black Peter, and when he pulled out his knife I whipped a harpoon through him sharp, for I knew that it was him or me.'

MacPherson & Hamish, Shipping
Dundee, Scotland

July 4th

Dear Mr. Holmes,

Reference you were asking for the crew of our Sea Unicorn in 1883. The spare harpooner about whom you enquired is no longer employed by our firm, but per your request we have contacted several of his former crew mates, what few we could locate on such short notice. According to the little information we have Patrick Cairns has moved to England. A sailor man who met Cairns was asked of the whereabouts of our former ship's master Peter Carey. That sailor told Cairns he had met him in London and had been told by Carey that he - Carey - now lived in Woodsmore Lea, near Forest Row in Sussex. You may be sure that Cairns is to be found either in London or in Sussex. This is the latest information we have. In the absence of further enquiries from you, we shall assume the matter is closed. We wish you success in your endeavours and if we can be of further assistance you need but ask.

Yours truly,
James MacPherson

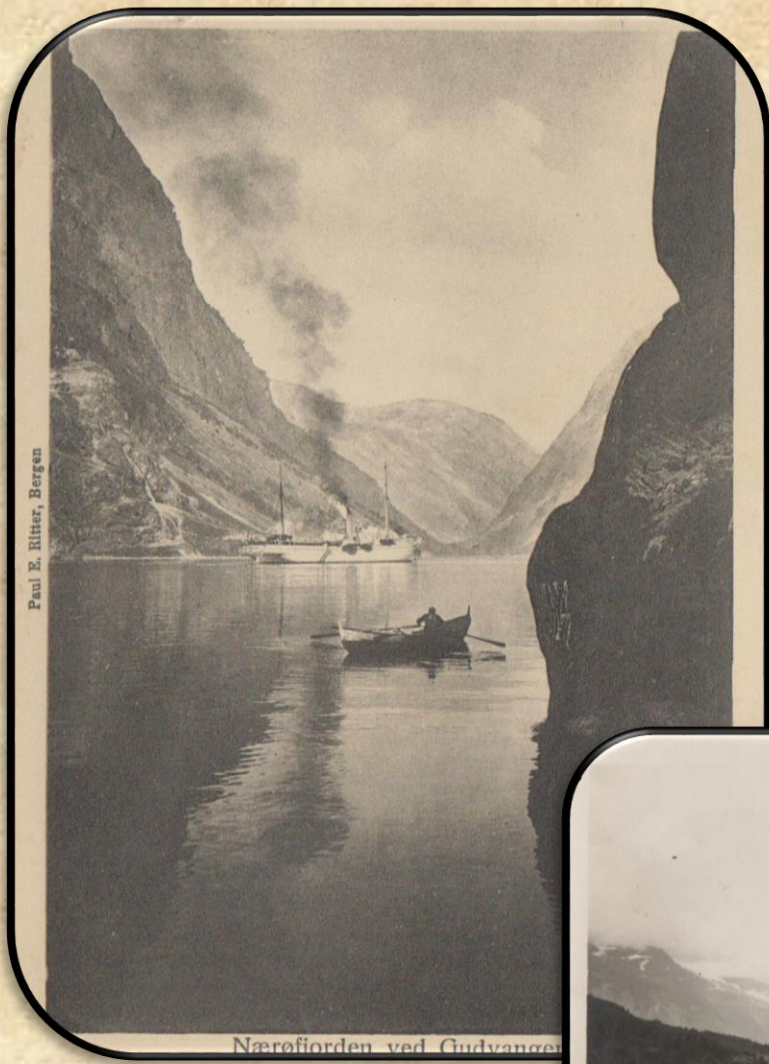


Mr. Sherlock Holmes
221B Baker Street
London NW1

Pictured is the letter from Dundee responding to Holmes inquiry of the whereabouts of Patrick Cairns.

From the story:

'I spent three days in wiring to Dundee, and at the end of that time I had ascertained the names of the crew of the Sea Unicorn in 1883. When I found Patrick Cairns among the harpooners my research was nearing its end.'



