



Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.
VIII.—THE ADVENTURE OF THE SPECKLED BAND.
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IN glancing over my notes of the seventy odd cases in which I have during the last eight years studied the methods of my friend Sherlock Holmes, I find many tragic, some comic, a large number merely strange, but none commonplace; for, working as he did rather for the love of his art than for the acquirement of wealth, he refused to associate himself with any investigation which did not tend towards the unusual, and even the fantastic. Of all these varied cases, however, I cannot recall any which presented more singular features than that which was associated with the well-known Surrey family of the Roylotts of Stoke Moran. The events in question occurred in the early days of my association with Holmes, when we were sharing rooms as bachelors, in Baker-street. It is possible that I might have placed them upon record before, but a promise of secrecy was made at the time, from which I have only been freed during the last month by the untimely death of the lady to whom the pledge was given. It is perhaps as well that the facts should now come to light, for I have reasons to know that there are widespread rumours as to the death of Dr. Grimesby Roylott which tend to make the matter even more terrible than the truth.

It was early in April in the year '83 that I woke one morning to find Sherlock Holmes standing, fully dressed, by the side of my bed. He was a late riser as a rule, and, as the clock on the mantelpiece showed me that it was only a quarter past seven, I blinked up at him in some surprise, and perhaps just a little resentment, for I was myself regular in my habits.

"Very sorry to knock you up, Watson," said he, "but it's the common lot this morning. Mrs. Hudson has been knocked up, she retorted upon me, and I on you."

"What is it, then? A fire?"

"No, a client. It seems that a young lady has arrived in a considerable state of excitement, who insists upon seeing me. She is waiting now in the sitting-room. Now, when young ladies wander about the Metropolis at this hour of the morning, and knock sleepy people up out of their beds, I presume that it is something very pressing which they have to communicate. Should it prove to be an interesting case, you would, I am sure, wish to follow it from the outset. I thought at any rate that I should call you, and give you the chance."

"My dear fellow, I would not miss it for anything."

I had no keener pleasure than in following Holmes in his professional investigations, and in admiring the rapid deductions, as swift as intuitions, and yet always founded on a logical basis, with which he unravelled the problems which were submitted to him. I rapidly threw on my clothes, and was ready in a few minutes to accompany my friend down to the sitting-room. A lady dressed in black and heavily veiled, who had been sitting in the window, rose as we entered.

"Good morning, madam," said Holmes, cheerily. "My name is Sherlock Holmes. This is my intimate friend and associate, Dr. Watson, before whom you can speak as freely as before myself. Ha, I am glad to see that Mrs. Hudson has had the good sense to light the fire. Pray draw up to it, and I shall order you a cup of hot coffee, for I observe that you are shivering."

"It is not cold which makes me shiver," said the woman in a low voice, changing her seat as requested.

"What then?"

"It is fear, Mr. Holmes. It is terror." She raised her veil as she spoke, and we could see that she was indeed in a pitiable state of agitation, her face all drawn and grey, with restless, frightened eyes, like those of some hunted animal. Her features and figure were those of a woman of thirty,



SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES

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

The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

The Adventure of the Speckled Band

Band -- Part 1

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

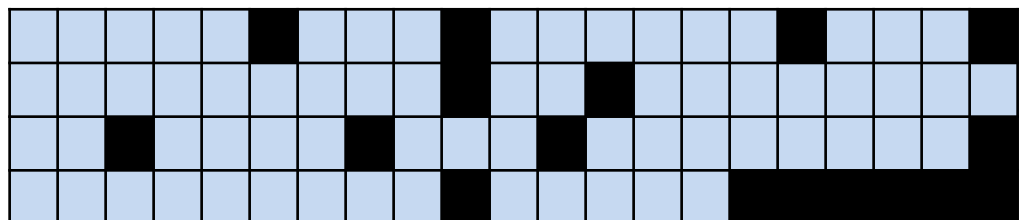
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Speckled Band (Puzzle #1)

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.

