

A Compendium of Canonical Characters



His Last Bow

Canonical Characters



Alec Ball,
December, 1911

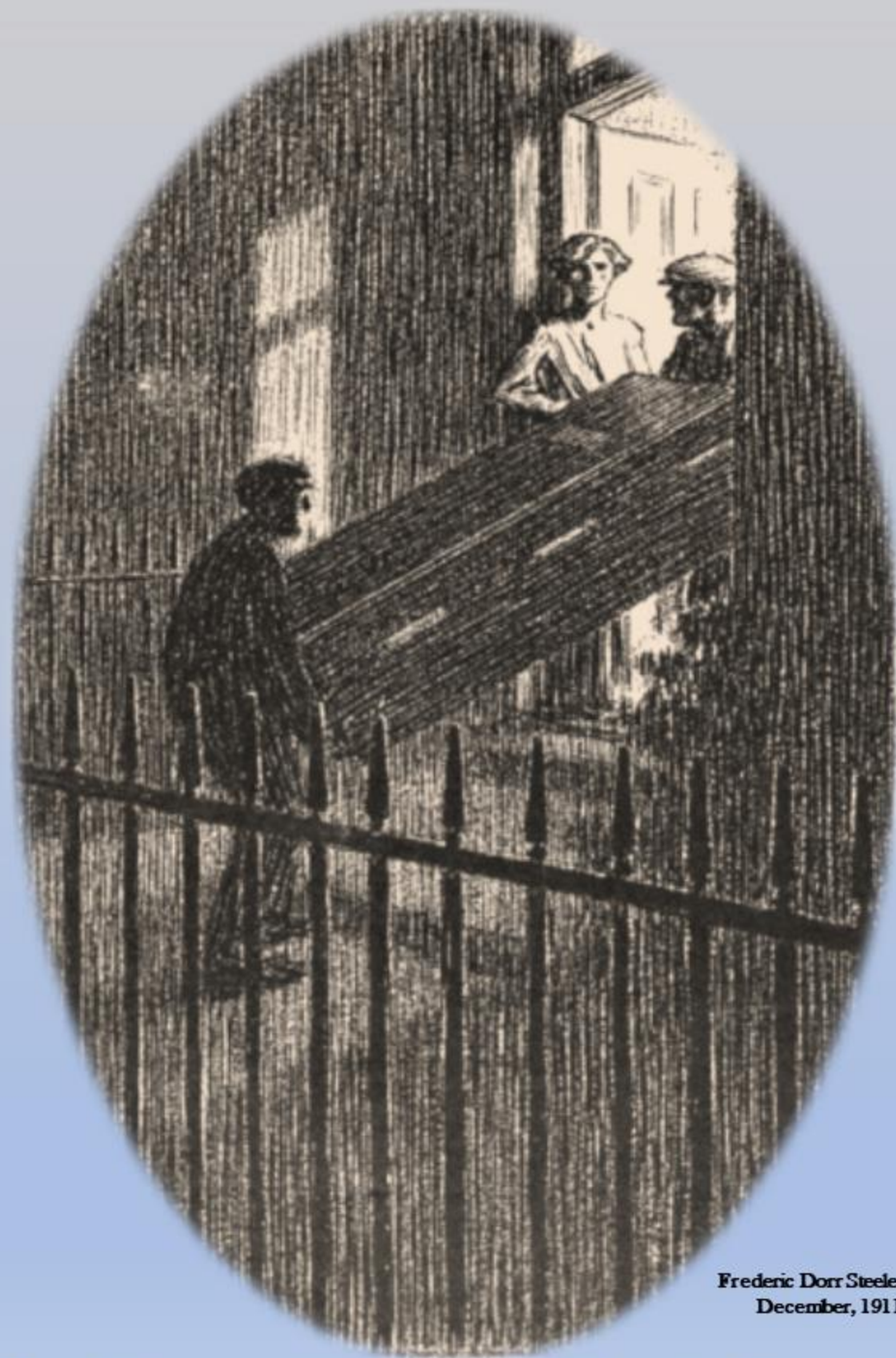
The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax



“The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax” 01 *(His Last Bow)*

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Frederic Dorr Steele,
December, 1911

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“The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax” 03 *(His Last Bow)*

Miss Dobney, Lady Frances Carfax's former housekeeper, asks Sherlock Holmes to ascertain what has happened to Lady Carfax.

