

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

## Canonical Characters



Howard Elcock,  
November, 1926

## The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier



## "The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier" 01

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

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- 07 - James M. Dodd

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Frederic Dorr Steele,  
October, 1926

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### “The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier” 02

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- 08 - Godfrey Emsworth
- 09 - Ralph the Butler
- 10 - Mr. Kent
- 11 - Sir James Saunders
- 12 - Dutch Doctor
- 13 - Data! Data! Data!

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Soldier



"The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier" 03

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Holmes is approached by James Dodd to assist in determining the fate of his army buddy, Godfrey Emsworth.

Without the assistance of Watson, Holmes must determine if Godfrey is being held against his will in his own family home, and if there is a darker secret to Godfrey's father being so unwilling to tell James anything.

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# "The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier" 04

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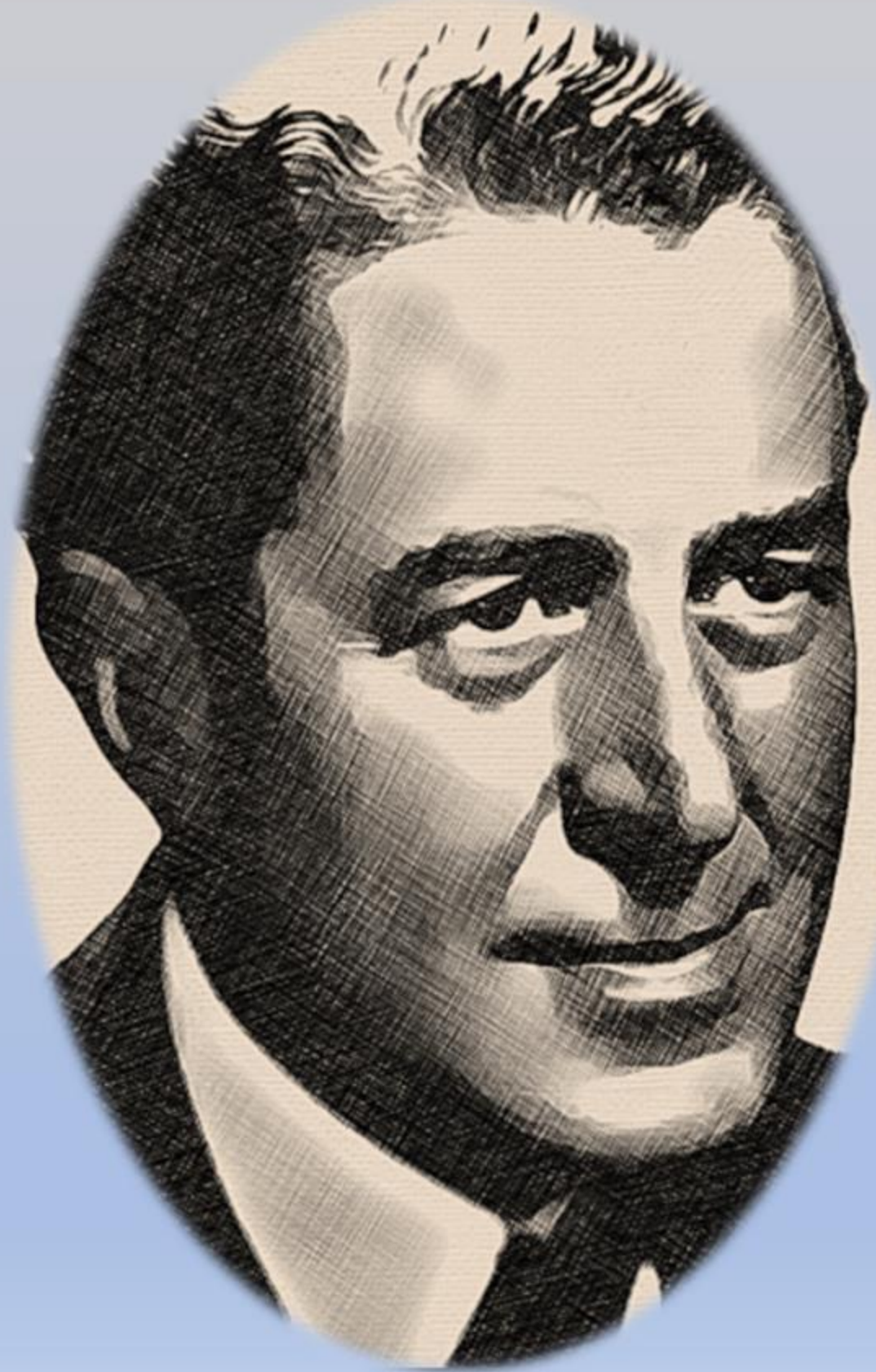
### Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
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### Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
March 02, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
May 02, 1936	Blue (NBC)	Louis Hector	Harry West
February 19, 1940	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
August 04, 1959	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
August 14, 1967	SABN	Robert Langford	Kenneth Baker
September 28, 1994	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams

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Sherlock Holmes



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“It was in January 1903, just after the conclusion of the Boer War.”

“The good Watson had at that time deserted me for a wife, the only selfish action which I can recall in our association. I was alone.”

*“It is my business to know things. That is my trade.”*

*“When you have eliminated all which is impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.”*

*(Reginald Owens, 1933, A Study in Scarlet)*

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Colonel Emsworth



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Father of Godfrey. The Crimean V. C. who lived in Tuxbury Old Park.

*“Never dare to show your damned face here again. If you enter again without my leave I shall be within my rights if I use violence. I’ll shoot you, sir! By God, I will!”*

“This is the gentleman who forced my hand.” He unfolded the scrap of paper on which I had written the word “Leprosy.”

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James M. Dodd



### “The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier” 07

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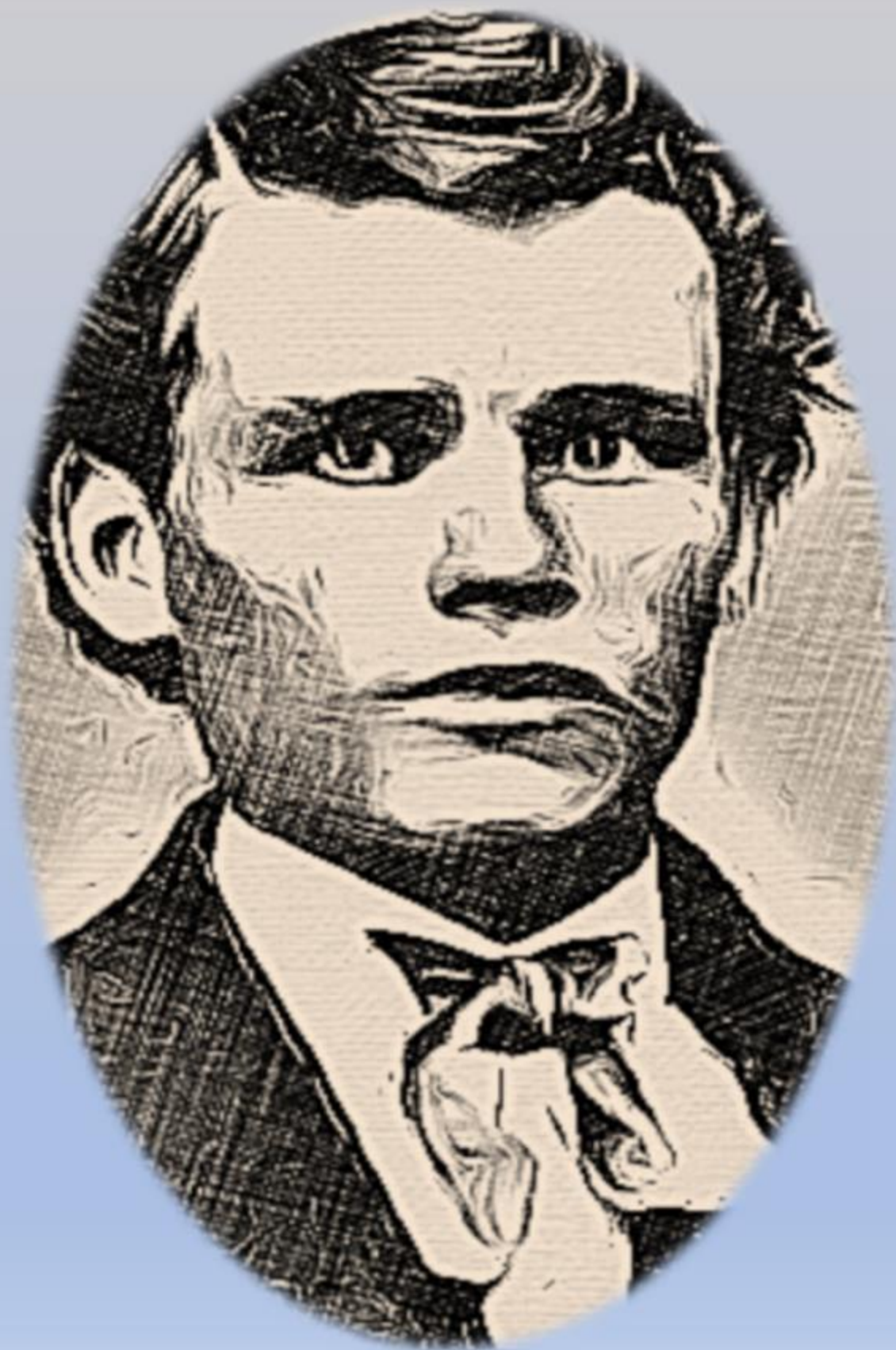
Stockbroker who hired Holmes to find his friend Godfrey Emsworth who he fought with in the Boer War.

