



## His Last Bow

### Adventure XLVII – His Last Bow

1. What was the most terrible August in the twentieth century?
  - a) August, 1914 – the start of WW I
  - b) August, 1939 – the introduction to WW II
  - c) August, 1945 – the atomic bomb explosions over two Japanese cities?
2. Is the word “degenerate” significant?
3. Were the two Germans famous?
4. Why did they speak in low tones outside Von Bork’s house?
5. Is a 100-horsepower automobile huge?
6. What provided the impression that the English were docile and simple?
7. What was Von Bork’s purported occupation?
8. What answer could Von Herling have given to a question about the war tax?
9. Were suffragettes part of the devil’s brew?
10. What was kept in the pigeonhole labeled “Fords”?
11. Has the feeling of Irish-Americans changed during the last 80 years?
12. Did anything happen to Harwich during the war?
13. How was Altamont to be fixed up?
14. Having spoken in low tones outside the house, why was Von Bork now speaking in a normal voice inside his house?
15. What line from Rotterdam was meant?



16. Why did Altamont pay off the gunner in dollars and not in pounds?
17. How did Holmes hide the sponge? When did he soak it with chloroform?
18. Was Von Bork bound on his arms and legs, or on his hands and feet?
19. How did Von Bork clutch at his throat? How was he walked to the car?
20. Why couldn't the originals have been safely sent out of the country?
21. Why, on the eve of war, did Holmes reveal to Von Bork, who was to be returned to Germany, that his military information was faulty?
22. Did Holmes have anything to do with the separation of Irene Adler and the King of Bohemia?
23. Are German sportsmen rare?
24. Did a cleaner, better, stronger land emerge?
25. August 2, 1914 was a Sunday. The next day was Bank Holiday. What was Holmes' rush to cash the check early?
26. Why did the British government allow this story to be published in 1917, while the war was still in progress?

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