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139 - A CASE FOR SCOTLAND YARD - SEPTEMBER, 2023



WELCOME TO TOPIC NUMBER # 139... TODAY WE WILL
BE LOOKING AT LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH
SCOTLAND YARD.



*BY THE TIME I MEET YOU, YOU HAD ALREADY
WORKED ON OTHER CASES WITH SCOTLAND
YARD INSPECTORS.*



IN THE FIRST ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE TALE, A STUDY
IN SCARLET, YOU INTRODUCE TWO OF THE
DETECTIVES—GREGSON AND LESTRADE—WHO APPEAR
IN MANY OF THE LATER STORIES.



**BEFORE YOU WORKED WITH THESE TWO,
HOWEVER, ANOTHER BRITISH AUTHOR WROTE
ABOUT A TRUE SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVE.**



**CHARLES DICKENS WROTE ABOUT INSPECTOR
FIELD FOR THE NEWSPAPER AND INCLUDED HIM
IN HIS NOVEL BLEAK HOUSE.**





WHILE MANY AROUND THE WORLD THINK SCOTLAND
YARD OPERATES THROUGHOUT BRITAIN, THEY ARE
ONLY A PART OF THE LONDON POLICE FORCE.

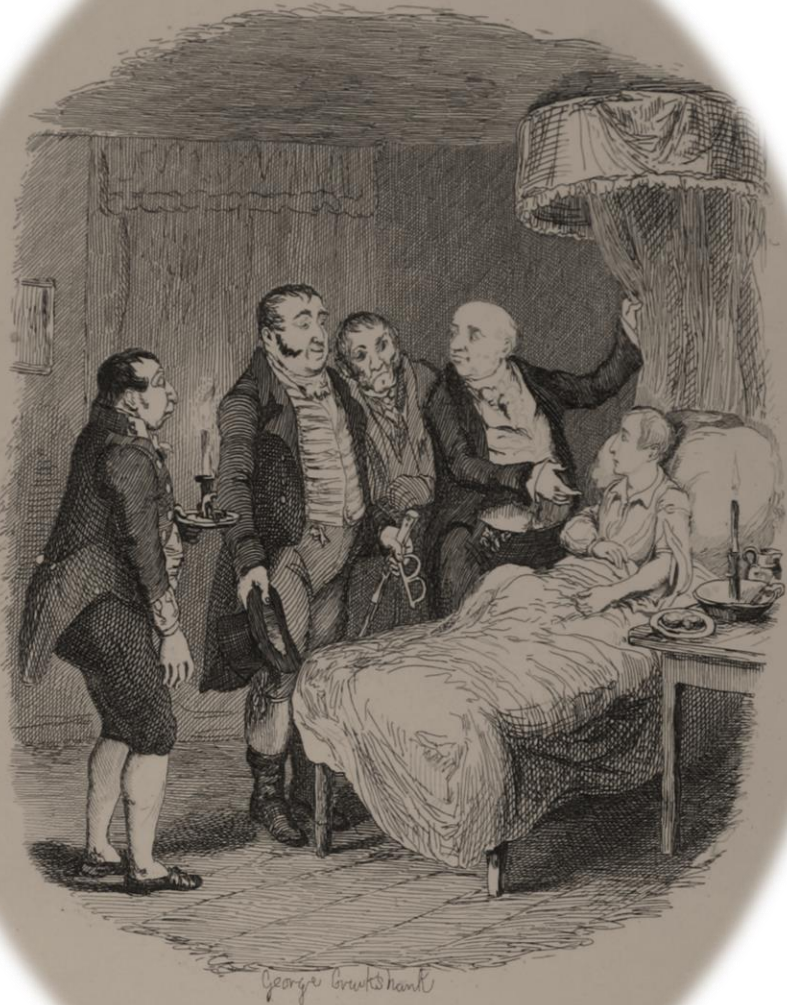




BEFORE 1748, UNPAID LOCAL OFFICERS ENFORCED THE LAWS... THEY WERE NOT ORGANIZED AND HAD NO TRAINING IN SOLVING CRIMES.



BRITISH BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS NEEDED MORE PROTECTION... WHEN HENRY FIELDING BECAME A JUDGE, HE DECIDED TO PAY SIX HONEST, RETIRED OFFICERS, THE 'BOW STREET RUNNERS,' TO ENFORCE THE LAW AND SOON CRIME DECREASED WHERE THE RUNNERS WORKED.



THEY WERE SO EFFECTIVE, PARLIAMENT EXPANDED THIS MODEL TO OTHER PARTS OF LONDON... LATER, THESE VARIOUS POLICE OFFICES WERE FORMED INTO ONE—THE METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE.



THESE OFFICERS WERE CALLED 'BOBBIES' OR
'PEELERS' BECAUSE THE PERSON IN CHARGE WAS
ROBERT PEEL.



THEIR HEADQUARTERS WERE ON 4 WHITEHALL STREET, BUT THE PUBLIC ENTERED THEIR OFFICES FROM A COURTYARD CALLED GREAT SCOTLAND YARD.



THIS AREA HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE SCOTTISH KING AS A PLACE FOR HIS TROOPS TO CAMP WHEN HE VISITED LONDON, BUT 300 YEARS LATER, THE NAME CAME TO MEAN THE POLICE FORCE OPERATING THERE.



WHEN THEY MOVED OUT, THEIR NEW BUILDING
WAS CALLED 'NEW SCOTLAND YARD.'



**FROM THE BEGINNING—AND UP TO THIS DAY—THE
NAME SCOTLAND YARD REFERS TO A POLICE FORCE
WITH THE REPUTATION OF BEING ONE OF THE
MOST MODERN AND ORGANIZED IN THE WORLD.**



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 139 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 140, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT SECRET WRITINGS USED IN OUR STORIES.



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