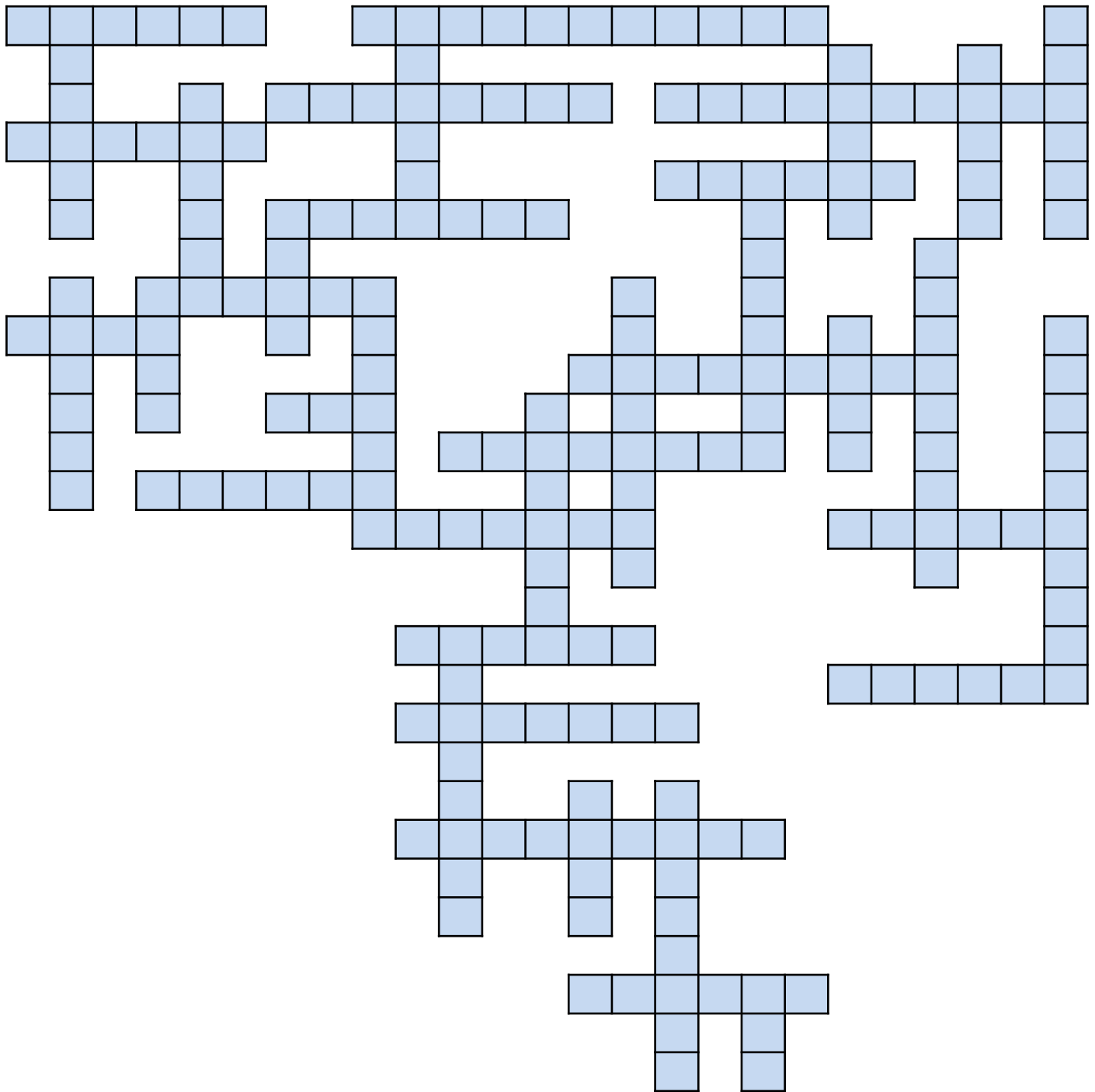
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- ANCESTRAL
- AVERSE
- BELL
- BLANCHED
- BRAWLS
- BUSYBODY
- BYE
- CASE
- COUNTERPANE
- DEFRAY
- DISSOLUTE
- FANCIES
- FOOTPATH
- FRO
- GAITERS
- GOWN
- HABITS
- HERALD
- IMPRUDENCE
- KEENER
- LICHEN
- LOATHING
- MANIFOLD
- MERE
- OUTSET
- PARSONAGE
- PIERCED
- PLEDGE
- PROOFS
- REVERIE
- ROOM
- SCHEMER
- SEARED
- SOMBRE
- SQUIRE
- STUMP
- TIARA
- VENTILATOR
- WHIPCORD

