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**THE RETURN OF
 SHERLOCK HOLMES.**
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 IV.—*The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist.*

FROM the years 1884 to 1901 inclusive Mr. Sherlock Holmes was a very busy man. It is safe to say that there was no public case of any difficulty in which he was not consulted during those eight years, and there were hundreds of private cases, some of them of the most intricate and extraordinary character, in which he played a prominent part. Many startling successes and a few unavoidable failures were the outcome of this long period of continuous work. As I have preserved very full notes of all these cases, and was myself personally engaged in many of them, it may be imagined that it is no easy task to know which I should select to lay before the public. I shall, however, preserve my former rule, and give the preference to those cases which derive their interest not so much from the locality of the crime as from the ingenuity and dramatic quality of the solution. For this reason I will now lay before the reader the facts connected with Miss Violet Smith, the solitary cyclist of Charlington, and the curious sequel of our investigation, which culminated in unexpected tragedy. It is true that the circumstances did not admit of any striking illustration of those powers for which my friend was famous, but there were some points about the case which made it stand out in those long records of crime from which I gather the material for these little narratives.

On referring to my note-book for the year 1895 I find that it was upon Saturday, the 23rd of April, that we first heard of Miss Violet Smith. Her visit was, I remember, extremely unwelcome to Holmes, for he was immersed at the moment in a very abstruse

and complicated problem concerning the peculiar persecution to which John Vincent Harden, the well-known tobacco millionaire, had been subjected. My friend, who loved above all things precision and concentration of thought, resented anything which distracted his attention from the matter in hand. And yet without a harshness which was foreign to his nature it was impossible to refuse to listen to the story of the young and beautiful woman, tall, graceful, and quietly, who presented herself at Baker Street late in the evening and implored his assistance and advice. It was vain to urge that his time was already fully occupied, for the young lady had come with the determination to tell her story, and it was evident that nothing short of force could get her out of the room until she had done so. With a resigned air and a somewhat weary smile, Holmes begged the beautiful intruder to take a seat and to inform us what it was that was troubling her.

"At least it cannot be your health," said he, as his keen eyes darted over her; "so ardent a bicyclist must be full of energy." She glanced down in surprise at her own feet, and I observed the slight roughening of the side of the sole caused by the friction of the edge of the pedal.

"Yes, I bicycle a good deal, Mr. Holmes, and that has something to do with my visit to you to-day."

My friend took the lady's unglazed hand and examined it with as close an attention and as little sentiment as a scientist would show to a specimen.

"You will excuse me, I am sure. It is my business," said he as he dropped it. "I nearly fell into the error of supposing that you were *eyewatching*." Of course, it is

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SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON PUZZLES

**Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle
 DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON**

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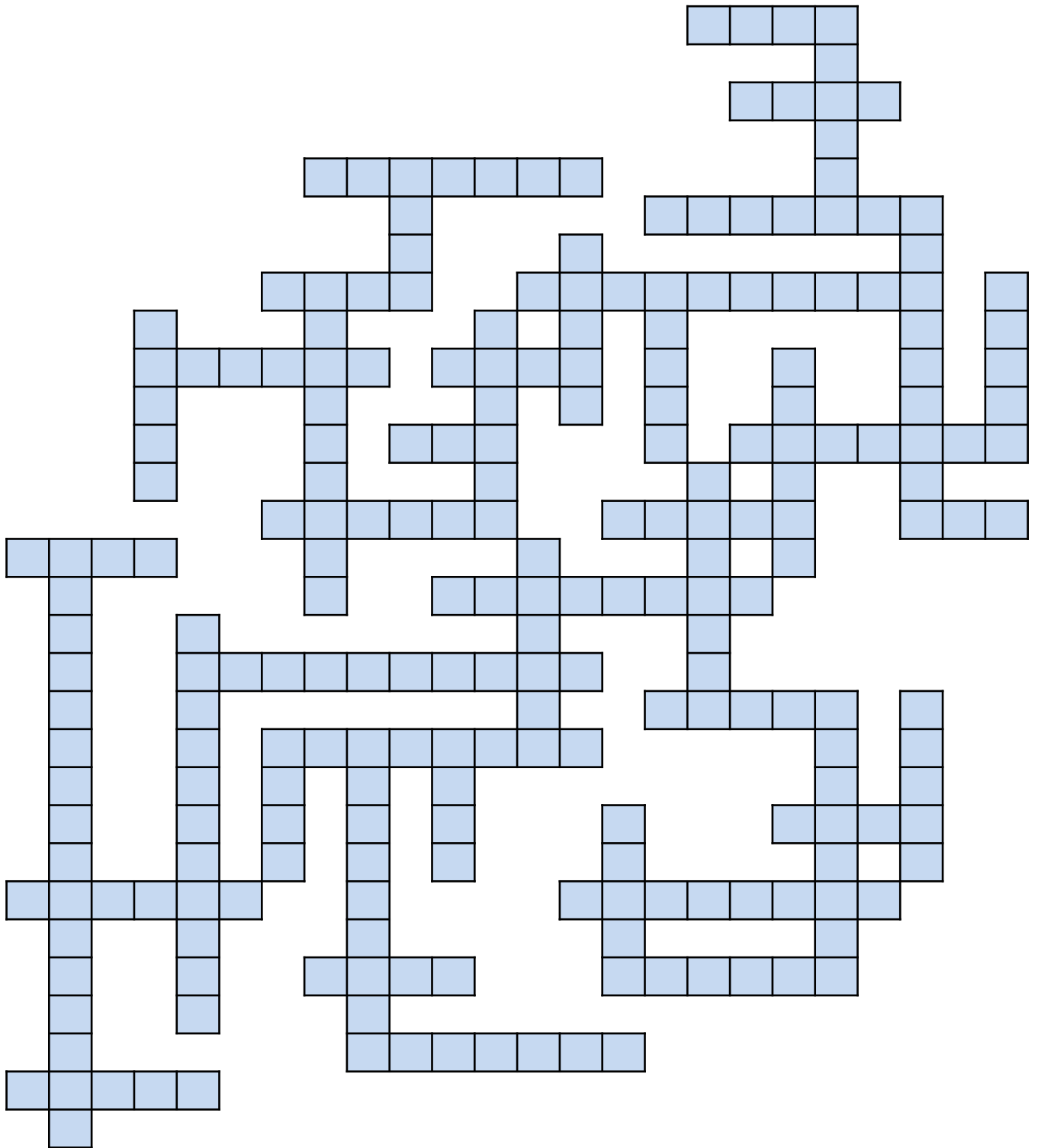
The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist, Part 3

**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.
 All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of
 vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes,
 vols. 1 and 2**

The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #8)

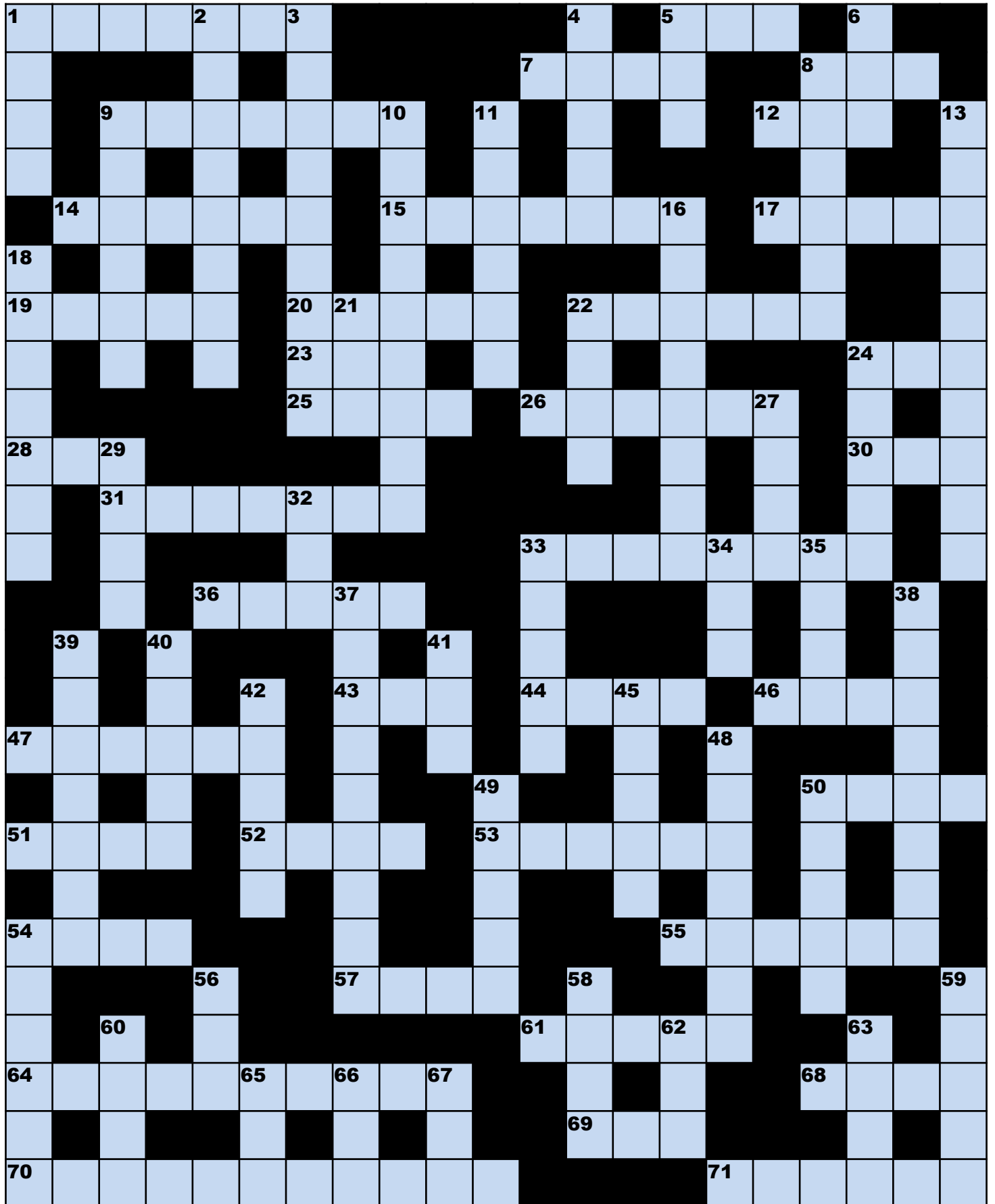
CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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| DOG | HELL | ALLEY | OATHS | HALLOA | | | |
| YEW | LADY | BADLY | ROUND | MENAGE | ECSTASY | EXULTANT | SEDTARY |
| AGED | SIDE | CABLE | TRACT | ORDERS | MACHINE | SURPLICE | BLACKGUARD |
| CLAD | SOLE | GORSE | COPPER | PARSON | PLUNDER | TAPESTRY | INSENSIBLE |
| CURT | VAIN | HULLO | DAINTY | PUBLIC | PUPPETS | GARRULOUS | DISCOMFORTS |
| GRIM | WANT | JINGO | FORGER | BRAVADO | AUDACITY | REPROBATE | UNECCLESIASTICAL |

