

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes



## Canonical Characters



Sidney Paget,  
May, 1892

## The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet



## "The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet"

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Josef Friedrich,  
1906

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*Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.*

II.—THE ADVENTURE OF THE BERYL CORONET

"SHERLOCK HOLMES," said I, as I stood one morning in our bow window looking down the street, "here is a madman coming along. It seems rather sad that his relatives should allow him to come out alone."

My friend rose lazily from his arm-chair, and stood with his hands in the pockets of his dressing gown, looking over my shoulder. It was a bright, crisp February morning, and the snow of the day before still lay deep upon the ground, shimmering brightly in the wintry sun. Down the centre of Baker-street it had been ploughed into a brown crumbly band by the traffic, but at either side and on the heaped-up edges of the footpaths it still lay as white as when it fell. The grey pavement had been cleaned and scraped, but was still dangerously slippery, so that there were fewer passengers than usual. Indeed, from the direction of the Metropolitan Station no one was coming save the single gentleman whose eccentric conduct had drawn my attention.

He was a man of about fifty, tall, portly, and imposing, with a massive, strongly marked face and a commanding figure. He was dressed in a sombre yet rich style, in black frock-coat, shining hat, neat brown gaiters, and well-cut dark grey trousers. Yet his features were in such contrast to his dress and his air of such dignity of manner, that he seemed altogether out of place for he was a man of the people, and his manner was that of a man who had been driven to the extreme limits of his reason. Then, suddenly springing

little accustomed to set any tax upon his legs. As he ran he jerked his head and down, waggled his head, and his face into the most extraordinary contortions.

"What on earth can be the matter with him?" I asked. "He is looking up at numbers of the houses."

"I believe that he is coming here," said Holmes, rubbing his hands.

"Here?"

"Yes; I rather think he is coming to consult me professionally. I think that I recognise the symptoms. Ha! did I not tell you?" As he spoke, the man, puffing and blowing, rushed at our door, and pulled at our bell until the whole house resounded with the clanging.

A few moments later he was in our room, still puffing, still gesticulating, but with so fixed a look of grief and despair in his eyes that our smiles were turned in an instant to horror and pity. For a while he could not get his words out, but swayed his body and plucked at his hair like one who has been driven to the extreme limits of his reason. Then, suddenly springing



"WITH A LOOK OF GRIEF AND DESPAIR"

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A very distressed Alexander Holder, prominent London banker, arrives at Baker Street to seek Holmes's help in a mystery. Holder had loaned £50,000 to a client who gave him as collateral the famous beryl coronet. Holder took the coronet home to keep it secure, where he awakens to find his son in his desk, holding the coronet which is twisted and three beryls missing.

Earlier, Arthur had asked his father for money to pay off gambling debts, and thus Alexander called for the police and had his son arrested immediately.

Holmes must find the beryls before they permanently disappear and determine the real culprit behind the theft.



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F. C. Drake,  
1892

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### Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
1912	FR/ UK	Georges Tréville	Mr. Moyse
1921	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Willis
1965	UK	Douglas Wilmer	Nigel Stock
1968	DE	Erich Schellow	Paul Edwin Roth

### Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
January 28, 1932	Blue (NBC)	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
September 19, 1936	Mutual/ NBC	Luis Hector	Harry West
March 04, 1940	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
November 03, 1958	BBC	Maurice Teynac	Pierre Mondy
June 30, 1959	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
October 07, 1977	CBS	Kevin McCarthy	Court Benson
January 30, 1991	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
February 28, 2010		John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert



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Sherlock Holmes



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Holmes recovered the missing gems and pocketed a £1,000 reward.

*"It is an old maxim of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."*

(Douglas Wilmer, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*, "The Beryl Coronet")



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Dr. John Watson



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Holmes disguised himself like a common loafer and returned the next day with the stolen jewels.

"It was no uncommon thing for him to be away for days and nights on end when he was hot upon a scent, so that his lateness caused me no surprise."

*"It seems rather sad that his relatives should allow him to come out alone."*

(Nigel Stock, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*, "The Beryl Coronet")



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Alexander Holder



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Senior partner of Holder & Stevenson of Threadneedle Street, second largest private bank in London. Loaned £50,000 to a noble with the Beryl Coronet as collateral and brought it home for safekeeping.

"He beat his head against the wall with such force that we both rushed upon him and tore him away to the centre of the room."

*"No doubt you think me mad?"*

(Leonard Sachs, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*, "The Beryl Coronet")



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Arthur Holder



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Only son of Alexander. Twice asked Mary to marry him but was refused. Father accused him of stealing the Beryl Coronet and he was arrested. Stopped Burnwell from running away with the crown. "When he was young he became a member of an aristocratic club, and ... He learned to play heavily at cards and to squander money on the turf."

"I will leave your house in the morning, and make my own way in the world."

(Christian Wolff, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, "Das Beryll-Diadem")



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Lucy Parr



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The second waiting-maid  
with an excellent  
character. The girlfriend  
of Francis Prosper.

*"She is a very pretty girl  
and has attracted  
admirers who have  
occasionally hung about  
the place."*

(Sandra Hampton, 1965, *Sherlock Holmes*, "The Beryl Coronet")



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Sir George Burnwell



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Ran away with Mary Holder after she stole the Beryl Coronet.

