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A Reminiscence of Mr. Sherlock Holmes.

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I.—The Singular Experience of Mr. John Scott Eccles.

**F**IND it recorded in my notebook that it was a bleak and windy day towards the end of March in the year 1892. Holmes had received a telegram whilst we sat at our lunch, and he had scribbled a reply. He made no remark, but the matter remained in his thoughts, for he stood in front of the fire afterwards with a thoughtful face, smoking his pipe, and casting an occasional glance at the message. Suddenly he turned upon me with a mischievous twinkle in his eyes.

"I suppose, Watson, we must look upon you as a man of letters," said he. "How do you define the word 'grotesque'?"

"Strange—remarkable," I suggested.

"There is surely something more than that," said he; "some underlying suggestion of the tragic and the terrible. If you cast your mind back to some of those narratives with which you have afflicted a long-suffering public, you will recognise how often the grotesque has deepened into the criminal. Think of that little affair of the red-headed men. That was grotesque enough in the outset, and yet it ended in a desperate attempt at robbery. Or, again, there was that most grotesque affair of the five orange pips, which led straight to a murderous conspiracy. The word puts me on the alert."

"Have you it there?" I asked.

He read the telegram aloud.

"Have just had most incredible and grotesque experience. May I consult you?—Scott Eccles, Post Office, Charing Cross."

"Man or woman?" I asked.

"Oh, man, of course. No woman would ever send a reply-paid telegram. She would have come."

"Will you see him?"

"My dear Watson, you know how bored I have been since we locked up Colonel Carruthers. My mind is like a racing engine, tearing itself to pieces because it is not connected up with the work for which it was built. Life is commonplace, the papers are sterile; audacity and romance seem to have passed for ever from the criminal world. Can you ask me, then, whether I am ready to look into any new problem, however trivial it may prove? But here, unless I am mistaken, is our client."

A measured step was heard upon the stairs, and a moment later a stout, tall, grey-whiskered and solemnly respectable person was ushered into the room. His life history was written in his heavy features and pompous manner. From his spats to his gold-rimmed spectacles he was a Conservative, a Churchman, a good citizen, orthodox and conventional to the last degree. But some amazing experience had disturbed his native composure and left its traces in his bristling hair, his flushed, angry cheeks, and his hurried, excited manner. He plunged instantly into his business.

"I have had a most singular and unpleasant experience, Mr. Holmes," said he.

"Never in my life have I been placed in such a situation. It is most improper—most outrageous. I must insist upon some explanation." He swelled and puffed in his anger.

"Pray sit down, Mr. Scott Eccles," said Holmes, in a soothing voice. "May I ask, in the first place, why you came to me at all?"

"Well, sir, it did not appear to be a matter which concerned the police, and yet, when you have heard the facts, you must admit

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**SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES**

**Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle**

**DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON**

**His Last Bow**

**The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge--**  
**Part 1**

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

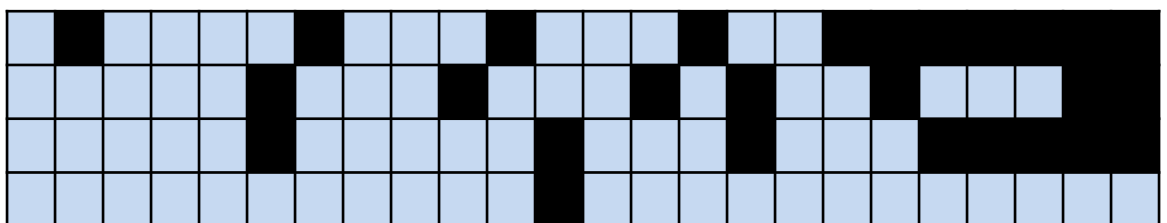
**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes, vols. 1 and 2**

# Wisteria Lodge (Puzzle #1)

WORDCIRCLE: Find each of the listed words in the puzzle. Click on each letter found and circle it with a CAPITAL "O". You can tab between letters. Once all terms are found, the remaining un-circled letters should complete a quote from the story below.