Nærofiorden ved Gudvangen



Olden i Norfjord.

1894 Carl Nordmann

Pictured are postal cards from Norway, which was Senior Nelligan's intended destination, and that of Holmes and Watson after the conclusion of the case.

From the story:

'He started in his little yacht for Norway just before the warrant was issued for his arrest.'

'If you want me for the trial, my address and that of Watson will be somewhere in Norway - I'll send particulars later.'

Dis. I.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

FOR SEAMEN DISCHARGED BEFORE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF A MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, A BRITISH CONSUL, OR A SHIPPING OFFICER IN BRITISH POSSESSION ABROAD.

Name of Ship.	Offid. Number.	Port of Registry.	Reg. Tonnage.
S.s. SEA UNICORN	32584	DUNDEE	3211
Horse Power of Engines (if any).		Description of Voyage or Employment.	
615		whaler	

No. _____

Name of Seaman.	Age.	Place of Birth.	No. of U.S.R. Commission or Certif.	Country. If Male or Specimen. No. of Cert. if any.
Patrick Cairn	35	Sheffield		Harpooner
Date of Engagement.	Place of Engagement.	Date of Discharge.	Place of Discharge.	
17/4/80		14/9/84	Dundee	

I certify that the above particulars are correct and that the above named Seaman was discharged accordingly,* and that the character described hereon is a true copy of the Report concerning the said Seaman.

Dated this 14th day of Sept 1884

AUTHENTICATED BY
Gregory Robinson
 Signature of Superintendent, Consul, or Shipping Officer.

* If the Seaman does not require a Certificate of his character, obliterate the following Words in blue ink—through the Dots.

CHARACTER FOR CONDUCT.



CHARACTER FOR ABILITY.

