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**THE RETURN OF
SHERLOCK HOLMES.**
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IX.—The Adventure of the Three Students.

It was in the year '95 that a combination of events, into which I need not enter, caused Mr. Sherlock Holmes and myself to spend some weeks in one of our great University towns, and it was during this time that the small but instructive adventure which I am about to relate befell us. It will be obvious that any details which would help the reader to exactly identify the college or the criminal would be injudicious and offensive. So painful a scandal may well be allowed to die out. With due discretion the incident itself may, however, be described, since it serves to illustrate some of those qualities for which my friend was remarkable. I will endeavour in my statement to avoid such terms as would serve to limit the events to any particular place, or give a clue as to the people concerned.

We were residing at the time in furnished lodgings close to a library where Sherlock Holmes was pursuing some laborious researches in early English charters—researches which led to results so striking that they may be the subject of one of my future narratives. Here it was that one evening we received a visit from an acquaintance, Mr. Hilton Soames, tutor and lecturer at the College of St. Luke's. Mr. Soames was a tall, spare man, of a nervous and excitable temperament. I had always known him to be restless in his manner, but on this particular occasion he was in such a state of uncontrollable agitation that it was clear something very unusual had occurred.

"I trust, Mr. Holmes, that you can spare me a few hours of your valuable time. We have had a very painful incident at St. Luke's, and really, but for the happy chance of your being in the town, I should have been at a loss what to do."

"I am very busy just now, and I desire no distractions," my friend answered. "I should much prefer that you called in the aid of the police."

"No, no, my dear sir; such a course is utterly impossible. When once the law is evoked it cannot be stayed again, and this is just one of those cases where, for the credit of the college, it is most essential to avoid scandal. Your discretion is as well known as your powers, and you are the one man in the world who can help me. I beg you, Mr. Holmes, to do what you can."

My friend's temper had not improved since he had been deprived of the congenial surroundings of Baker Street. Without his scrap-books, his chemicals, and his homely untidiness, he was an uncomfortable man. He shrugged his shoulders in ungracious acquiescence, while our visitor in hurried words and with much excitable gesticulation poured forth his story.

"I must explain to you, Mr. Holmes, that to-morrow is the first day of the examination for the Fortescue Scholarship. I am one of the examiners. My subject is Greek, and the first of the papers consists of a large passage of Greek translation which the candidate has not seen. This passage is printed on the examination paper, and it would naturally be an immense advantage if the candidate could prepare it in advance. For this reason great care is taken to keep the paper secret.

"To-day about three o'clock the proofs of this paper arrived from the printers. The exercise consists of half a chapter of Thucydides. I had to read it over carefully, as the text must be absolutely correct. At four,

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SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES

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

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

The Adventure of the Three Students, Part 1

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

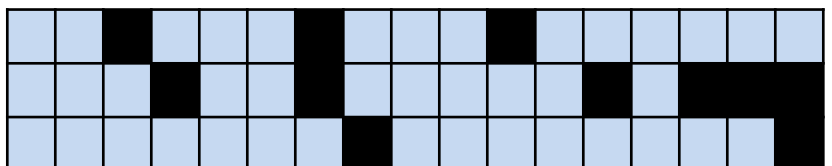
**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of
vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes,
vols. 1 and 2**

- ABORTIVE
- ALLUSION
- BAIZE
- BETRAY
- BLUE
- CLEAN
- CONGENIAL
- CRICKET
- DEPLORABLE
- DISCRETION
- DISTURBED
- DOUGHY
- EARNESTNESS
- ENIGMATIC
- EXAMINERS
- EXPELLED
- FLAXEN
- GESTICULATION
- GOthic
- HARD
- HULLO
- IMPRESSIONS
- INDUSTRIOUS
- INSCRUTABLE
- LATTICED
- LIBERTY
- LITHE
- OLD
- PEEP
- PITIABLE
- PURPOSE
- RASCAL
- RIFLED
- ROUND
- SCRAP
- SIDE
- STAIR
- STOOPED
- SULLEN
- TEA
- TIPTOE
- TURF
- UNPARDONABLE
- VENTURE
- WELL

