

Adventure XL – The Adventure of the Second Stain



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.

BIRTHS

O the 9th inst., the wife of EDWARD KENOTT CLOWES, of two girls, children.

O the 10th April, at East London, South Africa, the wife of JEREMY SILVER FLINT, of a son.

MARRIAGES

O the 10th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Kilburn, in the Rev. Reginald Regan, THOMAS JOYCE of Great Vauxhall, to MARY ANN, elder daughter of JOHN FAITH, of Kilburn.

A Part Church, Highbury London, A LILLINGTON WALLIS, son of J. B. FRANCIS, Harford, to MARGARET FISHER, daughter of ROBERT WALLIS, Stoke Newington, London.

DEATHS

O the 17th March, at Hoxingham, of fever, EDWARD NORTON, a pupil, of Sheffield, aged 29. Accidental poison, please copy.

O the 9th inst., after a long illness, at 3, Tyebite-road, Brockley, the beloved wife of JOSEPH WHITFIELD, Esq., R.N.

O the 10th April, at Dean, from an aneurism which he had, REST WILLIAM FLINT, Town Clerk of the City of Canterbury, aged 49 years.

CAUTIONS AND NOTICES

CAUTION.—BRAND and Co.'s ESSENCE OF BEEF, French Soup and other specialties for sale. Beware of imitations. No connection with any other establishments. Sole address 11, Little Stanhope-street, Mayfair, W. Est. 1835.

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PERSONAL &c.

CONSTABLE (Miss MARIA) died in France in January, 1889, leaving property. Her REPRESENTATIVES are requested to COMMUNICATE with Messrs. Napolean, Argyle and Co., Solicitors to the French Consulate, Paris.

Lady, spending summer in Germany and Italy, wishes to meet another who would DENY her. Economy considered.—Miss Wood, the Grange, Wood-green, N.

THE INDIGENT BLIND VISITING SOCIETY (founded 1834).—The Secretary gratefully ACKNOWLEDGES the RECEIPT of £3 from B.S. towards providing more than 100 of the blind poor with meals and other relief.

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Paul Trafford, Secretary.

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David Ruster, Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS

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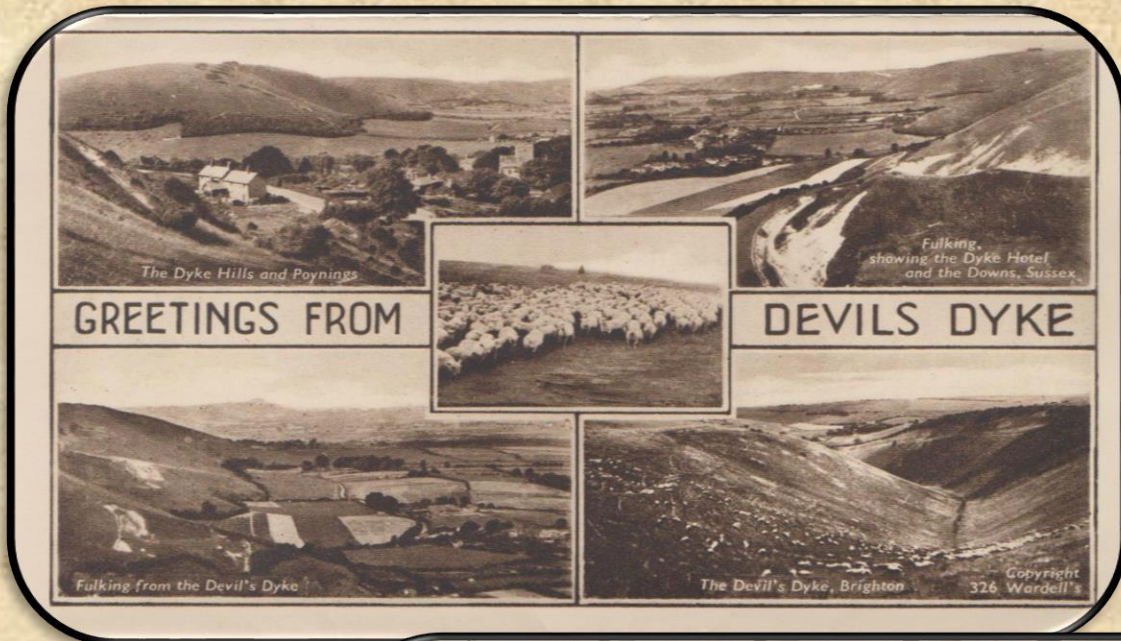
O. S. FITZROY-SQUARE, NW. ONE of the LARGEST and most commodious HOUSES in the square, in thorough repair, with rooms, &c., to be LET. Apply on the premises.

