# Adventure XLII – The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans



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 cofounded 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.

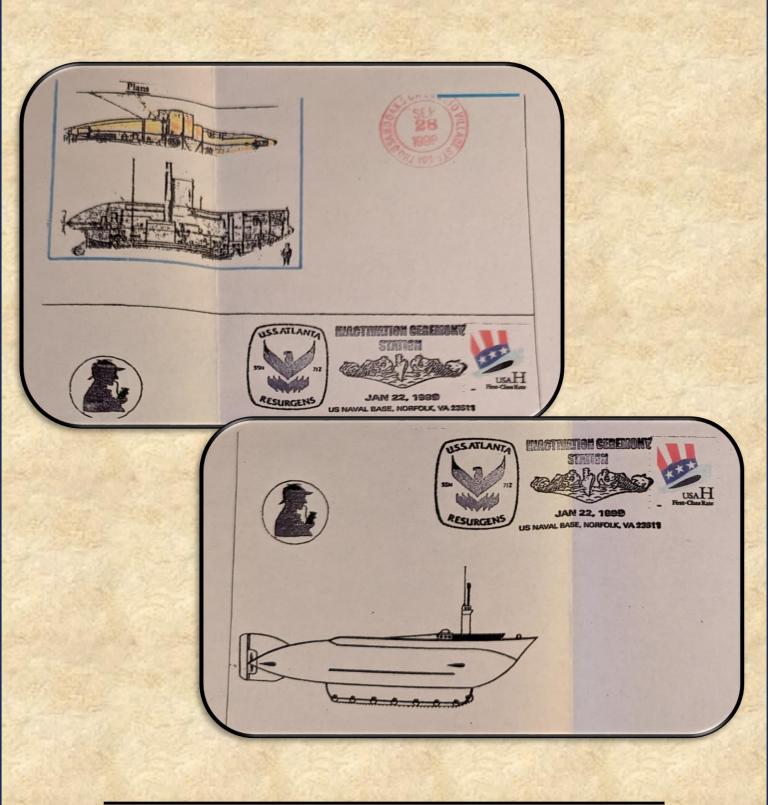
Beth Austin assisted in this effort by photographing, annotating the items, and finding the quotes for many of the items, while Denny Dobry and Rusty Mason supported Paul's efforts by photographing each of the items, as well as developing a comprehensive inventory with notations of item's mentioned in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



# daring voyage under the Patapsco

inventor Simon Lake invited journalists to join him aboard the Argonaut for a trip where no one had been before

Pictured is an article from the Baltimore Sun Newspaper, January 04, 1998, concerning submarines.



Pictured are first day postal covers from Norfolk, VA, commemorating the Bruce-Partington Plan Adventure.



Pictured is a statute of Diogenes, a Greek philosopher and one of the founders of Cynicism. He is the symbol for the Diogenes Club, which Mycroft Holmes help found.

# From the story:

'Mycroft has his rails and he runs on them. His Pall Mall lodgings, the Diogenes Club, Whitehall - that is his cycle.'

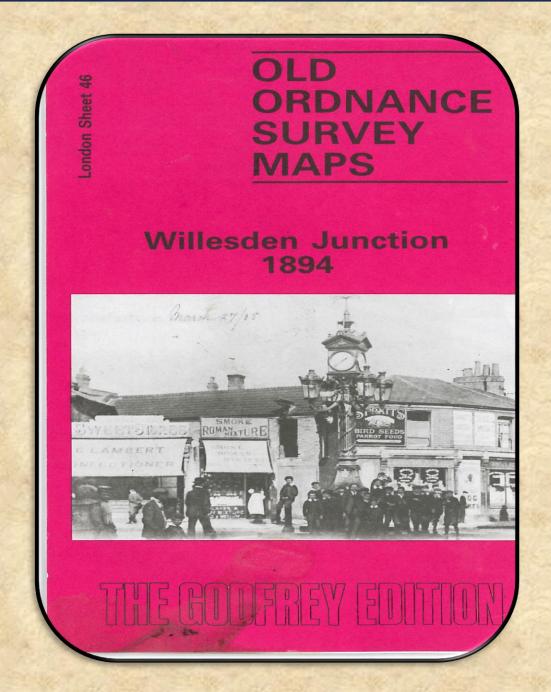


Pictured is telegraph from Mycroft to Sherlock Holmes, requesting his assistance on the theft of the Bruce-Partington Plans and the murder of Arthur Cadogen West.

