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A Reminiscence of Mr. Sherlock Holmes.

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I.—The Singular Experience of Mr. John Scott Eccles.

FIND it recorded in my notebook that it was a bleak and windy day towards the end of March in the year 1892. Holmes had received a telegram whilst we sat at our lunch, and he had scribbled a reply. He made no remark, but the matter remained in his thoughts, for he stood in front of the fire afterwards with a thoughtful face, smoking his pipe, and casting an occasional glance at the message. Suddenly he turned upon me with a mischievous twinkle in his eyes.

"I suppose, Watson, we must look upon you as a man of letters," said he. "How do you define the word 'grotesque'?"

"Strange—remarkable," I suggested.

He shook his head at my definition.

"There is surely something more than that," said he; "some underlying suggestion of the tragic and the terrible. If you cast your mind back to some of those narratives with which you have afflicted a long-suffering public, you will recognise how often the grotesque has deepened into the criminal. Think of that little affair of the red-headed men. That was grotesque enough in the outset, and yet it ended in a desperate attempt at robbery. Or, again, there was that most grotesque affair of the five orange pipes, which led straight to a murderous conspiracy. The word puts me on the alert."

"Have you it there?" I asked.

He read the telegram aloud.

"Have just had most incredible and grotesque experience. May I consult you?"

Scott Eccles, Post Office, Charing Cross."

"Man or woman?" I asked.

"Oh, man, of course. No woman would ever send a reply-paid telegram. She would have come."

"Will you see him?"

"My dear Watson, you know how bored I have been since we locked up Colonel Carruthers. My mind is like a racing engine, tearing itself to pieces because it is not connected up with the work for which it was built. Life is commonplace, the papers are sterile; audacity and romance seem to have passed for ever from the criminal world. Can you ask me, then, whether I am ready to look into any new problem, however trivial it may prove? But here, unless I am mistaken, is our client."

A measured step was heard upon the stairs, and a moment later a stout, tall, grey-whiskered and solemnly respectable person was ushered into the room. His life history was written in his heavy features and pompous manner. From his spats to his gold-rimmed spectacles he was a Conservative, a Churchman, a good citizen, orthodox and conventional to the last degree. But some amazing experience had disturbed his native composure and left its traces in his bristling hair, his flushed, angry cheeks, and his hurried, excited manner. He plunged instantly into his business.

"I have had a most singular and unpleasant experience, Mr. Holmes," said he.

"Never in my life have I been placed in such a situation. It is most improper—most outrageous. I must insist upon some explanation." He swelled and puffed in his anger.

"Pray sit down, Mr. Scott Eccles," said Holmes, in a soothing voice. "May I ask, in the first place, why you came to me at all?"

"Well, sir, it did not appear to be a matter which concerned the police, and yet, when you have heard the facts, you must admit

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SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON PUZZLES

Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle

DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON

His Last Bow

The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge--
Part 2

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

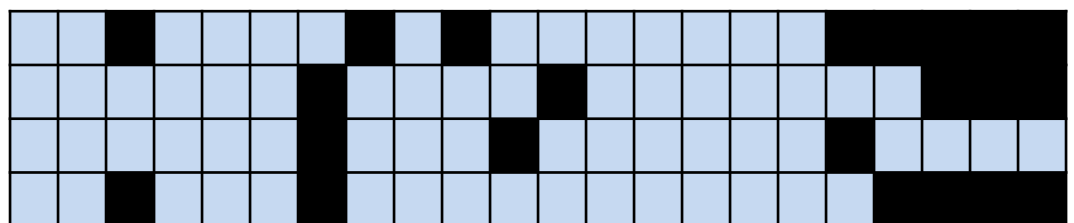
Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes, vols. 1 and 2

Wisteria Lodge (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.