LOTS for all people, some farm-lots provided. Open to view this week-end. 37 Union-road, London, SE.

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Pictured is an 1889 Times advertisement for a rental property in Eastbourne in Sussex, which started Holmes to consider retirement.

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Pictured are postal cards showing scenic views of Sussex Downs, the place Holmes picked as his retirement home.

From the story:

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Pictured is Trelawney Hope's red dispatch box labeled "VR, On Her Majesty's Service" with the medallion attached to the key.

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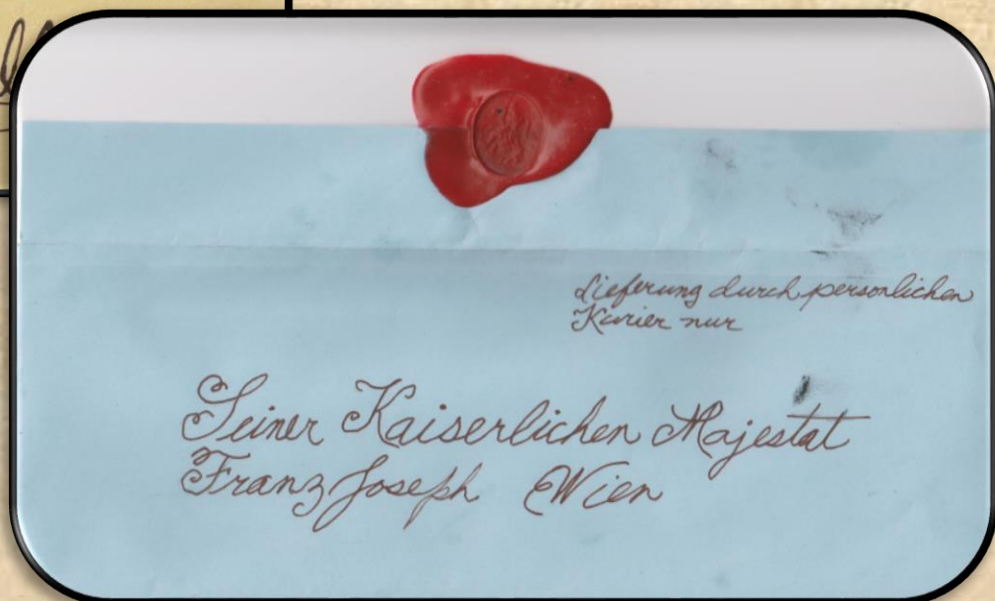
It was of such importance that I have never left it in my safe, but I have taken it across each evening to my house in Whitehall Terrace, and kept it in my bedroom in a locked dispatch-box.



Pictured is an interior look at Trelawney Hope's red dispatch box, in which his important papers were stored.

From the story:

'Besides, neither of them could possibly have known that there was anything more valuable than the ordinary departmental papers in my dispatch-box.'



Pictured is the letter and envelope which Lady Trelawney took from her husband's dispatch box as payment to Lucas for the return of her letters.

From the story:

He said that he would return my letter if I would return him a certain document which he described in my husband's dispatch-box.

'Mr Holmes, the envelope is a long, thin one of pale blue colour. There is a seal of red wax stamped with a crouching lion.'

