

A Compendium of Canonical Characters



His Last Bow

Canonical Characters



Gilbert Holiday,
December, 1910

The Adventure of the Devil's Foot



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Upon Dr. Agar's advice, Holmes and Watson have taken a holiday in Cornwall.

But a tragedy at the Tregennis household threatens to drag Holmes into a very strange mystery... can he solve what could have killed a sister and driven two brothers insane?

And must he endanger Watson and his own life to find the answer?

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Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
April, 1921	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Willis
February, 1965	UK	Douglas Wilmer	Nigel Stock
April, 1988	UK	Jeremy Brett	Edward Harwicke

Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
October 08, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
May 30, 1936	Mutual/NBC	Louis Hector	Harry West
October 30, 1939	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
1941		Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
May 21, 1943	Mutual	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
July 10, 1944	Mutual	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
January 13, 1947	ABC	Tom Conway	Nigel Bruce
January 31, 1949	Mutual	John Stanley	Wendel Holmes
1958		Maurice Teynac	Pierre Destailles
August 28, 1962	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
February 16, 1994	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams

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Sherlock Holmes



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“Why not tell them of the Cornish horror—strangest case I have handled.”

“You then went to the vicarage, waited outside it and finally returned to your cottage.”

“How do you know that?”

“I followed you.”

“I saw no one.”

“That is what you may expect to see when I follow you.”

“I have never loved, Watson, but if I did and if the woman I loved had met such an end, I might act even as our lawless lion-hunter has done.”

(Peter Cook, 1978, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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John Watson



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On March 15, 1897 “we found ourselves together in a small cottage near Poldhu Bay, at the further extremity of the Cornish peninsula.”

“A thick, black cloud swirled before my eyes, and my mind told me that in this cloud, ... lurked all that was vaguely horrible, all that was monstrous and inconceivably wicked in the universe.”

“I dashed from my chair, threw my arms round Holmes, and together we lurched through the door.”

“You know,” I answered, with some emotion, for I had never seen so much of Holmes's heart before, “that it is my greatest joy and privilege to help you.”

(Dudley Moore, 1978, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Mr. Roundhay



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Vicar of Tredannick Wollas. A middle-aged man, portly and affable.

"Mr. Holmes, the most extraordinary and tragic affair has occurred during the night."

"He left them shortly after ten o'clock, playing cards round the dining-room table, in excellent health and spirits."

"We are devil-ridden, Mr. Holmes! My poor parish is devil-ridden!"

(Michael Aitkens, 1988, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, "The Devil's Foot")

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Mortimer Tregennis



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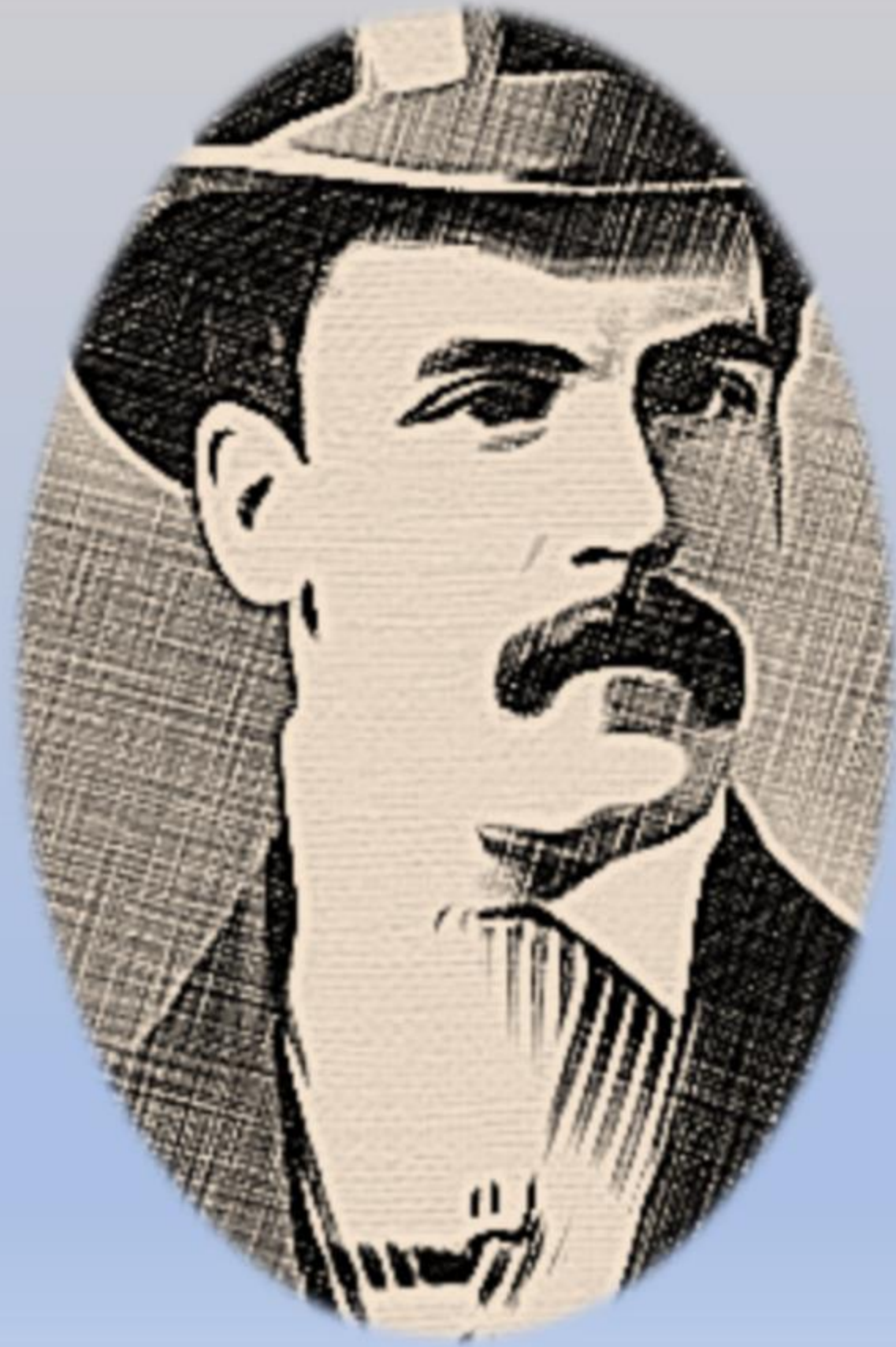
(*His Last Bow*)

