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the Blue Carbuncle"***



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Highlights from the Head-Light

Spring is the season of extremes: bone-chilling cold one minute, hot and humid the next. And don't forget the rain! On a wet day, you can enjoy your afternoon inside with the newest issue of Sherlock's Spotlight. In addition to our usual fun-filled pages of games, puzzles, mini-mysteries, and cartoons, we've included an article about a new bell for a school in England. What has that got to do with Sherlock Holmes? Read the article and find out.

The Sherlock story in this issue is "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle". How do an old hat, a goose with a surprise inside, and a grumpy shopkeeper help Sherlock Holmes solve the mystery? And what is a blue carbuncle?

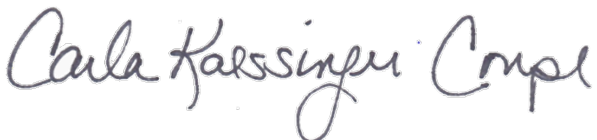
Rich Krisciunas tells us about carbuncles, as well as other things we find in the story, such as commissionaires, assize courts, and the insides of geese.

Fifth-grader Joby Nelson penned the pastiche for this issue: "The Baseball Base Mystery". Sherlock Holmes figures out where the missing bases went, thanks to Joby's knowledge of baseball.

Do you enjoy graphic novels and movies? Check out Beth Gallego's list of recommendations. And when is Sherlock Holmes not Sherlock Holmes? When he's in disguise, of course! Liese Sherwood-Fabre tells you about Holmes's disguises, and why he was so good at not being recognized by his friends, especially by Dr. Watson.

Why does The Beacon Society publish Sherlock's Spotlight? We want to bring the Sherlock Holmes stories to young people, and hope you enjoy them as much as we do. Do you like to write? Our essay contest gives prizes to students who write about Sherlock Holmes [www.beaconsociety.com/joel-senter-essay-contest.html]. How did Sherlock Holmes solve all those mysteries? The Junior Sherlockian Society [juniorsherlockian.com] shows you how. Are you an artist? Then send us (with your parents' or guardians' permission) your drawing of Sherlock Holmes [www.beaconsociety.com/sherlocks-spotlight-gazette.html]. You might see your creation on the cover of a future issue of Sherlock's Spotlight!

Have fun reading our Spring issue, and don't forget to share Sherlock's Spotlight with your friends!

