

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

# Canonical Characters



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## A Study in Scarlet



"A Study in Scarlet"

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“THE SINGLE, GRAY  
FIGURE WHICH  
UPON THE”

Charles Altamont Doyle  
1888

A Study in Scarlet

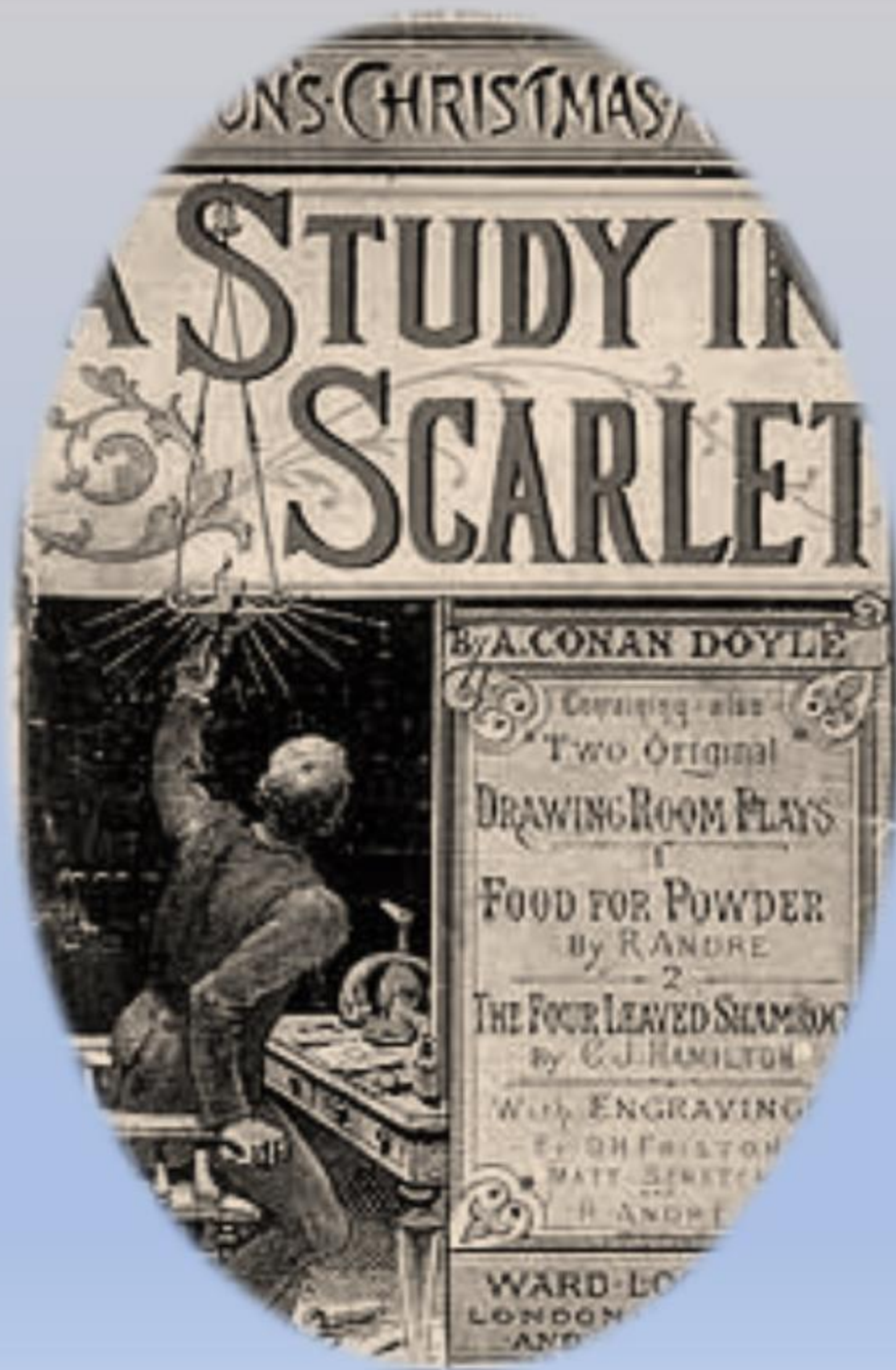


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### Study in Scarlet

Jacker - ~~from Scotland~~ from Afghanistan  
Lived at 221 B Upper Baker Street

Sherrinford Holmes -

The Laws of Evidence

Revered -

Sleepy eyed young man - philosopher - collector of rare Violin  
An Amati - Chemical Laboratory

I have four hundred a year -

I am a Consulting detective -

What rot this is" I cried - throwing the volume

: peevishly aside " I must say that I have no

patience with people who build up fine theories on their

own armchairs which can never be reduced to

justice -

Lecoq was a bungler -

was better. Dupin was decidedly some

showing a train of thought was

but still

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Stamford, a friend to both Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson bring the two together to consider splitting the costs of rooms.

