



The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XV – The Adventure of Silver Blaze

1. Compare “he had invariably breakfasted and gone out before I rose in the morning” (STUD) with “as we sat down together to our breakfast one morning.” (SILV)
2. Were Scots into horse racing?
3. What did “absolutely unique” mean?
4. Was it a car or compartment corner?
5. Was Holmes a slow reader?
6. Why were papers put under the seat, not in a rack, as in *The Boscombe Valley Mystery*?
7. Did Holmes usually supply Watson’s cigars?
8. What did the boy usually do during the night?
9. Was water the only beverage, or could tea or coffee be brewed?
10. Was this an entirely “art of the reasoner” case?
11. Was Watson’s cooperation usually so sought?
12. Was “fall of the flag” literally true?
13. Were child labor laws applicable?
14. Did “tap” accord with plumbing history?
15. What, specifically, did Simpson want Edith to do?
16. Why didn’t Edith report the incident to Straker?
17. Did Ned appear normal to his companions after dinner?
18. Did Gregory himself search the ten miles, as he suggested?
19. With his villa so near, couldn’t Simpson have found his way back by a road?
20. Were Tavistock and Mapleton both two miles to the west?
21. Do overhanging eaves and no wind allow rain against the window?



22. How would the light permit the cravat to be found?
23. When were Simpson's clothes found to be wet?
24. Are candle and vestas adequate in heavy rain?
25. Were Simpson's footprints significant?
26. Wouldn't the horse be as likely to go to the villas or Tavistock?
27. How was Holmes to get in touch with Brown on the morrow?
28. Didn't Silver Blaze require tethering?
29. Is the curious incident that the dog does not bark at Simpson earlier?
30. When did Holmes call Gregory off his search and get Simpson released?

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