

## Adventure XXXVI – The Adventure of the Three Students

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Paul Churchill once quipped he had a hard time studying for Sherlockian quizzes, so inspired by Simon Goodenough's *A Study in Scarlet – A Sherlock Holmes Murder Dossier*, Paul began collecting Canonical artifacts around 1990 to help him remember each story. Over 1,500 artifacts later, Paul's 'Evidence Boxes' became legendary in the Sherlockian world as he displayed them at numerous Scion meetings.

What Paul could not find, he made. He became known as a master forger, and 'created' numerous 'genuine faux' objects, such as letters, documents, and telegrams. Paul was invested in the Baker Street Irregulars in 2006 as "Corot." After Paul's passing, the Evidence Boxes were bequeathed to Watson's Tin Box Scion Society, a Society Paul co-founded in 1989. Debbie Clark has maintained the Boxes and continues the practice of displaying the items from one of the Boxes at each society meeting.

Beth Austin assisted in this effort by photographing, annotating the items, and finding the quotes for many of the items, while Denny Dobry and Rusty Mason supported Paul's efforts by photographing each of the items, as well as developing a comprehensive inventory with notations of item's mentioned in the story. Each of the Boxes is posted with permission of Debbie Clark and Jacquelynn Morris.



Pictured are several toiletries labeled 'Gilchrist & Soames' from the Algonquin Hotel in New York. It is assumed Professor Soames and Gilchrist went into business at some point.



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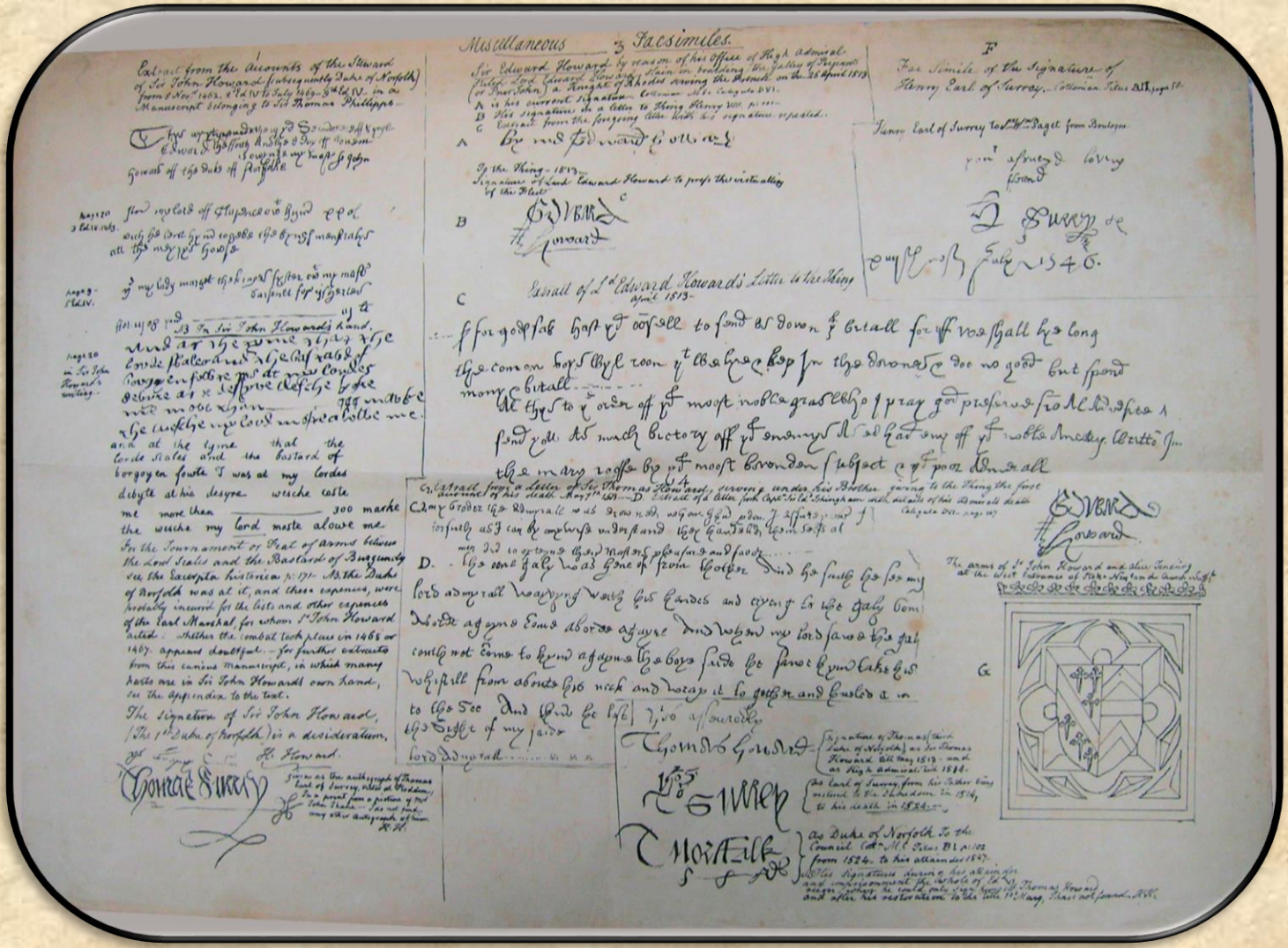
Thank you again.

