

A STUDY GUIDE TO SHERLOCK HOLMES

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The Casebook of Sherlock
Holmes
Adventure LIII -- The
Adventure of the Tree
Garridebs

**THE THREE GARRIDEBS
DATE OF THE ADVENTURE***
(Date when Holmes cornered Killer Evans)

CLUES:

1. Watson says, "... the date ... was the latter end of June, 1902." (1044)
2. In his telephone conversation with Nathan Garrideb, Holmes says, "I understand that you don't know him ... How long? ... Only two days!" (1047)
3. Nathan Garrideb says, "He (John Garrideb) called last Tuesday." (1049)
4. John Garrideb says, "I'll call to-morrow, Mr. Nathan, and see you off to Birmingham." (1050)
5. Holmes cornered Killer Evans the same day that Nathan Garrideb went to Birmingham.
6. June 22, 1902 was Sunday.

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. 1 implies it was the last week of June of 1902.
- B. 2 and 3 imply that Holmes met the two Garridebs on Thursday.
- C. B, 4, and 5 imply that Holmes cornered Killer Evans on Friday.
- D. A, C, and 6 imply that Holmes cornered Killer Evans on Friday, June 27, 1902

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*The story may contain other clues to the date of the adventure. However, use only the clues shown here. Your only goal should be to use logical reasoning to find a date based on the clues shown here.

THE THREE GARRIDEBS VOCABULARY WORDS

- foolscap (1044, 1045) – **sheet of writing paper approximately 13 by 16 inches with a watermark of a fool's cap with bells**
- bespoke (1045) – **foretold; indicated**
- ruffled (1045) – **flustered**
- amiable (1045, 1048, 1052) – **friendly; good-natured; likable**
- zeal (1046) – **enthusiastic devotion to a goal**
- wheat pit (1046) – **that part of the floor of a commodity exchange where business in wheat is carried on**
- arable-land (1046) – **land that is suitable for cultivation**
- kith (1046) – **acquaintances; friends**
- kin (1046) – **relatives; kinsmen**
- agony column (1047) – **personal newspaper advertisements**
- rigmarole (1047) – **confused, rambling, and incoherent discourse**
- covert (1047) – **cover or refuge**
- putting up a bird (1047) – **flushing out a hidden person or solution**
- ingenious (1047) – **inventive and cunning**
- syncopated (1047) – **shortened; abbreviated**
- Georgian (1048) – **style of architecture that prevailed during the reign of the four Georges (1714 – 1830) following the style of the Italian Andrea Palladio (see also “The Adventure of the Abbey Grange”**
- Bohemian (1048) – **people who lead a free and unconventional life, are irregular in their habits, and have little regard for ordinary society**
- gaunt (1048) – **thin and bony; angular**
- cadaverous (1048) – **of corpse-like pallor; pallid**

goat's beard (1048) – **goatee; small chin beard trimmed into a point**

flint (1048, see also 1053 on next page) – **used as a tool by primitive human beings**

Neanderthal (1048) – **prehistoric skull found in Western Prussia in 1857, less human and more ape-like than any other known type**

Heidelberg (1048) – **prehistoric man with a thoroughly ape-like jaw-bone with human teeth; found near Heidelberg in southern Germany; first found in 1907**

Cro-Magnon (1048) – **early form of modern human being inhabiting Europe about 750,000 years ago and characterized by a broad face and tall stature; first found in the Cro-Magnon cave in southern France**

Sotheby's (1048) – **prominent London auction house**

Christie's (1048) – **more properly Christie and Manson's Auction Rooms; rooms off St. James's Square which are celebrated for sales of valuable art objects**

Hans Sloane (1049) – **British physician, traveler, and naturalist; founder of the British Museum (1660 – 1753)**

harrows (1050) – **farm implement consisting of a heavy frame with sharp teeth; used to break up and even off plowed ground**

buckboards (1050) – **four-wheeled open carriages with seats attached to a flexible board running between the front and rear axles**

artesian wells (1050) – **wells drilled through impermeable rock to reach water capable of rising to the surface by internal hydrostatic pressure**

disconsolate (1050) – **extremely dejected**

- old fossil (1051) – **man belonging to the past**
- Newgate Calendar (1051) – **publication listing the most notorious prisoners confined in London's famous Newgate Prison and giving accounts of their lives and crimes; first issued in 1773**
- dossier (1052) – **collection of papers giving detailed information about a particular person or subject**
- siesta (1052) – **nap after the midday meal**
- spring lock (1052) – **lock that secures the door when the door is closed thereby preventing entry from the outside but permitting exit from the inside**
- jemmy (1053) – **short crowbar with curved ends; used to pry something open**
- sear (1053) – **burning sensation as if struck with a hot instrument**
- flint (1053, see also 1048 on previous page) – **very hard, fine-grained quartz**
- bolt-hole (1054) – **hiding place**

THE THREE GARRIDEBS SOME OPEN QUESTIONS

1. Holmes says, "I have been down to see friend Lestrade at the Yard" (1051) where he obtained considerable information about Killer Evans (see top of 1052). Yet Holmes leaves Lestrade out of the chase for Evans despite the fact that Lestrade provided Holmes with some of his greatest cases. Why was Holmes so inconsiderate of his benefactor, Lestrade?

No doubt Holmes thought Lestrade would just interfere and delay, perhaps even prevent, Holmes from solving the case.