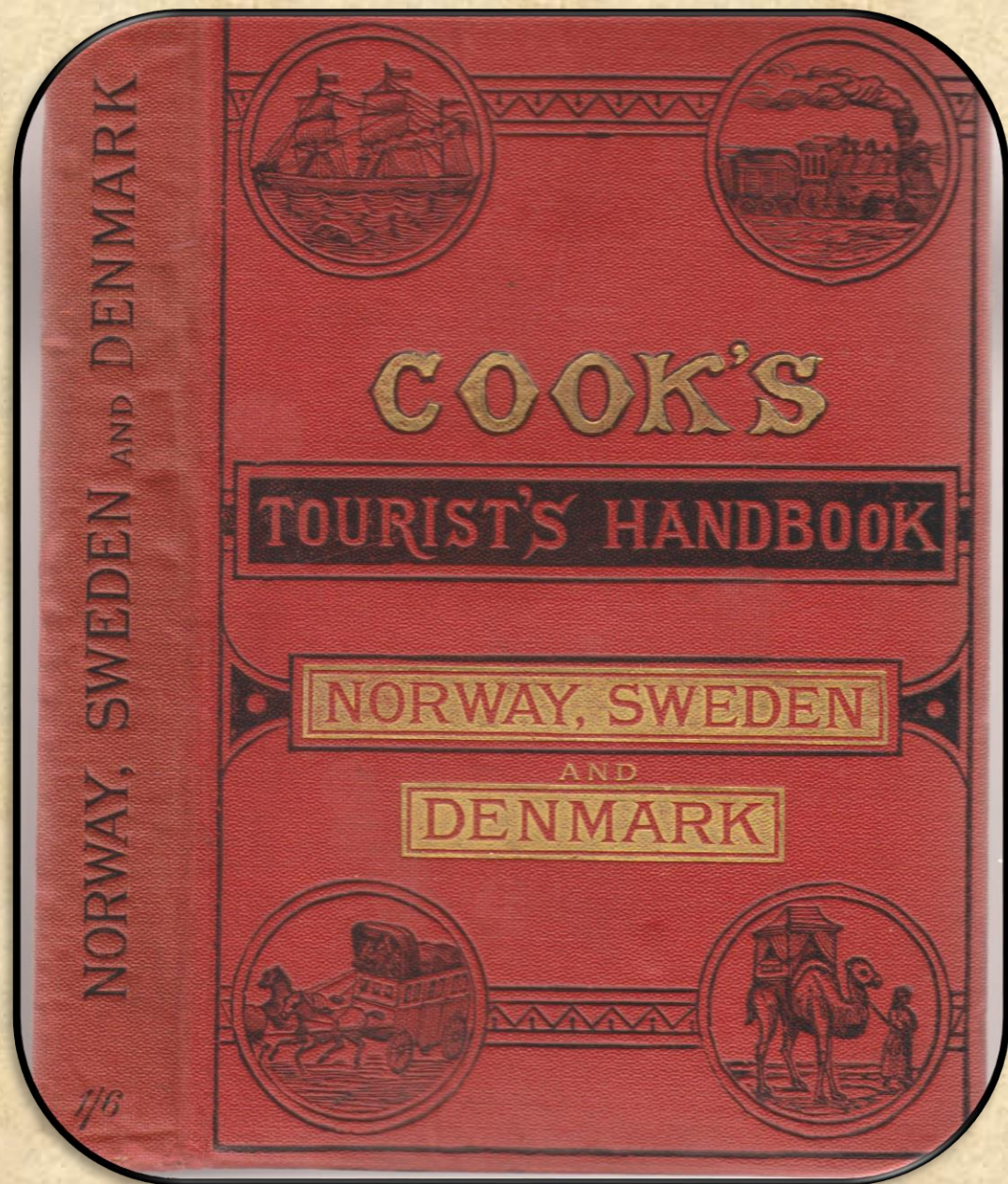


Note.—Any Person who fraudulently alters any Certificate or Report, or who makes use of any Certificate, or Report, which is forged or altered or does not belong to him, shall for each such offence be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour and may be fined or imprisoned.
 N.B.—Should this Certificate come into the possession of any person to whom it does not belong it should be handed to the Superintendent of the nearest Mercantile Marine Office, or be transmitted to the Registrar-General of Seamen, Customs House, London, E.C.

Pictured is the discharge certificate for Patrick Cairn from the S.S. Sea Unicorn.

From the story:

‘I spent three days in wiring to Dundee, and at the end of that time I had ascertained the names of the crew of the *Sea Unicorn* in 1883. When I found Patrick Cairns among the harpooners my research was nearing its end.’



Pictured is Cook's Travel Book Scandinavia –likely consulted by Holmes and Watson for his post-case trip.

From the story:

'If you want me for the trial, my address and that of Watson will be somewhere in Norway - I'll send particulars later.'

Additional items of interest
in “The Adventure of Black
Peter” not included in the
original Evidence Box.



Pictured is the harpoon, or spear, Holmes used at the butcher shop to practice spearing a pig.

From the story:

