

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

## Canonical Characters



Alfred Gilbert,  
October, 1921

The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone

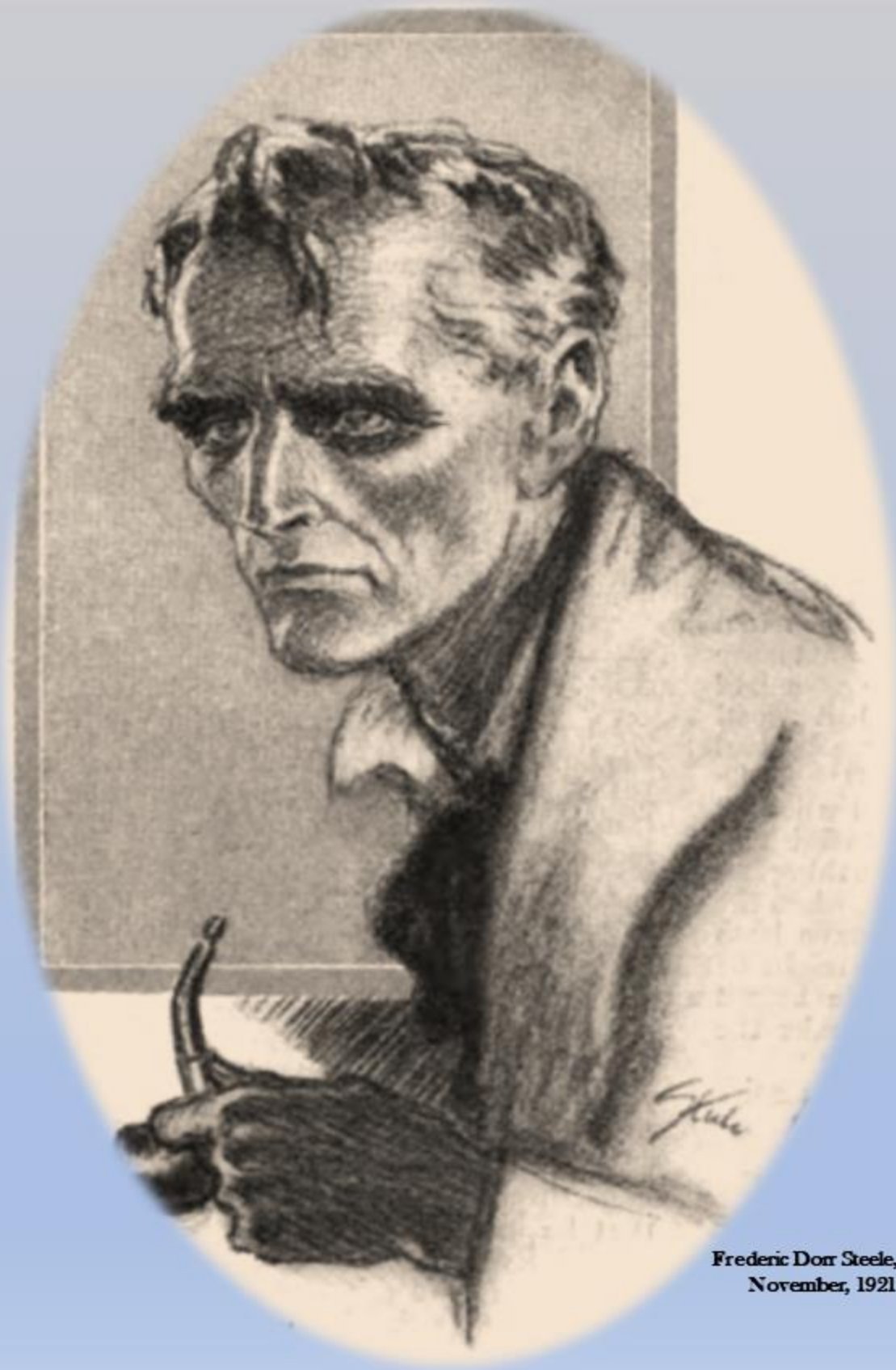


## "The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone" 01

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

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Frederic Dorr Steele,  
November, 1921

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## “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 02

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

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09 - Sam Merton

10 - Lord Cantlemere

11 - Van Seddar

12 - The Mazarin Stone

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THE ADVENTURE OF  
THE MAZARIN STONE

A NEW  
SHERLOCK HOLMES  
STORY

BY  
Conan Doyle

ILLUSTRATED BY  
A. GILBERT ROY

The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone



“The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 03

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Sherlock Holmes has been hired to recover the Crown Diamond.