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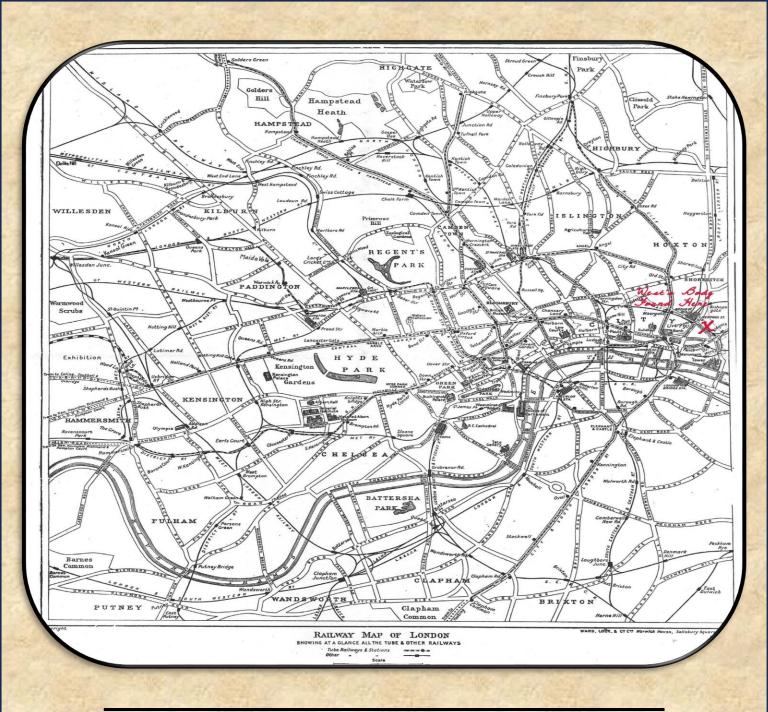
'Must see you over Cadogan West. Coming at once. Mycroft.'



Pictured is the Willesden Junction Ordnance Map the rail line where West's body was found led to Willesden Junction.

## From the story:

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Pictured is a railway map of Metropolitan London which Holmes used during the investigation.

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MAN FOUND DEAD ON THE UNDERGROUND

The body of Arthur Cadogan West, age 27, an unmarried clerk at the Woolwich Arsenal, was found at six o'clock this morning near the metals of the Underground. The young man had apparently fallen out of the train and killed himself. No sign of robbery was found, nor was there any reason to suspect violence.

West had left Woolwich suddenly on Monday night. He was last seen by his fiancee, Miss Violet Westbury, whom he had left abruptly in the fog about 7.30 that evening. There was no quarrel between them, and she can give no motive for his action. The next thing heard about him was when his dead body was discovered just outside Aldgate Station on the Underground system in London by a platelayer named Mason.

The body was found lying wide of the metals upon the left hand of the track as one goes eastward, at a point close to the station where the line emerges from the tunnel in which it runs. The head was badly crushed—the type of injury which might well have been caused by a fall from the train. The body could only have come on the line in that way. Had it been carried down from any neighbouring street, it must have passed the station barriers, where a collector is always standing. This point seems absolutely certain.

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Pictured is the article carried in the newspaper concerning the death of Arthur Cadogen West.

From the story:

'I have it!' I cried, and plunged among the litter of papers upon the sofa. 'Yes, yes, here he is, sure enough! Cadogan West was the young man who was found dead on the Underground on Tuesday morning.'



Pictured is a Royal Artillery Woolrich Canteen Coin. Arthur Cadogen West was employed at the Woolwich Arsenal.

# From the story:

'The man's name was Arthur Cadogan West. He was twenty-seven years of age, unmarried, and a clerk at Woolwich Arsenal.'



Pictured is the coin purse found on West's body with West's unused Woolrich Theatre Tickets.