Hilton Soames

Mr. Sherlock Holmes  
221 B Baker Street  
London W1

Pictured is the University postal card from Soames to Holmes expressing gratitude over the solution of the case.





Pictured are the notes Holmes took while studying early English charters at the College library.

From the story:  
We were residing at the time in furnished lodgings close to a library where Sherlock Holmes was pursuing some laborious researches in early English charters...



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θυμότερον προσχωρεῖν ἐτοῖμοι ἦσαν τοῦ τε Ἀρχωνίδου νεωστὶ τεθνηκότος, ὃς τῶν ταύτη Σικελῶν βασιλεύων τινῶν καὶ ὧν οὐκ ἀδύνατος τοῖς Ἀθηναίοις φίλος ἦν, καὶ τοῦ Γυλίππου ἐκ Λακεδαιμόνος προθύμως δοκοῦντος ἦκειν. καὶ ὁ μὲν Γυλίππος ἀναλαβὼν τῶν τε σφετέρων ναυτῶν καὶ ἐπιβατῶν τοὺς ὀπλισμένους ἑπτακοσίους μάλιστα, Ἱμεραίους δὲ ὀπλίτας καὶ ψιλοὺς ξυναμφοτέρους χιλίους καὶ ἰππέας ἑκατὸν καὶ Σελινουντίων τέ τινας ψιλοὺς καὶ ἰππέας καὶ Γελῶν ὀλίγους, Σικελῶν τε ἐς χιλίους τοὺς πάντας, ἐχώρει πρὸς τὰς Συρακούσας.

## THUCYDIDES

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ταρουσῶν ἐν τῷ Ῥηγίῳ, ἃς ὁ Νικίας ὄμως, πυνθανόμενος αὐτοὺς ἐν Λοκροῖς εἶναι, ἀπέστειλεν. φθάσαντες δὲ τὴν φυλακὴν ταύτην περιουῖνται διὰ τοῦ πορθμοῦ, καὶ σχόντες Ῥηγίῳ καὶ Μεσσήνῃ ἀφικνοῦνται ἐς Ἱμέραν. ἐκεῖ δὲ ὄντες τοὺς τε Ἱμεραίους ἐπείσαν ξυμπολεμεῖν, καὶ αὐτοὺς τε ἐπεισθαι καὶ τοῖς ἐκ τῶν νεῶν τῶν σφετέρων ναύταις ὅσοι μὴ εἶχον ὄπλα παρασχεῖν (τὰς γὰρ ναῦς ἀνείλκυσαν ἐν Ἱμέρα), καὶ τοὺς Σελινουντίους πέμψαντες ἐκέλευον ἀπαντᾶν στρατιᾷ ἐς τι χωρίον. πέμψειν δὲ τιν' αὐτοῖς ὑπέσχοντο στρατιᾶν οὐ πολλὴν καὶ οἱ Γελῶι καὶ τῶν Σικελῶν τινες, οἳ πολὺ προ-

