



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXXIV – The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton

Appledore Towers	Hampstead house of Charles Augustus Milverton; fifteen minute walk from Church Row
Athene	Minerva by the Romans, in classical mythology, the goddess of the intellectual powers; a bust of Athene was located in the home of Charles Augustus Milverton
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
Blackwell, Lady Eva	To be married to the Earl of Dovercourt, and blackmailed by Milverton
Brackenstall, Lady Eva	Holmes' client in the Milverton case
Church Row	Residential street in Hampstead; Holmes and Watson took a hansom as far as Church Row on their way to burgle Appledore Towers
D'Albert, Countess	Noblewoman whose named by Milverton's assassin to gain an appointment with the blackmailer; the assassin posed as a servant of the Countess who was willing to sell compromising letters about her mistress
Dorking, Colonel	Victim of Charles Augustus Milverton, who would not pay the 1200 pound blackmail required by Milverton
Dovercourt, Earl of	Intended husband of Lady Eva Brackwell; Milverton seeks blackmail money to keep imprudent letters written by Lady Brackwell from the Earl

Escott	Alias used by Holmes in his wooing of Milverton's housemaid, Agatha, to gain information about the manor, and to ensure the dogs were not loose when Holmes and Watson burgled the house
Hampstead	North-western metropolitan borough of London; mainly residential area; Charles Augustus Milverton's residence, Appledore Tower, was in the area
Hampstead Heath	Open space of diverse topography which featured broken heights and wild, furze-covered expanses; Holmes and Watson fled across the Heath after the murder of Milverton
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.
Lestrade, G.	Inspector at Scotland Yard; Holmes refused to consult with him in finding the killers of Charles Augustus Milverton
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; Holmes indicated Milverton was the worst man in London
London Season	Months of May, June, and July, when Parliament is sitting, the aristocracy are at their town residences, and the world's great artists are performing in the metropolis; Lady Eva Blackwell was the most beautiful debutante of the season before her marriage
Miles, Miss	Victim of Charles Augustus Milverton, who ruined her pending marriage to Colonel Dorking over £1200, over some imprudent documents
Milverton, Charles Augustus	Man whom Holmes called "the worst man in London", and "the king of blackmailers"; he blackmailed Holmes's client, Lady Eva Blackstall for £7000, prompting Holmes and Watson to burgle his home for the letters implicating Blackstall; there they witnessed the murder of Milverton by a noblewoman whose life he had ruined; Holmes destroyed most of the blackmailing documents from Milverton's safe in the fireplace
<i>Morning Post</i>	Oldest of the existing London papers, founded in 1772; notice of the cancellation of the wedding between Colonel Dorking and Miss Miles was published there

Oxford Street	One of the principal streets in London, running from Holborn into the West End; Holmes and Watson took a cab to Hampstead from Oxford Street to burgle Milverton's house
Peerage	In Great Britain, the rank of dignity of a peer, a holder of the title of one of the five degrees of hereditary nobility: Duke, Earl, Viscount, and Baron; the Earl of Dovercourt was a peer
Pickwick, Samuel	Genial hero of Dickens' <i>Pickwick Papers</i> , whom Watson said Charles Augustus Milverton resembled except for his insincere smile and hard eyes
Regent Circus	Name given to either of two circuses in Westminster, popularly known as Oxford Circus and Piccadilly Circus; Holmes and Watson walked toward Regent Circus to view the photograph of Charles Augustus Milverton's assassin
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
Squire	In England, courtesy title of the chief landed proprietor, usually the lord of the manor, in a parish; Lady Eva Blackwell was blackmailed with several imprudent letters she once wrote to an impecunious young country squire
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
Zoo, The	(Zoological Gardens) In Regent's Park in London, maintained by the Zoological Society, founded in 1826; Charles Augustus Milverton impressed Holmes, he said, in the same way as did the serpents in the Zoo