Traveling alone with valuable jewelry, has she become the target of common thieves, or is there more to her disappearance, including the involvement of two very shady characters?

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Knott,
February, 1912

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Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
March, 1923	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Willis
May, 1965	UK	Douglas Wilmer	Nigel Stock
February, 1991	UK	Jeremy Brett	Edward Harwicke

Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
September 24, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
December 14, 1941	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
February 26, 1945	Mutual	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
March 28, 1948	Mutual	John Stanley	Alfred Shirley
1958	FR	Maurice Teynac	Pierre Mondy
May 03, 1960	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1970		Robert Hardy	Nigel Stock
August 27, 1978	BBC	Barry Foster	David Buck
February 09, 1994	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
2011		John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert

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Sherlock Holmes



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"One of the most dangerous classes in the world, is the drifting and friendless woman. She is a stray chicken in a world of foxes. When she is gobbled up she is hardly missed."

"You are Henry Peters, of Adelaide, late the Rev. Dr. Shlessinger, of Baden and South America. I am as sure of that as that my own name is Sherlock Holmes."

(Brian Bedford, 1989, Alfred Hitchcock Presents, "My Dear Watson")

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John Watson



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Went to Lausanne to look for Lady
Frances at Holmes’ behest.

“I had a telegram asking for a
description of Dr. Shlessinger's left ear.”

“What with actual suffocation, and what
with the poisonous fumes of the
chloroform, the Lady Frances seemed
to have passed the last point of recall.”

*“A Turkish bath is what we call an
alternative in medicine -- a fresh starting-
point, a cleanser of the system.”*

(Patrick Monckton, 1989, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*,
“My Dear Watson”)

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Miss Susan Dobney



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Old governess of Lady Frances, retired and living in Camberwell. Consulted Holmes after she went missing for five weeks.

“The last letter was from the Hotel National at Lausanne. Lady Frances seems to have left there and given no address.”

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Lady Frances Carfax



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Sole survivor of the direct family of the late Earl of Rufton. A beautiful woman, still in fresh middle age, “One of the most dangerous classes in the world, is the drifting and friendless woman. She is the most harmless, and often the most useful of mortals, but she is the inevitable inciter of crime in others.”

“Like most lonely ladies, Lady Frances found her comfort and occupation in religion.”

(Cheryl Campbell, 1991, *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax”)

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Marie Devine



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Maid to Lady Frances Carfax.
Was engaged to one of the
waiters at the Hotel National in
Lausanne.

"Lady Frances had given her
fifty pounds as a wedding-
present."

"See! The miscreant follows
still! There is the very man of
whom I speak."

(Karin MacCarthy, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*,
"The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax")

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M Moser



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Frances Carfax” 10
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Manager of Hotel National at
Lausanne.

Told Watson that Lady
Frances had stayed at the
hotel for several weeks and
had been liked by all who met
her.

Moser indicated he was not
aware of any valuable jewelry
carried by Lady Carfax.

(Roger Delgado, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax”)

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Jules Vibart



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Waiter at Hotel National in
Lausanne. Engaged to Marie
Devine.

He connected the sudden
departure of Lady Frances with
the visit to the hotel a day or two
before of a tall, dark, bearded
man.

"Un sauvage—un veritable
sauvage!" cried Jules Vibart.

(Neil Stacy, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax”)

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Reverend Dr. Shlessinger



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Frances Carfax” 12
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“Missionary from South America,
is none other than Holy Peters,
one of the most unscrupulous
rascals that Australia has ever
evolved.”

“His particular specialty is the
beguiling of lonely ladies by
playing upon their religious
feelings.”

*“I guess your name does not
frighten me, Mr. Holmes.”*

(Ronald Radd, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax”)