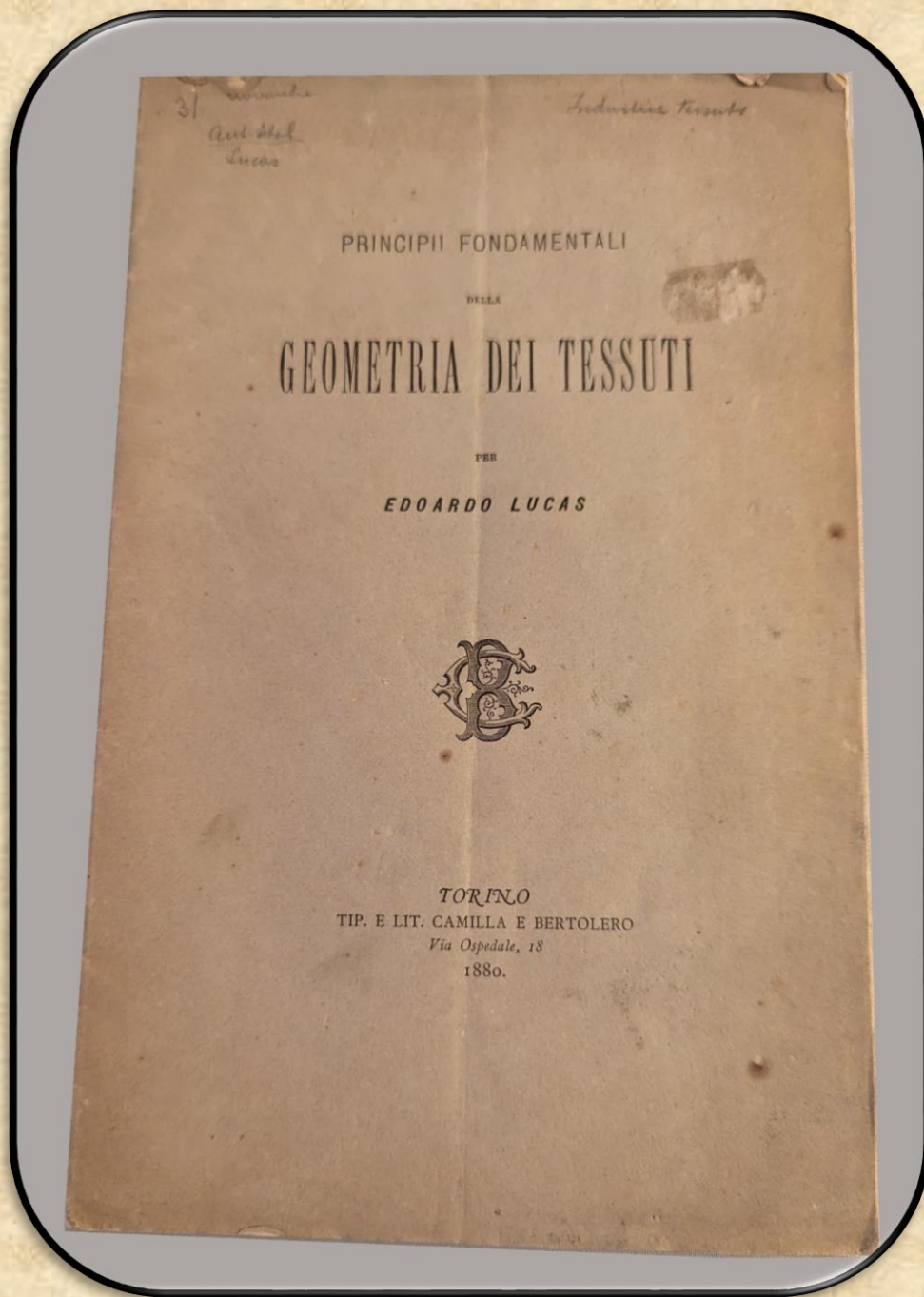
our cousin

Willy ?

Pictured is the small slip of paper containing black-letter inscription, 'our cousin Willy?' which Holmes wrote to the Prime Minister, referring to the person who Holmes suspected of writing the letter.

