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**THE RETURN OF
SHERLOCK HOLMES.**
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V.—The Adventure of the Priory School.

WE have had some dramatic entrances and exits upon our small stage at Baker Street, but I cannot recollect anything more sudden and startling than the first appearance of Dr. Thorneycroft Hustable, M.A., Ph.D., etc. His card, which seemed too small to carry the weight of his academic distinctions, preceded him by a few seconds, and then he entered himself—so large, so pompous, and so dignified that he was the very embodiment of self-possession and solidity. And yet his first action when the door had closed behind him was to stagger against the table, whence he slipped down upon the floor, and there was that majestic figure prostrate and insensible upon our bearskin hearthrug.

We had sprung to our feet, and for a few moments we stared in silent amazement at this ponderous piece of wreckage, which told of some sudden and fatal storm far out on the ocean of life. Then Holmes hurried with a cushion for his head and I with brandy for his lips. The heavy white face was seamed with lines of trouble, the hanging pouches under the closed eyes were leaden in colour, the loose mouth drooped dolorously at the corners, the rolling chins were unshaven. Collar and shirt bore the grime of a long journey, and the hair bristled unkempt from the well-shaped head. It was a sorely-stricken man who lay before us.

"What is it, Watson?" asked Holmes.

"Absolute exhaustion—possibly mere hunger and fatigue," said I, with my finger on the thready pulse, where the stream of life trickled thin and small.

"Return ticket from Mackleton, in the North of England," said Holmes, drawing it from the watch-pocket. "It is not twelve

o'clock yet. He has certainly been an early starter."

The puckered eyelids had begun to quiver, and now a pair of vacant, grey eyes looked up at us. An instant later the man had scrambled on to his feet, his face crimson with shame.

"Forgive this weakness, Mr. Holmes; I have been a little overrought. Thank you, if I might have a glass of milk and a biscuit I have no doubt that I should be better. I came personally, Mr. Holmes, in order to ensure that you would return with me. I feared that no telegram would convince you of the absolute urgency of the case."

"When you are quite restored—"

"I am quite well again. I cannot imagine how I came to be so weak. I wish you, Mr. Holmes, to come to Mackleton with me by the next train."

My friend shook his head.

"My colleague, Dr. Watson, could tell you that we are very busy at present. I am retained in this case of the Ferrers Documents, and the Abergavenny murder is coming up for trial. Only a very important issue could call me from London at present."

"Important!" Our visitor threw up his hands. "Have you heard nothing of the abduction of the only son of the Duke of Holderness?"

"What! the late Cabinet Minister?"

"Exactly. We had tried to keep it out of the papers, but there was some rumour in the *Globe* last night. I thought it might have reached your ears."

Holmes shot out his long, thin arm and picked out Volume "H" in his encyclopaedia of reference.

"Holderness, 6th Duke, K.G., P.C.—half the alphabet!" "Baron Beverley, Earl of

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SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES

**Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle
DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON**

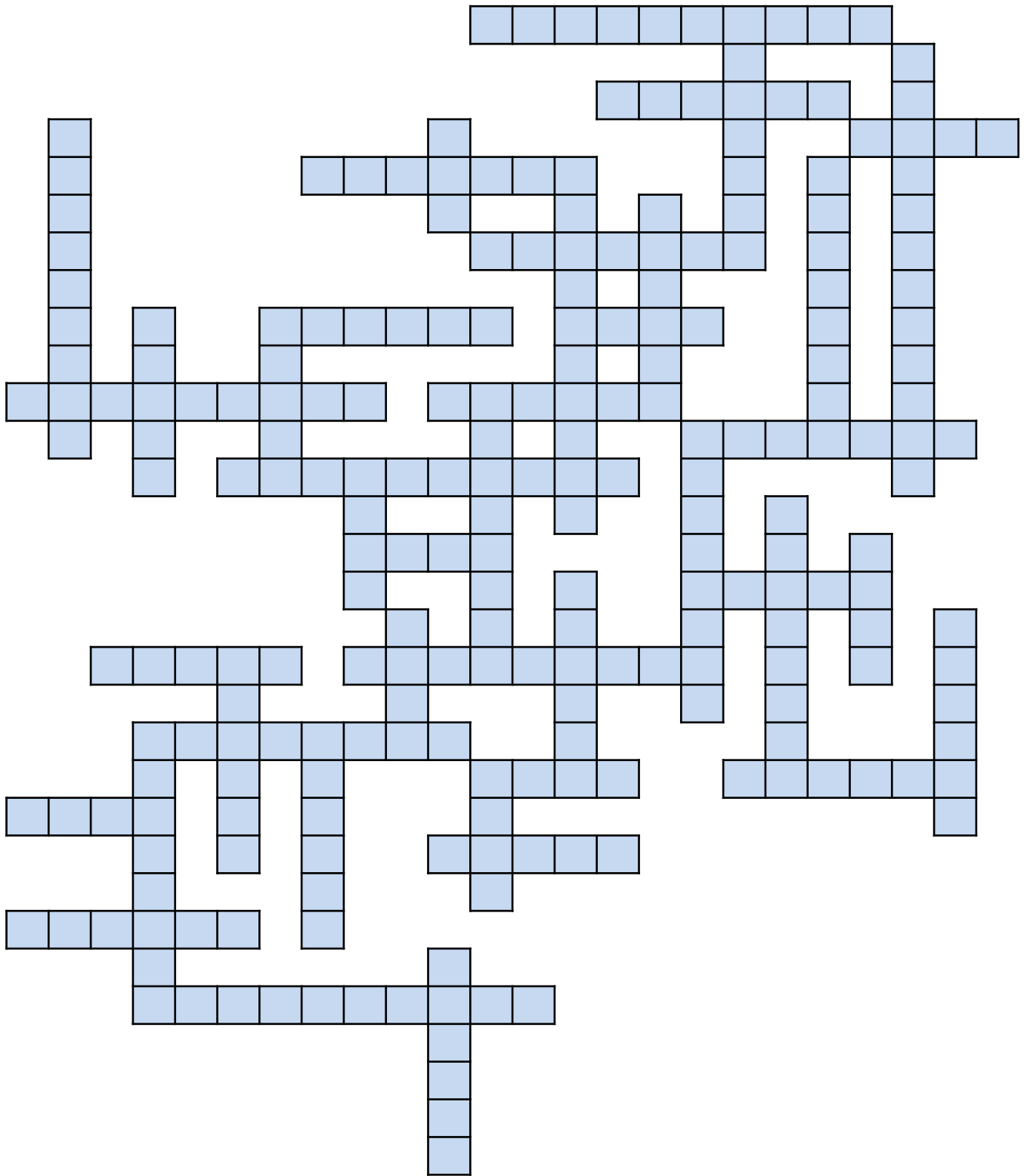
The Return of Sherlock Holmes The Adventure of the Priory School, Part 3

**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.
All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of
vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes,
vols. 1 and 2**

The Priory School (Puzzle #8)

CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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|------|-------|--------|--------|---------|----------|------------|--------------|
| BAG | ROLL | MARKS | GENIAL | | | | |
| BROW | SHED | MOORS | MOROSE | UTMOST | THREADY | PUBLICAN | DEPLORABLY |
| LEST | SLIP | WATCH | PALLID | ZENITH | BLANDEST | SOLIDITY | DOLOROUSLY |
| NOTE | WELL | ABSURD | POINTS | FALLACY | CONSUMED | FORTNIGHT | EMBODIMENT |
| PEAK | DUCAL | ARABLE | RANSOM | SQUALID | CULPABLE | HEARTHURUG | PREPARTORY |
| POST | GORSE | CHARGE | REMISS | STONILY | INCISIVE | INTIMATED | SCRUPULOUSLY |

The Priory School (Puzzle #9)