He suspects Count Negretto Sylvius, who has come to Baker Street with his own plan to eliminate Holmes.

Will Holmes be able to find the diamond and avoid harm?

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G. Dutrac,  
January, 1930

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## “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 04

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

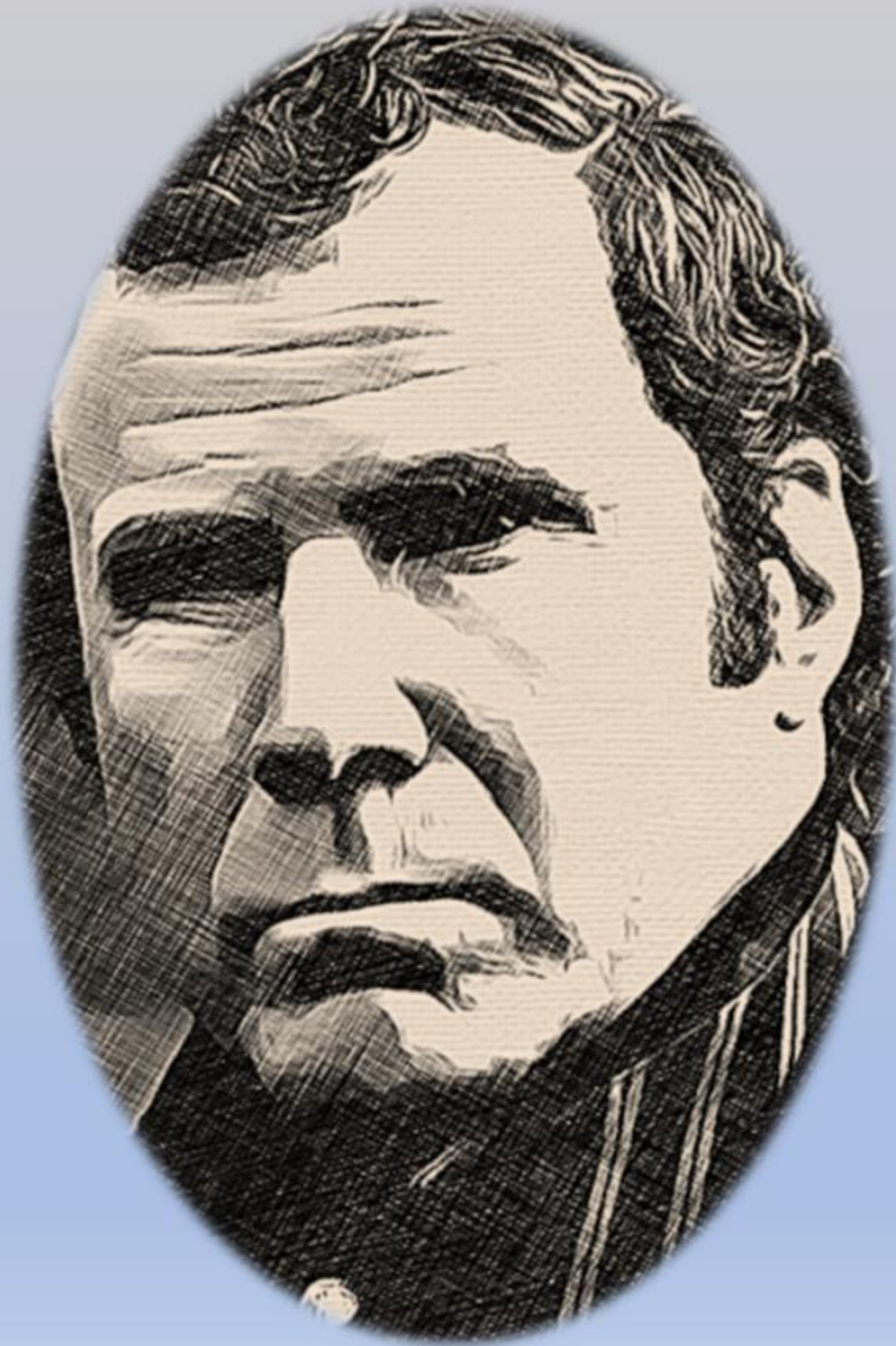
### Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
March, 1923	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Willis
April, 1994	UK	Jeremy Brett	Edward Hardwicke

### Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
February 09, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
May 23, 1936	Blue (NBC)	Louis Hector	Harry West
January 05, 1941	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
January 04, 1948	Mutual	John Stanley	Alfred Shirley
1954	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1955	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
September 04, 1962	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
August 14, 1964	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1967	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
October 05, 1994	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
2004	Old Court	Jim Crozier	David Hawkes
2006	Jim French	John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert

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Sherlock Holmes



### “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 05

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

*“I am a brain, Watson. The rest of me is a mere appendix. Therefore, it is the brain I must consider.”*

*“You’ve seen me as an old lady, Watson. I was never more convincing. He actually picked up my parasol for me once.”*

*“My old friend here will tell you that I have an impish habit of practical joking. Also, that I can never resist a dramatic situation. I took the liberty—the very great liberty, I admit—of putting the stone into your pocket at the beginning of our interview.”*

*(Will Ferrell, 2018, Holmes and Watson)*

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John Watson



### “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 06

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

*“Count me in, Holmes. I have nothing to do for a day or two.”*

*“Look here, Holmes, this is simply impossible. This is a desperate man, who sticks at nothing. He may have come to murder you.”*

“With a single spring Holmes had leaped from the dummy's chair and had grasped the precious jewel. He held it now in one hand, while his other pointed a revolver at the Count's head.”

*(John C. Reilly, 2018, Holmes and Watson)*

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Count Negretto Sylvius



## “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 07

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

The famous game-shot, sportsman, and man-about-town, lived at 136 Moorside Gardens N.W.

“He's a shark. He bites.”

“You used to shoot lions in Algeria. But why?”

“Why? The sport—the excitement—the danger!”

*“The stone is here in my secret pocket. I take no chances leaving it about. It can be out of England to-night and cut into four pieces in Amsterdam before Sunday.”*

(Jon Finch, 1994, *The Memoir of Sherlock Holmes*, “The Mazarin Stone”)



## Canonical Characters



Billy



## "The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone" 08

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

The youthful page at Baker Street.

*"He's following someone. Yesterday he was out as a workman looking for a job. To-day he was an old woman. Fairly took me in, he did, and I ought to know his ways by now."*

*"It's this case of the Crown diamond."*

*"There are folk who watch us from over yonder. I can see a fellow now at the window."*

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Sam Merton



## “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 09

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

An aid to Count Sylvius. A boxer.

“Sam's not a shark. He is a great big silly bull-headed gudgeon. But he is flopping about in my net all the same.”

“A heavily built young man with a stupid, obstinate, slab-sided face, stood awkwardly at the door, looking about him with a puzzled expression.”

*“Is this cove trying to be funny, or what? I'm not in the funny mood myself.”*

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Lord Cantlemere



## “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 10

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

A thin, austere peer with a hatchet face and black drooping mid-Victorian whiskers with rounded shoulders and feeble gait.

*“You take a great liberty, Mr. Holmes. In fifty years of official life I cannot recall such a case. I am a busy man, sir engaged upon important affairs, and I have no time or taste for foolish jokes.”*

(James Villiers, 1994, *The Memoir of Sherlock Holmes*,  
“The Mazarin Stone”)

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Van Seddar



### “The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone” 11

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Dutchman who was going to cut the diamond into four pieces to aid in removing it from England.