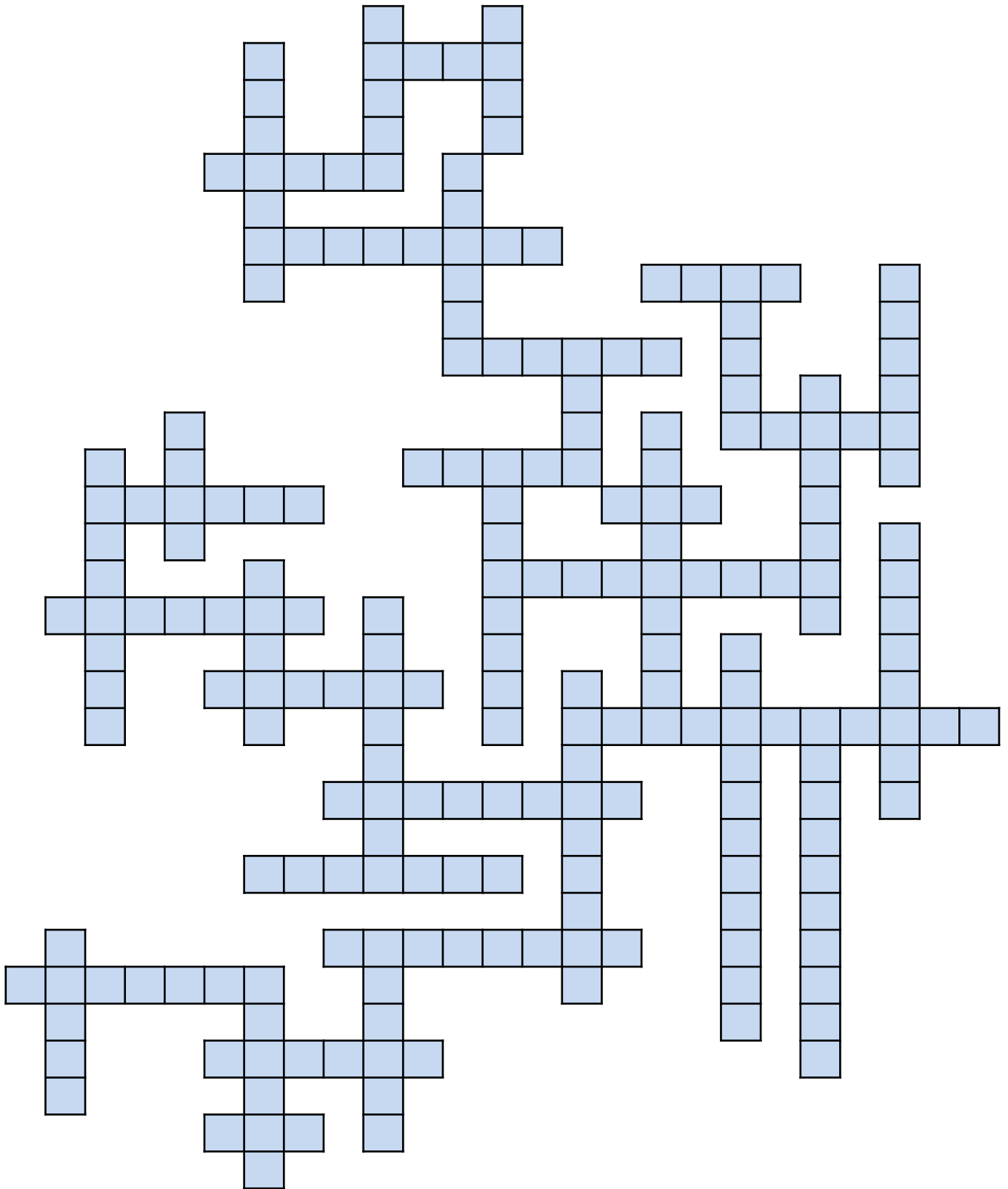
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- ALIBI
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- DOG
- EMISSARY
- FATE
- FLURRIED
- GNAWED
- GORSE
- GROSSNESS
- HAZELS
- IMPASSIVE
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- VILLA
- WATERMARK
- WHIPCORD