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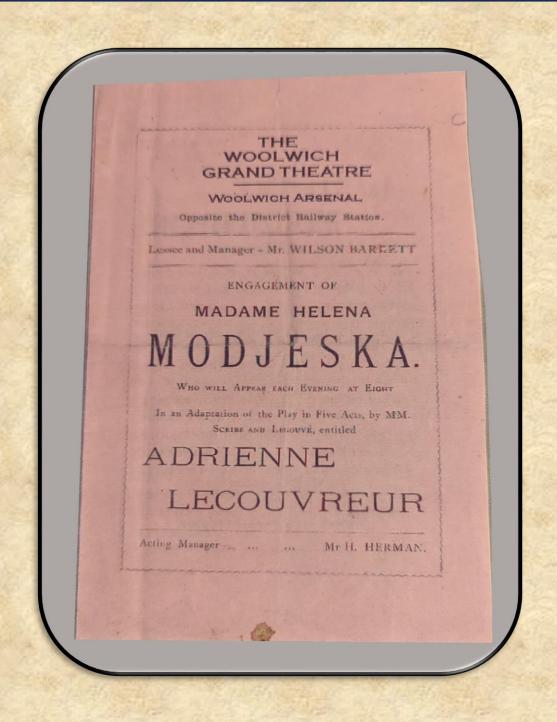
'His purse contained two pounds fifteen. There were also two dress-circle tickets for the Woolwich Theatre, dated for that very evening.'



Pictured is the cheque book of Arthur Cadogen West, who used Capital and Counties Bank. The cheques were found on his body, giving police his identification.

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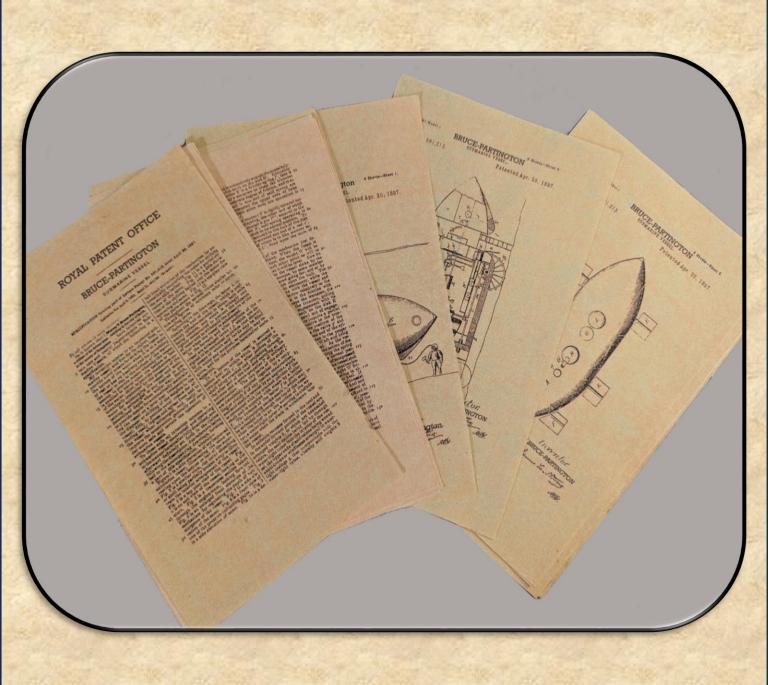
'He had also a cheque-book on the Woolwich branch of the Capital and Counties Bank.'



Pictured is the Woolwich Theatre "Adriene Lecouvreur" program. This was the performance West and his fiancé was going to see.

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Pictured are the diagrams and specifications for the Bruce-Partington submarine.

# From the story:

'The papers which this wretched youth had in his pocket were the plans of the Bruce-Partington submarine.'

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to-PATENT OFFICE. THE COMPTROLLER. PATENT OFFICE, 25, SOUTHAMPTON BUILDINGS, 25, SOUTHAMPTON BUILDINGS, LONDON, W.C., and the following number should be quoted in LONDON, W.C., 8 October 1893 12901 93 Gentlemen With reference to your Application, numbered as above, I beg to forward herewith the Patent for your Invention. Your attention is particularly called to the note printed on the back of the Patent in reference to the payment of fees as they may become due. I am, Gentlemen Messes G& Bruce Partington

Pictured is the cover letter from the Patent Office to the Partington's in regards to the submarine plans.

