

A Compendium of Canonical Characters



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

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Howard Elcock,
September, 1926

The Adventure of the Three Gables



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Adventure of the Three Gables.

I don't think that any of my adventures was so abruptly or so dramatically opened quite so abruptly or so dramatically as that which I associate with the Three Gables. I had been in Holmes for some days and had no idea of the new channel into which his activities had been directed. He was in a chatty mood that morning however, and had just settled me down into the willow-worm low armchair on one side of the fire, and he had curled down with his pipe in his mouth upon the opposite settee when an visitor arrived. If I had said that a mad bull had arrived it would give a clearer impression of what occurred.

The door had flown open and a huge negro had burst into the room. He would have been a comic figure if he had not been terrific, for he was dressed in a very lordly frock suit with a flowing salmon coloured tie. His huge and flattened nose were thrust forward, as his sulky eyes were fixed with a smouldering gleam of malice in them upon the other.

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Holmes and Watson are requested by Mary Maberley to investigate a strange offer she has received for her house and belongings.

Holmes must determine if this unusual proposal is tied to the death of Mary's son Douglas, and his involvement with a society heiress, Isadora Klein, as well as a threat of violence against Mrs. Maberley.

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Filmography

Date	Country	Holmes	Watson
March, 1994	UK	Jeremy Brett	Edward Hardwicke

Radiography

Date	Network	Holmes	Watson
November 12, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
April 07, 1935	Blue (NBC)	Louis Hector	Harry West
January 18, 1942	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
October 02, 1964	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1967	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
July 17, 1967	SABN	Robert Langford	Kenneth Baker
October 12, 1994	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
September 30, 2007	Jim French	John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert

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Sherlock Holmes



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“By the way, Mrs. Maberley, did you say you wished to travel?”

“I suppose I shall have to compound a felony as usual. How much does it cost to go round the world in first-class style? Five thousand pounds? I think you will sign me a check for that, and I will see that it comes to Mrs. Maberley. You owe her a little change of air.”

(John Longden, 1951, The Man Who Disappeared)

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John Watson



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*“It can only mean that the
object, whatever it may be, has
only just come into the house.”*

“By the way, Watson, I
suppose you see it all clearly?”

“No, I can't say that I do. I
only gather that we are going to
see the lady who is behind all
this mischief.”

(Gerard Horan, 1992, *Science Fiction*, “Sherlock Holmes
and the Case of the Missing Link”)

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Steve Dixie



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American boxer, member of the Spencer John gang, employed by Barney Stockdale.

“...you keep your hands out of other folks' business. Leave folks to manage their own affairs.”

“...I told you the truth before. I don't know. My boss Barney gives me orders and that's all.”

(Steve Toussaint, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*, “The Three Gables”)

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Isadora Klein



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She married the German sugar king, Klein, and presently found herself the richest as well as the most lovely widow upon earth. She had several lovers, and Douglas Maberley, one of the most striking men in London, was one of them.

“He wrote a book in which he described his own story. I, of course, was the wolf; he the lamb.”

(Claudine Auger, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*, “The Three Gables”)

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Mrs. Mary Maberley



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(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

Widow of late Mortimer Maberley,
Three Gables, Harrow Weald.
Mother of Douglas.

"There have been some very strange happenings."

"Mr. Holmes advised me to have some friend in the house. I neglected his advice, and I have paid for it."

"Oh, if I had the money I would go round the world."

(Mary Ellis, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*,
"The Three Gables")

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Douglas Maberley



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An attaché in Rome. Died of pneumonia.

“She smiled—yes, by Heaven! she smiled, like the heartless fiend she was, as he looked up at her. It was at that moment that love died and hate was born. Man must live for something. If it is not for your embrace, my lady, then it shall surely be for your undoing and my complete revenge.”

(Gary Cady, 1994, The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes, “The Three Gables”)

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Susan



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Mrs. Maberley’s maid who told her husband Barney Stockdale that she sought the advice of Sherlock Holmes. Quit after being confronted by Holmes.

“Just a little wheezy, Susan, are you not? You breathe too heavily for that kind of work.”

“I am clearing out of here. I’ve had enough of you all. I’ll send for my box to-morrow.”