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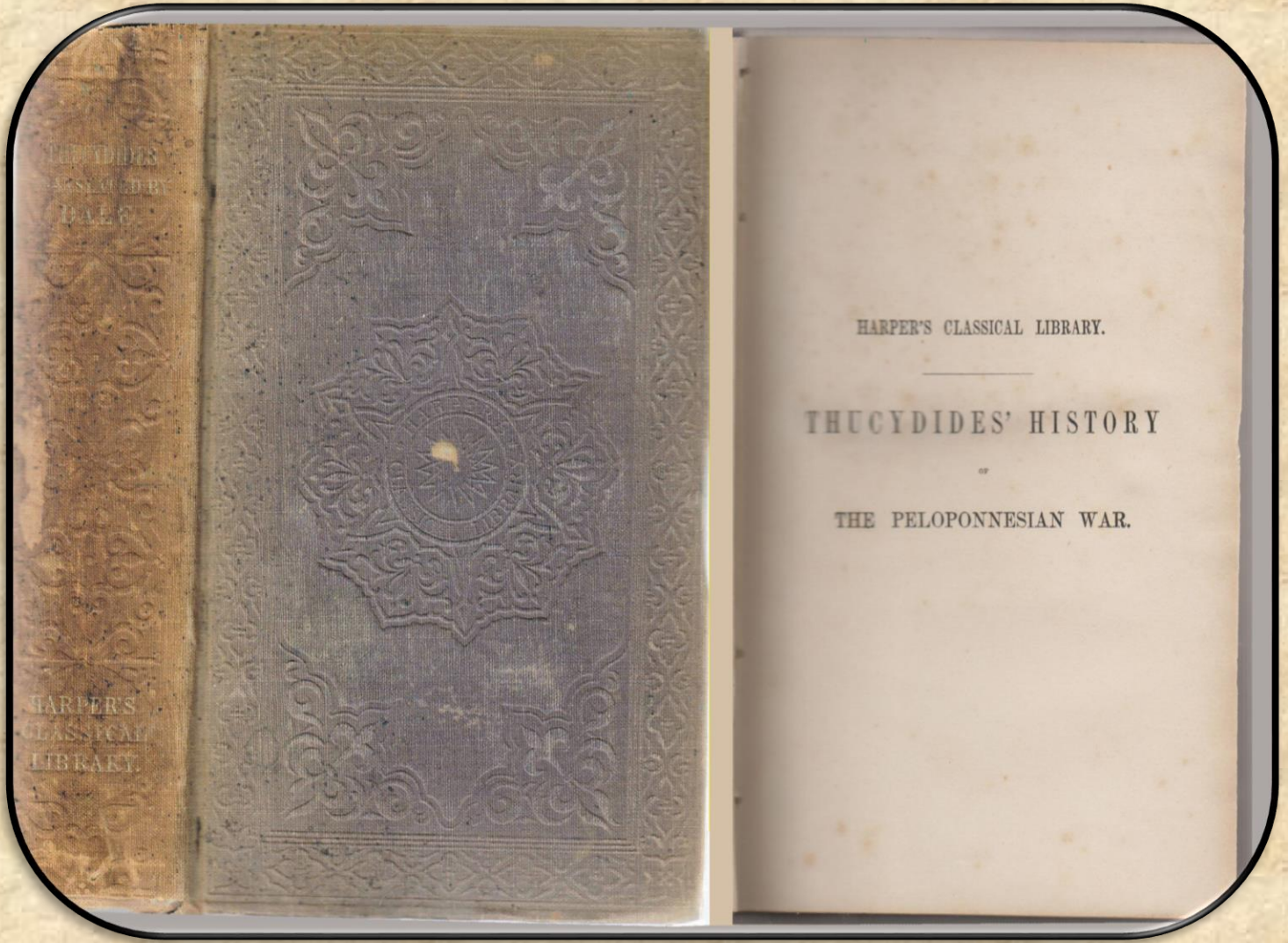
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I. Ὁ δὲ Γυλίππος καὶ ὁ Πυθῆν ἐκ τοῦ Τάραντος, ἐπεὶ ἐπεσκεύασαν τὰς ναῦς, παρέπλευσαν ἐς Λοκροὺς τοὺς Ἐπιζεφυρίους. καὶ πυνθανόμενοι σαφέστερον ἤδη ὅτι οὐ παντελῶς πω ἀποτειχισμένοι αἱ Συράκουσαί εἰσιν, ἀλλ' ἔτι οἷον τε κατὰ τὰς Ἐπιπολὰς στρατιᾷ ἀφικομένους ἐσελθεῖν, ἐβουλεύοντο εἴτ' ἐν δεξιᾷ λαβόντες τὴν Σικελίαν διακινδυνεύσωσιν ἐσπλευσαι, εἴτ' ἐν ἀριστερᾷ ἐς Ἱμέραν πρῶτον πλεύσαντες καὶ αὐτοὺς τε ἐκείνους καὶ στρατιᾶν ἄλλην προσλαβόντες, οὓς ἂν πείθωσι, κατὰ γῆν ἔλθωσιν. καὶ ἔδοξεν αὐτοῖς ἐπὶ τῆς Ἱμέρας πλεῖν, ἄλλως τε καὶ τῶν Ἀττικῶν τεσσάρων νεῶν οὐπω