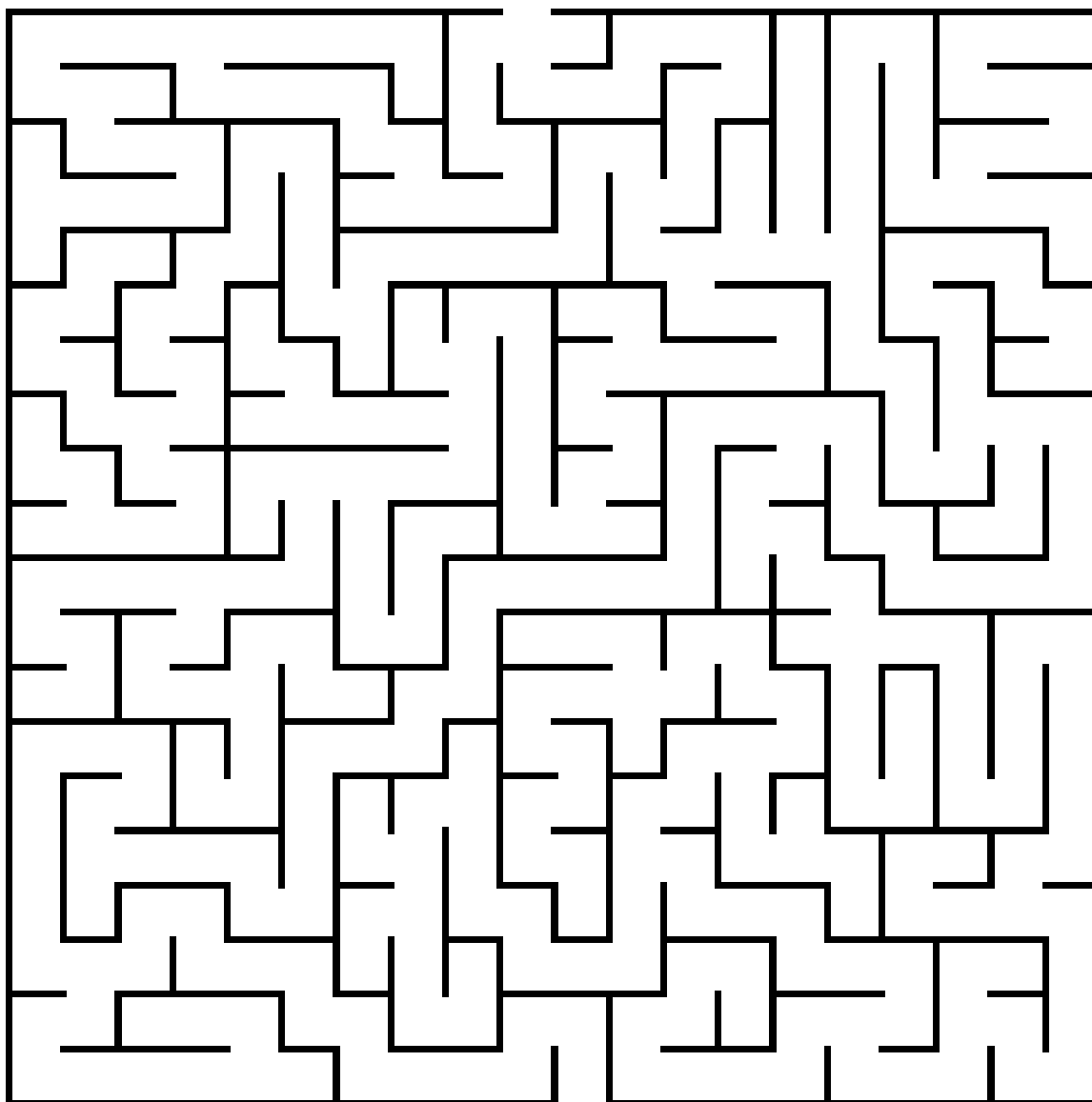


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That's-A-Maze-ing

In "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle," Holmes must determine how a blue gem ended up inside a goose. Can you help Sherlock find the carbuncle?

Find the answer on page 26



PORTRAYALS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES IN ART AND ANIMATION

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Simon Seville, from

“Elementary, My Dear
Simon,”

Alvin and the Chipmunks,

September 17, 1988



Story Profile:

"The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle"

First published in

- *Strand Magazine*, United Kingdom, January 1892
- *Strand Magazine*, United States, February 1892

When the story takes place

- Tuesday, December 27, 1887

Primary Cast of Characters

- SHERLOCK HOLMES, the first consulting detective
- JOHN WATSON, friend, companion, and chronicler of Holmes's efforts
- HENRY BAKER, a man who lost his hat and Christmas dinner
- JAMES RYDER, manager of the Hotel Cosmopolitan

Summary

Dr. Watson visits Sherlock Holmes two days after Christmas and finds him studying an old, dirty hat. Holmes tells Watson that his friend Peterson broke up a fight on Christmas Eve and one of the men involved left this hat and a Christmas goose behind.

The goose had a tag on it that says "For Mrs. Henry Baker", but there is nothing else on it to help identify its owner. Watson points out that Baker is too

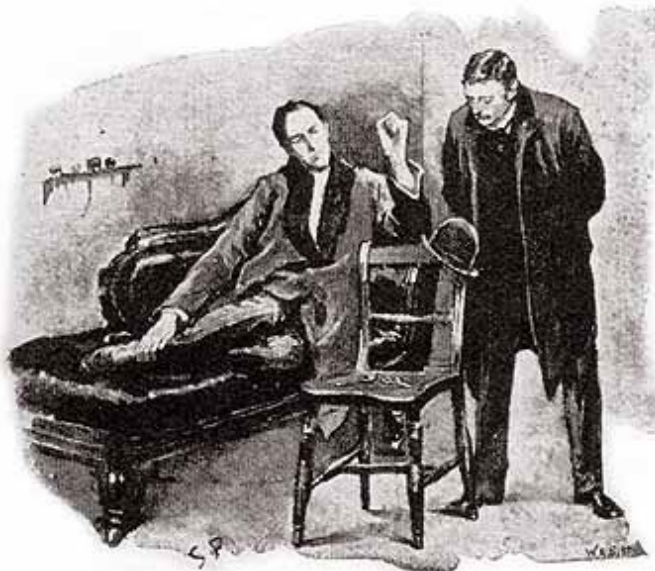
common of a name in a city as large as London for Holmes to find its owner and he agrees, which is why Peterson took the goose to his wife to cook.

Holmes asks Watson if the hat could give them any information about the man who dropped these items. Watson says that he can see nothing. Holmes teases his friend saying that Watson can see everything, but he fails to observe what it all means. Holmes then looks over the hat and tells Watson that Henry Baker has lost money, his wife does not love him anymore, is middle aged, has recently had his hair cut, uses cream on his hair, and lights his house with candles!

