



## The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure XXXVII -- The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez

**Compilation of quizzes from the Diogenes Club and the Crew of the Barque Lone Star**

1.	Why is Inspector Stanley Hopkins perplexed over the apparent murder of Willoughby Smith?	
2.	What position did Mr. Smith hold in Professor Coram's household?	
3.	Who heard Mr. Smith's scream and then subsequently discovered him dying in the professor's study?	
4.	How did Mr. Smith die?	
5.	What were Mr. Smith's last words?	
6.	What evidence is found in the dead man's hand?	
7.	What clue leads Holmes to believe that a portion of the professor's bookcase opens to a secret room?	
8.	What clue convinces Holmes that the professor is hiding someone?	
9.	Why does Holmes believe that the person who committed the murder is still in the house?	
10.	How does Anna Coram escape punishment for her crime?	
11.	In writing about The Return of Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle comments that in his first four stories he had "three bullseyes and an outer." What was the outer?	
12.	Conan Doyle refused a knighthood because he believed it was honoring his talent as the creator of Sherlock Holmes. He eventually accepted on what basis?	
13.	In what year did the adventure take place?	
14.	What was the name of the banker who experienced a horrible death?	
15.	What was the name of the Boulevard assassin?	

16.	What honor did the French President bestow upon Holmes?	
17.	Who was the detective that discovered the golden pince-nez?	
18.	Of what did Holmes claim to be a connoisseur?	
19.	From where did the documents that the professor analyzed come?	
20.	In what year was this adventure first published?	
21.	Who was the founder of the honor bestowed on Holmes by the French President?	
22.	What is a palimpsest?	
23.	In what century was the palimpsest that Holmes was attempting to decipher written?	
24.	What month is this case set?	
25.	Where did Willoughby Smith go to College?	
26.	What is unique about pince-nez versus normal eye glasses?	
27.	What did Coram use to travel around his house and estate?	
28.	What was the name of Professor Coram's home?	
29.	Where did Coram's cigarettes come from (country)?	
30.	What covered the floor on both corridors leading from the Professor's study?	
31.	How many cigarettes does Professor Coram buy each year?	
32.	How many cigarettes did Holmes smoke while in the Professor's bed chamber?	
33.	Chubb makes what?	
34.	Who lived in a cottage on the grounds of Yoxley Old Place?	
35.	Alexis works in _____ in _____?	
36.	What was "ivory"?	
37.	Name 5 countries that are referred to in the narrative?	
38.	How many hours after the murder did Holmes solve the case?	
39.	Sergius and Anna were considered what?	
40.	The gardener at Yoxley Old Place was a veteran of what?	
41.	What are the two absurd theories that the professor offer for the cause of Willoughby Smith's death?	
42.	By what physical trait did Susan Tarlton recognize Smith?	

<b>Answers</b>		
1.	Why is Inspector Stanley Hopkins perplexed over the apparent murder of Willoughby Smith?	<b>He cannot discover a motive for the murder</b>
2.	What position did Mr. Smith hold in Professor Coram's household?	<b>Personal secretary</b>
3.	Who heard Mr. Smith's scream and then subsequently discovered him dying in the professor's study?	<b>Susan Tarlton – the maid</b>
4.	How did Mr. Smith die?	<b>Stabbed in the carotid artery with a sealing-wax knife</b>
5.	What were Mr. Smith's last words?	<b>"The professor, it was a she"</b>
6.	What evidence is found in the dead man's hand?	<b>A golden pince-nez</b>
7.	What clue leads Holmes to believe that a portion of the professor's bookcase opens to a secret room?	<b>He smoked several cigarettes in front of the bookcase and noticed later that the ashes were disturbed – indicating that the case had swung open since the last time he had been in the room</b>
8.	What clue convinces Holmes that the professor is hiding someone?	<b>The professor's consumption of food increased</b>
9.	Why does Holmes believe that the person who committed the murder is still in the house?	<b>The murderer lost a pince-nez and could not see well enough to escape</b>
10.	How does Anna Coram escape punishment for her crime?	<b>Commits suicide by drinking poison</b>
11.	In writing about The Return of Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle comments that in his first four stories he had "three bullseyes and an outer." What was the outer?	<b>"The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist"</b>
12.	Conan Doyle refused a knighthood because he believed it was honoring his talent as the creator of Sherlock Holmes. He eventually accepted on what basis?	<b>The honor was for his contributions to the Boer War efforts and he accepted on behalf of British soldiers</b>
13.	In what year did the adventure take place?	<b>1894</b>
14.	What was the name of the banker who experienced a horrible death?	<b>Crosby</b>
15.	What was the name of the Boulevard assassin?	<b>Huret</b>
16.	What honor did the French President bestow upon Holmes?	<b>The Order of the Legion of Honour</b>

17.	Who was the detective that discovered the golden pince-nez?	<b>Stanley Hopkins</b>
18.	Of what did Holmes claim to be a connoisseur?	<b>Cigarettes</b>
19.	From where did the documents that the professor analyzed come?	<b>Monasteries of Syria and Egypt</b>
20.	In what year was this adventure first published?	<b>1904</b>
21.	Who was the founder of the honor bestowed on Holmes by the French President?	<b>Napoleon</b>
22.	What is a palimpsest?	<b>Any material from which writing has been removed to make room for another text</b>
23.	In what century was the palimpsest that Holmes was attempting to decipher written?	<b>15th century</b>
24.	What month is this case set?	<b>November</b>
25.	Where did Willoughby Smith go to College?	<b>Cambridge</b>
26.	What is unique about pince-nez versus normal eye glasses?	<b>No ear pieces</b>
27.	What did Coram use to travel around his house and estate?	<b>A bath chair</b>
28.	What was the name of Professor Coram's home?	<b>Yoxley Old Place</b>
29.	Where did Coram's cigarettes come from (country)?	<b>Egypt</b>
30.	What covered the floor on both corridors leading from the Professor's study?	<b>Coconut matting</b>
31.	How many cigarettes does Professor Coram buy each year?	<b>26,000 (2,000 each fortnight)</b>
32.	How many cigarettes did Holmes smoke while in the Professor's bed chamber?	<b>5</b>
33.	Chubb makes what?	<b>Keys and locks</b>
34.	Who lived in a cottage on the grounds of Yoxley Old Place?	<b>Mortimer the gardener</b>
35.	Alexis works in _____ in _____?	<b>a salt mine      Siberia</b>
36.	What was "ivory"?	<b>The handle of the sealing wax knife</b>
37.	Name 5 countries that are referred to in the narrative?	<b>England, Syria, Egypt, Russia, France</b>
38.	How many hours after the murder did Holmes solve the case?	<b>Between 26 and 27</b>
39.	Sergius and Anna were considered what?	<b>Reformers (Nihilist Revolutionists)</b>

40.	The gardener at Yoxley Old Place was a veteran of what?	<b>The Crimean War</b>
41.	What are the two absurd theories that the professor offer for the cause of Willoughby Smith's death?	<b>That his death was an accident or a suicide</b>
42.	By what physical trait did Susan Tarlton recognize Smith?	<b>..His quick, firm tread</b>

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