Three Students (Puzzle #1)

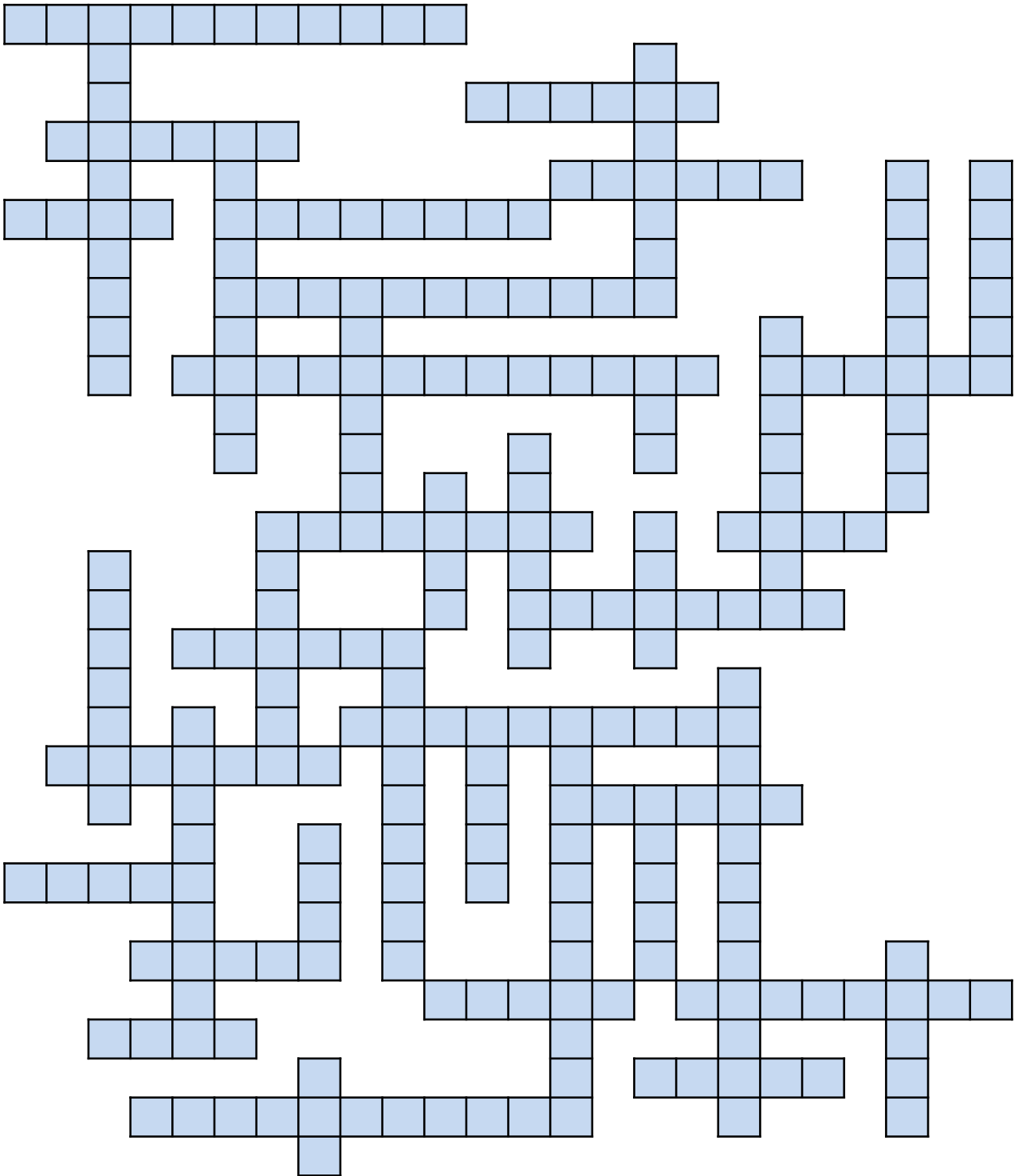
WORDCIRCLE: Find each of the listed words in the puzzle. Click on each letter found and circle it with a CAPITAL "O". You can tab between letters. Once all terms are found, the remaining un-circled letters should complete a quote from the story below.

