

The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes Adventure LIX – The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger

Hur-REE! Hur-REE! Hur-REE! Step right up to the Big Top for our next story, *The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger*. There's a clown, a strong man, and a wild animal, but watch out for the ringmaster's whip! My questions and comments for this tale:

Why did Holmes want to have a witness present during his meeting with Mrs. Ronder?

"No words can describe the framework of a face when the face itself is gone." Her chin was fine, her mouth intact, and her eyes were still "beautiful." With so much of her face unscathed, were the actual injuries really that horrible?

Of all the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim — why was Gabriel specifically singled out for comparison to Leonardo?



How did Victorians dispose of known hazardous materials? And should Holmes and Watson take any special precautions handling and sniffing at that blue bottle?

Leonardo drowned at Margate presumably while swimming near the town's fine beach. Of interest to the Hounds, who discussed bathing cots and bathing machines a few days ago, Margate was where Benjamin Beale lived. He, of course, was the modest Quaker man who invented the bathing machine in 1753. But Margate is notable for another Sherlockian sort of reason. It was from Margate that Elizabeth Stuart embarked for the continent in 1613, after her marriage to Frederick V...the King of Bohemia!

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