Pictured are three pages from Thucydides' Peloponnesian War, the sheets left on Soames' study table.

From the story:

'The exercise consists of half a chapter of Thucydides. I had to read it over carefully, as the text must be absolutely correct.'



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Pictured is the 1861 Thucydides' book in English, the reference Soames used for the Fortescue Scholarship Exams.

From the story:

'I must explain to you, Mr Holmes, that tomorrow is the first day of the examination for the Fortescue Scholarship. I am one of the examiners. My subject is Greek, and the first of the papers consists of a large passage of Greek translation which the candidate has not seen.'





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Pictured is the key Hilton Soames servant, Bannister, left in the door, allowing entry into the professor's study.

From the story:

'As I approached my outer door I was amazed to see a key in it. For an instant I imagined that I had left my own there, but on feeling in my pocket I found that it was all right.'



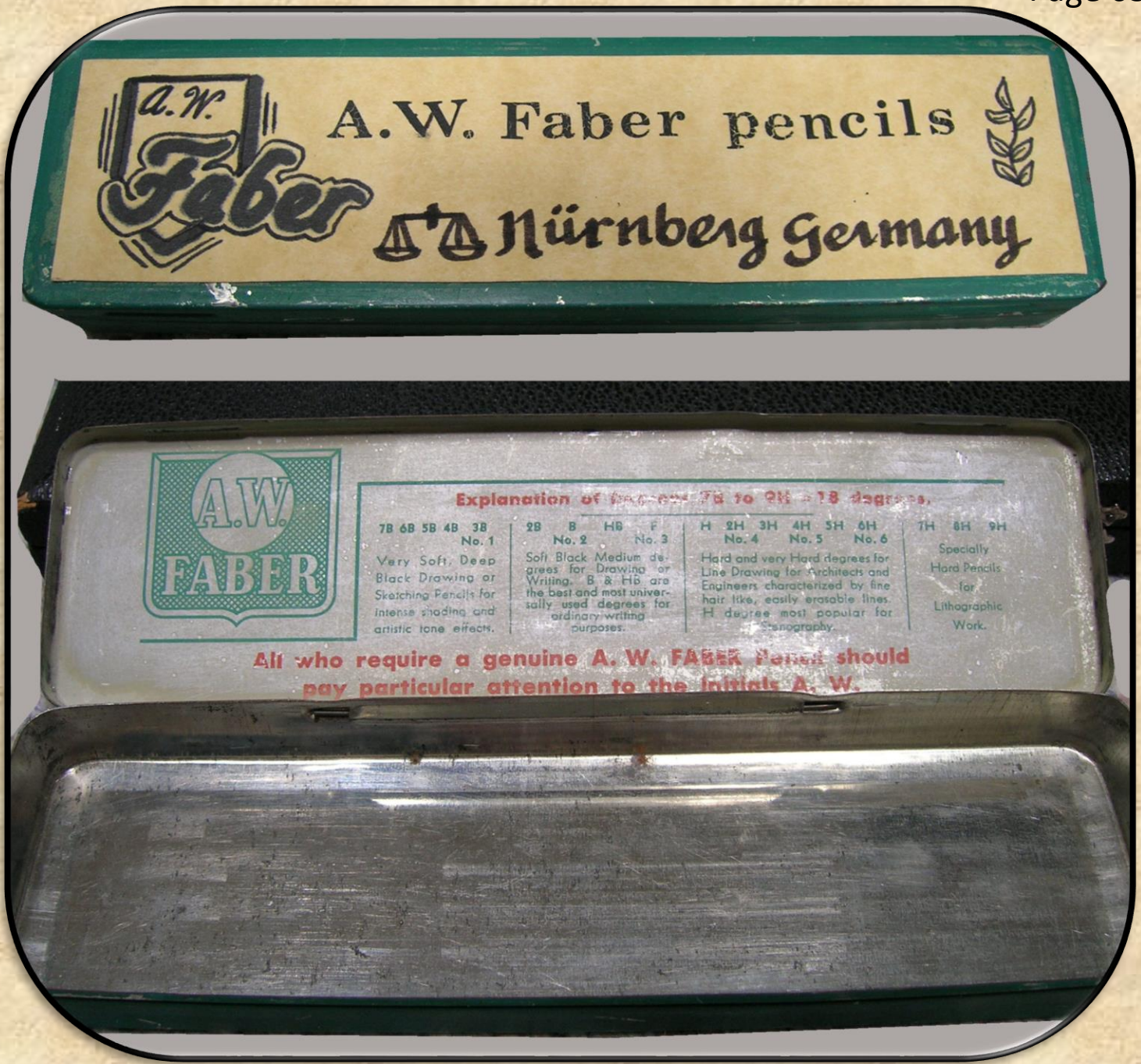
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Pictured is a Johann Faber dip pen, mechanical pencil, and letter opener in a morocco leather case.