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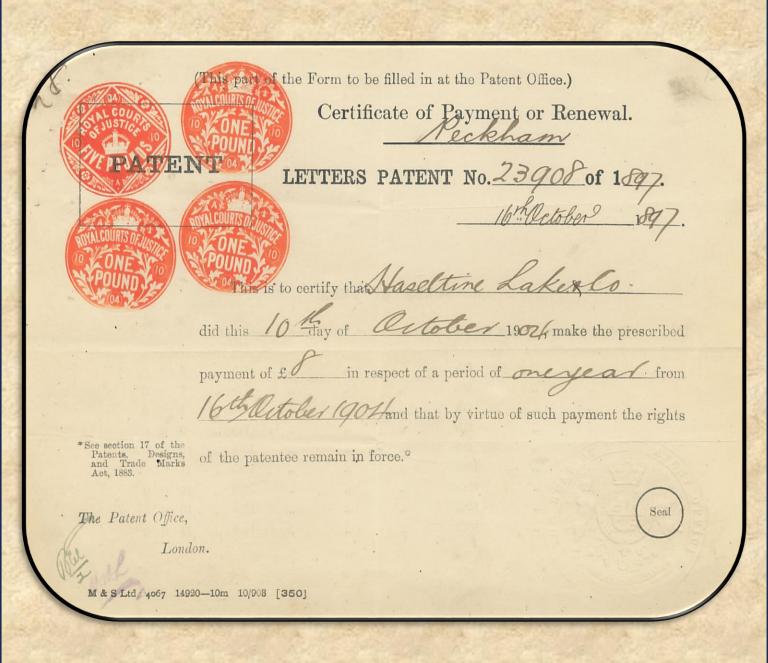
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Pictured is the patent issued for the Bruce-Partington plans, which were stolen off of Arthur Cadogen West.

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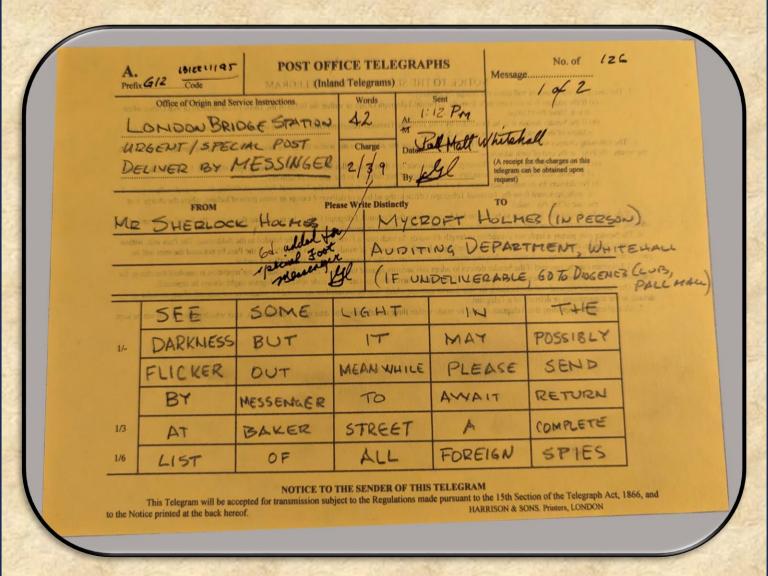
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Pictured is a renewal of a patent issued in 1987.

## From the story:

'The plans, which are exceedingly intricate, comprising some thirty separate patents, each essential to the working of the whole, are kept in an elaborate safe in a confidential office adjoining the Arsenal, with burglar-proof doors and windows.'