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



Three Students (Puzzle #2)

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



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|------|-------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| OLD | TURF | ROUND | GOTHIC | LIBERTY | | | |
| TEA | WELL | SCRAP | RASCAL | PURPOSE | EXPULSED | ENIGMATIC | IMPRESSIONS |
| BLUE | BAIZE | STAIR | RIFLED | STOOPED | LATTICED | EXAMINERS | INDUSTRIOUS |
| HARD | CLEAN | BETRAY | SULLEN | VENTURE | PITIABLE | DEPLORABLE | INSCRUTABLE |
| PEEP | HULLO | DOUGHY | TIPTOE | ABORTIVE | CONGENIAL | DISCRETION | UNPARDONABLE |
| SIDE | LITHE | FLAXEN | CRICKET | ALLUSION | DISTURBED | EARNESTNESS | GESTICULATION |

Three Students (Puzzle #3)

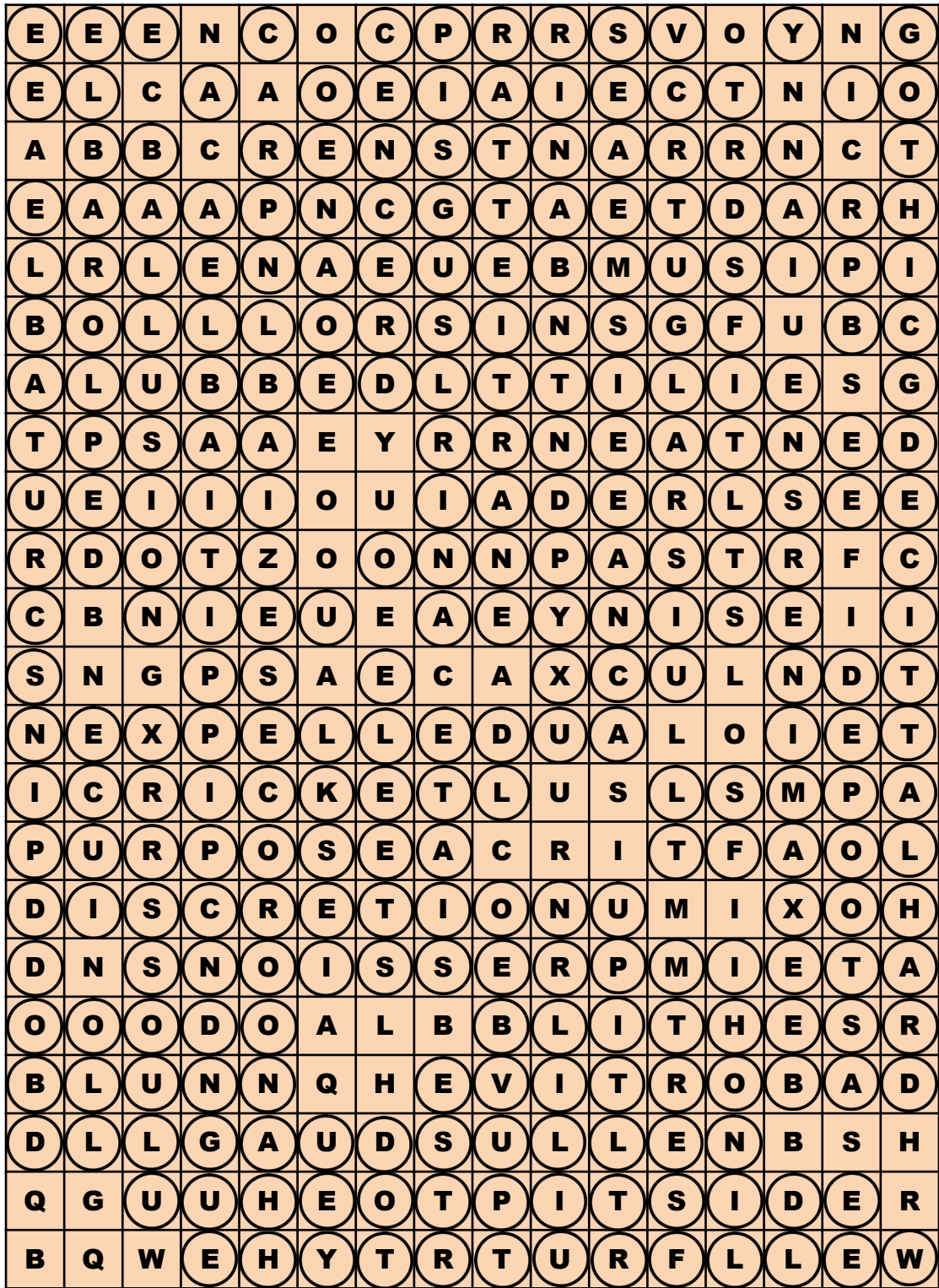
Across

1. Freedom to decide what should be done in a situation
5. High-pitched
8. Very tiny
10. Plan to do something illegal
11. Power to act as one pleases
13. Forced someone of membership in a school
16. Exclamation or shout
17. _____ - book
19. Having a thick, malleable consistency
21. Choose from a number of alternatives
22. Dare to say something that may be audacious
25. Lacking brightness or interest
26. Colour; tint
27. Contemptibly poor or small
29. Mischievous or cheeky person
30. ____ - lamp
31. Decorated with shapes like diamonds
33. Give all or part of one's time or resources to an activity
36. Exclamation of surprise
39. Person who make duplicates of an original
40. Thin; supple and graceful
41. Goods stolen from a person or place
43. Small mark on a page
44. _____ - arched
45. Plump; full-bodied
46. Not working; at rest
48. Small fish
49. At one time
50. Persons who administers and grades tests