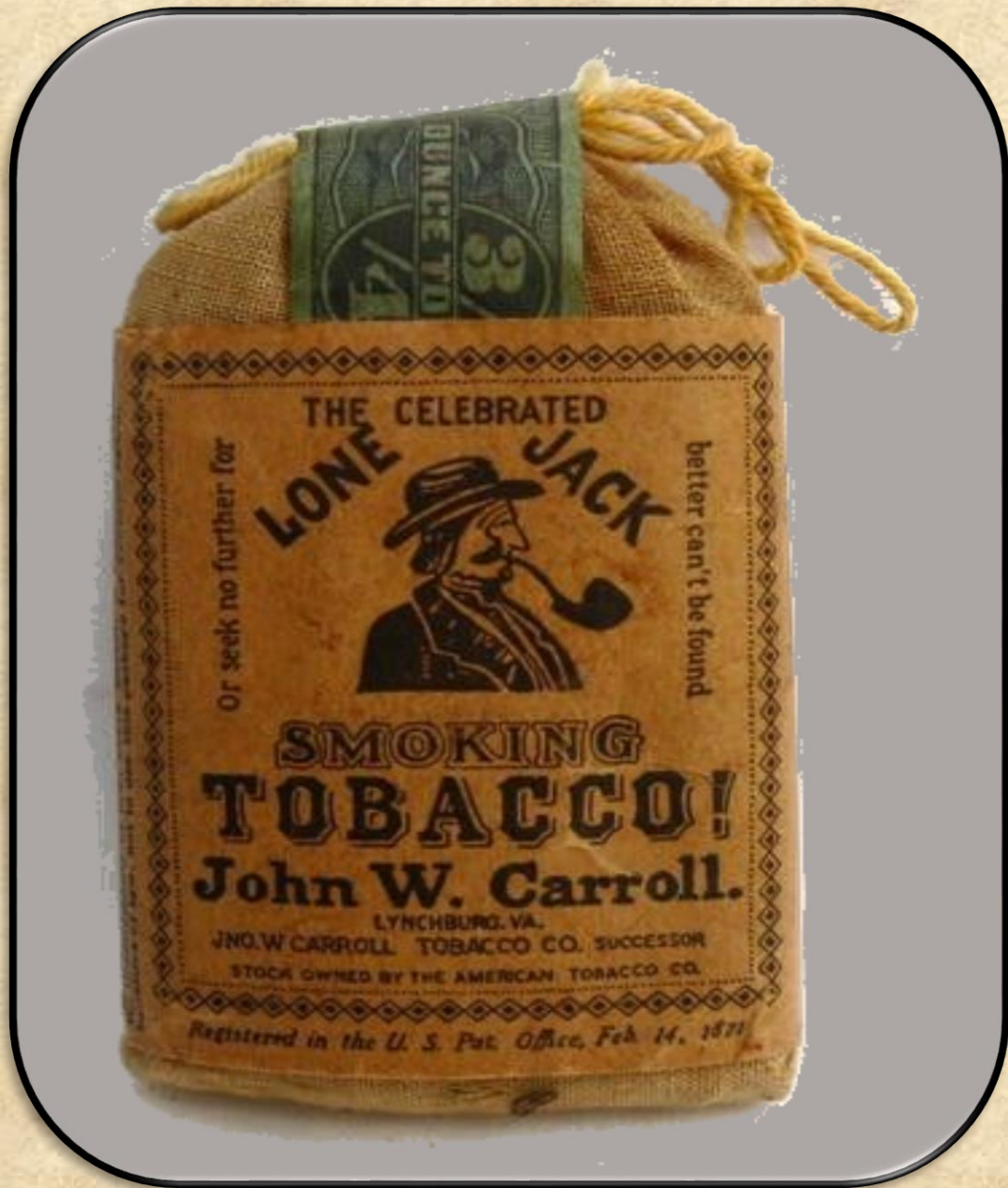
He had gone out before breakfast, and I had sat down to mine, when he strode into the room, his hat upon his head, and a huge barb-headed spear tucked like an umbrella under his arm.



Pictured is the tantalus which was found in Peter Carey's cabin. A tantalus held decanters of liquor, but could be locked to keep staff from drinking the alcohol.

From the story:

'There was a tantalus containing brandy and whisky on the sea-chest. It is of no importance to us, however, since the decanters were full and it had therefore not been used.'



Pictured is a brand of strong tobacco, popular during the Victorian period, which may have been Patrick Cairns's tobacco pouch.

From the story:

'There was half an ounce of strong ship's tobacco in it.'



Pictured is the cloth cap worn by young Neligan when he broke into Peter Carey's cabin to search for the stolen stock certificates.

From the story:

He was dressed like a gentleman, in Norfolk jacket and knickerbockers, with a cloth cap upon his head.



Pictured is a postal card for Forest Row, Sussex, with the Brambletye Hotel on the right side.

From the story:

‘After that he travelled for some years, and finally he bought a small place called Woodman's Lee, near Forest Row, in Sussex.

‘Rooms have been reserved for you at the Brambletye Hotel, so we can all walk down to the village together.’



Pictured is the tin box, which Peter Carey took from Mr. Neligan on the ship, and which carried the securities which Carey then sold.

From the story:

‘All the baggage we took off with him was one tin box.’

‘I guessed that he had done the deed for the sake of what was in that tin box, and that he could afford now to pay me well for keeping my mouth shut.’