



His Last Bow

Adventure XLV – The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax

Abrahams	Case Holmes was involved in which precluded him leaving London; Old Abrahams was in such terror of being murdered
Adelaide	Capitol of South Australia; Holy Peters hailed from there
Agency	Term Holmes used in allusion to the “small but very efficient organization” he assembled to assist him in his detective practice, which may have included Pike, Mercer, and Johnson
Agony Column	In England, personal newspaper advertisements conveyed personal messages; Holmes tried and failed in search for Lady Frances Carfax through the agony columns.
Australia	Smallest of the continents; since 1901 it has been a federated commonwealth composed of its six former British colonies; Holy Peters hailed from this country
Azof	Arm of the Black Sea, lying east of the Crimea; Admiral Green had commanded the Sea of Azof fleet in the Crimean War
Baden	Celebrated health-spa in the grand duchy of Baden, near the Rhine River; Lady Frances Carfax met the Shlessinger’s (Holy Peters) 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
Barberton	Town in South African Republic; founded in 1886 and owes its existence to the discovery of gold in the region; Philip Green made his money there
Bevington’s	Pawnshop on Westminster Road, where Holy Peters pawned Lady Carfax’s jewels

Big Ben	Name given to the great bell which hangs in the Clock Tower of the House of Parliament; one of the largest known, weighing no less than 13 tons; Watson wrote it was twenty-five to eight as he and Holmes passed the Clock Tower on their way to rescue Lady Frances Carfax
Brixton	Middle-class district of central Lambeth; Poultney Square was located in this proximity
Brixton Road	Thoroughfare in Lambeth, mostly residential in character; Holmes and Watson tore down the Brixton Road in a hansom on their way to save Lady Carfax
Brixton Workhouse Infirmary	Institution where Holy Peters found Rose Spender, the deceased woman he was using to substitute Lady Carfax for
Camberwell	Southern metropolitan borough of London; Miss Dobney lives in that area
Carfax, Lady Frances	Sole survivor of the direct family of the Earl of Rufton; abducted by Holy Peters for her jewelry, and the object of an extensive search by Holmes and Philip Green
Cook's Tourist Offices	Firm of travel-agents and money-changers with branches throughout Europe; Watson was able to trace Lady Frances Carfax through the Cook's office in London
Crédit Lyonnais	One of the great joint-stock banks of France; Marie Devine cashed the cheque from Lady Frances Carfax at the Montpellier branch
Crimea	Peninsula of southern Russia, between the Sea of Azof and the Black Sea; the principal scene of the Crimean War, between England, France, Turkey, and Russia; Philip Green's father commanded the Sea of Azof fleet
Devine, Marie	Maid of Lady Frances Carfax, who received a cheque for fifty pounds from Carfax upon her termination of services; Watson traveled to Montpelier to interview there about the disappearance of Lady Carfax
Dobney, Susan	Old governess of Lady Frances Carfax, who first consulted Holmes in the case, after not hearing from Lady Carfax for over five weeks; Philip Green called her, "Old Susan Dobney with the mad cap"
Englischer Hof	Well-recommended hotel at Baden, near the Rhine River; Lady Frances Carfax made the acquaintance of the Shlessingers there; Carfax's maid, Marie, left her service there in a "flood of tears"
Firbank Villa	Address presumably in South London of Dr. Horsum, who ruled Rose Spender, the infirmed woman the Shlessingers found, had died of senile decay

Green, Admiral	Commander of the Sea of Azof fleet during the Crimean War, who apparently later was ennobled; his son was Philip Green, who assisted in the search for Lady Carfax
Green, Philip	Beloved of Lady Frances Carfax, who made his money in South Africa and returned to England in time to assist Holmes in his search for the missing Lady Frances Carfax
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.
Holy Land	(Palestine) Maritime region of the Turkish province of Syria; Dr. Shlessinger was said to be preparing a map of the Holy Land, with special reference to the kingdom of the Midianites, upon which he was writing a monograph
Holy Peters	Australian rascal, who as Dr. Shlessinger, gained the confidence of Lady Frances Carfax and attempted to murder her for her jewelry; his left ear was a distinguishing feature
Horsom, Dr.	Physician who certified Rose Spender's death, which was used in the disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax; his determination was she died of senile decay
Hotel National	Hotel at Lausanne, France, from which Lady Frances Carfax disappeared
Houses of Parliament	Holmes and Watson passed the Houses of Parliament enroute to Shlessinger's house in Poultney to determine if Lady Frances Carfax was being held there
Kennington Road	Thoroughfare in Lambeth, extending south from the Westminster Bridge; Philip Green followed Annie Fraser (Mrs. Shlessinger) up the Kennington Road to Stimson & Co., undertakers
Langham Hotel	Most prestigious of London Hotels, located in the West End; Philip Green stayed there while trying to find Lady Frances Carfax
Latimer's	Oxford Street boot-making firm, where Watson had purchased his boots; the boots, or more properly the laces, were the object of discussion between Holmes and Watson, focusing on the way the laces were tied
Lausanne	Town in the west of Switzerland, near the Lake of Geneva; Lady Frances Carfax was last heard of from there; Watson was sent to Lausanne by Holmes to look into her disappearance

