



## The Return of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure XXXIX – The Adventure of the Abbey Grange

Abbey Grange	House of Sir Eustace Brackenstall, at Marsham in Kent; Brackenstall was murdered, and Inspector Hopkins asked Holmes to consult on the death
Adelaide	Capitol of South Australia; Mary Fraser (Lady Brackenstall) was from there
Adelaide-Southampton Company	Principal steamship company to Australia with London offices “at the end of Pall Mall”; Holmes felt the next move was to inquire there; Jack Crocker served aboard the company’s liner <i>Rock of Gibraltar</i> and later became captain of the new ship <i>Bass Rock</i>
Alcuin	Albinus Flaccus; English scholar and religious reformer; quoted by Holmes, <i>vox populi, vox dei</i>
Australia	Smallest of the continents; since 1901 it has been a federated commonwealth composed of its six former British colonies; Lady Mary Brackenstall was Australian
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
Bass Rock	Steamer commanded by Captain Jack Crocker
Brackenstall, Lady Mary	(Mary Fraser), had been cruelly used and was not exposed by Holmes when he deduced the solution to the case, which included her former lover, Captain Croker
Brackenstall, Sir Eustace	English baronet, murdered for his brutality by his wife’s lover, Captain Croker
Charing Cross Post Office	Post-office at the intersection of Charing Cross and the Strand; Holmes sent wires there

Charing Cross Station	London terminus, with Cannon Street Station, of the South Eastern railway, constructed in 1864 between the Strand and the Embankment; Holmes and Watson departed for Marsham there
Chislehurst Station	Railway station adjacent to the London suburb of Chislehurst, located in Kent; centered in a well-wooded district; Holmes and Watson departed the train at Chislehurst Station for Marsham and the Abbey Grange
Croker, Jack	First officer of the liner, <i>Rock of Gibraltar</i> , aboard which he met Mary Fraser; later captain of the <i>Bass Rock</i> ; Croker later came to her rescue from an abusive husband
Fraser	Maiden name of Lady Mary Brackenstall, and presumably the name of her brother, with whom Theresa Wright threatened Sir Eustace
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.
Hopkins, Stanley	Young Scotland Yard detective in whose career Holmes showed a very practical knowledge; he was assigned to investigate the murder of Sir Eustace Brackenstall
Kent	South-eastern county of England; there are some industries in the north of the county, but the majority of the county was rural; Abbey Grange, in Marsham, was in Kent
Lewisham	South-eastern metropolitan borough of London; it is a favored middle-class residential quarter; Stanley Hopkins spoke of the Randalls as "that Lewisham gang of burglars"
Lewisham Gang	Randalls, a father and two sons, composed the group; Inspector Hopkins thought they had killed Sir Eustace Brackenstall
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; Watson noted the blurred and indistinct opalescent London reek
Marengo	Village in the north of Italy, which gives its name to a battle fought in 1800; Holmes put himself in the place of Napoleon's enemies when he compared the Brackenstall case with Marengo, "for it begins in defeat ends in victory"

Marsham	Village or district in Kent, not far from Chislehurst Station, where the Abbey Grange was located
New York	City of the United States, next to London, the largest in the world during the Victorian period; the Randall gang, who was originally suspected of killing Brackenstall, was arrested in New York
Pall Mall	Major street in Westminster; it is the center of London club-life, most of the prestigious clubs, including the Diogenes, Carlton, and Baldwin Clubs; the offices of the Adelaide-Southampton steamship line stood at the end of Pall Mall
Palladio, Andrea	Italian architect of the Renaissance; the Abbey Grange was pillared in front after the fashion of Palladio
Randalls, The	Name of a gang of burglars, a father and two sons, who were blamed for the Brackenstall murder, but were arrested in New York the same day; also known as the Lewisham gang
Rock of Gibraltar	Ship in which Mary Fraser traveled to England and of which Jack Crocker was first officer
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; Hopkins was a Scotland Yard inspector
South Australia	Formerly a British colony of Australia, the capital being Adelaide; Lady Brackenstall was brought up there; Holmes mentions there is a second line of steamers which connect South Australia with England
Southampton	Major seaport city of Hampshire; Captain Crocker's new ship, the <i>Bass Rock</i> , was due to depart Southampton, but he was arrested by Lestrade before it departed
Suez Canal	The <i>Rock of Gibraltar</i> was somewhere to the south of there; Mary Fraser and her maid had made a trip earlier on the ship
Sydenham	Large residential district in the south of London; the Randall gang had committed a burglary in Sydenham within the past fortnight; Jack Crocker resided there before preparing to set sail on the <i>Bass Rock</i>

Waterloo	Village in Belgium, about 11 miles north Brussels, famous as the scene of the battle fought between Napoleon and the allied forces; Holmes stated the Brackenstall cases was not his Waterloo, but his Marengo, another battle fought between Napoleon and the allied forces; in other words, it began in defeat and ended in victory
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
Wright, Theresa	Personal maid, formerly the nurse of Lady Mary Brackenstall, who was an accessory to the scheme to cover up Sir Eustace's murder; she did not approve of Sir Eustace's treatment of Mary