As Holmes is explaining how he got all of this information from Henry Baker's hat, Peterson rushes back into the Baker Street apartment holding a beautiful blue jewel. His wife found the jewel inside of Baker's goose as she was cooking it!

Holmes and Watson both recognize the jewel as the blue carbuncle, an expensive gem that had been stolen from the Countess of Morcar while she was staying at the Hotel Cosmopolitan a few days ago. The hotel plumber, John Horner, had been arrested for the theft but the gem had not been found.

Holmes has Peterson place advertisements in all of the London newspapers asking for Henry Baker to come to Baker Street to retrieve his hat and goose that he



lost on Christmas Eve. And that evening the man arrives and proves all of Holmes's deductions about him to be correct. Holmes tells Mr. Baker that they had to eat his goose because it would have spoiled but they had a different one to replace it. Baker was perfectly happy with the new goose and is leaving when Holmes asks him where the original goose came from. Baker tells Holmes and Watson that he got it from The Alpha Inn by the British Museum.

Holmes tells Watson that Henry Baker being happy with a different goose proves that he didn't know the expensive blue carbuncle was inside of his Christmas dinner. So they are off to The Alpha Inn to figure out how a stolen gem ended up in a Christmas goose!

At The Alpha Inn, the manager tells Holmes that all of his geese came from a dealer in Convent Garden named Breckenridge, so Holmes and Watson

continue on to the market. But Breckenridge is not nearly as friendly as the manager at The Alpha Inn and refuses to tell Holmes anything about his geese. Holmes tricks the man into giving him the information he wants and as they are walking away, another man comes up to Breckenridge to ask him about his geese as well.

Breckenridge chases this new man off, but Holmes recognizes him as James Ryder, the manager of the Hotel Cosmopolitan. Ryder is amazed that Holmes knows who he is and he is a nervous wreck. Sherlock Holmes now has all of the pieces he needs to solve this mystery. But how are the hotel plumber and manager connected to Mr. Baker's Christmas goose

and the missing blue carbuncle? It will be up to Sherlock Holmes to decide the fate of everyone involved in this case...

Rob Nunn



Word Search Challenge

You and a friend can now test your clue-finding skills in the fog-shrouded streets of London.

1. One player will take Holmes's team, the other player will take Watson's team.
2. Each player shall search his letter grid for the 6 names from "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle" listed next to the grid.
3. Circle each letter of the name. The letters not circled will fill out a Sherlock Holmes quote from the story.
Place each letter in the spaces below the word search.
4. The first player to find all 5 names and complete the quote wins.

Holmes's Team

H	I	T	I	S	M	Y	B	R	U
R	O	B	A	K	E	R	S	Y	I
N	E	L	E	S	S	T	O	D	K
N	O	N	M	W	W	H	A	E	T
O	T	H	R	E	E	R	P	R	E
O	P	L	N	O	S	T	A	W	E
D	O	N	T	K	H	N	O	W	K
K	C	A	S	U	C	Q	R	W	F
D	G	B	C	Y	C	R	H	A	E
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Watson's Team

H	I	T	I	S	M	Y	B	U	S
O	I	N	S	E	M	L	O	H	R
R	E	S	S	B	K	T	O	E	K
N	N	O	A	C	W	W	D	H	A
E	T	K	A	O	T	Y	H	E	R
R	E	S	P	E	R	O	P	L	E
R	U	D	O	W	A	T	S	O	N
C	N	T	K	N	O	W	Z	V	W
U	W	O	J	B	N	L	R	C	P
P	D	I	A	W	C	A	J	Z	I

BAKER
CUSACK
HOLMES
HORNER
RYDER
WATSON

Find the answers on page 28

The Baseball Base Mystery

There were four friends who loved playing baseball. They all dreamed of one day being major league baseball players and played baseball every day until the sun went down. The only thing that would stop them was if it was raining.

One day, the boys planned to play baseball, but when they got to the baseball field all of the bases were gone! The guys didn't know what happened to their bases, but realized that they couldn't play a real baseball game without bases. They couldn't buy new bases either, because they didn't have much money. They had to find out what happened to the bases, so they decided to ask Sherlock Holmes to solve the mystery.

Sherlock Holmes said he would help the boys if they let him play a nine-inning baseball game with them and the boys agreed. The boys took Holmes to the baseball field. Everything looked pretty normal, so Holmes asked the boys who they thought might have taken the bases. The boys explained it could be the softball girls, the bully group, or the other baseball team. Holmes looked around for clues and found some footprints, then asked if he could go talk to each group.