From the story:

‘You are aware that Johann Faber is the most common maker's name.’





Pictured is a Johana Faber pencil box. Holmes determined deduced from the pencil shavings the pencil used to copy the exam was manufactured by Johann Faber.

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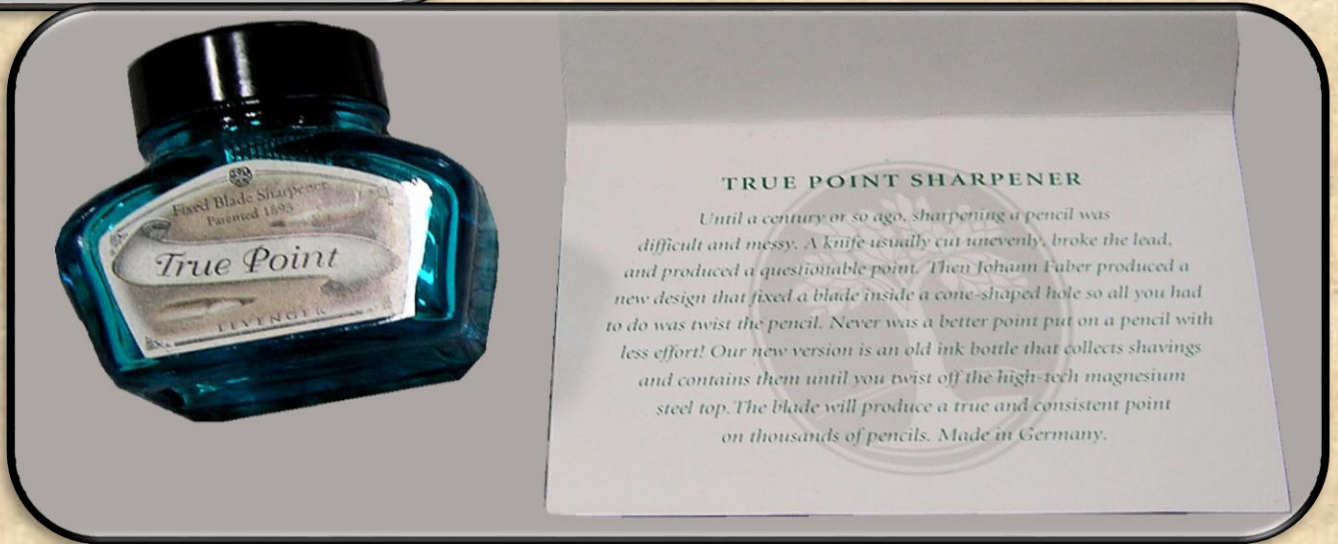
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Pictured are the conical or pyramidal black masses with sawdust imbedded in them -- one from Soames' study table, one from Soames' bedroom, and one from the jumping pit.

From the story:

'Roughly pyramidal in shape and hollowed out, I perceive. As you say, there appear to be grains of sawdust in it.'





Pictured is the patented Johann Faber pencil sharpener which Gilchrist used on the pencil, as well as a modern Levenger version.

