



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure L – The Problem of Thor Bridge

<i>Alicia</i>	Name of a cutter which sailed one spring morning into a small patch of mist from where she never again emerged and crew vanished; unfinished case in Watson's dispatch box
Amazon River	J. Neil Gibson met his wife upon the banks of the Amazon
Assizes, The	Periodical session held by superior court judges who are directed the assizes or verdicts of juries for the purpose of trying criminal cases; the Gibson murder was referred to the Assizes
Bates, Marlow	Neurotic manager of J. Neil Gibson's estate who warned Holmes against his employer
Billy	"Young but very wise and tactful" page at Baker Street round the turn of the century; announced Marlow Bates
Brazil	Republic of South America, known for its tropical climate; Maria Gibson originated from that country
Charing Cross	Official center of Metropolitan London, an open area on the south side of Trafalgar Square, between Whitehall and the Strand; Cox & Co, where Watson's tin box is stored, was in the area
Claridge's Hotel	One of the more famous London hotels, located on Brook Street in Westminster; J. Neil Gibson stayed there while in London
Coventry, Sergeant	Official of the Hampshire constabulary, who was assigned to investigate the apparent murder of Maria Gibson
Cox & Co.	London banking firm, located in Charing Cross; Watson's tin dispatch-box was kept
Cummings, Joyce	Barrister for Grace Dunbar

Dunbar, Grace	Governess of J. Neil Gibson, whom he came to love; she was implicated in the apparent murder of Gibson's wife; Gibson asked to help clear Dunbar of the charges
<i>Family Herald</i>	Family-interest magazine, established in 1842; Holmes called it an "excellent periodical" and said the condition of his breakfast might not be unconcerned with the arrival of the <i>Family Herald</i> the day before
Ferguson	Secretary of J. Neil Gibson
Gibson, J. Neil	(the Gold King) American Senator and gold millionaire; married to Maria Gibson, who appears to have been murdered by their governess, Grace Dunbar; Gibson implores Holmes to investigate the death and prove Dunbar was not guilty of the killing
Gibson, Maria	(Maria Pinto) Wife of J. Neil Gibson, and mother of two small children; committed suicide in such a way as to implicate their governess Grace Dunbar as a murderess
Hampshire	(Southampton) Southern county of England, principally agricultural; J. Neil Gibson, his wife Maria, and two children lived there at Thor Place
Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; Watson described Holmes as "bohemian" in his habits and lifestyle; said to have a "cat-like" love of personal cleanliness, at the same time Holmes is an eccentric with no regard for contemporary standards of tidiness or good order.
Indian Army	Military establishment of British India, distinct from the British Army; historically the force developed as three separate armies – the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay armies; the name "John H. Watson, M.D. late Indian Army" was painted upon the lid of Watson's dispatch-box
Lincoln, Abraham	Watson said J. Neil Gibson gave the impression of an Abraham Lincoln keyed to base uses instead of high ones
Manaos	Principal city of northern Brazil, situated 800 miles from the mouth of the Amazon River; Maria Pinto's father had been a government official there
Persano, Isadora	Well-known journalist and duelist, who was found stark mad with a match-box in front of him, which contained a remarkable worm said to be unknown to science
Phillimore, James	Among the unfinished tales in Watson's files at Cox & Co. Bank, was of James Phillimore, who, stepping back into his own house to get an umbrella, was never more seen in this world

Pinto	Brazilian government official, whose daughter Maria married J. Neil Gibson
Pinto, Maria	Daughter of a Brazilian government official at Manaus; she married J. Neil Gibson and moved to Thor Place, where she became extremely jealous of the relationship between Gibson and their governess, Grace Dunbar
Scotland Yard	Popular name given to the Metropolitan Police Force of London, and specifically to its Criminal Investigation Department (CID); the location of the CID is the New Scotland Yard, close to the Thames River; Holmes said he would rather have Sergeant Coventry than Scotland Yard
Thor Place	Hampshire estate of J. Neil Gibson; Maria Gibson was killed at the mouth of Thor Bridge, which spanned Thor Mere upon the grounds
Tudor	Family name of the English royal line which reigned from 1485-1603, beginning with Henry VII and ending with Elizabeth; the house at Thor Bridge was half Tudor and half Georgian in architecture
Watson, John H.	Friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes, it appears he was borne in the early 1850s; took his Degree of Doctor in Medicine in 1878; served as a staff surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; while serving in the Army Medical Department, he was severely wounded in the Battle of Maiwand in Afghanistan; his wound and general impairment of health earned him a retirement and wound pension
Winchester	Historic city of Hampshire; Grace Dunbar was jailed there as a suspect in the killing of Maria Gibson