First, he visited the bully group. They were easy to find because they were throwing rocks at an old building.

Holmes walked up and said, "Wow, you guys throw like Nolan Ryan."

The bully group turned and all said, "Who's Nolan Ryan?"

Sherlock Holmes then asked the bullies if they knew anything about the bases being missing. They said no, and Holmes believed them because someone who didn't know Nolan Ryan was, probably doesn't like baseball and probably wouldn't have a need for bases.

Next, Holmes decided to go talk to the softball girls and he found them practicing at the baseball field. Right away he knew the softball girls were not suspects because they were using softball bases which were a different size than the bases the boys used. It was a small difference, but noticeable to Holmes.

Finally, Holmes went to see the other baseball team. At first, they didn't want to talk, but Holmes bet them he could strike out their best player. Holmes threw a fastball for a strike for his first pitch. For his second pitch, he threw a change up, and the batter swung way too early.

The batter was embarrassed and instead of striking out, said, "Fine, we'll answer any questions you have about the bases."

"No need to," said Holmes because he realized the boys had a brand-new set of expensive bases, far more valuable than the ones that were missing.

With no other leads, Holmes stopped by the coffee shop to take a



break. He picked up a newspaper that was sitting on the next table and started reading it as he drank his coffee. The sports page was on top, and he saw an article about a league game that had been played at the same field the previous day. Holmes studied the photo closely, and suddenly realized he had a clue. The grass in the picture was much taller than the grass at the field he walked on.

Holmes went to the boys to see if they knew who mowed the grass at the baseball field. The boys said an old guy named Hank mowed the grass every week and he lived down the road.

Holmes went to Hank's house to see what he knew about the bases. Hank explained that when he was

mowing the grass, he forgot to take the bases off of the field, and accidentally mowed over first base and broke it.



So, Hank took all the bases out so he wouldn't mow them over. He meant to fix the broken base and take all of them back, but he forgot.

Holmes saw the bases in a pile in Hank's garage. Holmes and Hank picked up the bases and took them back to the baseball field. Everything was now ready for a game of

baseball. Everyone played together and had a lot of fun!

THE END

Joby Nelson

5TH Grade



Math Challenge

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson had just finished breakfast when a note was delivered by their page, Billy.

Upon opening and reading the memo, Holmes smiled and handed it over to Watson.

“What do you make of this?”

After a few moments, Watson admitted he could not make heads or tails of the note.

Can you solve the little mystery included?

My Dear Mr. Holmes,

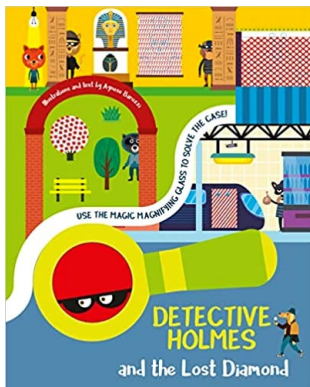
I offer up to you a very special number. Can you determine what makes the number so unique?

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Moriarty

Find the answer on page 26

Entertainment Resources for Younger Sherlockians: Comics & Graphic Novels



Detective Holmes and the Lost Diamond by Agnese Baruzzi

Published by White Star Kids

Who has stolen the precious Egyptian Diamond from the museum? The suspects include Bunny Bad, Cat Wicked, and seven other animal villains. Hound dog Detective Holmes has come out of retirement to track down the thief, and he wants some help to solve the case. Use the “magic magnifying glass” to reveal clues on each page of this interactive book, following the trail through the museum, the library, the train station, and other locations. Use those hints to deduce the identity of the criminal before he or she gets away.

With vibrant cartoon-style illustrations, this large-format board book is ideal for sharing between younger and older readers, who can solve the mystery together.



Sherlock Cat and the Missing Mousie by Heather Edwards, illustrated by Amanda Downs

Published by MX Publishing

Fluffy, an orange and white cat, would be perfectly content spending all day napping, eating, and spending time with best friend Spot, a Siamese cat who has no spots at all. Spot and Fluffy were both named by then-three-year-old Mary, daughter of the Lady and the Man. It’s a very nice life for a cat, in Fluffy’s opinion.