*“I would never rest until my friend's fate had been cleared up.”*

*“He was outside the window, Mr. Holmes, with his face pressed against the glass. He was deadly pale—never have I seen a man so white.”*



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Godfrey Emsworth



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Son of Col. Emsworth. “He was hit with a bullet from an elephant gun in the action near Diamond Hill outside-Pretoria.”

*“Don't touch me, Jimmie. Keep your distance. Yes, you may well stare!”*

Mottled in patches over his sunburned face “were curious whitish patches which had bleached his skin.”

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Ralph the Butler



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Emsworth family butler who along with his wife helped raise Godfrey.

*"You know, sir, that my wife nursed him, and so I may say I am his foster-father."*

"I wish to God he was [dead]!" he cried, and, tearing himself free he dashed from the room.

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Mr. Kent



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

A surgeon hired by Col. Emsworth to care for Godfrey at a lodge on Col. Emsworth’s estate.

“Opposite to me was seated the little man whom I had seen in the morning. He was smoking a pipe and reading a paper-”

“I have the ordinary knowledge of the educated medical man.”

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Sir James Saunders



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Dermatologist who examined Godfrey and determined that he was suffering from "A well-marked case of pseudo-leprosy or ichthyosis, a scalelike affection of the skin, unsightly, obstinate, but possibly curable, and certainly noninfective."

“I foresaw this situation, and I have brought with me a friend whose discretion may absolutely be trusted. I was able once to do him a professional service, and he is ready to advise as a friend rather than as a specialist. His name is Sir James Saunders.”

