



The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XVIII – The Adventure of the Stockbroker’s Clerk

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

	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

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

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