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Speckled Band (Puzzle #2)

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



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| BYE | MERE | AVERSE | KEENER | SEARED | PIERCED | FOOTPATH | DISSOLUTE |
| FRO | ROOM | BRAWLS | lichen | SOMBRE | REVERIE | LOATHING | PARSONAGE |
| BELL | STUMP | DEFRAY | OUTSET | SQUIRE | SCHEMER | MANIFOLD | IMPRUDENCE |
| CASE | TIARA | HABITS | PLEDGE | FANCIES | BLANCHED | WHIPCORD | VENTILATOR |
| GOWN | ALLIED | HERALD | PROOFS | GAITERS | BUSYBODY | ANCESTRAL | COUNTERPANE |

Speckled Band (Puzzle #3)

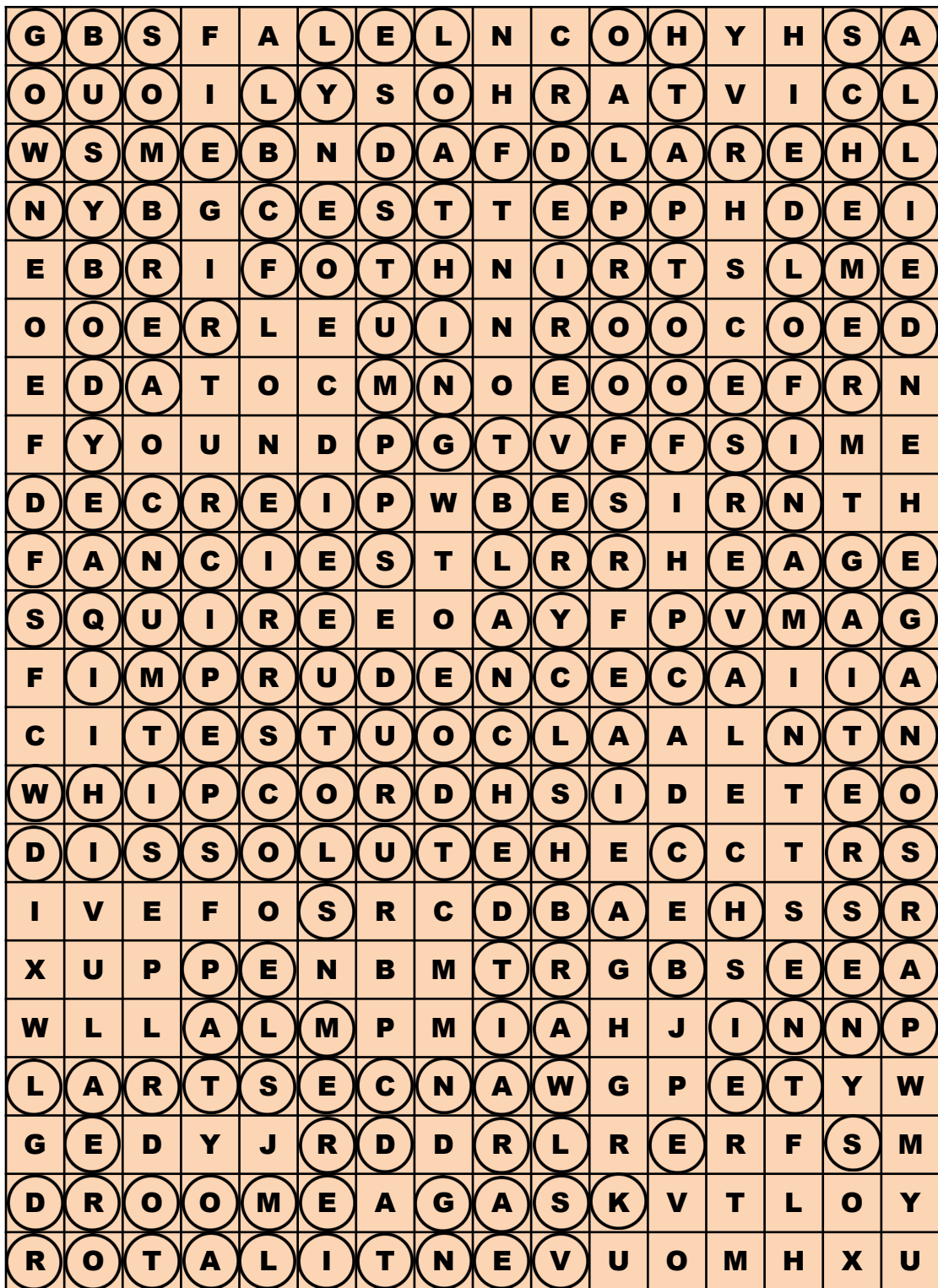
Across

3. Drink a liquid slowly
9. ____ - ropes
10. Dressing - ____
11. Highly developed
12. Charge for professional services
14. Country gentleman especially one who is the principal landowner in a village
15. Without a voice; mute
16. Short piece
17. Consumed
19. Soft, sticky matter resulting from mixture of earth and water
21. Be experienced as a sudden, burning sensation
24. Rough or noisy fights or quarrels
25. Having a cunning and deceitful nature
27. Good - ____
28. Wealthy people use invest in industry for profit
31. Feels a desire or liking for
33. Person who is involved in making secret or underhanded plans
34. Wild hog or pig
35. In debt to someone else
37. Meddling or prying person
40. Reparation for a wrong or injury
42. Person without a settle home who wanders from place to place and lives by begging
45. Evidence or argument establishing or helping to establish a fact or the truth of a statement
47. Situated inside or further in
48. Having a rounded and slightly elongated outline or shape
51. To and ____
52. Strong, or braided, rope
55. Spacious, well lit, and well ventilated
56. Bind
57. Rashness
60. Having a certain prospect or confident anticipation of