After much speculation by Watson, Holmes reveals he is a "consulting detective".

Holmes receives a telegram requesting consultation in a fresh murder case.

Surveying the murder scene with Lestrade and Gregson, can Holmes determine the significance of the loose wedding ring and 'Rache' written on the wall in blood?

Are the deaths the act of a madman completely random, or an act of revenge?

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George Hutchinson  
1891

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### Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
1914	US	James Braginton	
1914	UK	Francis Ford	John Ford
1933	US	Reginald Owen	Warburton Gamble
1968	UK	Peter Cushing	Nigel Stock

### Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
November 19, 1931	Blue (NBC)	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
December 12, 1962	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
March 25, 1977	CBS	Kevin McCarthy	Court Benson
December 25, 1984		Robert Powell	Dinsdale Landen
January 17, 1987		McCae	Matthews
November 05, 1989	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
April 08, 2007	Jim French	John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert

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Sherlock Holmes



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05

*“How are you? You have been in Afghanistan, I perceive.”*

*“It is a capital mistake to theorize before you have all the evidence. It biases the judgment.”*

*“Let me introduce you to Mr. Jefferson Hope, the murderer of Enoch Drebber and of Joseph Stangerson.”*

*“The proof of its intrinsic simplicity is, that without any help save a few very ordinary deductions I was able to lay my hand upon the criminal within three days.”*

(Henry Lloyd-Hughes, 2021, *The Irregulars*)

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Dr. John Watson



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Earned his degree of Doctor of Medicine of the University of London in 1878. Was attached to the Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers as Assistant Surgeon. Served at the fatal battle of Maiwand.

“There I was struck on the shoulder by a Jezail bullet, which shattered the bone and grazed the subclavian artery.”

*“What ineffable twaddle! I never read such rubbish in my life.”*

*“It is wonderful! Your merits should be publicly recognized. You should publish an account of the case. If you won't, I will for you.”*

(Royce Pierreson, 2021, *The Irregulars*)



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Stamford



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07

Dr. Watson’s dresser at Bart’s hospital. Met Watson at the Criterion Bar after Watson’s return to London.

*“Heaven knows what the objects of his studies are.”*

*“My friend here wants to take diggings, and as you were complaining that you could get no one to go halves with you, I thought that I had better bring you together.”*

(John Warburton, 1933, *A Study in Scarlet*)

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Enoch Drebber



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Found dead at 3 Lauriston Gardens.  
"Middle-sized, broad shouldered, with crisp curling black hair, and a short stubbly beard. He was dressed in a heavy broadcloth frock coat and waistcoat, with light-colored trousers, and immaculate collar and cuffs."

Morman who had seven wives. Married Lucy Ferrier in a forced marriage. Was threatened by Hope and fled to Cleveland and then to Europe. Found dead at 3 Lauriston Gardens.

"If this man was murdered, how was it done?" asked [Lestrade]. "Poison," said Sherlock Holmes curtly, and strode off.

(Craig Hunter, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*,  
"A Study in Scarlet")

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Murray



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09

Dr. Watson's orderly. Was attached to the Berkshires with Watson during the Battle of Maiwand. Saved Watson's life after he was shot in the shoulder during an attack by the murderous Ghazis.

Murray showed his devotion and courage when he threw Watson across a pack-horse, and succeeded in bringing him safely to the British lines.

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221 B Baker Street



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Holmes and Watson’s lodgings owned by Mrs. Hudson.

“Consisted of a couple of comfortable bed-rooms and a single large airy sitting-room, cheerfully furnished, and illuminated by two broad windows.”

“I have my eye on a suite in Baker Street,” he said, “which would suit us down to the ground.”

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Inspector Lestrade



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Scotland Yard inspector, “a little sallow rat-faced, dark-eyed fellow who came [to Baker Street] three or four times in a single week.”