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Dutch Doctor



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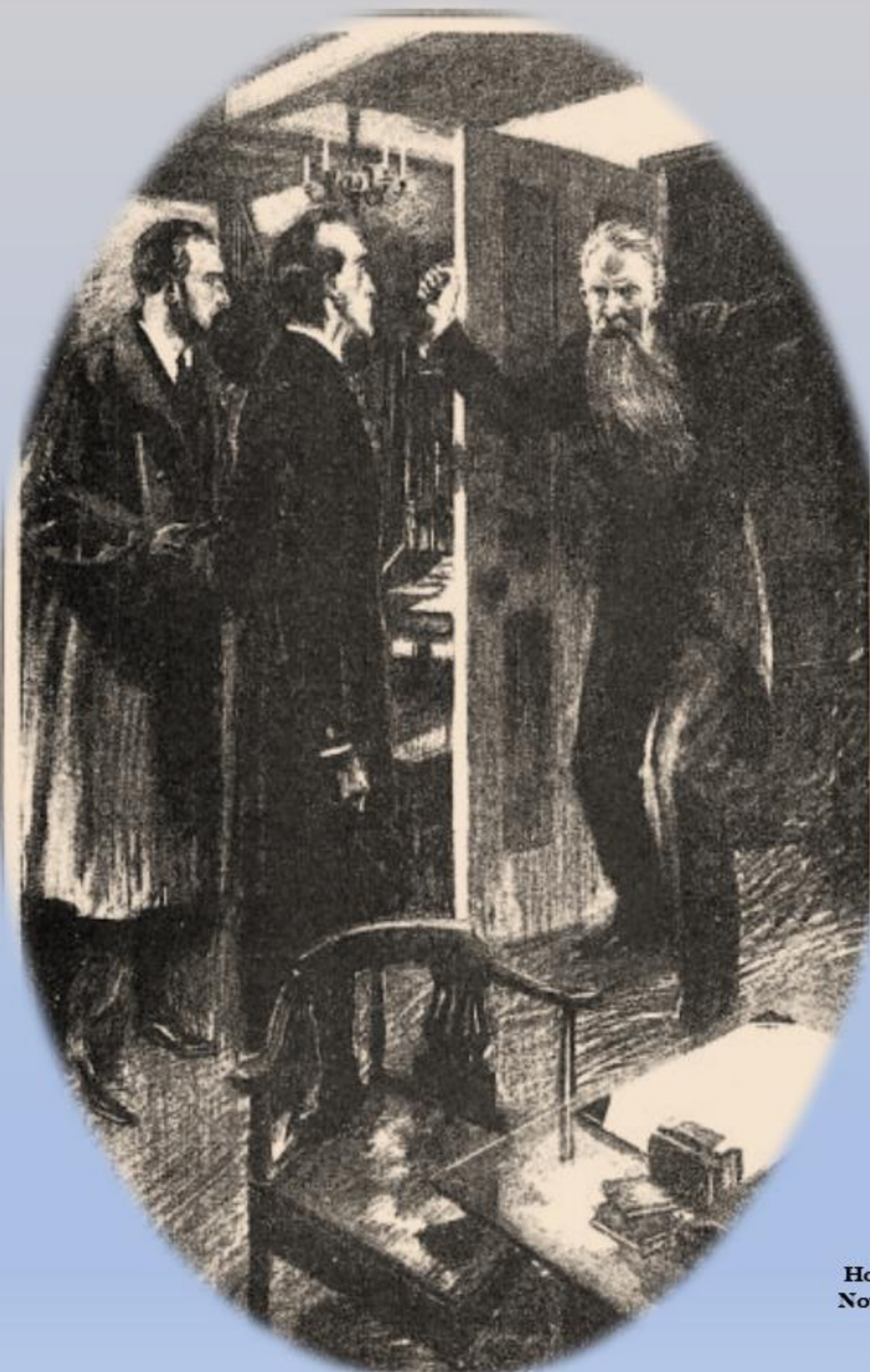
*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Elderly doctor who treated Godfrey for his gunshot wound to his shoulder in a leprosy ward in Africa during the Boer War

“But man alive! You are in far greater danger here than ever you were on the battlefield. You are in the Leper Hospital, and you have slept in a leper's bed.”

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## “The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier” 13

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Holmes*,  
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(Watson)  
January 07, 1903  
(Baring-Gould)

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# 51 of 56 short stories  
(Sherlockian poll, 1999, Stock)

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Abbreviation:

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