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# Wisteria Lodge (Puzzle #2)

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



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|------|-------|---------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| DOG  | PIPS  | QUEER   | GNAWED | REMAND  | PROSAIC  | EMISSARY  | IMPASSIVE   |
| TUT  | PRAY  | SPATS   | HAZELS | RUSTIC  | STERILE  | FLURRIED  | WATERMARK   |
| FATE | ALIBI | TINGE   | LITTER | ASSIZES | AQUILINE | SINGULAR  | CORDIALITY  |
| JOVE | BIDED | VILLA   | NIPPED | CITADEL | AUDACITY | WHIPCORD  | ABSTRACTION |
| OVER | GORSE | DESPTOT | ODIOUS | MULATTO | BLOTCHED | GROSSNESS | PHRASEOLOGY |



## Wisteria Lodge (Puzzle #3)

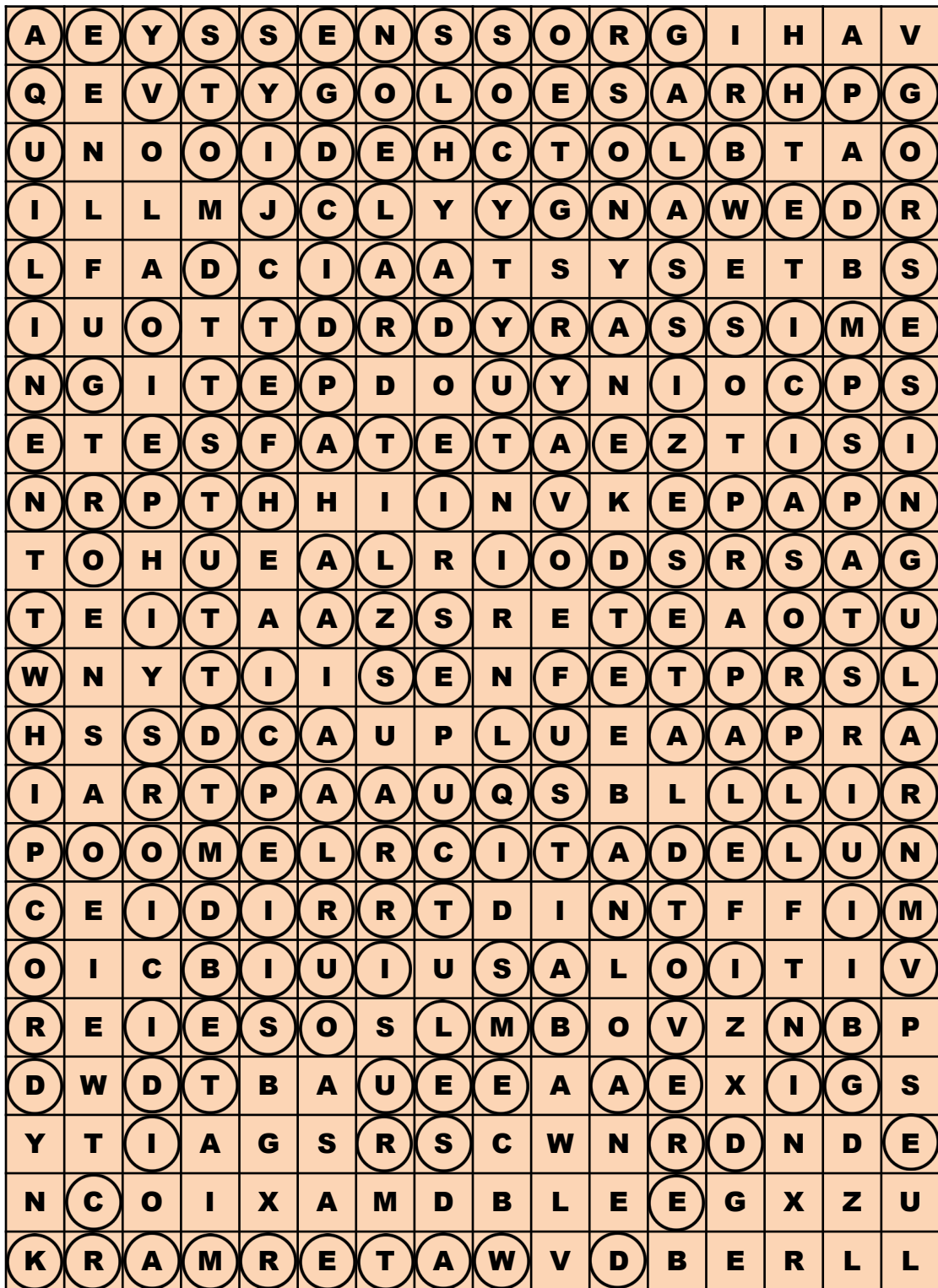
### Across

1. Cloth or leather gaiters covering the upper part of the shoes
4. Morose
8. Totally clean
11. Offer an excuse or defense for someone
12. Long, deep, audible exhalation expressing sadness or relief
14. Temperate shrubs or small trees
16. \_\_\_\_\_ - bush; bushes with fragrant yellow flowers and black pod
17. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
20. Strange; out of the ordinary
24. Out of the ordinary; unique
25. Thought or suggestion
26. Person who advocates peaceful policies
29. Bring goods into a country from abroad
32. Not wet; arid
33. Crude or simple person
36. Mode of expression characteristic of a writer or speaker
38. Pinched or squeezed
40. Intense shared enthusiasm for something
41. Lacking taste or refinement
44. Stimulated interest or curiosity
45. Erected; manufactured
46. Ruler with absolute power
47. Grayish-green color
49. Friendly and agreeable
51. Development of events beyond a person's control