“It is an open secret that the credit of this smart capture belongs entirely to the well-known Scotland Yard officials, Messrs. Lestrade and Gregson.”

*“This case will make a stir, sir, it beats anything I have seen, and I am no chicken.”*

*“This is a most extraordinary case, a most incomprehensible affair.”*

(William Lucas, 1968, Sherlock Holmes,  
“A Study in Scarlet”)

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Dupin



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“You remind me of Edgar Allen Poe's Dupin. I had no idea that such individuals did exist outside of stories.”

“Now, in my opinion, Dupin was a very inferior fellow. That trick of his of breaking in on his friends' thoughts with an apropos remark after a quarter of an hour's silence is really very showy and superficial. He had some analytical genius, no doubt; but he was by no means such a phenomenon as Poe appeared to imagine.”

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Madame Charpentier



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Proprietor of boarding house at Torquay Terrace where Drebber and Stangerson stayed.

*“They were paying a pound a day each—fourteen pounds a week, and this is the slack season. I am a widow, and my boy in the Navy has cost me much. I grudged to lose the money.”*

*“What happened then I do not know. I heard oaths and the confused sounds of a scuffle”*

(Dorothy Edwards, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, “A Study in Scarlet”)

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Lecoq



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“Lecoq was a miserable bungler,” he said, in an angry voice; “he had only one thing to recommend him, and that was his energy. That book made me positively ill. The question was how to identify an unknown prisoner.

“I could have done it in twenty-four hours. Lecoq took six months or so. It might be made a text-book for detectives to teach them what to avoid.”



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The Commissionaire



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Retired Royal Marine Light Infantry sergeant who delivered a letter to Holmes. His uniform was away for repairs.

“I could see a great blue anchor tattooed on the back of the fellow's hand. That smacked of the sea. He had a military carriage, and regulation side whiskers. There we have the marine. A steady, respectable, middle-aged man, too, on the face of him—all facts which led me to believe that he had been a sergeant.”

*“A sergeant, sir, Royal Marine Light Infantry, sir. No answer? Right, sir.”*

(Henry Kay, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, “A Study in Scarlet”)

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Arthur Charpentier



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Madame Charpentier’s son.  
Navy lieutenant on leave when  
he removed Drebber from her  
boarding house after improper  
advances to his sister Alice.  
Arrested by Gregson for  
Drebber’s murder.

*“I don't think that fine fellow will  
trouble us again. I will just go  
after him and see what he does  
with himself.”*

(Larry Dann, 1968, Sherlock Holmes,  
“A Study in Scarlet”)

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Wiggins



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A street urchin in London  
and head of the Baker Street  
Irregulars.

“Have you found it,  
Wiggins?”

*“No, sir, we hain’t,” said one  
of the youths.*

*“Please, sir,” he said, touching  
his forelock, “I have the cab  
downstairs.”*

(Tony McLaren, 1968, Sherlock Holmes,  
“A Study in Scarlet”)

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Inspector Tobias Gregson



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Scotland Yard inspector sought Holmes help about murder at 3 Lauriston Gardens.

“Gregson is the smartest of the Scotland Yarders.”

*“You mark my words, when this case comes to be cleared up you will find that a woman named Rachel has something to do with it.”*

*“You know the feeling, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, when you come upon the right scent—a kind of thrill in your nerves.”*

(George Cooper, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, “A Study in Scarlet”)

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Baker Street Irregulars



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“There came the pattering of many steps in the hall and on the stairs, accompanied by audible expressions of disgust upon the part of our landlady.

“It's the Baker Street division of the detective police force,” and as he spoke there rushed into the room half a dozen of the dirtiest and most ragged street Arabs that ever I clapped eyes on.”

“These youngsters, go everywhere and hear everything. They are as sharp as needles, too; all they want is organisation.”

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Joseph Stangerson



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Secretary to Enoch Drebber, was found murdered at Halliday's Private Hotel.

Mormon with four wives who married Lucy Ferrier after killing her father, John, when he tried to flee. Secretary to Enoch Drebber, was found murdered at Halliday's Private Hotel.

"The cause of death was a deep stab in the left side, which must have penetrated the heart."

"There were no papers or memoranda in the murdered man's pocket, except a single telegram, dated from Cleveland about a month ago, and containing the words, 'J. H. is in Europe.'"