61. Being reserved or having timidity in the company of other people
62. Large rodent
64. Feeling of intense dislike or disgust; hatred
66. Singed; slightly burned
70. Exclamation of surprise
71. Indulged in sensual pleasures or vices
72. Residence provided by a church for its pastor

Down

1. Use something to bad effect or for a bad purpose
2. Federated; associated
3. More secure
4. Solemn promise or undertaking
5. Oppressively solemn or sober in mood; grave
6. Comes or brings to a final point; finishes
7. Possess; retain
8. Appliance or aperture for airing a room or other space
13. Light brown in colour
18. Many and various
20. ____ and downs
21. Cry out loudly
22. Having a strong dislike of or opposition to something
23. Cover the ankle and insteps; spats
24. Boast about yourself
26. ____ - blotched; spotted with a fungus
29. Wonderment about another
30. Settled or regular tendencies
32. Lone; single one
36. Daydream
37. Made white or pale by extracting color
38. 365 days
39. Reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness
41. Smallest or slightest
43. Jeweled ornamental band worn on the front of a woman's hair
44. Bedspread
46. Sidewalk or walking trail
49. Hereditary; familial
50. Primitive aquatic invertebrate with a soft porous body
53. Particular variety or preparation of food as part of a meal
54. Sign of something to come
58. on; on top of
59. Hold close in one's arms
63. Things that are achieved or acquired
65. Very small item; very little
67. Incident or set of circumstances under investigation
68. Sitting - ____
69. Pull or drag with effort or force

Speckled Band (Puzzle #1)



F A N C Y H I S H A V I N G T H E
 I N S O L E N C E T O C O N F O U N D
 M E W I T H T H E O F F I C I A L
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