



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LV – The Adventure of the Three Gables

Arabian, Nights The	Isadora Klein’s drawing room resembled a scene from the tales, according to Watson
<i>Belle dame sans merci</i>	Expression meaning, “fair lady without mercy”; Holmes characterized Isadora Klein as the “ <i>belle dame sans merci</i> ”
Birmingham	Large manufacturing city in the North Midlands; Steve Dixie protested he was training there when young Perkins was killed
Bull Ring, The	Large, open area near the center of Birmingham, lying north of the ancient Church of St. Martin’s; Steve Dixie protested that he was training there when young Perkins was killed
Cairo	Capital of Egypt, situated upon the right bank of the Nile; Holmes asked Mary Maberley if she would like to visit there
Crown Derby	Name given to fine porcelain manufactured at Derby in the 18 th century; Mary Maberley remarked she owned nothing more valuable than a Crown Derby tea set
Dixie, Steve	Whom Holmes called Black Steve, a prizefighter hired by Isadora Klein to intimidate Holmes; Holmes was unimpressed with Dixie’s threats
Ferguson	Retired sea-captain who owned the Three Gables before Mary Maberley purchased it
<i>First Folio</i>	First published collection of the plays of William Shakespeare; Holmes humorously asked Mary Maberley if she perhaps possessed a First Folio Shakespeare
Grosvenor Square	Square in Westminster; Isadora Klein, who Holmes accuses had a part in the death of Douglas Maberley
Haines-Johnson	Name used by the disreputable sham house-agent hired by Isadora Klein to attempt to purchase the Three Gables from Mary Maberley, including all the furnishings at a good price
Harrow Weald	District of Middlesex, north of Harrow, where Mary Maberley lived; Holmes was warned by the fighter Steve Dixie it was not safe ‘out Harrow way’

Holborn Bar	Holmes indicates young Perkins was killed outside the Holborn Bar, with Steve Dixie involved in the murder
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.
Italy	Kingdom of southern Europe; Douglas Maberley died there, and his trunks returned to his mother's house were labeled from Italy
Klein	German sugar king, whose widow was Isadora Klein
Klein, Isadora	Widow of Klein, the German sugar king, and became a notorious adventuress; among her lovers was the late Douglas Maberley, whose novel about her she was determined to secure
Lomond, Duke of	Betrothed of Isadora Klein, who she is fearful will cancel the engagement if he learns of the book written by Douglas Maberley before his death
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, Kent, Middlesex, and Essex; Holmes tells Mrs. Maberley that all of London knew of her son, Douglas
Lucerne	City and highly popular tourist resort of central Switzerland; Douglas Maberley's trunks passed through there on their way to England
Maberley, Douglas	Son of Mortimer and Mary Maberley; passed away from pneumonia while attaché at Rome, after having a love affair with Isadora Klein; wrote a novel based on the affair, which Klein was desperate to keep from becoming public
Maberley, Mary	Mother to Douglas Maberley; resided at the Three Gables; called upon Holmes to investigate the death of her son, as well as attempted robbery at her home; received £5000 from Isadora Klein; Watson wrote she was "a most engaging elderly person, who bore every mark of refinement and culture"
Maberley, Mortimer	Man who once used Holmes' services in some 'trifling matter'; his widow called upon Holmes in her son's love affair with Isadora Klein
Madeira	Portuguese island in the Atlantic, about 400 miles from the coast of Morocco; Holmes

	asked Mary Maberley if she would like to visit there
Mary	Maid of Mary Maberley; she heard robbers in the house struggling with Mrs. Maberley and screamed out a window, summoning the police and forcing the intruders to flee
Milano	(Milan) City of northern Italy, and the second city of that kingdom; Douglas Maberley's trunks passed through there on their way to England
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 Duke of Lamond was a peer
Perkins	He was killed outside the Holborn Bar; Holmes indicated Steve Dixie was involved in the death, but Dixie claimed he was training at the Bull Ring in Birmingham when the death occurred
Pernambuco	Seaport of Brasil, and the third largest city in the country; Isadora Klein's family had been leaders there for generations
Pike, Langdale	Name used by a London gossip-monger and newspaper writer, whom Holmes consulted; Pike was considered a human reference on social scandal, especially of the London scene; his working hours were spent in a club on St. James Street
Post Office Savings Bank	Banking system established in Britain in 1861, and operated by the Post Office department to encourage savings among the lower classes; Holmes remarked when people buried treasure in the modern world they did so in a Post Office Bank
Riviera	That part of the French and Italian coastline lying between the Alps and the Mediterranean, celebrated for its scenery and as a vacation site; Holmes asked Mary Maberley if she would like to visit there
Rome	Capital of Italy; Douglas Maberley was an attaché at Rome, where he died from pneumonia
Santi, Raphael	One of the greatest painters of the Italian Renaissance; Holmes humorously asked if Mary Maberley had a Raphael, which might explain why her house had been burgled

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; Holmes threatened to go to Scotland Yard, which caused Isadora Klein to confess to all that had occurred
Shakespeare, William	Greatest of English poet-dramatists; Holmes humorously asked if Mary Maberley had a first folio of Shakespeare
Spain	South-western kingdom of Europe; Isadora Klein was of pure Spanish blood
Spencer John Gang	Criminal gang to which Barney Stockdale and Steve Dixie belonged; Holmes indicated the gang “specialized in assaults, intimidation, and the like”
St. James Street	Street in Westminster, extending from Piccadilly to Pall Mall, and the site of many of London’s clubs; Watson wrote Langdale Pike spent his waking hours in a St. James Street Club
Stockdale, Barney	Member of the Spencer John gang and Steve Dixie’s “boss”, hired by Isadora Klein to intimidate Holmes and to recover the novel written by Mary Maberley’s son
Stockdale, Susan	Wife of Barney Stockdale, who gained employment with Mary Maberley and acted as an informant within the Three Gables in the plot to retrieve Douglas Maberley’s novel
Sutro	Lawyer representing Mary Maberley, who questioned the sales contract on the house she was residing in, and notified Holmes the house had been broken in the night before by message
Three Gables, The	Harrow Weald villa belonging to Mary Maberley, which was burgled by the Spencer John gang, at the request of Isadora Klein, to recover the novel written by Douglas Maberley
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

Weald Station	(Harrow & Wealdstone Station) Railway station serving Harrow Weald, located within the nearby town of Wealdstone; the Three Gables, the residence of Mary Maberley, was within a short walk
West End	That part of London lying west of the City; Isadora Klein's residence was in the West End