



His Last Bow

Adventure XLII – The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans

Admiralty, The	Department of the British Government, headed by a Cabinet minister, where the plans for the Bruce-Partington were stolen
Agony Column	In England, personal newspaper advertisements conveyed personal messages; Hugo Oberstein communicated with Colonel Walter through <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> .
Aldgate Station	Underground and suburban-line railway station in London; the eastern-most station of the Metropolitan line; Inspector Mason found Cadogan West's body near there
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
Barclay Square	Admiral Sinclair lived in this area
Barclay Square	In Westminster, known for its plane trees and fine houses, almost all which has some historical association; Admiral Sinclair lived there
Brooks	One of fifty men who had reason for taking Holmes' life
Bruce-Partington submarine	One of the most jealously guarded secrets of the British government; said that naval warfare became impossible within the radius of its operations; some of the plans for the submarine were stolen from Woolwich Arsenal
Cadogan West, Arthur	27 year old clerk at Woolwich Arsenal who observed the theft of the Bruce-Partington Plans and was murdered by the thief; Hugo Oberstein; engaged to Edith Westbury
Campden Mansions	Notting Hill address of Louis La Rothière, one of three who might be dealing the Plans to a foreign agent

Canada	Largest and most important British colony; part of North America; Mycroft Holmes was considered an expert on the country
Capital and Counties Bank	English banking firm with its home offices in London and branches throughout England; Arthur Cadogan West maintained an account there
Caulfield Gardens	Kensington address of Hugo Oberstein, which backed onto a Metropolitan railway cutting
Charing Cross Hotel	Hotel adjacent to Charing Cross Station, fronting upon the Strand; trap for Hugo Oberstein was set in the smoking-room of the Hotel
<i>Daily Telegraph</i>	London newspaper, begun in 1855, published in the mornings; Hugo Oberstein communicated with Colonel Walter through the agony column of this newspaper
Diogenes Club	London club begun for the convenience of what Holmes called the most unsociable and unclubbable men in town; Mycroft Holmes was one of the founders
Gloucester Road	West End street which extended south from Hyde Park into Kensington; Goldini's Restaurant was on Gloucester Road, where Holmes and Watson dined before going to Oberstein's residence
Gloucester Road Station	Station of the Underground, situated on the Gloucester Road; Holmes walked along the line from the Station during his investigation of the death of Arthur Cadogan West; the Underground is clear of tunnels there, and Oberstein's windows at Caulfield Gardens were on this line
Goldini's Restaurant	Establishment in the Gloucester Road area, where Holmes and Watson dined at before going to Oberstein's residence to investigate the death of Cadogan West; Holmes requested Watson bring a revolver and certain burglar tools
Great George Street	Short commercial street in Westminster, lying between the government offices and Westminster; Adolph Meyer, one of the suspected spies who may have received the stolen documents, lived there at No. 13
Holmes, Mycroft	Brother of Sherlock Holmes, seven years the elder brother, he ostensibly audited the books in some of the government departments, but in Sherlock's words, Mycroft occasionally was the British Government; he asked for Sherlock's assistance in the retrieval of the Bruce-Partington submarine plans

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.
Hotel du Louvre	(Grand Hotel du Louvre) One of the largest and best Paris hotels, located on the Rue de Rivoli, opposite the Louvre Palace, where Oberstein was staying while he was holding the stolen Bruce-Partington Plans
India	Extensive British possession of southern Asia; was administered separately from the rest of the British Empire; one of Mycroft Holmes' specialisms is India
Johnson, Sidney	Senior clerk and draughtsman at Woolwich Arsenal, who had a key to where the plans were kept, but is considered to have an excellent record in public service
Jupiter	Greatest of the Roman gods; Holmes compared Mycroft's coming to Baker Street with 'Jupiter descending'
Kensington	Western metropolitan borough of London, once an exclusive suburb inhabited by members of court; Hugo Oberstein, a spy who was involved in the theft of the submarine plans, lived there
La Rothière, Louis	International agent, residing at Campden Mansions, Notting Hill; one of the few spies capable of playing such bold games as the thefts of the submarine plans
Lassus, Orlandus	(Orlando Lasso, Roland Delattre) Leading German composer of the 16 th century, composed over 2,000 works; Holmes undertook a monograph upon the polyphonic motets of Lassus, which was privately published, and was said to be the last word upon the subject
Lestrade, G.	Inspector at Scotland Yard; assigned to investigate the death of Arthur Cadogan West
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 "a dense yellow fog settled down upon London"
London Bridge	Oldest and most important of the bridges over the Thames River, it connects the City with the Borough; it was noted Aldgate, where West's body was found is considerably past the station for London Bridge