From the story:

Holmes wrote a name upon a slip of paper and handed it to the Premier.



Pictured is a booklet, 'Principii Fondamentali della Geometria dei Tessuti, Torino,' by Eduardo Lucas, 1880.

From the story:

This small but select mansion has been inhabited for some years by Mr Eduardo Lucas, well known in society circles both on account of his charming personality...

MURDER IN
WESTMINSTER

A crime of mysterious character was committed last night at 16 Godolphin Street, one of the old-fashioned and secluded rows of eighteenth century houses which lie between the river and the Abbey, almost in the shadow of the great Tower of the Houses of Parliament. This small but select mansion has been inhabited for some years by Mr. Eduardo Lucas, well known in society circles both on account of his charming personality and because of he has the well deserved reputation of being one of the best amateur tenors in the country. Mr. Lucas is an unmarried man, thirty-four years of age, and his establishment consists of Mrs. Pringle, an elderly housekeeper, and of Milton, his valet. The former retires early and sleeps at the top of the house. The valet was out for the evening, visiting a friend at Hammersmith. From ten o'clock onward Mr. Lucas had the house to himself. What occurred during that time has not yet transpired, but at a quarter to twelve Police-constable Barrett, passing along Godolphin Street, observed that the door of No. 16 was ajar. He knocked, but received no answer. Perceiving a light in the front room, he advanced into the passage and again knocked, but without reply. He then pushed open the door and entered. The room was in a state of wild disorder, the furniture being swept to one side, and one chair lying on its back in the centre. Beside this chair and still grasping one of its legs, lay the unfortunate tenant of the house. He had been stabbed to the heart and must have died instantly. The knife with which the crime had been committed was a curved Indian dagger, plucked down from a trophy of Oriental arms which adorned one of the walls. Robbery does not appear to have been the motive of the crime, for there had been no attempt to remove the valuable contents of the room. Mr. Eduardo Lucas was so well known and popular that his violent and mysterious fate will arouse painful interest and intense sympathy in a widespread circle of friends.

Pictured is the newspaper clipping dated Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1886 from *The Daily Telegraph* entitled "Murder in Westminster", detailing the death of Eduardo Lucas

From the story:

He stared in amazement, and then snatched the paper from my hands. This was the paragraph which I had been engaged in reading when he rose from his chair:

MURDER IN WESTMINSTER



Pictured are postal cards depicting the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, both of which were cited as being near Godolphin Street.

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Pictured is cabinet photo of Eduardo Lucas, the spy killed by Mme Fournaye, Lucas, who was blackmailing Lady Trelawney Hope.

From the story:

Mr Lucas is an unmarried man, thirty-four years of age, and his establishment consists of Mrs Pringle, an elderly housekeeper, and of Mitton, his valet.



Pictured is the Indian knife, Madame Fournaye's weapon of opportunity found displayed on the wall of Lucas' residence.

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Pictured are two photos of Lady Trelawney Hope, as well as her visiting, or calling, card.

From the story:

Mrs Hudson had appeared with a lady's card upon her salver. Holmes glanced at it, raised his eyebrows, and handed it over to me.

I had often heard of the beauty of the youngest daughter of the Duke of Belminster, but no description of it... had prepared me for the subtle, delicate charm and the beautiful colouring of that exquisite head.



Pictured is a hair-pin and curling-tongs, which Holmes alludes to as potential clues in solving a mystery.

From the story:

Their most trivial action may mean volumes, or their most extraordinary conduct may depend upon a hair-pin or a curling-tongs. Good morning, Watson.'