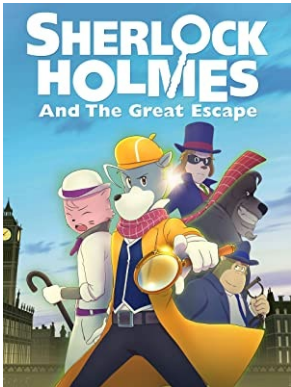
Spot wants more, though. The Man is a fan of Sherlock Holmes, and he spends one stormy evening reading aloud from *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. Spot is fascinated. “I have finally found a purpose,” he announces. He is going to be Sherlock Holmes, the World’s Greatest Cat Detective. And Fluffy, of course, will now be known as Dr. John Watson.

Spot—that is, Sherlock—immediately finds a mystery to be solved: what has happened to their next door neighbors? While he is investigating that, one of his stuffed mice goes missing, too. Could the missing mouse be connected to the vanished Peterson family?

This fun middle-grade mystery is peppered with references to Sherlockian places and people. Readers will enjoy finding all of them as they read. The black-and-white illustrations complement the narrative, adding

visual appeal. The illustration of Sherlock peering through a magnifying glass, surrounded by his “irregulars”, is particularly sweet.

While the mysteries of both the Petersons and the missing mouse are solved by the end of the book, there is an opening for possible future tales. Keep an eye out for the further adventures of the World’s Greatest Cat Detective and his faithful friend.



Sherlock Holmes and the Great Escape

Directed by Matthew Chow and Toe Yuen

Originally released in Chinese in Hong Kong

Dubbed in English and released in the US by Bang Zoom! Entertainment

In a slightly steampunk Victorian London populated by a variety of talking animals, a thief known as “White Storm” has been stealing from the rich and distributing the proceeds to the poor down at the docks. Detectives Riller and Fox have been trying to catch him for a long time. With the help of Sherlock Holmes, they capture the burglar, also known as Mack, during a birthday party for his daughter, Katie. The only ones really happy about the arrest are the Yard and London’s richest residents. Even Holmes has to wonder if he really did the right thing.

Four years later, Mack breaks out of prison. Riller and Fox enlist Holmes’s help to track him down once again. The situation gets more complicated when Scarface, a brutal fellow prisoner, also escapes and kidnaps Katie, planning to exchange her for the riches he believes Mack has hidden away. The search for an escaped burglar is now a matter of life and death, with Holmes and Watson the only ones who can set things right.

Like the cartoon series *Sherlock Hound*, this movie features characters that act like people but are played by animals, including cats, dogs, foxes, and even a gorilla. Several small mysteries are solved along the way, and watching Holmes put together the clues for each is a delight. Questions of right, wrong, and justice — reminiscent of “The Blue Carbuncle” — lend a more serious note, balanced by some slapstick cartoon humor. Just 84 minutes long, this film can be enjoyed by the whole family.

Beth Gallego

Students at a Bermondsey school have rung a bell that was returned to the premises after a gap of more than eighty years.

Southwark News, March 24, 2022

The bell was returned to Galleywall Primary School inscribed with words by the author Arthur Conan Doyle: "Beacons of the future! Capsules with hundreds of bright little seeds in each, out of which will spring the wiser, better England of the future."



The bell, which is thought to have been removed in the war, was recast and returned to Galleywall Primary School on Galleywall Road earlier in March. It was inscribed with words by the author Arthur Conan Doyle:

"Beacons of the future! Capsules with hundreds of bright little seeds in each, out of which will spring the wiser, better England of the future."

Sherlock Holmes, "The Naval Treaty"

Year 4 pupil Miles Nzei was the first to ring the bell, which was recast by a Loughborough foundry and paid for by Heritage of London trust and property developers Delancey. The bell now sits in the bell tower on the roof of the school's Victorian building.



Miles Nzei ringing the bell with Sheila Cohring, the co-founder of the new school

Miles said: “When I was under 5 I didn’t know what a bell was and I have never heard a bell or seen one before and it’s amazing, I really enjoyed the celebration and the ringing of our bell, we use to make little bells, but never had a bell before!”

The arrival of the new bell was accompanied by some teaching of the history of the local area and the traditions of bells. Bell-making has disappeared from London, with the capital’s last foundry in Whitechapel closing last year after 450 years.

The bell will now be rung at the start of each day, as well as for special events.

Ms Sarah Parbhu, headteacher of Galleywall School, said: “We are so pleased to finally have a bell back in its rightful place, at the very top of our school! It has been a brilliant opportunity to look back at the history of Galleywall with our children and look to its future as we start new traditions!”

Commissionaires, Carbuncles, Courts, and Crops

Commissionaires

In “The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle,” one of the key characters in the story was Peterson, a commissionaire who came upon a group of men assaulting a man with a goose. Peterson brought the goose and a hat abandoned at the scene to Holmes.