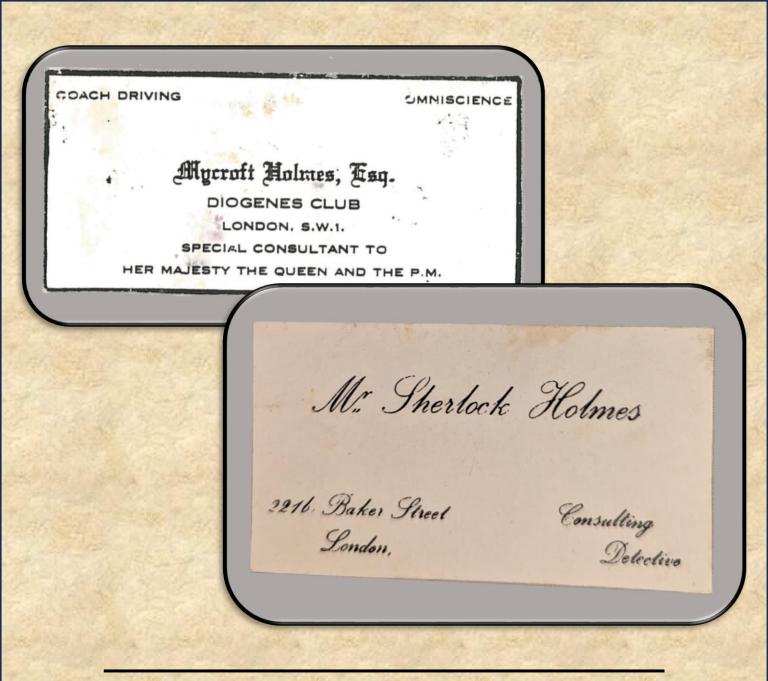


Pictured is the telegraph from Sherlock to Mycroft Holmes, requesting a list of all the spies that could be involved in the purchase of the stolen plans.

#### From the story:

At London Bridge Holmes wrote a telegram to his brother, which he handed to me before dispatching it. It ran thus:

'Please send by messenger a complete list of all foreign spies or international agents known to be in England, with full address.'

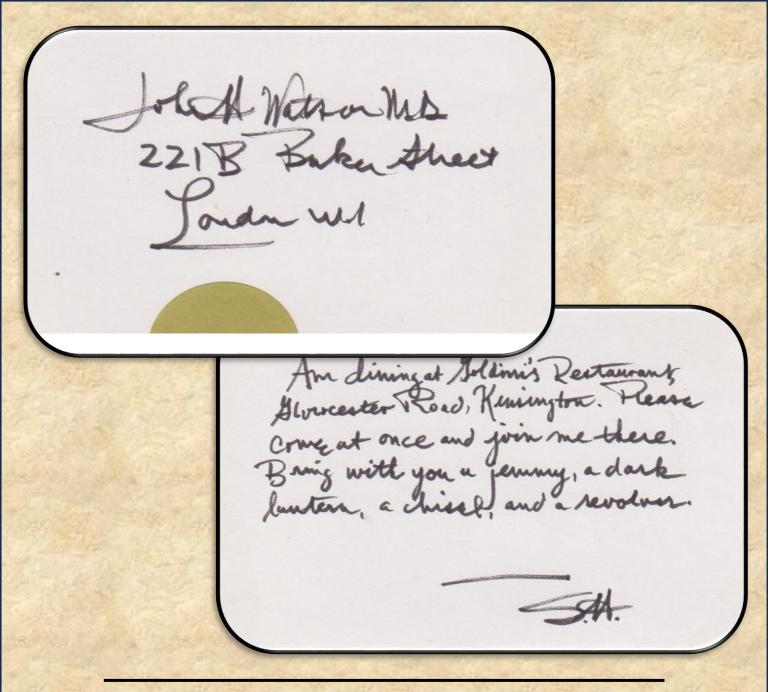


Pictured is Mycroft and Sherlock Holmes' visiting, or calling, card.

#### From the story:

'Mycroft draws four hundred and fifty pounds a year, remains a subordinate, has no ambitions of any kind, will receive neither honour nor title, but remains the most indispensable man in the country.'

Mr Sidney Johnson, the senior clerk, met us at the office, and received us with that respect which my companion's card always commanded.

