



The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XVI – The Adventure of the Cardboard Box

Aldridge	Lestrade compared him in size to Jim Browner, who aids Holmes and Inspector Lestrade in the “bogus laundry affair”
Algar	Member of the Liverpool police, to whom Holmes wired for information that helped solve the case
<i>Anthropological Journal</i>	Journal of a society formed in 1871; Holmes claimed to have published two short monographs on ears in the <i>Journal</i>
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
Beecher, Henry Ward	Noted American preacher and abolitionist; remembered in England for his moderating influence upon the British attitude toward the North during the War; Watson possessed a portrait of Beecher
Belfast	Seaport in Northern Ireland; the cardboard box containing the human ears was mailed from there, once the ship the <i>May Day</i> stopped there
Browner, James	Steam-packet steward who murdered his unfaithful wife, Mary Browner, and her lover Alec Fairbairn; mailed a severed ear of each victim to Mary’s sister, Susan Cushing
Civil War, American	Great struggle of 1861-65 between the Northern and the Southern states of the Union; Watson’s portrait of Henry Ward Beecher turned his mind to it
Conqueror	Steam packet of the Liverpool, Dublin, and London Steam Packet Company; Holmes guessed Jim Browner might be stationed on that ship
Cross Street	(Cross Road) Short street in Croydon; Susan Cushing lived there, though it was by no means a “very long street” as described
Croydon	Great residential city of Surrey; Susan Cushing lived there

Cushing, Mary	Youngest of the Cushing sisters, whose marriage disintegrated due to efforts of her older sister, Sarah
Cushing, Sarah	Sister of Susan Cushing, the middle of three sisters, whom James Browner blamed for the failure of his marriage with their youngest sister, Mary Cushing
Cushing, Susan	Maiden lady living at Croydon, the eldest of three sisters, who received a box containing two human ears, intended for her sister
<i>Daily Chronicle</i>	London newspaper, established in 1877; Watson read accounts of the cardboard box in the Chronicle
Dublin	Capital and chief city of Ireland; James Browner's ship stopped there
Dupin, C. Auguste	Detective created by Edgar Allen Poe for his detective stories; Holmes considered him a "very inferior fellow", but later called Dupin a "close reasoner"
Fairbairn, Alec	Lover of Mary Browner, killed by her husband, who then cut off one ear from each victim and sent them to her sister
Gordon, General Charles George	British soldier, known as Chinese Gordon, who made his fame in the Chinese War of 1860 and was killed at Khartoum by the force of the insurgent known as the Mahdi; Watson possessed a newly-framed picture of Gordon
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.
India	Extensive British possession of southern Asia; was administered separately from the rest of the British Empire; Watson claims his service in India had trained him to stand heat better than cold
Ireland	More western of the two principal islands of the United Kingdom; one of Susan Cushing's boarders had come from the north of Ireland, which made him a suspect in mailing the cardboard box from Belfast
Lestrade, G.	Inspector at Scotland Yard; Holmes said Lestrade's 'bull-dog tenacity' had brought him to the top of Scotland Yard; he and Holmes had shared the 'bogus laundry affair'

Liverpool	Second largest city and seaport of England, situated in Lancashire; the Browners lived there, and where Jim Browner's ship, the <i>May Day</i> , was berthed
Liverpool, Dublin, and London Steam Packet Company	Company for which James Browner worked as a steward
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; Jim Browner had got into the Liverpool and London boats to be closer to his love, the Cushing sister
<i>May Day</i>	Steam packet with the Liverpool, Dublin, and London Steam Packet Company; James Browner was steward in her
Montgomery	Scotland Yard inspector who took James Browner's statement at the Shadwell Police Station, concerning the two murders he committed, Lestrade sent a copy of the confession to Holmes
New Brighton	Town in the county of Cheshire, across the Mersey River from Liverpool; James Browner followed his wife and her love, Alec Fairbairn, to New Brighton and along the Parade
New Forest	Extensive forest in Hampshire, lying to the south-west of Southampton and belonging largely to the Crown; Watson yearned to visit there
New Street	Street in Wallington; Sarah Cushing lived there
Niagara Falls	Great water-fall of the Niagara River, on the border between the United States and Canada; James Browner stated, "All Niagara seemed to be whizzing and buzzing in his ears"
Paganini, Niccolo	Holmes talked to Watson about Paganini, an Italian composer and violinist, giving Watson "anecdote after anecdote of the extraordinary man", and then discussed violins in general, and about his own Stradivarius in particular
Parliament	Parliament has two Houses that work on behalf of UK citizens to check and challenge the work of Government, while making and shaping laws; Parliament had risen, according to Watson, which meant the work had been completed for that session
Penge	Urban district of Kent, suburban of London; Susan Cushing had once lived there

Poe, Edgar Allan	American poet and story writer; he is considered the father of the modern detective story by virtue of his stories of C. Auguste Dupin; Holmes told Watson that like Dupin, he was in the habit of following the unspoken thoughts of those about him
River Police	(Water Police or Thames Division) One of 22 administrative divisions of the Metropolitan Police; oldest of the police branches within the Yard; the River Police helped Lestrade in the arrest of James Browner
Scotland Yard	Popular name given to the Metropolitan Police Force of London, and specifically to its Criminal Investigation Department (CID); the location of the CID is the New Scotland Yard, close to the Thames River; Lestrade was a Scotland Yard inspector
Shadwell	Very poor docking region in the south of Stepney; James Browner's statement was taken by Lestrade at the Shadwell Police Station there
South America	Continent entirely in the Western Hemisphere and mostly in the Southern Hemisphere, with a relatively small portion in the Northern Hemisphere; James Browner gave up his birth in a ship to South America to marry Mary Cushing
Southsea	Popular seaside resort and easter suburb of Portsmouth; Watson yearned to visit there
Stradivarius, Antonio	Celebrated Italian violin maker; Holmes own violin was a Stradivarius
Thames	Most important, though not the largest, river in Great Britain; it rises in south-central England and flows south-easterly, and enters the North Sea through a broad estuary; London is situated on both sides of the Thames; James Browner was on the <i>May Day</i> , which was due on the Thames the next night where Holmes stated he would be arrested
Tottenham Court Road	Thoroughfare of central London, extending northward from Oxford Street; Holmes had purchased his Stradivarius from a pawnbroker on Tottenham Court Road
Wallington	Small residential district in Surrey, lying just west of Croydon; Sarah Cushing lived there on News Street
Waterford	Seaport on the southeastern coast of Ireland; the <i>May Day</i> , with James Browner aboard, stopped there

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