“Peterson had rushed forward to protect the stranger from his assailants”

What is a commissionaire? Commissionaires belonged to the Corps of Commissionaires (1) that was organized in 1859 in London by Captain James Edward Walter to provide employment for disabled soldiers who had fought for England in the Crimean War but could not find employment when they returned.

The uniformed commissionaires performed a variety of jobs such as messengers, porters, time-keepers, night watchmen, and door-keepers at the entrance of a theater, hotel, or large store. The commissionaires delivered parcels, urgent messages, and letters. By 1886, there were 1,200 members.

Commissionaires appear in four of the Sherlock Holmes stories. In *A Study in Scarlet*, Holmes spotted a commissionaire who wasn't even in uniform. Holmes demonstrated his perceptive ability when he identified a man approaching his Baker Street

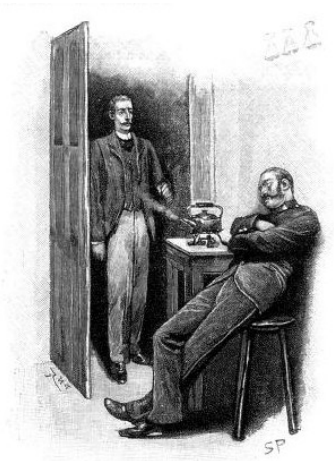
lodgings to make a delivery from Scotland Yard as a “retired sergeant of Marines.”



The original eight members of the Corps of Commissionaires.

When the man was questioned by Watson, he explained that his commissionaire's uniform was off for repairs but confirmed that he was formerly a sergeant in the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

In the story “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone,” Holmes referred to a commissionaire who stood guarding a display case where the Crown diamond was later stolen in a burglary.



Percy Phelps and Commissionaire Tangey

A commissionaire played a larger role in “The Adventure of the Naval Treaty” where a secret treaty was stolen from the Foreign Office. The

commissionaire named Tangey was formerly a member of the prestigious Coldstream Guards.



Coldstream Guards at Buckingham Palace

Mr. Tangey provided security at night but was asleep at his post at a critical time and his wife, who worked at the offices as a cleaning lady, became a suspect in the theft of the treaty.

Mr. Tangey's former military unit, the Coldstream Guards (2) was the oldest continuously serving regular regiment in the British Army serving the monarchy since it was formed in 1650.

The regiment was made up of "infantry soldiers who specialize in light role operations: performing reconnaissance, operating machine guns and mortars, and engaging enemy troops on foot and in light vehicles." (3)

Their soldiers fought in the majority of major conflicts in which the British Army had been engaged.

Coldstream Guards also had a ceremonial role as protectors of the royal palaces, including Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

Carbuncles

According to Wikipedia, a carbuncle is actually not blue, but a red gemstone, most often a red garnet. Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a story in 1887, "The Stone of Boxman's Drift," about two men who were partners in a South African diamond mine who found a carbuncle.

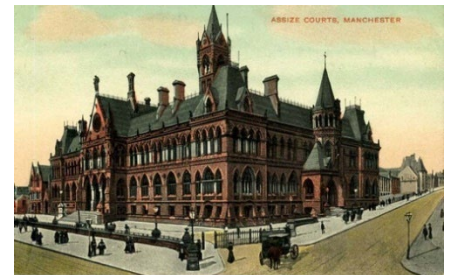


A red carbuncle Photo Credit: By Rob Lavinsky, iRocks.com

In the story, "The Blue Carbuncle", plumber John Horner was arrested and charged with the theft. Holmes remarked that, "The evidence against him was so strong that the case has been referred to the Assizes." What were the Assizes?

Courts

The word assize refers to a court session of judges. The Courts of Assize was the name given to the seven regional courts in England and Wales that met twice yearly at Lent (March/April) and Trinity (July/August). Sets of judges appointed by the state would travel around the circuit of courts and conduct jury trials and make decisions on legal matters. They could also meet in winter if there were a large number of cases.



Manchester Court of Assizes

These traveling judges primarily presided over persons charged with criminal offenses like murder, highway robbery, counterfeiting, and forgery, as well as other felonies including witchcraft.

When someone was arrested for a crime, they would be held in jail until such time as a judge would come to their region and hold court.

The assizes were also places where civil actions, often relating to disputes around land or money, were heard.

Trials were held by the Assize judges and guilt or innocence was decided by a jury of twelve citizens, which remains in place in England and the United States today.

