



## The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure LIV – The Adventure of the Illustrious Client

1. Why a 22-year wait to publish this case?
2. In what way was this the supreme moment of Holmes' career?
3. Are drying room couches customary?
4. Was the Hammerford Will a Holmes/Watson case?
5. Was Damery a fop or a fashion plate?
6. In what cases was Watson linked to violence?
7. Is there an explanation for Damery wearing his gloves indoors?
8. Why both Carlton Club and XX.31?
9. Was "your fashionable consultants" a dig at Watson?
10. Was the marriage really a danger to Gruner?
11. What are color cards?
12. Are iron wills subject to hypnosis?
13. What were the visible signs of sin and sorrow?
14. How many "terrible years" were there?
15. Are hatred and blazing eyes limited to females?
16. How did Kitty know that Holmes' only started that morning? Was she correct?
17. Do Holmes's references to church, abbess, and bishops suggest a current interest in religious matters?



18. Did Holmes usually carry a stick?
19. Could Porky not have located the assailants?
20. Why didn't Watson learn about Chinese pottery by reading Gruner's book?
21. Would it be first growing dark at 8:30 PM in mid-September?
22. Would a "precise tidy cat of a man" have to "rummage furiously" in order to find a weapon in a drawer?
23. Did Holmes need Kitty Winter (who hadn't been in Gruner's house in over a year) to advise him where the diary was kept?
24. Compare "Woman's heart and mind are insoluble puzzles to the male" and "Women of the De Merville type do not act like that."
25. Why didn't Gruner "hypnotize" Violet to regard the diary (if discovered) as a forgery?
26. What extenuating circumstances were there?
27. Why wasn't Holmes prosecuted?

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