



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LIV – The Adventure of the Illustrious Client

Austria-Hungary	Dual kingdom in south-eastern Europe; Baron Gruner was from that area
Baker Street	Most famous of all London Streets, the residence of Sherlock Holmes from the 1880s to 1903, during the greatest part of his professional life as a consulting detective; also, the residence of John Watson for much of that same period
Barton, Dr. Hill	Watson’s pseudonym; Holmes provides him with a printed card to fool Baron Gruner
Bench of Bishops	Collective designation of bishops who represent the Church of England in the House of Lords; Watson writes Baron Gruner’s butler “would have adorned a bunch of bishops”, an allusion either to his costume or to his solemnity
Berkeley Square	In Westminster, known for its plane trees and fine houses, almost all which has some historical association; General de Merville lived there
Café Royal	(Grand Café Royal) celebrated French restaurant on Regent Street; Holmes was attacked outside the restaurant by roughs who escaped through the restaurant
Carlton Club	Premier Conservative political club of England, located in Pall Mall; Sir James Damery was a member of the Club
Charing Cross Hospital	Hospital in the Strand near Charing Cross, which served as a medical school for London University; Holmes was carried there after he was attacked on Regent Street
Charing Cross Station	London terminus, with Cannon Street Station, of the South Eastern railway, constructed in 1864 between the Strand and the Embankment; it was between there, and the Grand Hotel that Watson saw the news of the attack upon Holmes
China	(The Chinese Empire) Largest empire of Asia; Baron Gruner was an authority upon Chinese pottery
Christie and Manson’s Rooms	Well-known rooms off St. James Square, celebrated for sales of valuable art objects; Holmes said no finer piece than the Ming saucer he borrowed had ever passed through Christie’s, where Watson was to suggest it be appraised

Cunard Line	Most prestigious of the transatlantic steamship lines; Baron Gruner was to leave Liverpool in the <i>Ruritania</i> upon a Friday, a ship of the Cunard Line
Damery, Sir James	Intermediary between Holmes and the Illustrious Client, who took an anonymous interest in Violet de Merville's welfare; member of the Carlton Club
De Merville, General	Famous British soldier, "of Khyber fame" who became a broken man when his daughter, Violet de Merville, came under the power of Baron Gruner
De Merville, Violet	Daughter of General De Merville, who became engaged to Baron Gruner despite the strenuous objections of her father and family; so devout was her fidelity to Gruner she resisted both the words of Holmes and others
Glasshouse Street	Street in Westminster, extending from Regent Street to Piccadilly Circus; Holmes' attackers escaped through the Café Royal into Glasshouse Street
Grand Hotel	One of London's newer hotels, located in Charing Cross; Watson writes it was between the hotel and Charing Cross Station that he saw the news of the attack upon Holmes
Gruner, Baron Adelbert	Austrian murderer, speculator, philanderer, and art collector; Holmes is asked to prevent the marriage between Gruner and Violet de Merville; Kitty Winter mutilates the Baron by throwing vitriol in his face
Half Moon Street	Short street in Westminster, lying between Curzon Street and Piccadilly; Watson pretended to live there at No. 369 in his alias as Dr. Hill Barton to Baron Gruner
Hammerford Will Case	Affair handled by Sir James Damery, which included negotiations with Sir George Lewis, one of many private affairs taken care of by Sir James
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.
Hung-wu	Chinese emperor, founder of the Ming dynasty; Watson read up on him as he prepared for his interview with Baron Gruner
Hurlingham Club	Sporting club with extensive grounds in west London; Baron Gruner played polo there but was forced to resign his membership
Illustrious Client	Euphemism used by Watson to refer to Sir James Damery's client, for whom Damery

	acted as intermediary with Holmes
Imperial Place of Peking	Celebrated palace of the Chinese Emperors, located within the Forbidden City; Holmes doubted if there was a complete set of Ming pottery anywhere outside the Imperial Palace of Peking
Johnson, Shinwell	(Porky Shinwell) Member of Holmes' agency, a former criminal who allied himself to Holmes and provided information from among the underworld; brought Kitty Winter to try and change Violet de Merville's mind about Baron Gruner
Khyber Pass	Famous mountain pass in the north-east corner of Afghanistan. The chief gate between there and India; Holmes referred to General de Merville as 'De Merville of Khyber fame'
Kingston-On-Thames	Pleasant residential town in the north of Surrey, situated upon the right bank of the Thames and forming one of the more exclusive suburbs of London; Baron Gruner lived near there, at Vernon Lodge
Le Brun	French agent who was beaten and crippled for life by Apaches in the Montmartre district, when he inquired into the affairs of Baron Gruner
Lewis, Sir George	Sir James Damery negotiated with him over the Hammerford Will case
Liverpool	Second largest city and seaport of England, situated in Lancashire; Cunard liners sail from there
Lomax	Sub-librarian of the London Library to whom Holmes applied for a book about Chinese pottery to help Watson learn more about the collection of such pottery
London	Largest city in the world during the Victorian period, capital of England and the British Empire, located in the south-eastern part of England on the River Thames; extended into the counties of Surrey, Ken, Middlesex, and Essex; Shinwell Johnson had turned from a life of crime and acted as Holmes' agent in the huge criminal underground of London
London Library	Circulating library for paying members, located in St. James Square; Watson applied to Lomax, the sub-librarian for a book about Chinese pottery