Lestrade, G.	Inspector at Scotland Yard; Holmes consulted Lestrade in his search for Lady Frances Carfax
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; Holmes indicated he could not leave London while Old Abraham was in fear for his life
Midianites	Arabian tribe, represented in the Old Testament as the descendants of Midian, son of Abraham; Dr. Shlessinger was said to be preparing a monograph upon the kingdom of the Midianites
Moser, M.	Well-known manager of the Hôtel National at Lausanne, Watson wrote he “received every courtesy at the hands of M. Moser”
Oxford Street	One of the principal streets in London, running from Holborn into the West End; Watson obtained his boots from Latimer’s on Oxford Street
Parliament, Houses of	Parliament has two Houses that work on behalf of UK citizens to check and challenge the work of Government, while making and shaping laws; Holmes and Watson drove by the Houses of Parliament on their way to find Lady Carfax
Peerage	In Great Britain, the rank of dignity of a peer, a holder of the title of one of the five degrees of hereditary nobility: Duke, Earl, Viscount, and Baron; the Earl of Rufton was a peer
Peters, Henry “Holy”	Australian criminal, who as Dr. Shlessinger, gained the confidence of Lady Frances Carfax, and attempted to murder her for her jewelry; he and his accomplice, Anne Fraser, avoided capture
Poultney Square	Square in Britain where Holy Peters lived at No. 36, and Lady Frances Carfax was kept prisoner
Rhine River	One of the principal rivers of western Europe; the spa of Baden was near there, where Lady Carfax met the Shlessingers
Rue de Trajan	Street in Montpellier where Marie Devine, the maid to Lady Frances Carfax, lived
Rufton, Earl of	Father of Lady Frances Carfax
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

Silvester's	London banking firm with whom Lady Frances Carfax had her account; the last check drawn on the account was to her former maid, Marie Devine; Holmes opined, "single ladies must live, and their pass-books are compressed diaries"
South Africa	General term referring to the Boer republics and to the British possessions in southern Africa; Philip Green made his money in South Africa
South America	Continent entirely in the Western Hemisphere and mostly in the Southern Hemisphere, with a relatively small portion in the Northern Hemisphere; the Shlessingers had been missionaries in South America earlier
Spain	South-western kingdom of Europe; Lady Frances Carfax was abducted by the Shlessingers for the Spanish jewelry she had inherited
Spender, Rose	Name of the workhouse crone claimed by Annie Fraser as her old nurse; once she had died senile decay at the Poultney Square home of the Shlessingers, the Shlessingers planned on burying Lady Frances Carfax alive with the deceased woman
Stimson	London undertaker, proprietor of Stimson & Co. on the Kennington road; his wife, Mrs. Stimson, gave the vital clue in the Carfax case; they were scheduled to bury Rose Spender, which it assumed the ultimately did
Vibart, Jules	Finance of Marie Devine, maid of Lady Frances Carfax, who received a cheque for fifty pounds from Carfax upon her termination of services
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
Westminster	Heart of London's West End; nearly as ancient as the City itself, and contains many of the metropolis' most famous landmarks; Bevington's Pawnshop was on Westminster Road, where Holy Peters pawned Lady Frances Carfax's jewels
Westminster Bridge	Handsome iron and granite bridge spanning the Thames between Westminster and Lambeth, erected in 1862; Holmes and Watson crossed it on their way to Poultney square in the investigation of the disappearance of Lady Carfax

Westminster Road	(Westminster Bridge Road) street in the north of Lambeth, extending from the Waterloo Road to Westminster Bridge; Holy Peters pawned one of Lady Carfax's jewels in the "Westminster Road"
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