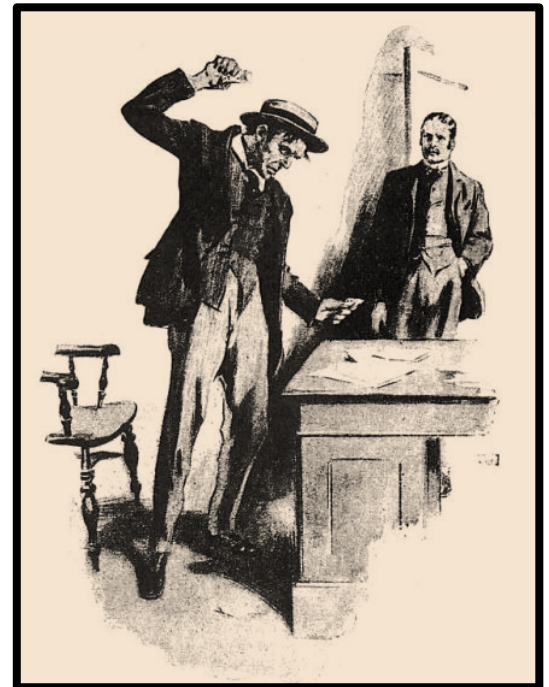




## The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure LVIII – The Adventure of the Retired Colourman

1. Does an item in a bi-weekly become the “eager debate of all England?”
2. What happened to any luggage owned by Mrs. Amberley and Dr. Ernest?
3. If Watson had directions to The Haven, which stood out from its neighbors, why did he need Barker’s help?
4. Was it an island of ancient culture or a dingy sanctum?
5. Can a person with an artificial limb spring to his feet?
6. If Amberley suspected no intrigue, and no message was left, why did he not fear for his wife’s safety rather than think her an accomplice?
7. Why did Holmes consider the theater ticket situation remarkable?
8. Do box offices keep track of vacant seats that have been paid for?
9. What is “an old school number?”
10. Why would Mrs. Amberley leave the window open? Was she too lazy to shut the door?
11. Does a harsh and exacting husband have a slatternly house and a garden running to seed?
12. Was the servant interviewed?
13. Is Little Purlington to Lewisham to Baker Street only 50 minutes?
14. Why use the telephone exchange to send a one-word message?
15. Was the greater surprise that Holmes was not alone, or that he had entered?
16. Why did Barker, not Holmes, have a cab at the door?



17. What proof is there of an “intimacy” or that Amberley was jealous? Perhaps he only wanted to get rid of a slovenly wife and a competitor who always beat him at chess?
18. Who was Holmes’ agent? Could he not have sent the message more easily than by going to Little Purlington and running the risk of his description being given to Watson and Amberley?
19. If so trapped, would you:
  - a) stuff a handkerchief in the gas pipe
  - b) comfort your inamorata
  - c) light a match
  - d) try to create a spark, as by flicking a light switch
  - e) write a message
  - f) put your pencil in your pocket after becoming senseless
20. What lighted the strong-room to permit Dr. Ernest to see to write?
21. Who wrote?
22. What happened to the indelible pencil?

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