



## The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure XVIII – The Adventure of the Stockbroker’s Clerk

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| Ayrshires                      | Stock Exchange term referring to the stock of the Glasgow and South-Western Railway; used to test Hall Pycroft’s knowledge of the current market prices  |
| 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 |
| Beddington, Brother 1          | Two brothers who attempted a daring stock robbery; alias Arthur and Harry Pinner; tried to draw Hall Pycroft into their conspiracy by tricking him to take a position in their fictitious brokerage firm                                 |
| Beddington, Brother 2          | Name of two brothers who attempted a daring stock robbery; forger and cracksman; impersonated Hal Pycroft and murdered watchman at Mawson & Williams   |
| Bermondsey                     | South-eastern metropolitan borough of London; a poor district embracing the Rotherhithe docks and inhabited by dock workers and factory-laborers; Hall Pycroft introduced Holmes to Harry Pinner as being from there                     |
| Birmingham                     | Large manufacturing city in the North Midlands; Holmes & Watson journeyed there to investigate the Hall Pycroft mystery  |
| British Broken Hills           | Australian mining company listed on the London Stock Exchange; their stock went from 7 to 7-and-6 according to Pycroft   |
| <i>British Medical Journal</i> | Journal of the British Medical Association which Watson kept up with current medical procedures  |
| Brussels                       | Capital of Belgium; Franco-Midland Hardware Company supposedly had a branch there  |
| City Police                    | Police organization of the City of London, distinct from Scotland Yard; members of the City Police captured Beddington   |
| City, The                      | (City of London); commercial center of the Metropolis, forming the nucleus of the East   |

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|                                 | End; legally the City is a separate municipality; Hall Pycroft was referred to as a City man   |
| Corporation Street              | One of the major thoroughfares of Birmingham, full of handsome, modern buildings; the Franco-Midland Hardware Company's offices were there                             |
| Coxon                           | Senior partner of Coxon & Woodhouse, stockbrokers for whom Hall Pycroft worked   |
| Day's Music Hall                | Music hall in Birmingham which Harry Pinner recommended  |
| Draper's Gardens                | Small court in the City just north of Throgmorton Street and the Stock Exchange; firm of Coxon & Woodhouse was located there   |
| E.C.                            | (East Central) Designation given to the London postal district which embraces the City   |
| <i>Evening Standard</i>         | London newspaper, evening edition of the <i>Standard</i> ; Watson read the account of the London stock robbery and murder there  |
| Farquhar                        | Practitioner whom Watson purchased his Paddington practice soon after his marriage to Mary Morstan   |
| France                          | Republic in the south-western part of Europe; the Franco-Midland Hardware Company supposedly had 134 branches there  |
| Franco-Midland Hardware Company | Bogus company created by the Beddingtons to deceive Hall Pycroft; the Beddingtons offered Pycroft the position of business manager for the Company                     |
| Fraser, Annie                   | Accomplice of Holy Peters, who played the role his wife, Mrs. Shlessinger to abduct Lady Frances Carfax, and steal her jewelry   |
| Hampstead                       | North-western metropolitan borough of London; mainly residential area; Hall Pycroft lived in the area  |
| Harris                          | Name used by Holmes when he posed as an accountant from Bermondsey in his interview with Harry Pinner of the Franco-Midland Hardware Co., the employer of Hall Pycroft |

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| 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. |
| Lombard Street           | Street in the City, running eastward from the Bank of England to Fenchurch Street, among the busiest thoroughfares in London; the firm of Mawson & Williams, who had hired Hall Pycroft, was there   |
| 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; Hall Pycroft is offered a job at one of the richest houses in London  |
| Mawson & Williams        | London stockbroking firm; they hired Hall Pycroft as a clerk, and did not suspect one of the Beddington brothers had taken his place   |
| Midlands                 | Inland-central part of England, where Hall Pycroft was sent to keep him busy while Beddington took his place at Mawson & Williams  |
| New Street               | Street in Birmingham; Hall Pycroft put up at a hotel there   |
| New Zealand Consolidated | Stock listed on the London Stock Exchange  |
| Paddington               | North-western metropolitan borough of London; Watson bought Dr. Farquhar's medical practice there shortly after his marriage to Mary Morstan   |
| Paris                    | Capital and largest city of France; Hall Pycroft was to manage the Parish depot of the Franco-Midland Hardware Company   |
| Parker                   | Manager of Coxon & Woodhouse, where Hall Pycroft had previously been employed; Mr. Pinner said Mr. Parker had spoken highly of Hall Pycroft  |
| Pinner, Arthur           | Alias of Beddington No. 1, who posed as a financial agent and wanted Hall Pycroft to work for him; he later tried to commit suicide, once the plan was foiled  |
| Pinner, Harry            | The second alias of the first Beddington; Hall Pycroft was supposed to think Harry and Arthur were brothers  |

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| Pollock, Constable | Member of the City Police, who with Sergeant Tuson helped arrest Beddington, the well-known forger after the attempted robbery of the London stockbroking firm of Mawson & Williams   |
| Potter's Terrace   | Street in Hampstead where Hall Pycroft lived at No. 17  |
| Price              | Alias Watson used in his interview with Harry Pinner; Watson claimed to be accountant from Birmingham   |
| Pycroft, Hall      | Stockbroker's clerk whose remarkable experience brought Holmes into the Beddington case; he had been released from his previous employer due to the Venezuelan Loan failure; Pinner offered him the job as manager of the Franco-Midland Hardware Company in Paris  |
| Rome               | Capital of Italy; Harry Pinner reminded Hall Pycroft "Rome was not built in a day"  |
| San Remo           | Seaport and resort town of northern Italy; the Franco-Midland Hardware Company supposedly had a branch there  |
| St. Vitus' Dance   | Popular name for cholera, a nervous disease consisting of involuntary motions; Old Farquahar suffered from such an affliction   |
| Stock Exchange     | Association of London stockbrokers and stock-jobbers, incorporated in 1773; familiarly known as The House, is located just east of the Bank of England; Coxon & Woodhouse and Mawson & Williams were both stock-broking firms belonging to the exchange; Hall Pycroft said he read the Stock Exchange list each morning   |
| Tuson, Sergeant    | Member of the City Police, who arrested Beddington as he left Mawson and Williams after robbing the firm and killing the watchman; the news was so distressing to Beddington's brother, he tried to hang himself  |
| 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 |

Watson, Mary

(Mrs. John H. Watson) nee Morstan, not a great deal is known about her life after she is married to Watson; she was a devoted and thoughtful wife, ever wishing her husband to be happy; it is presumed she passed away sometime between 1891 and 1894, cause unknown; Watson rushed upstairs, explained the matter to his wife, and met Holmes out on the street