Holmes said, "He is one of the most dangerous men in England—a ruined gambler, an absolutely desperate villain, a man without heart or conscience."

*"Why, dash it all! I've let them go at six hundred for the three!"*

*(Alexander Hegarth, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, "Das Beryll-Diadem")*



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Mary Holder



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Niece and adopted daughter of Alexander, age 24. Stole the coronet and ran away with Sir George Burnwell.

"She is a sunbeam in my house—sweet, loving, beautiful, a wonderful manager and housekeeper, yet as tender and quiet and gentle as a woman could be."

*"But I am so sure that he is innocent. You know what women's instincts are."*

*(Suzan Farmer, 1965, Sherlock Holmes, "The Beryl Coronet")*



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Francis Prosper



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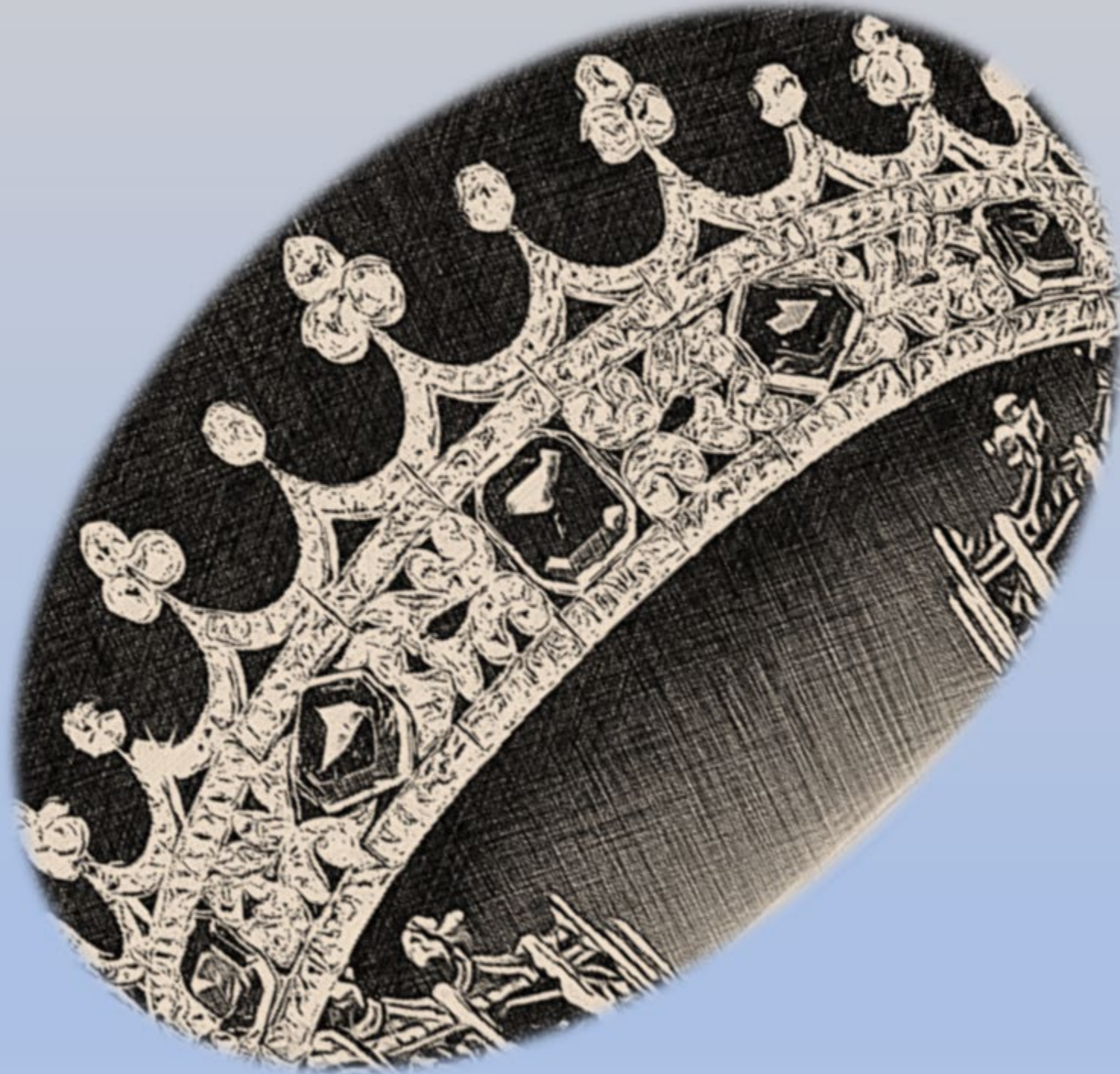
"The green-grocer with a wooden leg who brings vegetables around."

He was the boyfriend of Lucy Parr.

"And he is a man with a wooden leg?" Something like fear sprang up in the young lady's expressive black eyes. "Why, you are like a magician," said she. "How do you know that?"



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The Beryl Coronet



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One of the most precious public possessions of the Empire. The coronet consisted of thirty-nine enormous beryls, greenish gemstones.

The coronet was valued to be worth at least £100,000, and Holmes paid £3,000 to recover the three beryls which were stolen.

The coronet was used as collateral for a loan by a member of the royal family.



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### Christ Abbreviation:

BERY