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Mrs. Shlessinger



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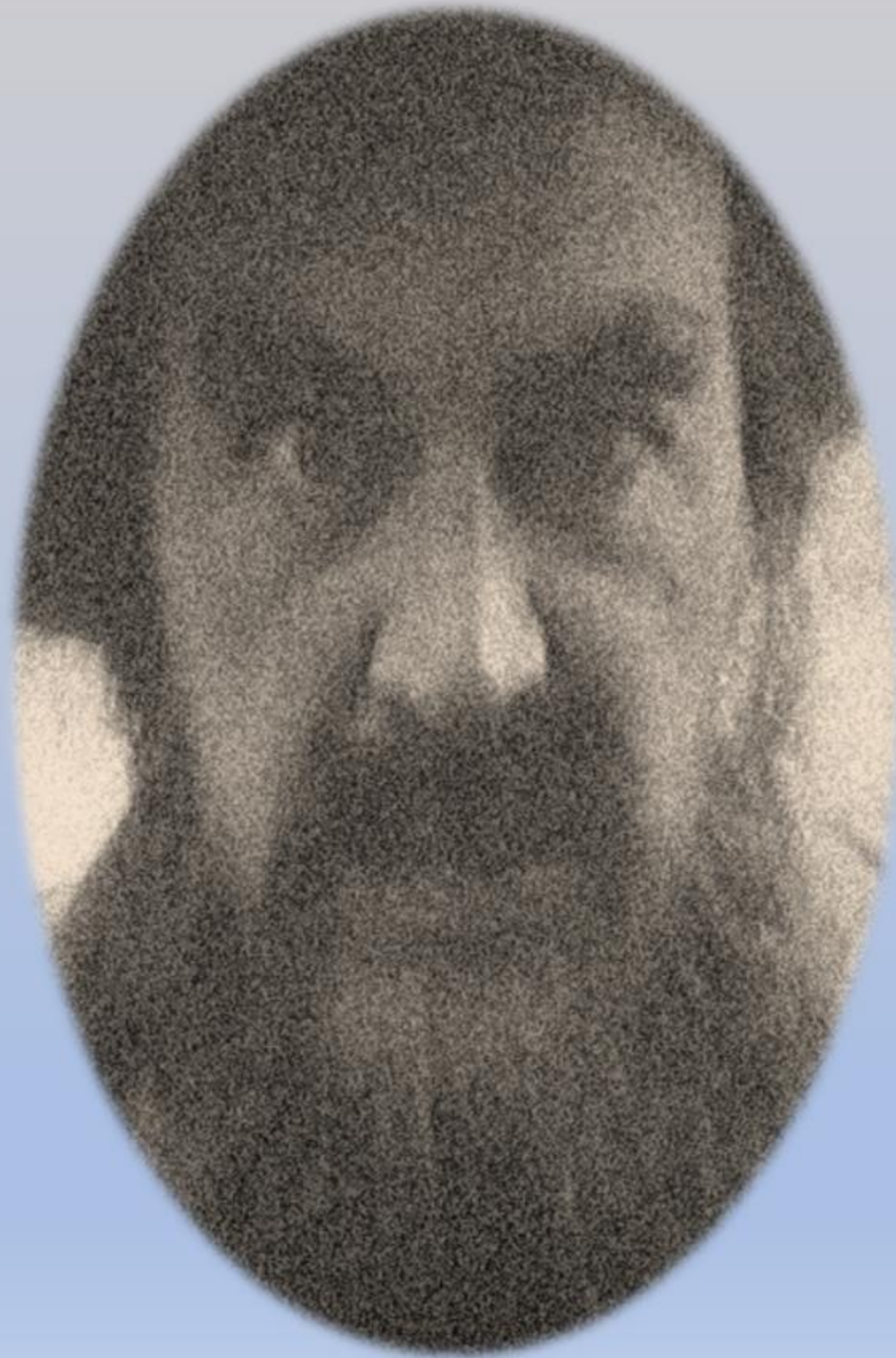
A missionary from South
America, a tall, pale woman,
with ferret eyes.

“his so-called wife, an
Englishwoman named
Fraser, is a worthy
helpmate.”

*“My husband is not afraid to
face any man in the world.”*

(Diana King, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax”)

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Hon. Phillip Green



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“A bulky, bearded, sunburned fellow, the son of the famous admiral who commanded the Sea of Azof fleet in the Crimean War who fell in love with Lady Frances.

“I swear to you, Mr. Holmes, that there never was in this world a man who loved a woman with a more wholehearted love than I had for Frances.”

“But they may murder her in the meanwhile. What could the coffin mean, and for whom could it be but for her?”

—
(Joss Ackland, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax”)

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Chloroform



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Used as an anesthetic during surgery in the Victorian era, but fatal in large amounts.

“As we did so there came from the inside a stupefying and overpowering smell of chloroform. A body lay within, its head all wreathed in cotton-wool, which had been soaked in the narcotic.”

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T. V. McCarthy
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(Baring-Gould)

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42 of 56 short stories
(Sherlockian poll, 1999, Stock)

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Abbreviation:

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