

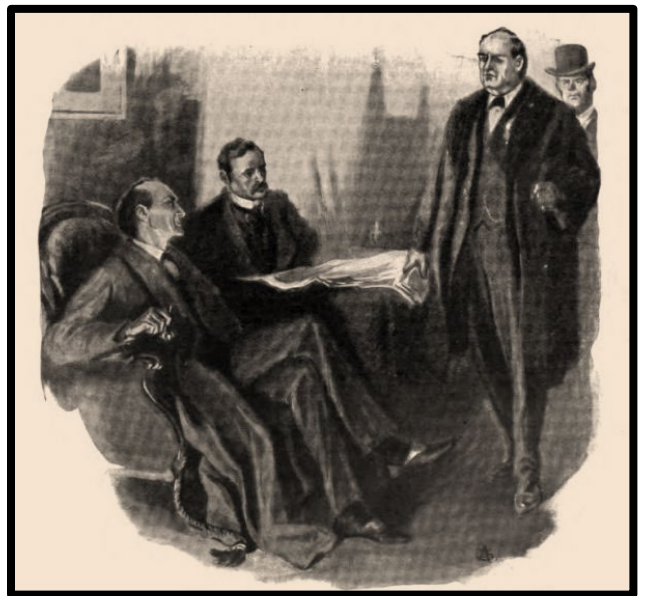


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this as a
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His Last Bow

Adventure XLII -- The Adventure of Bruce-Partington Plans

1. "Each fact is suggestive in itself. Together they have a cumulative force."
2. "Every fresh advance which we make only reveals a fresh ridge beyond. And yet we have surely made some appreciable progress."
3. "How an English gentleman could behave in such a manner is beyond my comprehension."
4. "I play the game for the game's own sake."
5. "I see some light in the darkness, but it may possibly flicker out."
6. "I will do nothing serious without my trusted comrade and biographer at my elbow."
7. "I'm afraid that all the queen's horses and all the queen's men cannot avail in this matter."
8. "It is fortunate for this community that I am not a criminal."



9. "It is well they don't have days of fog in Latin countries – the countries of assassination."
10. "My dear fellow, you shall keep watch in the street. I'll do the criminal part."
11. "One has to be discreet when one talks of high matters of state."
12. "The cunning dog has covered his tracks. He has left nothing to incriminate him."
13. "The London criminal is certainly a dull fellow. Look out of this window, Watson. See how the figures loom up, are dimly seen, and then blend once more into the cloud-bank. The thief or the murderer could roam London on such a day as the tiger does the jungle, unseen until he pounces, and then evident only to his victim."
14. "There is material here. There is scope. I am dull indeed not to have understood its possibilities."
15. "We must fall back upon the old axiom than when all other contingencies fail, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."
16. "Well, his position is unique. He has made it for himself. There has never been anything like it before, nor will be again."
17. "You are right in thinking that he is under the British Government. You would also be right in a sense if you said that occasionally he is the British Government."