From the story:

‘Well, he wrote so furiously that he broke his pencil, and had, as you observe, to sharpen it again.’



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Pictured is the end of the pencil used by Gilchrist. The 'nn' chip which Holmes found gave him the clue of the pencil manufacturer.

From the story:

'Is it not clear that there is just as much of the pencil left as usually follows the Johann?'





Pictured are cigarette cricket cards. Gilchrist was a cricket player at the college.

From the story:

‘The lower of the three is Gilchrist, a fine scholar and athlete; plays in the Rugby team and the cricket team for the college.’



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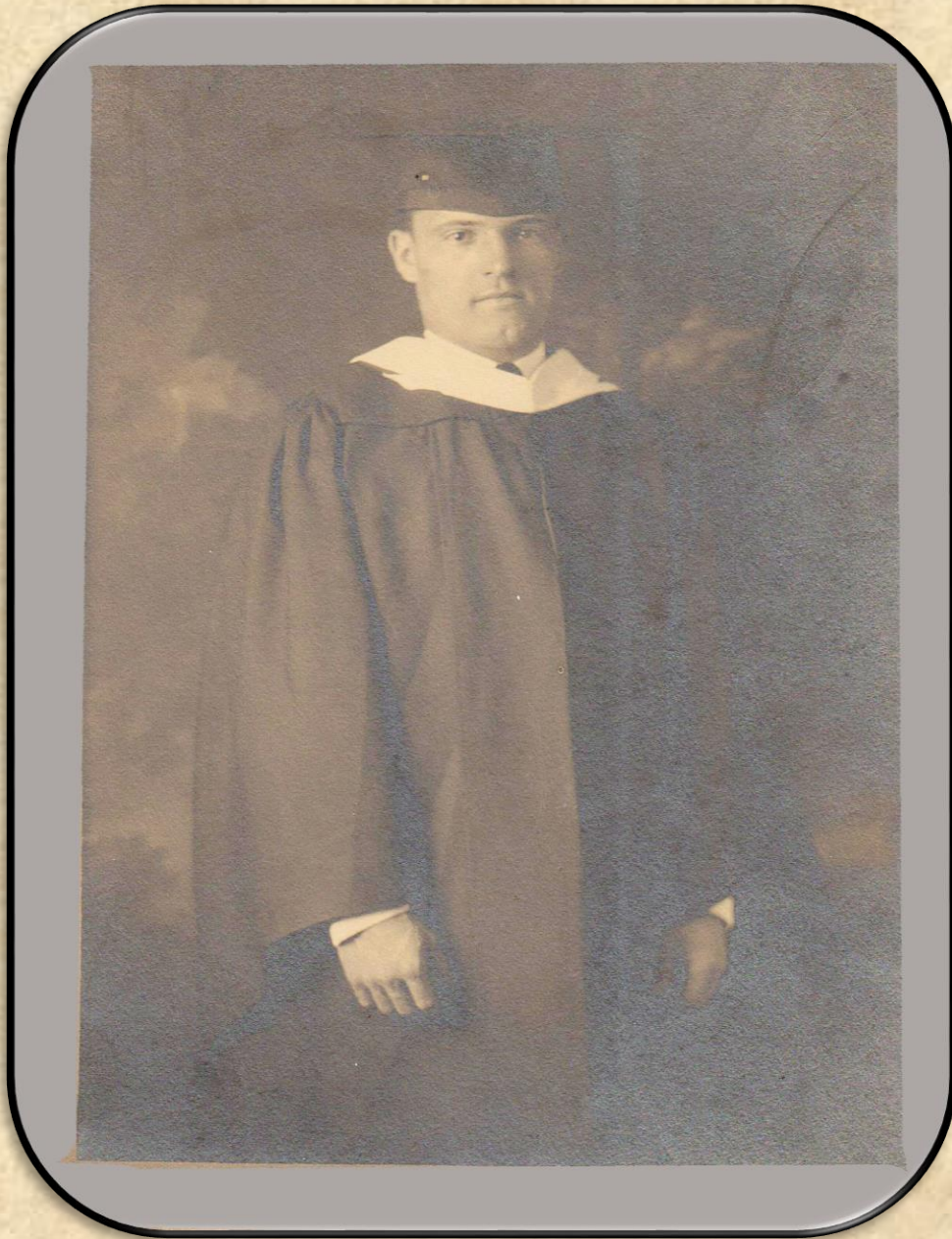
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Pictured is a July 1900 advertisement for Benetfink & Company's Sports and Games Catalogue, showing cricket bats and balls.