52. Sharp rat - \_\_\_\_\_
53. Chewed upon
57. Order to send back to custody
59. Trial sessions, civil or criminal
61. Pleased; delighted
65. Agent sent on a mission on behalf of another
67. Flat, thin, round object
68. Remained or stayed somewhere
70. Faint design in paper added during manufacture
71. Encounter
72. Person of mixed white and Black ancestry

### Down

2. Careful efforts; great troubles
3. Colour slightly
5. Father
6. Concealed
7. Used as bedding
9. Significant period of time
10. Frozen water
13. Straightforward or unimaginative
15. In pain; hurting
18. Related
19. Covered with discolouring of the skin
21. Employ
22. \_\_\_\_\_ - pitched
23. Orange \_\_\_\_\_
27. Deserving hatred or disgust
28. Ask someone to do something
30. Small inland body of water
31. Removal
34. Strenuous labor; hard work
35. Heaped piles of earth, gravel, sand or debris
37. Strong twisted or braided cord
39. Consciousness of one's own dignity
40. Confused
42. Persons sent out ahead to gather information about an enemy's position
43. Eagle-like
46. 24 hours
48. Excessive or extravagant
49. Stronghold or fortified place
50. Not feeling or showing emotion
53. Effective forms of control over something
54. Length of time a person has lived
55. \_\_\_\_\_ - grate; detached fire grate standing in a fireplace
56. Fearless; daring
58. Growth of long hair
60. Region of the atmosphere seen from the Earth
62. Stand around idly or without apparent purpose
63. Steal; take unlawfully by force or threat or force
64. Recompense for a loan or debt
66. Unusual; out of the ordinary
69. Small mark on a piece of paper

# Wisteria Lodge (Puzzle #1)



I HAVE NOT ALL MY  
 FACTS YET BUT I DO NOT  
 THINK THERE ARE ANY  
 INSUPERABLE DIFFICULTIES