Brother of Brenda, Owen and George who took rooms in Mr. Roundhay's vicarage. Used Devil's Foot powder to murder his sister. Died in same manner as his sister.

“There they sat, driven clean mad with terror, and Brenda lying dead of fright, with her head hanging over the arm of the chair. I'll never get the sight of that room out of my mind so long as I live.”

(Damien Thomas, 1988, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Devil's Foot”)

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Dr. Moore Agar



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(*His Last Bow*)

Doctor of Harley Street, who gave positive injunctions that Holmes lay aside all his cases and surrender himself to complete rest if he wished to avert an absolute breakdown.

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Brenda Tregennis



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Sister of Mortimer. Found
dead at her dining-room
table at her Tredannick
Wartha residence.

“She had been a very
beautiful girl, though now
verging upon middle age.”
Was in love with Dr. Leon
Sterndale.

(Christine Collins, 1988, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Devil's Foot”)

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Owen Tregennis



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Brother of Mortimer,
George, and Brenda.

“The two demented men,
retained upon their faces
an expression of the
utmost horror—a
convulsion of terror which
was dreadful to look
upon.”

(Norman Bowler, 1988, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Devil's Foot”)

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George Tregennis



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Brother of Mortimer, Owen, and
Brenda.

As it drove by us, I caught a glimpse
through the closed window of a
horribly contorted, grinning face
glaring out at us. Those staring eyes
and gnashing teeth flashed past us
like a dreadful vision.

“My brothers!” cried Mortimer
Tregennis, white to the lips. “They
are taking them to Helston.”

(Peter Shaw, 1988, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Devil's Foot”)

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Mrs. Porter



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Elderly Cornish cook and housekeeper who looked after wants of the Tregennis family.

“She had fainted with horror upon entering the room in the morning and seeing that dreadful company round the table.”

(Freda Dowie, 1988, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Devil's Foot”)

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Dr. Richards



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Doctor summoned to Tregennis residence and discovered Brenda, Owen and George Tregennis.

“Brenda must have been dead at least six hours. There were no signs of violence. She just lay across the arm of the chair with that look on her face. George and Owen were singing snatches of songs and gibbering like two great apes.”

(John Saunders, 1988, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, “The Devil's Foot”)

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Dr. Leon Sterndale



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Lion-hunter and African explorer with fierce eyes, hawk-like nose and a beard.

“For years I have loved her. For years she has loved me. I could not marry her, for I have a wife who has left me for years and yet whom, by the deplorable laws of England, I could not divorce.”

“In five minutes he died. My God! how he died! But my heart was flint, for he endured nothing which my innocent darling had not felt before him.”

(Denis Quilley, 1988, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*,
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Radix Pedis Diaboli



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Poisonous reddish-brown,
snuff like powder.

Devil's foot root is "shaped like a foot, half human, half goatlike; hence the fanciful name given by a botanical missionary. It is used as an ordeal poison by the medicine-men in certain districts of West Africa and is kept as a secret among them."

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