52. Means of egress
54. Small rapping on a door
56. _____ - working
57. Bad-tempered and gloomy
59. Fine white ceramic material
61. Horse race track
62. Thought or suggestion as to a possible course of action
63. Time or period of time following the present time
64. Impossible to understand or interpret

Down

1. Deserving strong condemnation
2. Person sent out ahead to gather information
3. Snake-like fish
4. Raw minerals
5. Inquire too closely into a person's affairs
6. Look quickly and furtively at something
7. Short period of rest or sleep
8. ____ - known
9. Termination
12. Unusual; odd
14. Difficult to interpret or understand
15. Open-air game played with bats, ball, and wickets
17. ____ - table
18. Sincere and intense conviction
20. _____ - fashioned
21. Person's sense of resolve or determination
22. By way of
23. Bind
24. Straight - _____
26. Greeting expression
28. Be disloyal to
29. Searched through something in a hurried way
32. Failing to produce the intended result
33. Suffering from emotional problems
34. Pleasant because of a personality or interests similar to one's own
35. Stand on the ball of one's feet to see better
37. Expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly
38. Having the head and shoulders bent forward
42. Diligent and hard-working
47. Green cotton or woolen material imitating felt
51. Set of steps leading from one floor to another
53. _____ - haired; light, blond hair
55. _____ - shaven
57. Large body of water
58. Close by
59. Notable stroke or move
60. Small end of an object
61. Afternoon social drink

Three Students (Puzzle #1)



NO ONE CAN ACCUSE
 YOU OF BEING A
 CALLOUS CRIMINAL

Three Students (Puzzle #2)

