

A Compendium of Canonical Characters



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Canonical Characters



Howard Elcock,
January, 1924

The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire



"The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire" 01

(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

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W. T. Benda,
January, 1926

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09 - Matilda Briggs

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“The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire” 03

Vampire”

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Robert Ferguson is faced with the ultimate dilemma for a father. He has found his wife literally sucking the blood from their young infant’s neck.

Ferguson pleads with Holmes to determine why the mother would injure a child so.

Can Holmes figure out the reason for the mother’s strange behavior before other members of the family, including an older step-son can be harmed by the hands of a possible vampire?

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G. Dutrac,
September, 1928

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(*The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*)

Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
1993	UK	Jeremy Brett	Edward Hardwicke

Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
February 16, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
March 07, 1936	Mutual (NBC)	Louis Hector	Harry West
October 02, 1939	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
February 22, 1942	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
December 14, 1947	Mutual	John Stanley	Wendel Holmes
1959		Maurice Teynac	Pierre Destailles
September 18, 1964	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
July 03, 1967	SAB	Robert Langford	Kenneth Baker
1987	BBC	Roy Marsden	John Moffatt
October 19, 1994	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
2012	Jim French	John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert

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Sherlock Holmes



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“Rubbish, Watson, rubbish! What have we to do with walking corpses who can only be held in their grave by stakes driven through their hearts? It's pure lunacy.”

“The world is big enough for us. No ghosts need apply.”

“Did it not occur to you that a bleeding wound may be sucked for some other purpose than to draw the blood from it?”

(Roger Moore, 1976, Sherlock Holmes in New York)

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John Watson



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(*The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*)

“I have read, for example, of the old sucking the blood of the young in order to retain their youth.”

“Her pulse and temperature, both were high, and yet my impression was that the condition was rather that of mental and nervous excitement than of any actual seizure.”

“Madame, your husband loves you dearly. He is deeply grieved at this happening.”

(Jacques Alric, 1967, *Une aventure de Sherlock Holmes*)

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Jacky Ferguson



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(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

15-year old son of Robert who suffered a twisted spine in a childhood fall. Was beaten twice by his step-mother.

“Oh, daddy, I did not know that you were due yet. I should have been here to meet you. Oh, I am so glad to see you!”

“I think a year at sea would be my prescription for Master Jacky.”

(Richard Dempsey, 1993, The Last Vampyre)

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Robert Ferguson



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(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

Tea broker who had a son, Jacky, from a previous marriage. Married a Peruvian woman and had a son.

“Big Bob Ferguson, the finest three-quarter Richmond ever had.”

“He saw his wife rise from a kneeling position beside the cot and saw blood upon the child's exposed neck. With a cry of horror, he turned his wife's face to the light and saw blood all round her lips.”

“For God's sake, what do you think, Mr Holmes? It may be a mere intellectual puzzle to you, but it is life and death to me! My wife a would-be murderer - my child in constant danger! Don't play with me, Mr. Holmes. It is too terribly serious.”

(Keith Barron, 1993, The Last Vampyre)

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Steve Ellis,
2017

Matilda Briggs



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Vampire”

(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

“We have not forgotten your successful action in the case of Matilda Briggs.”

“Matilda Briggs was not the name of a young woman, Watson,” said Holmes in a reminiscent voice. “It was a ship which is associated with the giant rat of Sumatra, a story for which the world is not yet prepared.”

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Mrs. Mason



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(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

Ferguson family nurse.

“Saw her employer, the lady, leaning over the baby and apparently biting his neck. There was a small wound in the neck from which a stream of blood had escaped.”

“Mrs. Mason, the nurse, has sworn that she will not leave it night or day. I can absolutely trust her. I am more uneasy about poor little Jack, for, as I told you in my note, he has twice been assaulted by her.”

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(Elizabeth Spriggs, 1993, The Last Vampyre)

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Mrs. Ferguson



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(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

A Daughter of a Peruvian merchant who was married to Robert for five years and bore him a son.

“The lady was very beautiful.”

“A fiend! A fiend! Oh, what shall I do with this devil?”

“How could I tell you, Bob? It was better that I should wait and that it should come from some other lips than mine.”

(Yolanda Vazquez 1993, The Last Vampyre)

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Dolores



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Mrs. Ferguson’s Peruvian maid who asked Dr. Watson to examine her.

“She verra ill. She no ask for food. She verra ill. She need doctor. I frightened stay alone with her without doctor.”

“She lie like that one day, two day. I 'fraid she die.”

(Juliet Aubrey, 1993, *The Last Vampyre*)

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Carlo



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(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

The Ferguson family dog, a spaniel, had lain in the basket in the corner.

It came slowly forward, suffering from paralysis of its hind legs. The vet thought it was spinal meningitis.

It came slowly forward towards its master, walking with difficulty. Its hind legs moved irregularly and its tail was on the ground. It licked Ferguson's hand.