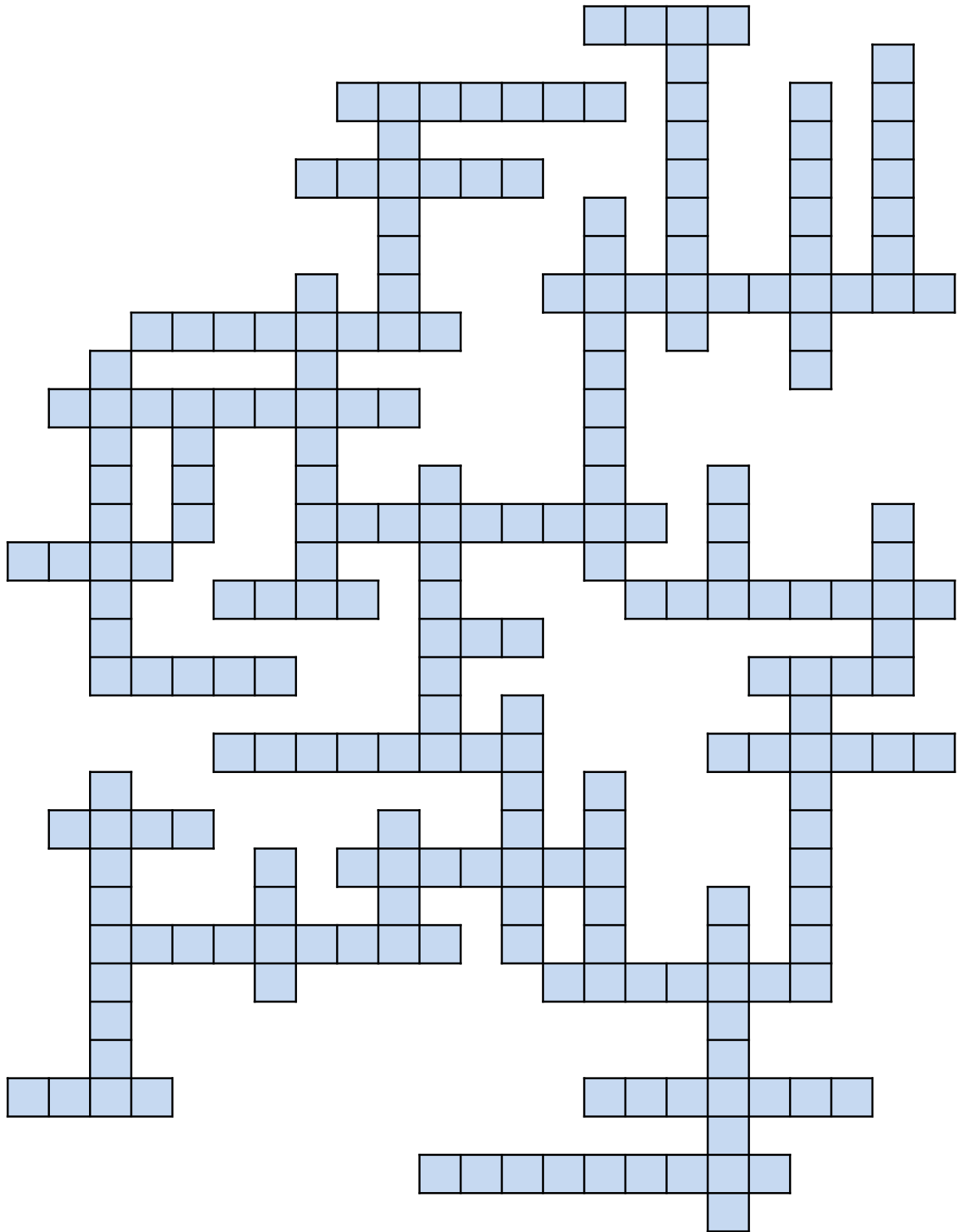
- AFFLICTED
- AMBUSCADE
- ARDOUR
- ASTUTENESS
- AWRY
- BLANCHED
- CAT
- COMPOSURE
- DAMP
- DISCHARGED
- DUBIOUS
- EXALTED
- FETISH
- FOREMOST
- GOLD
- GOVERNESS
- GROTESQUE
- HIGH
- IMPROPER
- KEEN
- LONG
- NEFARIOUS
- NOCTURNAL
- ORTHODOX
- PAID
- PIETY
- PITTANCE
- PRETEXT
- PULP
- QUERULOUS
- RIVETED
- SAPLESS
- SKEIN
- SPUD
- SWARTHY
- TOILET
- UNBRUSHED
- WAISTCOAT
- WATTLES
- WIRE

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Wisteria Lodge (Puzzle #5)

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



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| CAT | KEEN | WIRE | TOILET | SAPLESS | IMPROPER | COMPOSURE | QUERULOUS |
| AWRY | LONG | PIETY | DUBIOUS | SWARTHY | ORTHODOX | GOVERNESS | UNBRUSHED |
| DAMP | PAID | SKEIN | EXALTED | WATTLES | PITTANCE | GROTESQUE | WAISTCOAT |
| GOLD | PULP | ARDOUR | PRETEXT | BLANCHED | AFFLICTED | NEFARIOUS | ASTUTENESS |
| HIGH | SPUD | FETISH | RIVETED | FOREMOST | AMBUSCADE | NOCTURNAL | DISCHARGED |

Wisteria Lodge (Puzzle #6)

Across

3. _____ - rimmed
8. Neither _____
9. Telegram
10. Lacking in modesty or decency; not in accordance with accepted rules
11. Strip of material used as an identification
12. Turned pale
16. Base or support on which a statue is mounted
17. Pulled tight
18. Roughly squared timber beams
19. Reply - _____
21. _____ - suffering
22. Before the present time
23. A very large amount
24. Bank draft used for withdrawing money
27. Known for sure
28. Dark complexioned
31. To and _____
32. Answer a question
33. Make an opening or incision with a sharp-edged tool
34. Imitate
38. At night
41. What an _____ I have been
43. Passion
45. Out of the normal or correct position; askew
47. Tightly held
49. Absence of difficulty or effort
51. In a state of extreme happiness
52. Ambush
54. Conforming to generally or traditionally accepted as true
56. Reason given in justification of a course of action that is not the real reason
60. Extremely small amount of money
63. Repulsively ugly or distorted
65. Writing implement
66. Length of thread or yarn, loosely knotted
67. Large body of water
68. Fleshy, wrinkled, often brightly colored fold of skin hanging from the neck or throat
69. _____ - servant within a house

Down

1. Shrewdness
2. Messed up; not combed
3. Grasp or seize suddenly
4. _____ - ceilinged
5. Sharp spade-like tool used to dig out weeds
6. Police officers
7. Extremely wicked
13. Cause pain or suffering to
14. Protruding part of the face below the mouth
15. Hesitating or doubting
16. Soft, wet, shapeless mass of material
19. Devotion and reverence
20. Most prominent in rank or importance
24. _____ - like
25. Fired; terminated
26. Lessen
29. Woman employed to teach children in a household
30. Highly developed
35. Avoided
36. Unmarried male
37. Vest
39. Sob
40. _____ and downs
42. Carbonated water
44. Morose
46. Part of a glasses frame surrounding the lenses
48. Toxic colorless or yellowish oily liquid
50. Complaining or fretful
53. Without spirit or energy
55. Grooming
57. Push something suddenly or violently
58. Object believed to have magical or spiritual powers
59. Sweetener
62. Nude, exposed
64. Therapeutic resort

Wisteria Lodge (Puzzle #4)

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

Wisteria Lodge (Puzzle #5)