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TO } MR. SHERLOCK HOLMES
221 B BAKER ST / SI MARYLEBONE
LONDON W1

A DISCOVERY HAS JUST BEEN MADE BY THE PARISIAN POLICE (SAID THE DAILY TELEGRAPH) WHICH RAISES THE VEIL WHICH HUNG ROUND THE TRAGIC FATE OF MR. EDUARDO LUCAS, WHO MET HIS DEATH BY VIOLENCE LAST MONDAY NIGHT AT GODDOLPHIN STREET, WESTMINSTER. OUR READERS WILL REMEMBER THAT THE DECEASED GENTLEMAN WAS FOUND STABBED IN HIS ROOM AND THAT SOME SUSPECTS WERE NAMED YESTERDAY AS BEING INSANE. MME FOURNAYE WAS SEEN AT THE VILLA IN THE DANGEROUS QUARTER

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HENRI FOURNAYE ONLY RETURNED FROM A JOURNEY TO LONDON ON TUESDAY LAST AND THERE IS EVIDENCE TO CONNECT HER WITH THE CRIME AT WESTMINSTER. A COMPARISON OF PHOTOGRAPHS HAS PROVEN CONCLUSIVELY THAT M. HENRI FOURNAYE AND EDUARDO LUCAS WERE REALLY ONE AND THE SAME PERSON, AND THAT THE DECEASED HAD FOR SOME REASON LIVED A DOUBLE LIFE IN LONDON AND PARIS. MME FOURNAYE IS OF A BIZARRE NATURE, AND HAS SUFFERED IN THE PAST FROM A MENTAL AFFECTION OF A FREQUENTLY RECURRENT AND DANGEROUS NATURE. IT IS CONJECTURED THAT THE CRIME WHICH HAS CAUSED HER PRESENT CONDITION MAY BE THE RESULT OF A NIGHT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN DESCRIBED IN THE PRESS. HER DESCRIPTION ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION BY THE WILDNESS OF HER

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IT IS PROBABLE, THEREFORE, THAT THE CRIME WAS EITHER COMMITTED WHEN INSANE OR THAT ITS IMMEDIATE EFFECT WAS TO DRIVE THE UNHAPPY WOMAN OUT OF HER MIND. AT PRESENT SHE IS UNABLE TO GIVE ANY COHERENT ACCOUNT OF THE PAST, AND THE DOCTORS HOLD OUT NO HOPES OF THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF HER REASON. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT A WOMAN, WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN MME FOURNAYE, WAS SEEN FOR SOME HOURS ON MONDAY NIGHT WATCHING THE HOUSE IN GODDOLPHIN STREET.

Pictured is a 3-page telegram from Paris to Holmes reporting newspaper accounts about the insanity of Mme Fournaye, Lucas' killer, who is under a doctor's care.