From the story:

'The lower of the three is Gilchrist, a fine scholar and athlete; plays in the Rugby team and the cricket team for the college.'





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Pictured is the cabinet photograph of Gilchrist at his preparatory school graduation.

From the story:

‘The lower of the three is Gilchrist, a fine scholar and athlete; plays in the Rugby team and the cricket team for the college, and got his Blue for the hurdles and the long jump.’



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Pictured are Gilchrist's gloves, which he left behind in the tutor's study, tipping off Bannister that Gilchrist was behind the break-in.

From the story:

'He put his gloves on the chair, and he took the proofs, sheet by sheet, to copy them. He forgot his gloves, but he caught up his shoes and darted into the bedroom.'





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Pictured are Gilcrest's shoes, which scratched the table and left soil plugs on the table and in the bedroom where he hid.

From the story:

'He forgot his gloves, but he caught up his shoes and darted into the bedroom. You observe that the scratch on that table is slight at one side, but deepens in the direction of the bedroom door. That in itself is enough to show us that the shoes had been drawn in that direction.'

6 April 1895

Dear Mr. Soames,

I have determined not  
to go in for the examination.

I have been offered a commission  
in the Rhodesian Police, and  
I am going out to South Africa  
at once.

Sincerely,  
A. Gilchrist

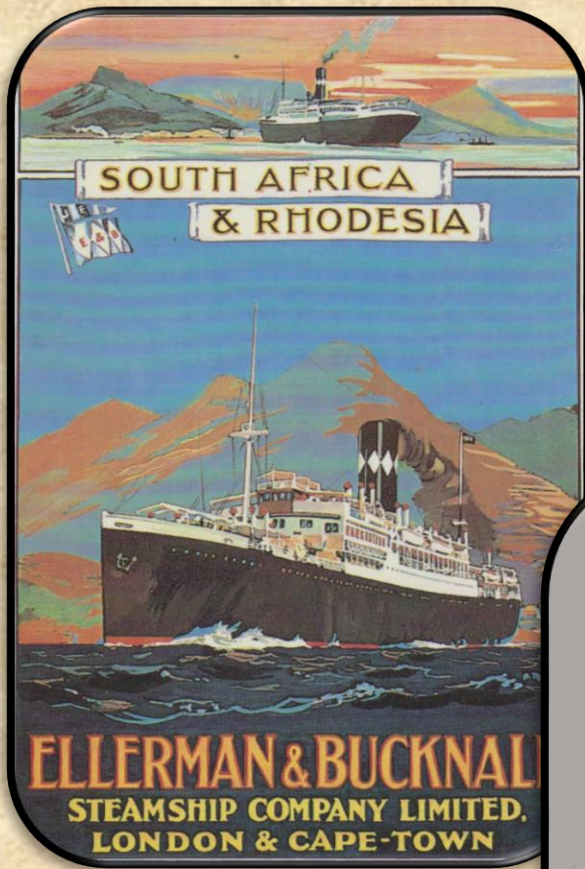
Mr. Hilton Soames  
St Luke's College

Pictured is letter from Gilchrist to Soames announcing the former's intention to emigrate to Rhodesia.

From the story:

'I have a letter here, Mr Soames, which I wrote to you early this morning in the middle of a restless night. You will see that I have said, "I have determined not to go in for the examination. I have been offered a commission in the Rhodesian Police, and I am going out to South Africa at once.'





Pictured is a postal card for the Ellerman & Bucknall Steamship Co. Limited, London to Cape Town, for trips to South Africa and Rhodesia. Also pictured is Gilcrest's badge as a Rhodesian policeman.