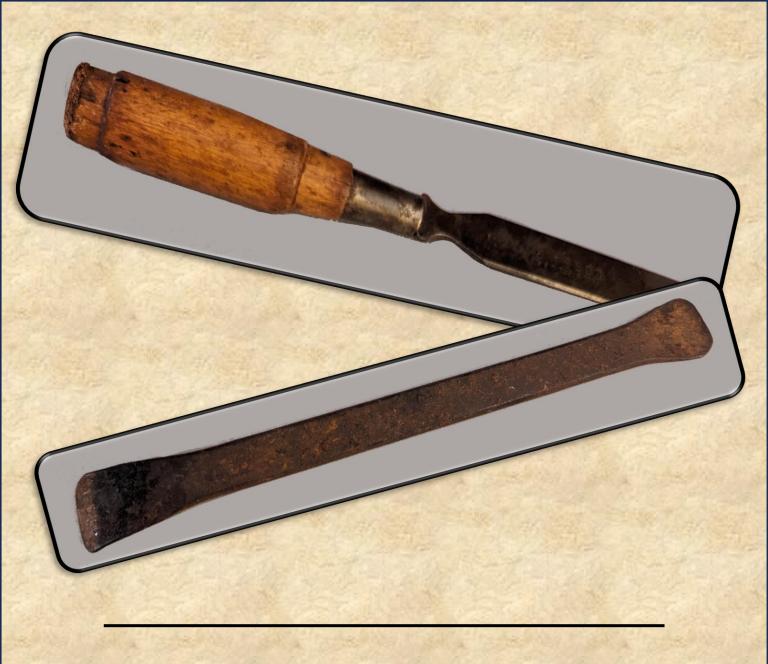


Pictured is the note to Watson from Holmes, asking to meet him at a restaurant and bring along burglary tools, including a jimmy, lantern, chisel, and revolver.

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S. H.'



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Pictured is Watson's hand-written notes, preparing for the future narrative of the case.

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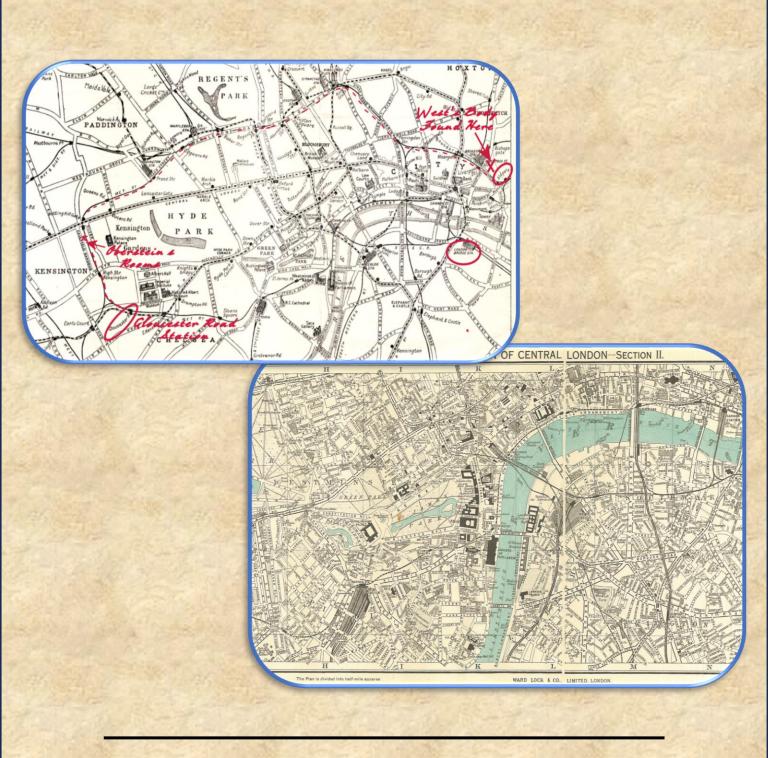
'Do you stay here, and the odds are that you will see me again in an hour or two. If time hangs heavy get foolscap and a pen, and begin your narrative of how we saved the State.'



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Pictured is are maps of London Holmes used during his investigation.

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He had spread out his big map of London, and leaned eagerly over it.

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE Office of Auditing Whitehall, London Mycroft Holmes, Auditor Extraordinaire Sherlock. There are numerous small fry, but few who would handle so big an affair. The only men worth considering are adolph Meger, 13 Great George Street Westminster; otting Hell; and Hugo Oberation, 13 to be in town on Monday, and is now report quarter. The who tate is at your a should need it. Mycroft

Pictured is the letter, or note, from Mycroft to Sherlock, listing International agents in London who may have accepted the Plans.

#### From the story:

Surely enough, a note awaited us at Baker Street. A Government messenger had brought it post-haste. Holmes glanced at it and threw it over to me.



Pictured is the bottle of curacao which Holmes offered to Watson while dining at the Italian restaurant before they broke into Oberstein's residence.