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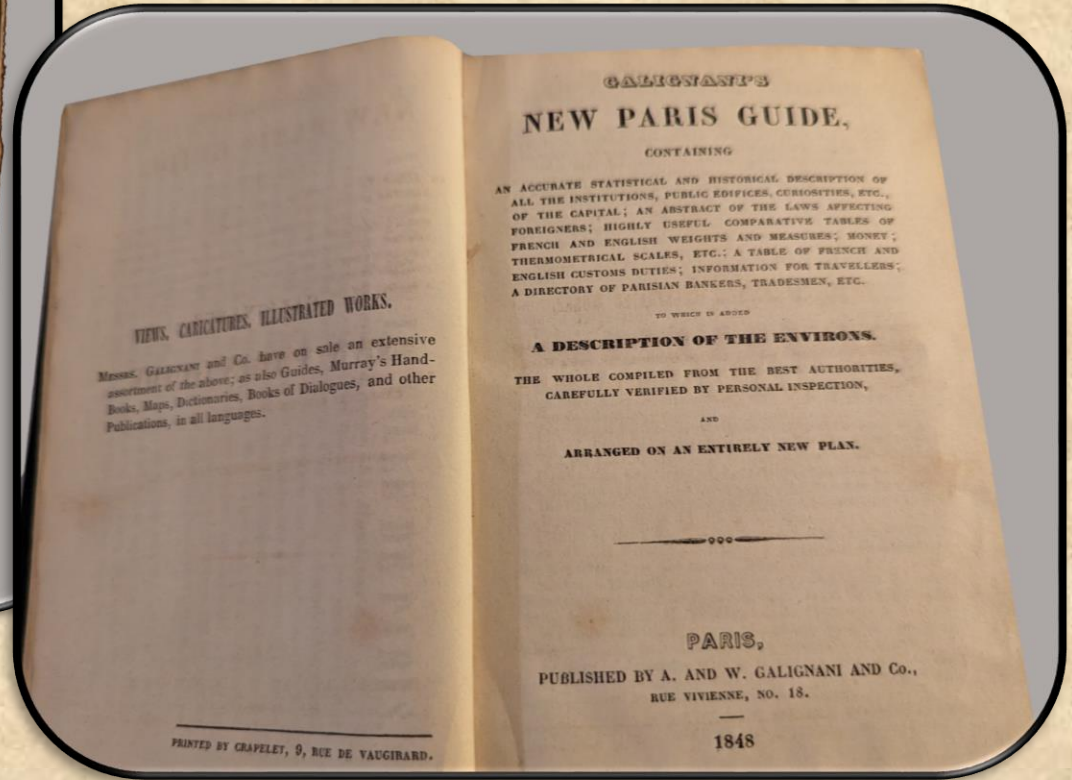
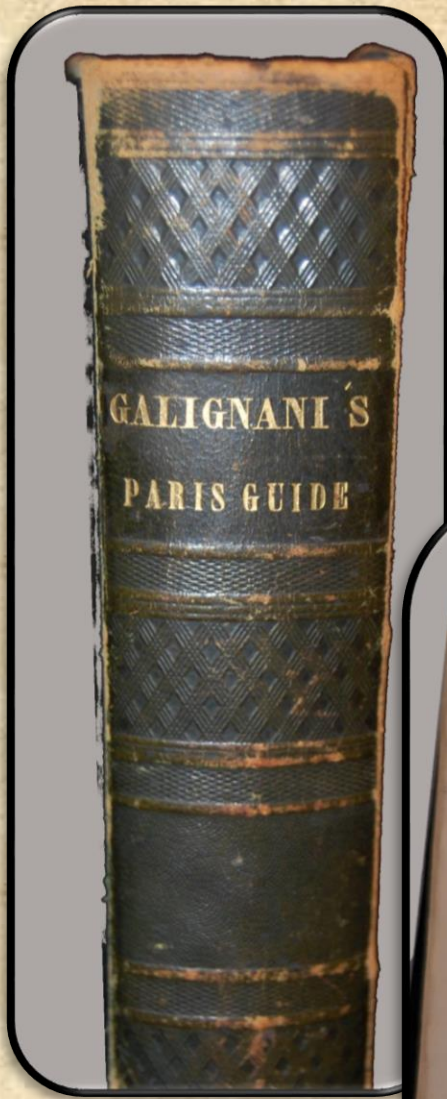
Upon the fourth day there appeared a long telegram from Paris which seemed to solve the whole question.



Pictured is one of the straight razors gifted to the valet John Mitton by Eduardo Lucas.