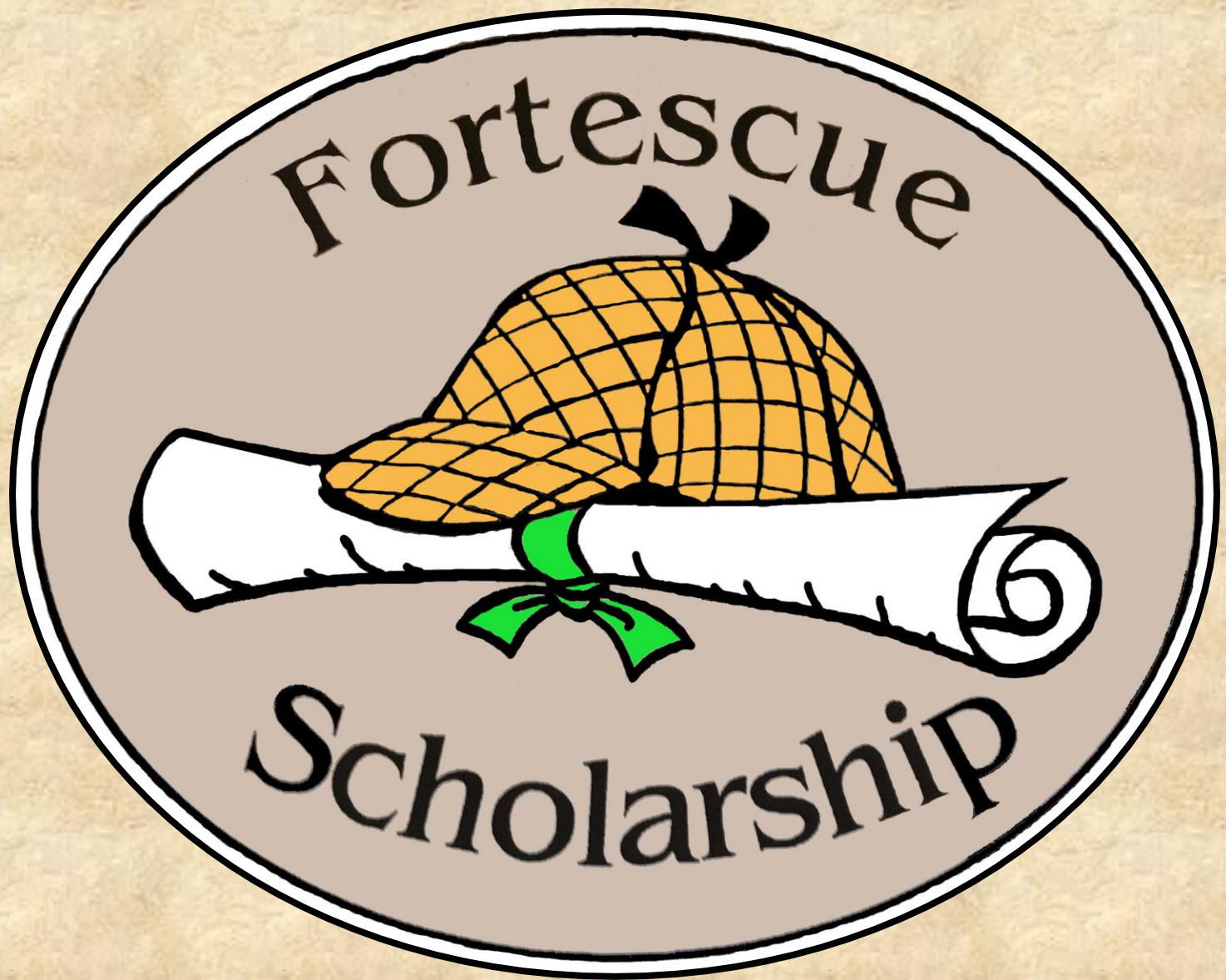
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Additional items of interest  
in “The Adventure of the  
Three Students” not  
included in the original  
Evidence Box.





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Pictured is the logo developed by the Watsonian Society for the Fortescue Scholarship Exam program for Sherlockians to participate in.

From the story:

‘I must explain to you, Mr Holmes, that to-morrow is the first day of the examination for the Fortescue Scholarship. I am one of the examiners.’



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Pictured a postal card for the College of St. Luke's, where Soames was a tutor.

From the story:

Here it was that one evening we received a visit from an acquaintance, Mr Hilton Soames, tutor and lecturer at the College of St Luke's.





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Pictured is Soame's desk, where the proofs for the exam were located. On the bottom right is an obvious tear in the red leather top.

From the story:

'Dear me, this is very interesting. And the cut - a positive tear, I see. It began with a thin scratch and ended in a jagged hole.'