



## The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure XV – The Adventure of Silver Blaze

A.D.P. pipe	Smoking-pipe manufactured by Alfred Dunhill; found in John Straker's pocket
Backwater, Lord	Owner of the Capleton stables near Tavistock; his horse Desborough was beaten in the Wessex Cup by Silver Blaze
Baker Street	Most famous of all London Streets, the residence of Sherlock Holmes from the 1880s to 1903, during the greatest part of his professional life as a consulting detective; also, the residence of John Watson for much of that same period
Balmoral, Duke of	British peer, of the St. Simon family, at one time Secretary for Foreign Affairs; his horse Iris ran in the Wessex Cup but finished a bad 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Baxter, Edith	Maid of John Straker; carried the curried mutton to Ned Hunter for supper; was approached by a tout looking for information
Bayard	Horse belonging to Colonel Ross from King's Pyland stable, scratched from the Wessex Cup
Bond Street	(New Bond Street & Old Bond Street), thoroughfare in Westminster, extending from Oxford Street to Piccadilly; Madame Lesurier's millner shop was located there
Brown, Silas	Manager of Capleton, who found and hid Silver Blaze
Capleton	Racing establishment belonging to Lord Backwater on Dartmoor, where Silver Blaze was hidden by Silas Brown
Clapham Junction	Most important railway station in South London, notably serving Victorian and Waterloo stations; the trains from Winchester passed through there
<i>Daily Chronicle</i>	London morning newspaper, established in 1877; Watson read accounts of Silver Blaze in the Chronicle

<i>Daily Telegraph</i>	London newspaper, begun in 1855, published in the mornings; carried accounts of the Silver Blaze affair
Darbyshire, Mrs.	Mistress to John Straker, who had expensive tastes in gowns; her ostrich-feather trimming was part of the secret financial burden of Straker (Darbyshire)
Darbyshire, William	(Derbyshire) Name used by John Straker, trainer at the stables of Colonel Ross; as Darbyshire, he kept a mistress and acquired enormous debts
Dartmoor	Open, bleak plateau of south-west Devonshire; the wild expanse of moor, creased with broken tors, contrasts strongly with the gentler scenery of the low-lands surrounding it; events of Silver Blaze take place there
Dawson	Groom at the Capleton stables, whom Holmes spoke to when first arriving at the stables
Desborough	Racing-horse belonging to Lord Backwater, which finished second in the Wessex Cup
Devon	(Devonshire) South-western county of England; valuable pasture and cattle country; events of Silver Blaze occurred there on the moors
Devonshire	Location of the events of Silver Blaze
Exeter	County town of Devonshire; Holmes and Watson took a train for Exeter from Paddington
Gregory, Inspector	Police detective, presumably of Scotland Yard, who asked Holmes' cooperation in the Silver Blaze case
Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; Watson described Holmes as "bohemian" in his habits and lifestyle; said to have a "cat-like" love of personal cleanliness, at the same time Holmes is an eccentric with no regard for contemporary standards of tidiness or good order.
Hunter, Ned	Stable-boy at King's Pyland, who had been on guard the night Silver Blaze was taken from the stables; he had been drugged with opium in his curried mutton, and was thus unconscious when Silver Blaze disappeared
Iris	Horse belonging to the Duke of Balmoral, which finished a bad third in the Wessex Cup behind Silver Blaze and Desborough
Isonomy	Famous thoroughbred racing-horse, foaled in 1875, he won seven major races between 1878 and 1880; Silver Blaze was from the Isonomy stock