The jury system can be traced back to the Magna Carta in 1215 where King Henry II agreed to a procedure where a group of citizens would conduct legal proceedings to determine whether criminal charges should be brought. In the beginning, a dozen knights held inquests and called witnesses to determine land boundaries and ownership of livestock. It became more important after the Church disallowed the practice of ordeals by Water and Fire as methods of proving guilt or innocence.

Crops

A story by Arthur Conan Doyle without some controversy would be like a Victorian Christmas without plum pudding. The key controversial aspect of the *Blue Carbuncle* deals with whether geese have crops. A crop is a storage pouch found at the opening of certain fowl like chickens and turkeys.

Conan Doyle wrote that the wife of commissioner Peterson found the precious jewel in the goose's crop.



Several commentators have argued that unlike turkeys and chickens, geese do not actually possess a crop. In the *Baker Street Journal*, October 1956, Dr. Ernest Bloomfield Zeisler of the University of New Hampshire wrote, "the poultry department of the Agricultural School reports to me that *geese do have crops*."

"One of its faculty has cleaned and plucked many geese, and says they have crops about two and a half inches in diameter, plenty large enough to hold the *Blue Carbuncle*. The crop of a goose is not as prominent or as easily seen as in a turkey, but apparently all barnyard fowl possess crops. This should be of interest to all Sherlockians!"

- 1) <https://spotonlocations.wordpress.com/2020/08/20/the-unique-history-of-the-corps-of-commissionaires/>
- 2) <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/infantry/coldstream-guards/>
- 3) <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=10418316>

Rich Krisciunas



Sherlock Holmes, Master of Disguise

Sherlock Holmes used fourteen different disguises in eleven of his cases:

- A sailor (*The Sign of the Four*)
- An old, asthmatic mariner (*The Sign of the Four*)
- An out-of-work horse groomer (“A Scandal in Bohemia”)
- A clergyman (“A Scandal in Bohemia”)
- An opium addict (“The Man with the Twisted Lip”)
- A common loafer (“The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet”)
- An Italian priest (“The Final Problem”)
- An elderly book-collector (“The Adventure of the Empty House”)
- A ship’s captain named Basil (“The Adventure of Black Peter”)
- A plumber (“The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton”)
- A French laborer (“The Adventure of Lady Frances Carfax”)
- A workman looking for a job (“The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone”)
- An old betting man (“The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone”)
- An elderly woman (“The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone”)
- An Irish-American spy named Altamont (“His Last Bow”)



With these disguises, Holmes was able to appear old, sick, drunk, or drugged; speak with another accent; pass as a woman; and even get a woman to fall in love with him. To be able to change into these other characters without leaving or entering 221B in costume, he kept several places around London just for this purpose.

While using disguises dates back to ancient times, Holmes’s skills were that of a true master. For a spy, a good costume not only changes a person’s appearance but also creates such an illusion that others don’t see through it. To be successful, the person must modify their walk, the way they move and gesture, and their attitude (Superior? Humble? Bossy?) Also important is their backstory—the person’s made-up history (where they come from, where they went to school, or where they worked, for example).

Holmes had a clear understanding of creating this whole package when posing as someone else. On more than one occasion, Watson described how Holmes was able to create a completely different person based on the character he portrayed—a priest, a bookseller, or an Irish-American spy. His portrayal was so adept, even Watson couldn’t recognize him!

Liese Sherwood-Fabre

Sherlock Holmes Mini-Mystery

Can you help Sherlock Holmes solve the mystery from the clues provided?

One morning, young Sherlock Holmes came down to the breakfast table, and immediately started devouring the pancakes as fast his mother could put them in front of him.

“Sherlock,” his grandfather said, “we have a small mystery if you are interested. Earlier this week your grandmother set out a jar of fruit, and the jar disappeared.

“I believe it may be our neighbor’s son, Toby, who has been seen close to our yard, and is known to ‘borrow’ things from other neighbors’ houses.”

After helping to clear the dishes, Sherlock and his grandpa went out to check on the jar of fruit set out by grandma earlier that morning. Sure enough, it had disappeared also.

“I believe that is Toby walking on the other side of our hedges,” Grandpa stated, indicating the boy walking away from them.

Sherlock hastened his pace to catch up to the potential thief. As he came nearer to Toby, he

could see the boy had a jar in his hand, apparently now empty.

“Hi Toby, what are you doing this morning?”, asked Sherlock, trying to sound friendly so as not to scare him off.

“I’m looking for bees for my apiary collection. I almost caught a yellow-jacket just a few minutes ago, but he seems to elude me over and over again.” Toby pointed to a large black-and-yellow striped insect flying several yards in front of them.

“So you have studied bees?” asked Sherlock.

