



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LVIII – The Adventure of the Retired Colourman

Albert Hall	A vast assembly hall in South Kensington; used for scientific and art assemblies, and for music concerts on a large scale; Holmes attended a concert there by Carina
Amberley, Josiah	Retired colourman, former junior partner of Brickfall & Amberley, who murdered his wife and her lover, Ray, then engaged Holmes to try and figure out the mystery
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
Barker	London private detective, Holmes' friend and "hated rival upon the Surrey shore"; engaged by Ray Ernest's family to investigate his disappearance
Blackheath	Pleasant residential district of Lewisham, lying to the north of Lee; Watson took a train from Lewisham at Blackheath Station for London Bridge
Blackheath Station	Watson caught the train there for London from Lewisham
Blue Anchor	Name of an inn or public-house from whose female employees Holmes said Watson might have obtained valuable information about the Amberley case
Brickfall & Amberley	Manufacturer of artistic materials, of which Josiah Amberley was a junior partner before retiring
Broadmoor Asylum	Prison for criminal lunatics in the south-east of Berkshire; Holmes suspected Josiah Amberley's destination was more likely to be Broadmoor than the gallows
Carina	Singer whom Holmes interrupted his investigation of the Amberley case to hear perform at Albert Hall

Crockford's Clerical Directory	Annual directly published since 1858; Holmes turned up J.C. Elman in his Crockford, whose name he used in the ruse against Amberley
Elman, J.C.	Vicar of Little Purlington, who supposedly sent a message to Amberley, asking him to meet with Elman in Essex; when Watson and Amberley arrived at the vicarage, Elman denied ever sending the telegram; Holmes looked up Elman in his <i>Crockford's Clerical Dictionary</i>
Ernest, Ray	London physician, the lover of Mrs. Amberley, who was murdered by Mr. Amberley; his family hired Holmes' rival, Barker, to investigate his disappearance
Essex	Eastern county of England; while the county is highly agricultural, it also hosted numerous industries; Holmes sent Watson and Josiah Amberley on a wild goose chase into Essex so that he might enter Amberley's house
Freemasonry	Name commonly give to a secret fraternal organization of ancient origin, called themselves Free and Accepted Masons; the detective Barker was a Freemason
Frinton-on-Sea	Town in Essex; Holmes said Little Purlington, where the vicar Elman resided, was not far from Frinton
Haven, The	Lewisham house belonging to Josiah Amberley; Watson said of it, "I have never seen a worse-kept place"
Haymarket Theatre	Theatre in Westminster, where drama and English comedy are regularly presented; Josiah Amberley claimed to have attended a performance there the evening of his wife's disappearance
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.
Lewisham	South-eastern metropolitan borough of London; it is a favored middle-class residential quarter; Josiah Amberley lived there, after retiring from Brickfall & Amberley
Little Purlington	Town in Essex, where Mr. Elman had his vicarage; described by Watson as the "most primitive village in England"; when Watson and Amberley arrived at the vicarage, Elman denied ever sending the telegram; Holmes looked up Elman in his Crockford's Clerical Dictionary

Liverpool Street Station	London railway station lying just north of the City boundary, London terminus of the Great Eastern Railway; the train Amberley was to take to Little Purlington left from there
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; Watson noted it was hard to say whether he or Amberley was in a worse mood when they did arrive in London
London Bridge	Oldest and most important of the bridges over the Thames River, it connects the City with the Borough; Watson noted a tall dark man following him and saw him at London Bridge
London Bridge Station	Railway station in Bermondsey, the main terminus of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway; Watson arrived at the station from Blackheath with Amberley
Lothario	Libertine in the play, <i>The Fair Penitent</i> , written in 1703 by Nicholas Rowe; Holmes compared Ray Ernest with the character
MacKinnon	Scotland Yard Inspector assigned to the Amberley case; mollified when Holmes assured him Holmes would not rob him of the credit; newspaper gave full credit to MacKennon for solving the murders
Mossmoor-cum-Little Purlington	Name given to the living enjoyed by J.C. Elman, which presumably was composed of the revenues attached to the Essex parishes of Moss-moor and Little Purlington
North Surrey Observer	Biweekly newspaper in which Holmes and Watson read an account of the Amberley case
Railway Arms	Hotel at Little Purlington where Watson and Josiah Amberley spent the night; when Watson and Amberley arrived at the vicarage, Vicar Elman denied ever sending a telegram; Watson telephone Holmes at Baker Street from the hotel
Surrey Side, The	(South London) That part of the metropolis south of the Thames; Barker, Holmes' hated rival was from the Surrey side

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