



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXXIV – The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton

1. Can you surmise what really happened?
2. Why was there electricity in Hampstead but not in Baker Street?
3. Was it unlike Holmes not to study the calling card?
4. Shouldn't Holmes have had someone else interview Milverton for him?
5. If hundreds turned white, how rampant was questionable conduct?
6. Is blackmail less likely today?
7. Who determined the Lady Eva's beauty standing?
8. Did the impecunious young squire sell the letters?
9. How would Milverton have delivered the letters?
10. Could Milverton hold back some letters for future blackmail?
11. Did fear of blackmail serve a useful social function?
12. Was social class a reason to rank spousal abuse as less serious than blackmail?
13. Is an intellectual head apt to be bald?
14. Was refusing to shake hands good salesmanship?
15. What would an imprudent sprightly letter say?
16. Was Milverton wise to let Watson listen in? Compare Watson's function as a witness in this story and in DYIN.
17. Is it blackmail if the price is impossibly high?



18. Does “swagger” refer to a stick?
19. Was “walking out” customary in winter?
20. What are money bags?
21. What did Holmes wear as silent shoes?
22. Would a theatergoer wear tennis shoes?
23. Are the great criminals (and great detectives) unmarried?
24. Why were Holmes and Watson presumably unarmed?
25. Can night vision be cultivated?
26. Does a bullet to the chest result in falling forward?
27. How did the “woman” get away safely?
28. Did Agatha employ Holmes in a second “Case of Identity”?
29. Did the objective warrant interrupting lunch?

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