"He'll be all right soon—won't you, Carlo?"

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Baby Ferguson



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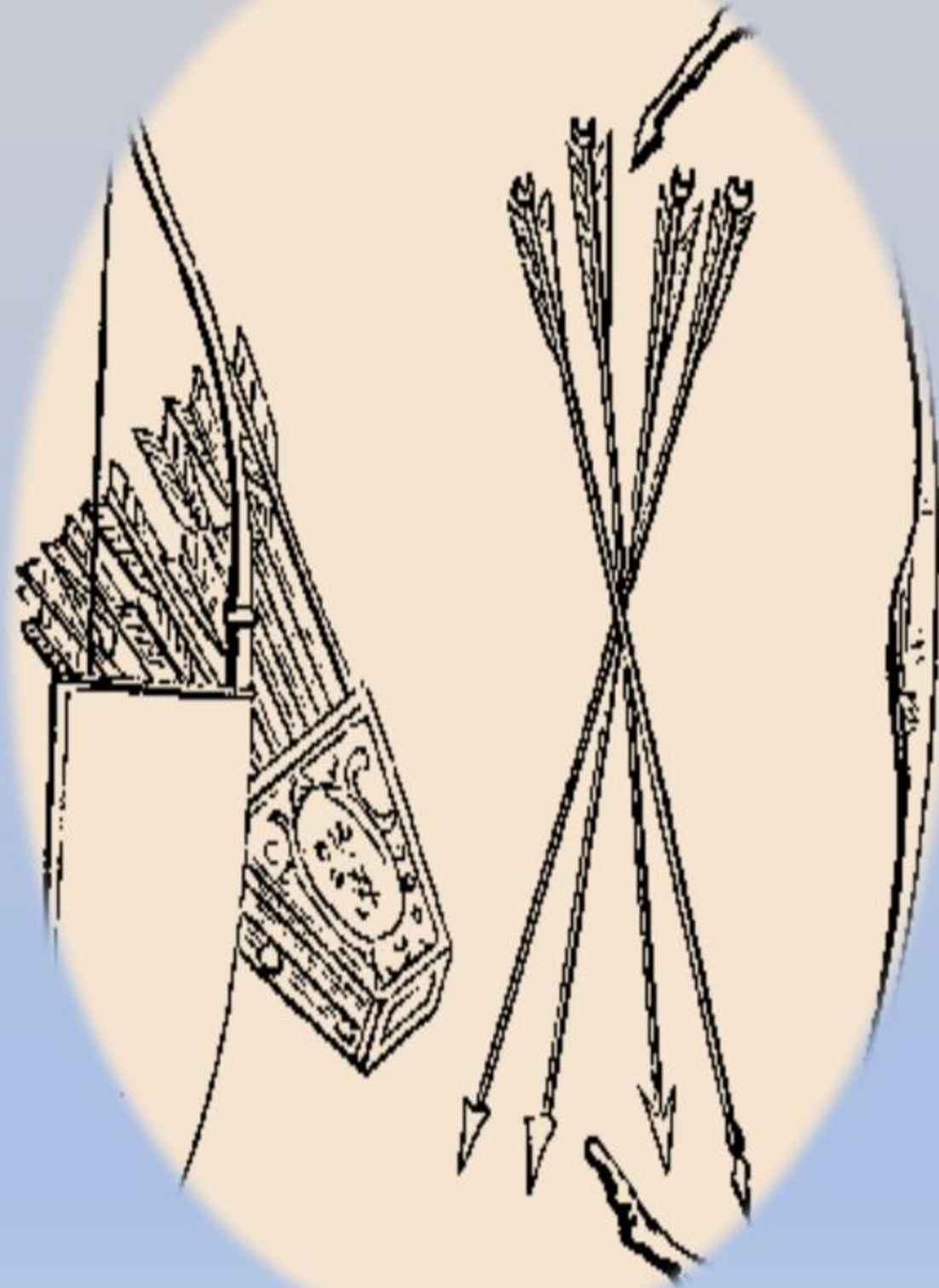
“A very beautiful child, dark-eyed,
golden-haired, a wonderful mixture
of the Saxon and the Latin.”

“Ferguson was evidently devoted to
it, for he took it into his arms and
fondled it most tenderly.”

“Fancy anyone having the heart to
hurt him,” he muttered, as he
glanced down at the small, angry
red pucker upon the cherub
throat.

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(Anthony Price 1993, The Last Vampyre)

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Poisoned Arrow



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Vampire"

(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

"My instinct felt the presence of those weapons upon the wall before my eyes ever saw them."

"When I saw that little empty quiver beside the small bird-bow, it was just what I expected to see. If the child were pricked with one of those arrows dipped in curare or some other devilish drug, it would mean death if the venom were not sucked out."

"And the dog! If one were to use such a poison, would one not try it first in order to see that it had not lost its power? I did not foresee the dog, but at least I understood him and he fitted into my reconstruction."

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(Baring-Gould)

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