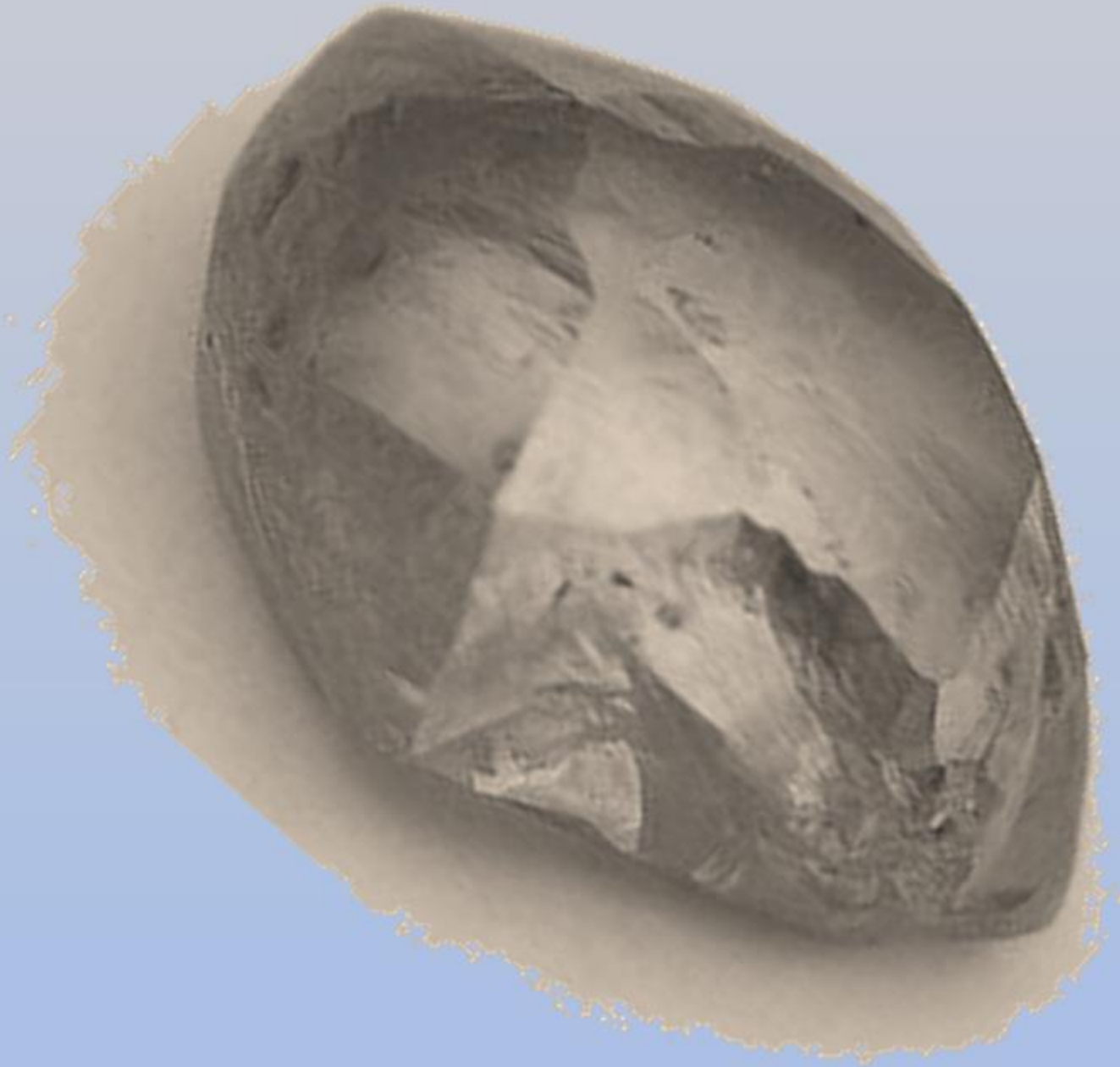
“He knows nothing of Van Seddar.”

“I thought Van Seddar was going next week.”

“He was. But now he must get off by the next boat. One or other of us must slip round with the stone to Lime Street and tell him.”

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The Mazarin Stone



## "The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone" 12

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

The Crown Diamond.

"Yes, the great yellow Mazarin stone. I've cast my net and I have my fish. But I have not got the stone. What is the use of taking them? We can make the world a better place by laying them by the heels. But that is not what I am out for. It's the stone I want."

"What good are you going to get out of your diamond? None in the world. But if you hand it over - well, I'll compound a felony. We don't want you or Sam. We want the stone."

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## "The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone" 13

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Holmes*,  
October, 1917, George H. Doran

Chronological  
Date:

n/a  
(Watson)  
1903  
(Baring-Gould)

Ranking:

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

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Abbreviation:

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