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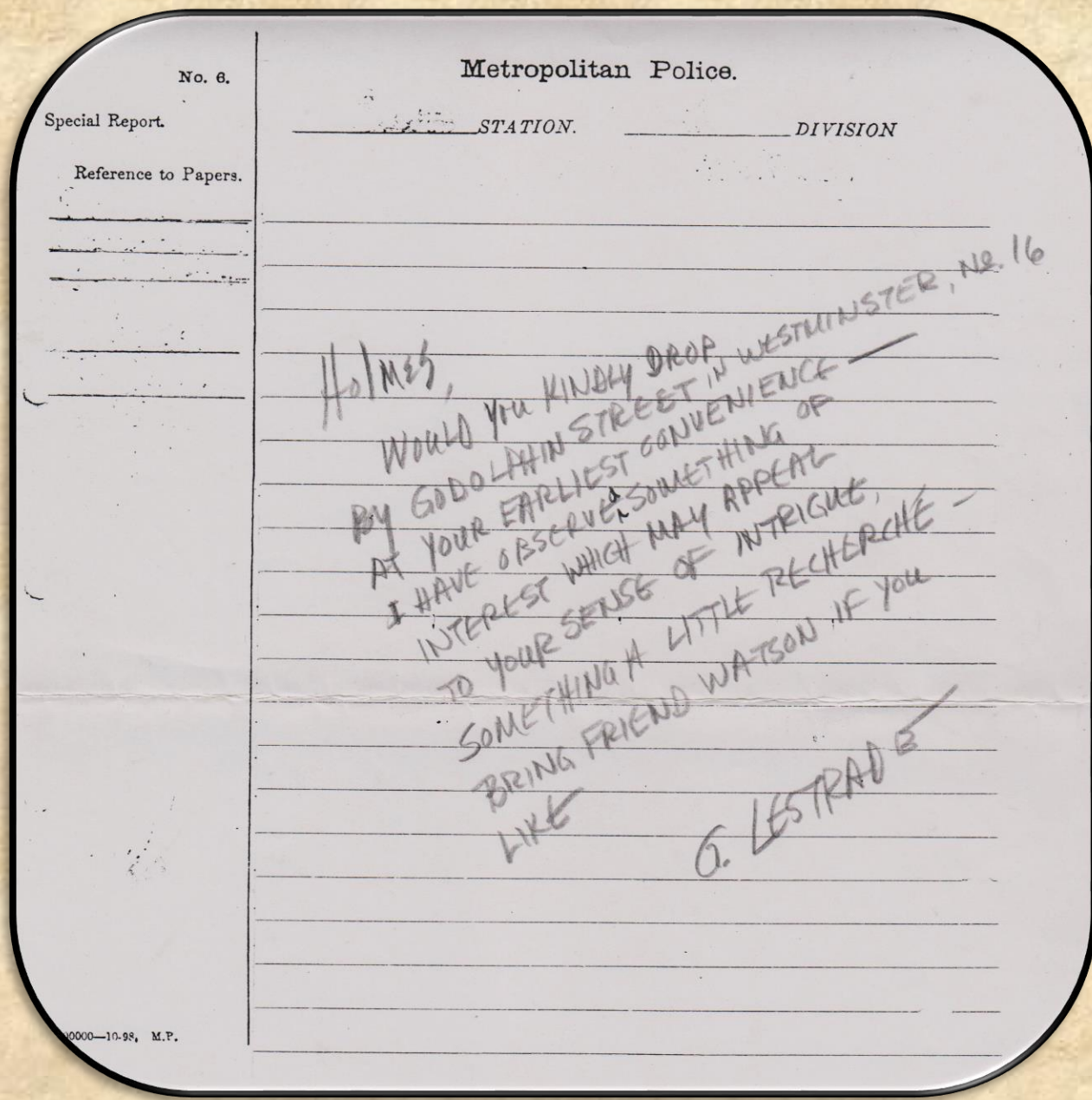
Several of the dead man's possessions - notably a small case of razors - had been found in the valet's boxes, but he explained that they had been presents from the deceased, and the housekeeper was able to corroborate the story.



Pictured is Galignani's *Paris Guide*, a guide to the French city, which Lucas would have needed to get around as Mr. Henri Fournaye.

From the story:

A comparison of photographs has proved conclusively that M. Henri Fournaye and Eduardo Lucas were really one and the same person, and that the deceased had for some reason lived a double life in London and Paris.



Pictured is the note on Metropolitan Police stationery from Lestrade asking Holmes to drop by Godolphin Street.

From the story:

He glanced hurriedly at the note which had been handed in. 'Hullo! Lestrade seems to have observed something of interest. Put on your hat, Watson, and we will stroll down together to Westminster.'



Pictured is the plaque for the Ivy Plant Pub, where Constable MacPherson went for brandy to revive the fainted Lady Hope.

From the story:

‘Then I went round the corner to the Ivy Plant for some brandy, and by the time I had brought it back the young woman had recovered and was off - ashamed of herself, I dare say, and dared not face me.’

will allow me on
this occasion the
privilege of silence.