King's Pyland	Dartmoor training stable belonging to Colonel Ross, and where Silver Blaze resided and trained
Lesurier, Madame	Proprietress of a Bond Street milliner's where John Straker, as William Derbyshire, purchased his mistress' clothes; Holmes visited the milliner's shop, which helped to solve the case
London	Largest city in the world during the Victorian period, capital of England and the British Empire, located in the south-eastern part of England on the River Thames; extended into the counties of Surrey, Ken, Middlesex, and Essex; Fitzroy Simpson had squandered a fortune on the turf, and now did bookmaking in the sporting clubs of London
Mapleton	Training stable of Lord Backwater, near Tavistock; under the management of Silas Brown, Desborough, the second favorite was stabled there
<i>Morning Chronicle</i>	One of the great daily newspapers of London, begun in 1769; gave an account of John Straker's murder and the disappearance of the race favorite
Newton, Heath	His horse, Negro, ran in the Wessex Cup race
Paddington Station	Railway station in Paddington, London terminus of the Great Western Railway; Holmes and Watson just had time to catch the train for Exeter from Paddington Station
Peerage	In Great Britain, the rank of dignity of a peer, a holder of the title of one of the five degrees of hereditary nobility: Duke, Earl, Viscount, and Baron; Lord Backwater and Lord Singleford were peers
Plymouth	Historic seaport in Devonshire; Holmes claimed he had met Mrs. Straker at a garden party in Plymouth
Pugilist	Name of a horse which ran in the Wessex Cup, owned by Colonel Wardlaw
Rasper	Name of a horse which ran in the Wessex Cup, owned by Lord Singleford
Reading	County-town of Berkshire, a manufacturing town and an important railway junction; Holmes busied himself with the newspapers he had brought with him until their train was past Reading
Ross, Colonel	Owner of Silver Blaze and King's Pyland stables, who asked Holmes to enter the case to find out who had stolen the horse, as well as to find out what happened to his trainer, John Straker

Silver Blaze	Racing horse, of Isonomy stock which killed his trainer, John Straker when Straker attempted to lame him; owned by Colonel Ross and ultimately won the Wessex Cup for his owner
Simpson, Fitzroy	London bookmaker who was suspected of John Straker's murder, as he had been snooping around the stables the night that Straker was killed, and his cravat was found near the dead trainer's body
Singleford, Lord	Owner of Rasper, one of the horses who ran against Silver Blaze in the Wessex Cup
Straker, John	Trainer at Colonel Ross' racing stable, he kept a "dashing" mistress and under the name of William Darbyshire ran up extensive bills; he found it necessary to gain money by fixing the Wessex Cup, by causing the favorite, Silver Blaze, to come up lame
Straker, Mrs.	Wife of the trainer John Straker, who found her husband getting dressed at 1:00 am. Holmes had a reason for asking whether he had met her at a Plymouth garden party
Tavistock	Town in Devonshire, on the western border of Dartmoor; King's Pyland stables, owned by Colonel Ross and where Silver Blaze escaped, lay two miles east of there
<i>Telegraph, The</i>	Newspaper that gave an account of the murder of John Straker and the disappearance of Silver Blaze
Victoria Station	Railway station in Westminster, the West End terminus of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, opened in 1860; the train from Winchester arrived at Victoria Station
Wardlaw, Colonel	Owner of Pugilist, a horse who ran against Silver Blaze in the Wessex Cup
Watson, John H.	Friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes, it appears he was borne in the early 1850s; took his Degree of Doctor in Medicine in 1878; served as a staff surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; while serving in the Army Medical Department, he was severely wounded in the Battle of Maiwand in Afghanistan; his wound and general impairment of health earned him a retirement and wound pension
Weiss & Co.	(Weiss & Son) London manufacturer of cutlery; a delicate Weiss cataract knife was found in John Straker's hand where he had been struck down by a blow to the head

Wessex Cup	(Wessex Plate) Race meeting of one mile and five furlongs, won at Winchester, by Silver Blaze; the other horses competing in the race were: Mr. Heath Newton's The Negro, Colonel Wardlaw's Pugilist, Lord Backwater's Desborough, Duke of Balmoral's Iris, and Lord Singleford's Rasper
Winchester	Historic city of Hampshire; the Wessex Cup race meeting was held there