



His Last Bow

Adventure XLV – The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax

1. Is a home bath necessarily invigorating rather than relaxing?
2. Are alternatives still in use?
3. How did Watson's splashes from a hansom differ from Helen Stoner's splashes from a dog-cart (SPEC)?
4. Why couldn't Watson's bow have been tied by a bootblack?
5. What bow knots were normal?
6. What other circumstances would result in Watson having a companion and removing his shoes?
7. Why is a drifting and friendless woman the most useful of mortals?
8. Who supplied Holmes with a copy of the account?
9. Reconcile "drifting and friendless," "sole survivor of the direct family of the late Earl of Rufton," and "the family are anxious."
10. Having spared no sum to clear the matter up, what was the reaction of the wealthy family of Lady Frances Carfax on learning that Holmes remained in London while he sent Watson to investigate her whereabouts?
11. Is the "weeks rent" comment significant?
12. Why did Watson report Lady Frances Carfax's return to London by letter instead of by telegram?
13. Having received the letter, why did Holmes leave London?
14. Why did Holmes disguise himself?
15. Was Holmes' statement that Watson gave the alarm everywhere and yet discovered nothing accurate?



16. Did Holmes **really** do better?
17. 7:30 – AM or PM?
18. Why the delay in getting a warrant?
19. Why was Annie allowed to get a policeman?
20. Should Holmes have been arrested?
21. Could invited police not have searched the house, discovering the den?
22. How did Peters learn of Rose Spender?
23. Where did the screwdrivers come from?

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