I hope to be in London
at the end of next
month.

Yours very truly

Salisbury

Henniker Heaton by the post

Scidate

April 10. 90

Dear Mr. Heaton

I generally make
it a rule to avoid
looking business when
I am abroad - for the
possible inconvenience
of doing so are very

Pictured is an autograph embossed letterhead stationery letter by Prime Minister Lord Salisbury to Henniker Heaton, dated April 10, 1890.

From the story:

The Prime Minister's manner was subdued, but I could see by the gleam of his eyes and the twitchings of his bony hands that he shared the excitement of his young colleague.

Hope,

6 June '89

I will not push
for a vote on the
financial bill until
we talk.

Lord F.

23 June 1889

Re: Tariffs

Dear Foreign Secretary:

Opposition continues to grow on the Back Benches
for imposing a tax on wheat, corn and oats from
Russia.

On the other hand, there is movement on
both sides to hit up the Germans.

The Tariff Committee meets again in late
July. I will update you after.

J. Chamberlain

Parliamentary Private Secretary

Pictured is the letter from Lord Flowers, as well as a note on grain taxes, which was in Trelawney's dispatch box.

From the story:

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Lord Simon Merrow
Bushy Hill Estate
Surrey, Guilford

3 March, 1889

Dear Prime Minister,

It is imperative that we meet to discuss the continuing increasing taxes upon the Peerage. Our household has been forced to take unprecedented measures to conserve our finances. As an example, we have ceased purchasing French and are now consuming only the wretched domestic selections.

Something must be done !!!

Yours Sincerely,

Lord Simon Merrow

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The Rt Hon Robert Bellingier, MP,
The Prime Minister
The Chequers
Buckinghamshire, England

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Frederick Robert St. John
ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND
MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY
TO THE KINGDOM OF SERBIA

25 April 1889

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Rt Hon. Trelawney Hope, M. P.

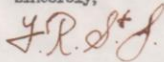
RE: DIPLOMATIC STATUS IN BELGRADE- SERBIA

Dear Foreign Secretary:

With the unexpected abdication of King Milan in March, his son, now King Alexander, has ascended to the throne. Until he becomes of age, his mother, Nataiga Obrenovic, formerly the Queen Consort of Serbia, along with former Prime Minister Jovar Ristic, will be governing through a Regency Council. I will monitor to see if the Council continues with Serbia's historical Austrophile policy.

King Milan

Sincerely,



Frederick Robert St. John
ENVOY/MINISTER TO SERBIA


British Embassy
Madrid

Sir Francis Claire Ford GCB GCMG PC
Ambassador
Spanish Empire

20 May 1889

The Rt Hon. Trelawney Hope, M. P.
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Foreign Office
Whitehall
London

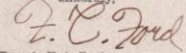
Dear Foreign Secretary:

Spain's young King turned 3-years of age this month. I forwarded best wishes to his family on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and the British Empire.

The Queen Mother, Maria Christina of Austria, is the King's Regent until Alfonso XIII becomes of age. Her Majesty has been corresponding regularly with His Majesty Franz Joseph II of Austria-Hungary. Considering the recent suspicions of the intentions of the Triple Alliance, I will keep the Foreign Office abreast of any developments that are brought to my attention regarding Her Majesty's actions.



Sincerely,



Sir Francis Clair Ford,
H. M. Ambassador

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Additional items of interest
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in the original Evidence
Box.



Pictured is Holmes' brier pipe, which is one of several he used at Baker Street.

From the story:

When our illustrious visitors had departed, Holmes lit his pipe in silence, and sat for some time lost in the deepest thought.



Pictured is a postal card for the Hammersmith region of London, England, where Mitton, Lucas' valet was the evening Lucas was murdered.

From the story:

The valet was out for the evening, visiting a friend at Hammersmith.



Pictured is the portrait of Hugh Lupus Grosvenor, the 1st Duke of Westminster, and the father to Lady Trelawney.

From the story:

I had often heard of the beauty of the youngest daughter of the Duke of Belminster, but no description of it...