2. On the telephone Holmes tells Nathan Garrideb "... You need not mention it (that Holmes plans to call upon Nathan Garrideb) to the American lawyer ..." (1047). Later during the planned visit Holmes says, "Did you tell him of our telephone appointment?" (1049) To which Nathan Garrideb replies, "Yes, sir, I did." (1049) Immediately thereafter Holmes "... was puzzled", but he goes on without any notice of Nathan Garrideb's disregard for Holmes's request. Why?

Holmes considered Nathan Garrideb to be a hopelessly confused and disorganized man so he (Holmes) was not surprised that Nathan Garrideb either forgot or ignored the request.

3. Holmes says to Killer Evans, "If you had killed Watson, you would not have got out of this room alive." That sounds as if Holmes intended to kill Evans if Watson had died. If he had done so, Holmes would no doubt have been charged with murder. Although on more than one occasion Holmes did take the law into his own hands, he never before contemplated, much less committed, murder. Was Holmes serious in this statement?

In the heat of the battle, Holmes reacted as many of us would with a strong verbal threat. It is unlikely that Holmes meant the statement to be taken literally. Rather Holmes meant that there would have been very serious consequences for Killer Evans had Watson been killed.

THE THREE GARRIDEBS SIMPLE QUIZ*

1. Which one of the following names was previously used by John Garrideb?
 - a. Killer Evans
 - b. Charlie Peace
 - c. Lysander Starr
 - d. none of the above

2. What was John Garrideb looking for?
 - a. hidden counterfeiter plates
 - b. hidden money
 - c. stolen jewels
 - d. none of the above

3. How many Garridebs had to be present in order to collect the fictitious reward?
 - a. two
 - b. three
 - c. four
 - d. none of the above

* The Simple Quiz is designed to determine if the student has read the story. Anyone who has read the story through should have no trouble in completing this quiz. The Intermediate and Advanced Quizzes are more challenging.

THE THREE GARRIDEBS INTERMEDIATE QUIZ[#]

1. The London address of Nathan Garrideb was
 - a. 13 Great Ryder Street
 - b. 136 Little Ryder Street
 - c. 10 Little Orme Street
 - d. 16 Great Orme Street
 - e. none of the above
2. John Garrideb said that Dr. Lysander Starr had been
 - a. his physician in Topeka, Kansas
 - b. the mayor of Topeka, Kansas
 - c. a senator from Kansas
 - d. none of the above
3. John Garrideb convinced Nathan Garrideb to take a train trip to
 - a. Birmingham
 - b. Edinburgh
 - c. Liverpool
 - d. none of the above
4. Watson says, "My friend (Holmes) took the instrument (telephone) and I heard the usual syncopated dialogue." What does 'syncopated' mean?
 - a. abbreviated
 - b. confusing
 - c. with a steady beat
 - d. unintelligible

[#] The Intermediate Quiz is designed to test whether the student has read the story with reasonable attention to detail. The Simple Quiz is an easier test while the Advanced Quiz is much more challenging.

THE THREE GARRIDEBS ADVANCED QUIZ[&]

1. What was the first name of the fictitious Garrideb that Nathan Garrideb was supposed to visit?
 - a. Aloysius
 - b. Howard
 - c. George
 - d. none of the above

2. Watson described John Garrideb as
 - a. a short, powerful man with a round, fresh, clean-shaven face
 - b. a very tall, gaunt man with a sallow complexion
 - c. a man with an aquiline face with a humorous look about his mouth
 - d. none of the above

3. What was Nathan Garrideb doing with his right hand when Holmes and Watson called upon him?
 - a. polishing a coin with a piece of chamois leather
 - b. rearranging some vases on a shelf
 - c. focusing his microscope
 - d. none of the above

4. Which one of the following was NOT one of the three other names by which John Garrideb was known?
 - a. Killer Evans
 - b. Morecroft
 - c. Jenkins
 - d. James Winter

[&] The Advanced Quiz is designed for aficionados of the Canon. The questions are quite challenging. The Intermediate and Simple Quizzes are designed for the more casual reader of the stories.

ANSWERS TO QUIZZES FOR THE CASEBOOK

QUESTION	1	2	3	4
Illustrious Client				
Simple	c	a	b	xx
Intermediate	b	c	b	a
Advanced	c	a	b	c
Blanched Soldier				
Simple	a	a	b	xx
Intermediate	b	c	b	a
Advanced	b	a	b	c
Mazarin Stone				
Simple	c	a	c	xx
Intermediate	c	c	b	a
Advanced	a	b	b	c
Three Gables				
Simple	b	b	c	xx
Intermediate	b	b	c	b
Advanced	b	c	a	b
Sussex Vampire				
Simple	b	c	b	xx
Intermediate	b	b	c	c
Advanced	a	b	c	c
Three Garridebs				
Simple	a	a	b	xx
Intermediate	b	b	a	a
Advanced	b	a	a	c

QUESTION	1	2	3	4
Thor Bridge				
Simple	b	a	b	xx
Intermediate	a	a	c	c
Advanced	a	b	a	b
Creeping Man				
Simple	b	b	c	xx
Intermediate	c	a	c	b
Advanced	d	a	b	c
Lion's Mane				
Simple	b	c	b	xx
Intermediate	b	b	c	a
Advanced	c	a	a	a
Veiled Lodger				
Simple	a	a	c	xx
Intermediate	c	b	b	c
Advanced	c	b	b	a
Shoscombe Old Place				
Simple	c	a	c	xx
Intermediate	b	c	a	a
Advanced	b	a	a	a
Retired Colourman				
Simple	a	a	a	xx
Intermediate	a	c	b	b
Advanced	b	c	a	b