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## Sherlock Holmes Explains Mysterious Clues

"Oh, Mr. Holmes," cried the lady, "what is the meaning of these curious objects in my hall?"

"Their meaning is very plain, madam," said **Sherlock** Holmes, raising two of the objects. "A burglar visited here last night and these clues tell us about his raid very completely. We see by the stopple where he came from, that piece of meat shows what he had to do to effect an entrance, and this silk belt ribbon shows what he broke to get in. The dish the meat is on tells me he took the family silver. These pennies show he was frightened away, by policemen, and that chessman tells what he did with his stolen goods. This garment is a clue which shows he has gone to South Africa."

"Really, Mr. Holmes, you are wonderful. Tell me how, for example, do you know by those pennies that policemen drove him away?"

"Because," Holmes explained, they show the presence of coppers."

Can you find from the clues shown what were the other facts deduced by Mr. Holmes?