Across

3. _____ - beaten
5. Wildly unreasonable
7. Eat a light fare
9. Person holding another
12. Expressing sorrow or pain
14. To and _____
15. Side - _____
17. In proximity; close by
18. Mail
23. Soreness; pain
24. Deserving of blame or censure
27. Struck vesta or turn on lamp
29. Covered with a thin coating or film
30. Small lodging for travelers
31. Penetrating, clear, and sharp
32. Dirty and wretched
33. Works produced by human creative skills
35. Relating to education in school
41. Sound or series of sounds by the reflection of sound waves
44. Dramatic work in one or more acts
45. Showing no strong emotion
46. Sheep - _____
47. Be good at proficient in an activity
48. _____ - of - the - way
49. _____ - shaped
50. Lowest point or part of something
52. Small out-building
57. Not pretty
58. Spiny shrub with fragrant yellow flowers
59. Eaten
62. Friendly and cheerful
64. Fixed; with no change
66. Frozen water
67. Two weeks
68. State of being firm or strong in structure
69. Remove something from something larger
70. Action of fleeing or attempting to escape
71. Tangle or visible form of an idea or feeling

Down

1. Residue of a wound
2. Cardboard - _____
4. Member of the lowest order of the British nobility
6. With great effort to avoid doing wrong
7. Cunning
8. Stiff brim at the front of a cap
10. Keeper of a pub
11. Low, swampy areas
13. Be in a position in which one's weight is supported by one's buttocks
16. Abnormally pale
19. Yellow combustible non-metal
20. Scarcely perceptible
21. Implied or hinted
22. _____ - pocket
23. Used or suitable for growing crops
25. Thin piece of metal with sharp point and round head
26. With the intention of preventing something; to avoid the risk of
28. Terribly
34. Apartment or house
36. Money paid to recover someone kidnapped
37. Items or details in an extended discussion
38. _____ - book
39. Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone
40. Mistaken belief; based on unsound argument
42. Rug laid on a floor in front of a fireplace
43. Lacking care or attention to duty
50. Post - _____
51. Have an obligation to pay or repay a debt
53. Like a duke or dukedom
54. Termination
55. Shrubs
56. Deceitful or treacherous person
59. Responsibility of taking care of someone
60. Extremely large house, usually two or more stories
61. Top; peak
63. _____ - day system
65. List of attendees
66. One thing on a list

The Priory School (Puzzle #7)

I	T	I	S	I	M	P	O	S	S	S	Y	I	B	D	L
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T	T	C	H	C	T	A	W	D	A	N	U	R	H	A	N
D	N	I	U	T	I	H	W	E	R	A	O	A	M	L	E
E	F	E	D	L	O	L	R	O	L	E	R	N	O	I	G
M	Y	Y	M	I	P	U	B	I	R	G	O	S	R	S	T
P	R	E	L	I	L	A	D	U	E	B	L	O	O	I	N
H	O	T	V	I	D	O	B	S	P	F	O	M	S	O	M
E	T	I	S	I	N	O	S	L	O	Y	D	E	E	T	R
A	R	E	N	O	S	O	B	R	E	L	S	P	E	S	C
R	A	T	H	T	P	I	T	M	E	S	L	I	P	O	A
T	P	E	A	K	S	N	C	S	E	U	V	E	E	M	S
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G	M	T	H	R	E	A	D	Y	B	P	R	O	O	N	N
G	M	A	R	K	S	T	U	Y	A	U	Y	L	I	V	E
R	B	L	A	N	D	E	S	T	G	R	L	T	L	L	Z
E	S	R	O	G	H	D	P	Z	Y	C	A	L	L	A	F
C	O	N	S	U	M	E	D	V	L	S	L	R	C	V	B
R	E	M	I	S	S	Z	F	N	E	L	B	A	R	A	V

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AS I
 STATE IT AND THEREFORE
 I MUST IN SOME RESPECT
 HAVE STATED IT WRONG

The Priory School (Puzzle #8)