Mediterranean Sea	Sea connected to the Atlantic Ocean, surrounded by the Mediterranean Basin and almost completely enclosed by land; Baron Gruner met Violet de Merville on a Mediterranean yachting voyage
Middle Ages	Term loosely applied to that period of European history which lies between ancient and modern civilizations; Holmes indicated he had seen the ethereal otherworld beauty of Violet de Merville upon the faces in the pictures of the old masters of the Middle Ages
Ming	Chinese dynasty founded in the middle of the 14 th century; Watson took to his appointment with Baron Gruner a blue egg-shell saucer of the Ming dynasty
Montmartre	Administrative district of Paris, embracing the Arch de Triomphe, the Champs Elysees and many other features of the city; Le Brun was beaten and crippled by Apaches there for trying to interfere in Baron Gruner's activities
Montpellier	Well-known city in the South of France; Watson located Marie Devine, the maid to Lady Frances Carfax, there at 'Montpelier'; the Crèdit Lyonnaise at which Marie Devine's check was cashed was there
Moran, Colonel Sebastian	Indian Army officer and renowned heavy-game hunter was forced to leave India and went to London, where he was sought as the chief of staff for Professor Moriarty; he escaped the gallows for his actions
Moriarty, Professor James	The Napoleon of Crime; endowed with a phenomenal mathematic facility, he wrote a treatise upon the binomial theorem, and authored <i>The Dynamics of an Asteroid</i> ; Holmes suggests if Baron Gruner is as dangerous as Moriarty, he is indeed worth meeting
<i>Morning Post</i>	Oldest of the existing London papers, founded in 1772; notice of the cancellation of the wedding between Baron Gruner and Violet de Merville was published there
Nara	Town in Japan, at one time the capital, and is celebrated for the specimens of applied art; Baron Gruner tested Watson's knowledge of Oriental art by asking how he associated the Emperor Shomu with the Shoso-in near Nara
Northumberland Avenue	Thoroughfare in Westminster, running between Charing Cross and the Embankment, renowned for the splendor of its buildings; Holmes and Watson patronized the Turkish bath establishment there

Oakshott, Sir Leslie	Famous surgeon who attended Holmes after he was attacked outside the Café Royal on Regent Street by Gruner's ruffians
Parkhurst Prison	Prison upon the Isle of Wight, where Shinwell Johnson had served two terms for villainy, before turning his life around
Peace, Charles	(Charlie) Celebrated murderer who became a national sensation through his daring burglaries and ingenious talent for disguise; Holmes remarked Peace had been a violin virtuoso and had a complex mind
Peking	Capital of China; Holmes doubted if there was a complete set of Ming pottery outside the Imperial Palace of Peking
Porky	Nickname for Shinwell Johnson
Prague	Chief city of Bohemia; Baron Gruner seemed narrowly to have escaped conviction there for an apparent murder of his wife at the Splügen Pass
Queen Anne Street	Street in the West End, in the vicinity of Harley Street, and possessing nearly the same professional standing as the residence of physicians; Watson had rooms there in 1902
Regent Street	One of London's finest streets, extending north of Oxford Street to the south of Piccadilly, containing many of the city's best shops; Holmes was attacked by Baron Gruner's ruffians there
<i>Ruritania</i>	Liner of the Cunard Line, in which Baron Gruner planned to leave England later in the week
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; Colonel Damery stated Scotland Yard could do nothing to resolve the issue
Simpson's Dining Rooms	Well-known restaurant in the Strand; Watson met him there twice during the Baron Gruner investigation
Sotheby's	London auction-house; Watson was to suggest them to Baron Gruner as the appraisers of his Ming saucer
South Africa	General term referring to the Boer republics and to the British possessions in southern Africa; Baron Gruner's residence had been built by a South African gold king

Splügen Pass	Mountain pass through the Alps; it formed part of the boundary between Switzerland and Italy; Holmes said Baron Gruner had killed his wife there, but was not convicted, as one of the witnesses died mysteriously
St. James Square	Square in Westminster off Pall Mall, containing a number of aristocratic residences, as well as the London Library
Strand	Great artery between the City and the West End, one of the busiest and most important thoroughfares in London; Holmes and Watson dined at Simpson's which was in the Strand
Sung	Chinese dynasty which occupied the throne from the 10 th to the 13 th centuries and was finally overcome by the Mongols; Watson read up on the Sung in preparing for his interview with Baron Gruner
Tang	Chinese dynasty reigning in AD 618-907; Baron Gruner owned a Tang vase dating from the 7 th century
Tang-Ying	Famous director of the Chinese porcelain kilns in the 18 th century; Watson read up on his in preparing for his interview with Baron Gruner
Vernon Lodge	House near Kingston belonging to Baron Gruner; Holmes sent Watson to the house to hold Gruner's attention while Holmes attempted to burgle the house and get the diary of Gruner; Kitty Winter had secretly shown up and threw vitriol on Gruner's face, permanently disfiguring him
Wainwright	(Thomas Griffiths Wainwright) Prominent English artist and man of letters who was transported to Tasmania for forgery in 1837; Holmes said he was "no mean artist", an evaluation generally shared by his contemporaries
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
Wei	Chinese dynasty founded in 220 AD, and ruling the northern portion of China until its collapse in the 6 th century; Baron Gruner tested Watson's knowledge of Chinese pottery by asking what he knew on of the northern Wei dynasty, and its place in history of ceramics

Winter, Kitty	Former mistress of Baron Gruner, who had ruined her; she was recruited by Holmes to try and dissuade Violet de Merville from carrying through with her marriage to Gruner; Winter ultimately took her revenge on Gruner, throwing vitriol (sulfuric acid) into his face, which left Gruner hideously mutilated
Yuan	(Yuen) Mongol dynasty of China in the 13 th century; Watson read up on the ceramic wares of this dynasty
Yung-Lo	Son of Hung-Wu, and Chinese emperor from 1403-25; Watson read up on “the beauties” of his reign, during which the egg-shell style seemed to have originated