The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #9)

CROSSWORD: Each clue is a term from the Canon. Highlighted clues on the next page are from this Story.



The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #9)

Across

1. Type of leggings, worn to cover ankle and lower leg
5. Large shade tree
7. Useless
8. Small dog
9. Property acquired illegally and violently
12. ____ - cart; two seats placed back-to-back
14. Citizen or native to Great Britain
15. Movable models of a person used in entertainment
17. Strong poles used for masts on a ship
19. Small needle-like projection of a plant
20. Love and respect someone deeply
22. Creator of counterfeit money or documents
23. Move back and forth over a surface
24. ____ - lamp
25. Annum
26. _____ - house; tavern
28. Commotion
30. Large, unruly crowd
31. Bicycle
33. Piece of thick textile fabric used as a wall hanging
36. Expression of surprise
43. Uncooked; in its natural state
44. Dressed
46. Middle - _____
47. Expression of welcome
50. Framework with rails or pegs for holding things
51. Circle
52. ____ - hound
53. Written directives or requests
54. Bottom of a shoe
55. Delicately small and pretty
57. ____ - pillar
61. In an inadequate manner
64. Scoundrel
68. Lack or be short of something
69. ____ hedge; evergreen shrubs
70. Slight pains; feel uneasy, anxious
71. Persons who occupy one house

Down

1. Depressing; severe
2. Triumphantly happy
3. Taking little exercise
4. Telegram
5. Termination
6. Small floor covering
8. Police officer
9. Beneficed member of the clergy
10. Unprincipled person
11. Put or let something down briefly
13. Without one's mental faculties
16. Loose-fitting white church gown
18. Organ for digestion
21. Expected at a certain time
22. Offensive to the senses
24. Viscous; sticky
27. Rudely brief
29. Leave out
32. Small lodging for travelers
33. Area of indefinite extent, typically a large one
34. Large body of water
35. Very loud noise
37. Excessively talkative
38. Fearless; daring
39. Bold manner
40. Expression of greeting
41. Wonderment
42. Profane or offensive expressions
45. Bowling - _____; green used for bowling on the green
48. Overwhelming feeling of great happiness
49. Spiny shrubs having fragrant yellow flowers
50. Turn traitor
54. Cried out loudly
56. inquire
58. _____ - housekeeper
59. Wash and rinse
60. Large openings
62. Body of statutes
63. Needed information
65. Paste
66. Past time
67. Small mark

The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #7)

G	O	D	I	T	W	I	E	E	D	P	S	A	S	H	B
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