(Edward Bishop, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, "A Study in Scarlet")

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Jefferson Hope



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From St. Louis, he had been a pioneer in California and had been a scout, a trapper, a silver explorer, and a ranchman.

Fell in love with Lucy Ferrier but couldn't marry her. Unsuccessfully, helped her try to escape. After Lucy died after a forced marriage, he removed a wedding-ring from her hand and swore vengeance on Drebber and Stangerson and, working as a cabby, tracked them to London.

*“There is no murder. Who talks of murdering a mad dog? What mercy had you upon my poor darling, when you dragged her from her slaughtered father, and bore her away to your accursed and shameless harem.”*

(Larry Cross, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, “A Study in Scarlet”)

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Constable John Rance



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Constable who found Enoch Drebber's body.

*"I ain't afeared of anything on this side o' the grave; but I thought that maybe it was him that died o' the typhoid inspecting the drains what killed him. The thought gave me a kind o' turn, and I walked back to the gate."*

"I am afraid, Rance, that you will never rise in the force. That head of yours should be for use as well as ornament. You might have gained your sergeant's stripes last night."

(Michael Segal, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, "A Study in Scarlet")



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Alice Charpentier



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Daughter of Madame Charpentier, who ran the boarding house where Drebber and Stangerson had stayed before the murder.

Drebber attempted to kiss Alice, and later attempted to grab Alice, prompting her older brother to attack him.

*"No good can ever come of falsehood, mother. Let us be frank with this gentleman. We did see Mr Drebber again."*

(Edina Ronay, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, "A Study in Scarlet")

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The Landlady (Mrs. Hudson)



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The landlady had become so accustomed to my late habits that my place had not been laid nor my coffee prepared.

Ten o'clock passed, and I heard the footsteps of the maid as they pattered off to bed. Eleven, and the more stately tread of the landlady passed my door, bound for the same destination.

(Grace Arnold, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, "A Study in Scarlet")

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Brigham Young



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Chief of the Mormons.

*“Brother Ferrier, the true believers have been good friends to you. We picked you up when you were starving in the desert, we shared our food with you.”*

*“Stangerson has a son, and Drebber has a son, and either of them would gladly welcome your daughter to their house. Let her choose between them. They are young and rich, and of the true faith.”*

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Lucy Ferrier



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Adopted daughter of John Ferrier. Fell in love with Jefferson Hope but wasn't allowed to marry him by Brigham Young, head of the Mormons.

Forced to marry Enoch Drebber. Died of a broken heart after her father was murdered by Stangerson.

*“Why didn't you say so before? You gave me such a fright. Why, of course, now as long as we die we'll be with mother again.”*

She stood at the gate, gazing after him until he vanished from her sight. Then she walked back into the house, the happiest girl in all Utah.

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John Ferrier



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Adopted Lucy after her mother died and they were rescued by Mormons in Salt Lake Valley in 1847. Was killed by Stangerson after trying to escape with Lucy and Jefferson Hope.

*“I don't care about knuckling under to any man, as these folk do to their darned prophet. I'm a free-born American, and it's all new to me.”*

*“There are two ways out of the room, there is the door, and there is the window. Which do you care to use?”*

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Cowper



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Former Mormon friend of Jefferson Hope who told him Lucy Ferrier had married Enoch Drebber.

*"You are mad to come here. It is as much as my own life is worth to be seen talking with you. There is a warrant against you from the Holy Four for assisting the Ferriers away."*

*"No one won't have her very long though, for I saw death in her face yesterday. She is more like a ghost than a woman."*

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Rache



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What do you suppose was above  
the murdered man?'

I felt a creeping of the flesh, and  
a presentiment of coming  
horror, even before Sherlock  
Holmes answered.

"The word RACHE, written in  
letters of blood," he said.

"Rache is the German for  
revenge; so don't lose your time  
by looking for Miss Rachel."

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The Ring



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“At his call they entered the room, and the stranger was lifted and carried out. As they raised him, a ring tinkled down and rolled across the floor. Lestrade grabbed it up and stared at it with mystified eyes.”

“There's been a woman here. It's a woman's wedding-ring.”

“Here is your ring, Mrs. Sawyer. It clearly belongs to your daughter, and I am glad to be able to restore it to the rightful owner.”



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James Greig  
1896

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(Watson)

March 4, 1881  
(Baring-Gould)

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Abbreviation:

STUD