“Oh sure, I am an expert in them. I have all sorts of examples in my collection. If I can catch that yellow-jacket, I will have all the types of bees that are common to this area. You will have to come over some time to see them.”

Sherlock responded, “Only if you promise to quit stealing my grandmother’s fruit.”

What led Sherlock to believe Toby was not being forthcoming, and was probably taking the fruit?

Steve Mason

See page 27 for the correct answer.

Brain-Teasers (Part 1)

1. People make me, save me, change me, raise me. What am I?	
2. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?	
3. Why are ghosts bad at lying?	
4. What five-letter word gets shorter when you add two letters to it?	
5. With pointed fangs, when I bite down, I actually join things together. What am I?	
6. A word I know, six letters it contains, remove one letter and 12 remains, what is it?	
7. I am always hungry and will die if not fed, but if you water me, I'll die. What am I?	
8. How many letters are there in the English alphabet?	
9. What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?	
10. Turn us on our backs and open up our stomachs, and you will be the wisest but at the start, not as wise. What are we?	

Answers on page 27

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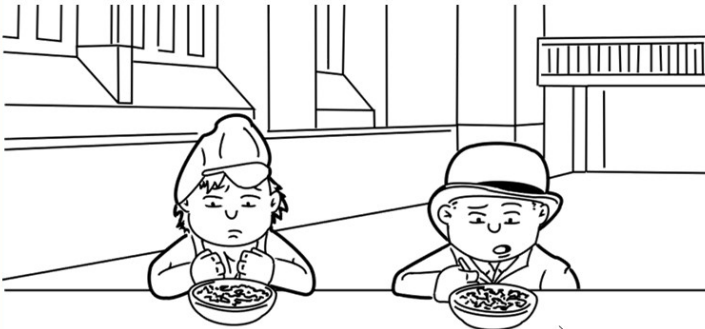
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THE FIRST ADVENTURES OF HOLMES AND WATSON

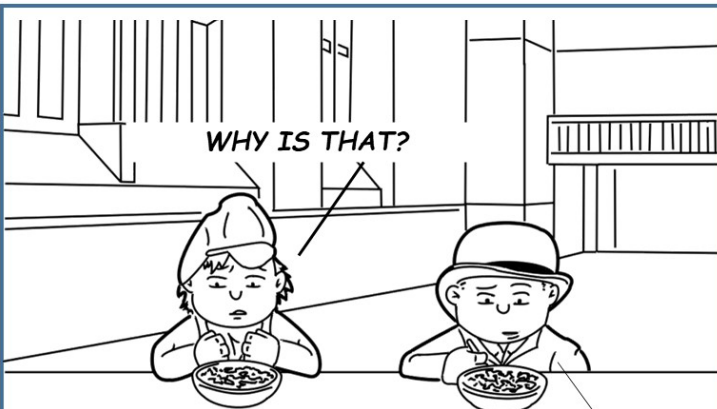
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MOVING IN IT...



IT IS CAUSING ME A DILEMMA.

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WHY IS THAT?



I CAN'T DECIDE IF IT WOULD BE BETTER TO
EAT IT, OR TAKE IT TO 'SHOW AND TELL'...

Mini-Mystery

Toby made up the story about catching bees, simply as an alibi for being out in the field with a jar that looks just like the one Sherlock's grandmother uses. However, Toby really has not studied bees very much, as he made a common mistake in calling the large black-and-yellow bumblebee a yellow jacket, even though it is actually not a bee at all, but belongs to the wasp family.

Brain-Teasers (part 1)

11. People make me, save me, change me, raise me. What am I?	<i>Money</i>
12. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?	<i>A watch or clock</i>
13. Why are ghosts bad at fibbing?	<i>Because you can see right through them</i>
14. What five-letter word gets shorter when you add two letters to it?	<i>Short</i>
15. With pointed fangs, when I bite down, I actually join things together. What am I?	<i>Staples</i>
16. A word I know, six letters it contains, remove one letter and 12 remains, what is it?	<i>Dozens</i>
17. I am always hungry and will die if not fed, but if you water me, I'll die. What am I?	<i>Fire</i>
18. How many letters are there in the English alphabet?	<i>18 -- 3 in 'the', 7 in 'English,' and 8 in 'alphabet.'</i>
19. What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?	<i>Morning and night</i>
20. Turn us on our backs and open up our stomachs, and you will be the wisest but at the start, not as wise. What are we?	<i>Books</i>

WORD SEARCH:

Holmes's Team

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Watson's Team

H	I	T	I	S	M	Y	B	U	S
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