#### From the story:

'Have you had something to eat? Then join me in a coffee and curaçao. Have you the tools?'



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Hoped to hear sooner. Terms agreed to. Write fully to address given on card. -- Pierrot.

Too complex for description. Must have full report. Stuff awaits you when goods delivered. — Pierrot.

Matter presses. Must withdraw offer unless contract completed. Make appointment by letter. Will confirm by advertisement. — Pierrot.

Monday hight after nine. Two taps.
Only ourselves. Do not be so suspicious. Payment in hard cash when goods delivered. -- Pierrot.

To-night. Same hour. Same place Two taps. Most vitally important. Your own safety at stake. -- Pierrot

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Pictured is the cosh, or life preserver, used to kill Arthur Cadogen West by Hugo Oberstein.

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'Oberstein had a short life-preserver. He always carried it with him. As West forced his way after us into the house Oberstein struck him on the head. The blow was a fatal one.'



Pictured is the Grand Hotel Charing Cross London coaster, where Holmes summoned Hugo Oberstein.

### From the story:

'Therefore I shall expect to meet you in the smoking-room of the Charing Cross Hotel at noon on Saturday. Remember that only English notes, or gold, will be taken.'

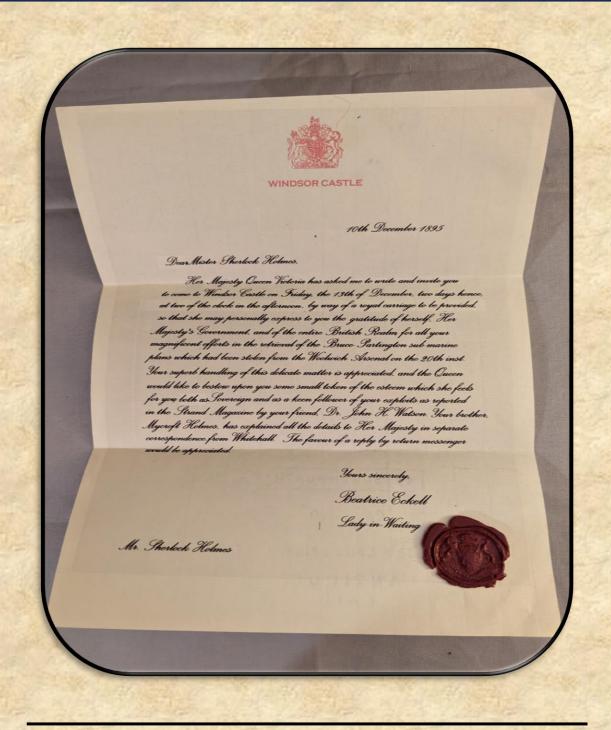


Pictured is the Grand Hôtel du Louvre luggage label, as well as a small tray, where Hugo Oberstein could be reached.

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'Did he give you no address?'

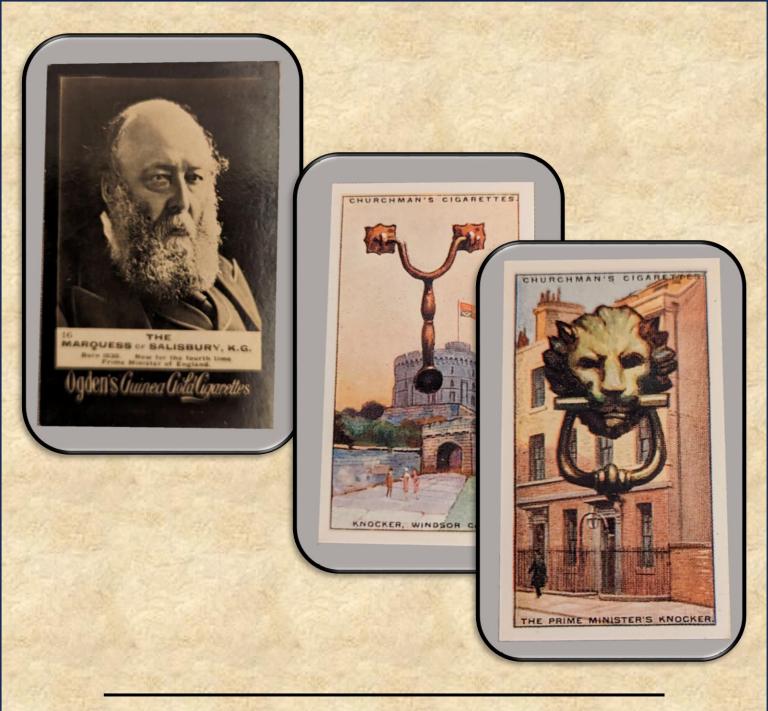
'He said that letters to the Hôtel du Louvre, Paris, would eventually reach him.'