London Bridge Station	Railway station in Bermondsey, the main terminus of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway; Holmes and his party embarked for Woolwich and the arsenal from there
Mason	Platelayer, employed by the Underground, who found Cadogan West's body on the railway just outside the Aldgate Station at 6 o'clock
Metropolitan Railway	Name of the principal underground railway company of London, which together with the Metropolitan District Railway, forms the Inner Circle; the body of Cadogan West was found on a Metropolitan line
Meyer, Adolph	International agent, living at 13 Great George Street; one of the few, along with Oberstein and La Rothière, who would have handled so big an affair as the stolen submarine plans
Middle Ages	Term loosely applied to that period of European history which lies between ancient and modern civilizations; Holmes had a continuing interest of the music of the Middle Ages, including that of Lassus
Notting Hill	Residential district in Kensington; Louis La Rothière, one of the international agents who could have been involved with the theft of the submarine plans, lived there
Oberstein, Hugo	One of the few spies, along with Meyer and La Rothière, capable of playing so bold a game as the theft of the submarine plans and murdered Arthur Cadogan West
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; Mycroft Holmes lodged in Pall Mall
Paris	Capital and largest city of France; the Hotel du Louvre is in Paris, where Oberstein had escaped to with the stolen submarine plans
Pierrot	Name signed by Hugo Oberstein to the messages in the <i>Daily Telegraph</i> while trying to sell the stolen submarine plans; Holmes joined in the correspondence and caught Colonel Valentine Walter
<i>Polyphonic Motets of Lassus</i>	Holmes was working on this monograph when he was asked to help investigate the theft of the submarine plans; type of vocal composition based on some sacred or religious text and sung without musical accompaniment

Prime Minister	In Great Britain, the leader of the majority party in Parliament and head of the Cabinet; Mycroft Holmes said he had never seen the Prime Minister so upset as he was over the theft of the submarined plans
Royal Navy	United Kingdom's naval warfare force; the first major maritime engagements were fought in the Hundred Years' War against France; modern Royal Navy traces its origins to the early 16th century; design and construction of the submarine plans was the responsibility of the Navy; the Navy was one of Mycroft Holmes' specialisms
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; Lestrade was a Scotland Yard inspector
Siam	Kingdom of south-eastern Asia; Mycroft Holmes was concerned about the state of Siam in 1895, likely due to the Anglo-French dispute of 1893; Mycroft disliked leaving his office, considering the state of Siam, but and Lestrade had to consult Holmes on the stolen plans
Sinclair, Admiral	Officer with whom Sir James Walter dined the night the submarine plans were stolen
Stock Exchange	Association of London stockbrokers and stock-jobbers, incorporated in 1773; familiarly known as The House, is located just east of the Bank of England; Colonel Valentine Walter lost his money in the Stock Exchange
Thames	Most important, though not the largest, river in Great Britain; it rises in south-central England and flows south-easterly, and enters the North Sea through a broad estuary; London is situated on both sides of the Thames; the lawns of Sir James Walter's house at Woolwich stretched down to the Thames
Victoria	Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India; she ascended the throne upon the death of William IV in 1837; after the successful return of the submarine plans, Holmes received a present of an emerald tie-pin from a "certain gracious lady"
Victorian Architecture	Architectural style most prominent after the mid-19 th century; Watson described Caulfield Gardens one of those houses which are so prominent a product of the middle Victorian epoch in the West End

Walter, Colonel Valentine	Younger brother of Sir James Walter, head of the Submarine Department; he was crushed when Sir James died of shock over the theft of the plans; was in fact the thief of the plans; it was later learned the colonel needed money desperately owing to a stock exchange debt; was taken by Holmes and died in prison toward the end of the 2 nd year of his sentence
Walter, Sir James	Head of the Submarine Department of the Admiralty, the man responsible for the Bruce-Partington plans; he died of shock a few hours after the patents, or some of them at least, were discovered to be missing
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
West End	That part of London lying west of the City; Holmes stated, "You are aware that the Underground runs clear of tunnels at some points in the West-end"
Westbury, Violet	Fiancé of Arthur Cadogan West, who he deserted on their way to the theatre in the fog, as he suspected something was going wrong at the Arsenal; she had faith in Arthur, and believed he was not the thief, so she asked Holmes to investigate Arthur's death
Westminster	Heart of London's West End; nearly as ancient as the City itself, and contains many of the metropolis' most famous landmarks; Adolph Meyer, one of the agents who might have been involved with the theft of the plans, resided there
Whitehall	Short street in Westminster, extending southward from Charing Cross, in which many offices of the British Government are located; Mycroft Holmes worked in Whitehall
Willesden	Working class residential suburb of London, lying in Middlesex immediate outside the Metropolitan boundary; Some of the rails where Cadogan West's body was found were purely Metropolitan, and some "from Willesden and outlying junctions"
Windsor	Town in the east of Berkshire, on the right bank of the Thames, Windsor Castle I swell known as the ancestral residence of the English sovereigns since Saxon times; some weeks after the successful conclusion of the Bruce-Partington case, Holmes spent a day at Windsor visiting, as he said, "a certain gracious lady"

Woodhouse	One of fifty men who had reason for taking Holmes' life
Woolwich	South-western metropolitan borough of London; many military establishments, and a large working population in the Arsenal; part of the investigation into the stolen submarine plans took place there
Woolwich Arsenal	(Royal Arsenal) One of the most imposing establishments in existence for the storage of war materials; Arthur Cadogan West was a clerk there, where the Bruce-Partington submarine was designed, and from which the plans were stolen
Woolwich Branch	Of the Capital & Counties Bank, Cadogan West had a checking account there
Woolwich Station	Holmes and Watson detrained at this Station during the investigation of the stolen submarine plans
Woolwich Theatre	Cadogan West and his fiancé were to have attended a performance at the Woolwich Theatre, a suburban theatre located there