Pictured is the letter received by Holmes, inviting him to Windsor Castle, by a certain gracious lady, for his work on the Bruce-Partington Plan case.

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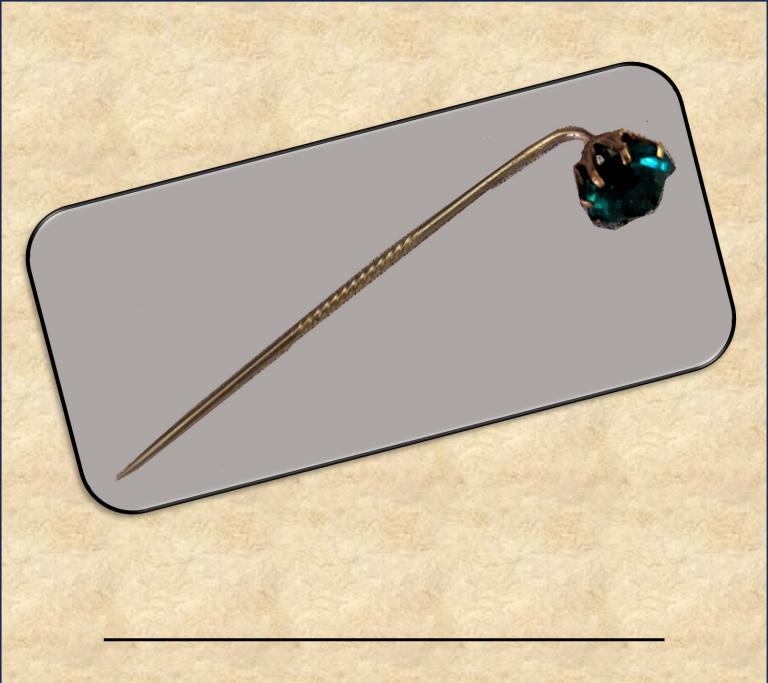


Pictured is a cigarette card for the Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Marquess of Salisbury, his door knocker, as well as a cigarette card for the Windsor Castle knocker, where a certain gracious lady lived.

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'I have never seen the Prime Minister so upset.'



Pictured is the emerald tie-pin, a gift to Holmes from a 'certain gracious Lady', for his assistance in the Bruce-Partington case.

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Pictured are postal cards for Windsor Castle, the residence of a a certain gracious lady, and Charing Cross Hotel (where Holmes directed Col. Walter to meet Oberstein).

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Additional items of interest in "The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans" not included in the original Evidence Box.



Pictured is a postal card of Pall Mall, where Mycroft Holmes resides.

# From the story:

'His Pall Mall lodgings, the Diogenes Club, Whitehall - that is his cycle. Once, and only once, he has been here.'



Pictured is a postal card for the Aldgate Rail station, where Cadogen West's body was found nearby.

From the story:

'Aldgate, where the body was found, is considerably past the station for London Bridge, which would be his route to Woolwich.'



Pictured is the tin cash box Holmes found in Hugo Oberstein's residence, which included the slips of newspaper, the ads run in the agony column.

#### From the story:

It was a small tin cash-box which stood upon the writing-desk.

'What's this, Watson? Eh? What's this? Record of a series of messages in the advertisements of a paper. Daily Telegraph agony column by the print and paper.'



Pictured is Orlande de Lassus, a Renaissance composer, who along with Palestrina, was one of the most influential musicians of the late 16th century. Holmes was studying his works.

#### From the story:

As to Holmes, he returned refreshed to his monograph upon the Polyphonic Motets of Lassus, which has since been printed for private circulation, and is said by experts to be the last word upon the subject.