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(Barbara Young, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Three Gables”)

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Barney Stockdale



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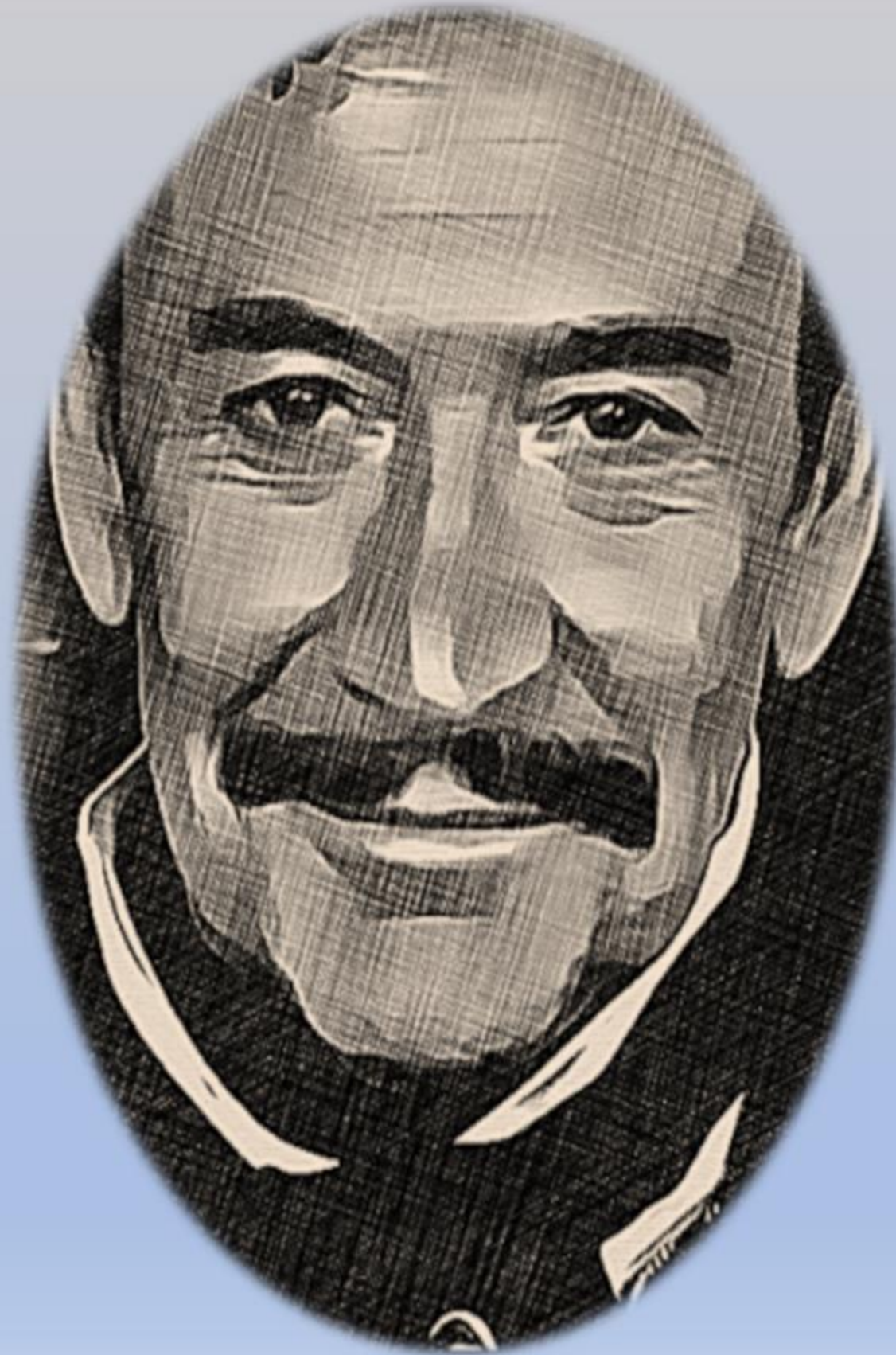
(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)

Husband of Susan, maid to Mrs. Maberley. Member of the Spencer John gang and employer of Steve Dixie.

“They specialize in assaults, intimidation and the like.”

“Barney and the boys drove him away, and were, I admit, a little rough in doing so.”

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Langdale Pike



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Holmes’ human book of reference upon all matters of social scandal.

“He spent his waking hours in the bow window of a St. James's Street club and was the receiving-station as well as the transmitter for all the gossip of the metropolis.”

“Holmes discreetly helped Langdale to knowledge, and on occasion was helped in turn.”

(Peter Wyngarde, 1994, The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes, “The Three Gables”)

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Scotland Yard Inspector



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Within we met a grey old gentleman, who introduced himself as the lawyer, together with a bustling, rubicund Inspector, who greeted Holmes as an old friend.

“I never pass anything, however trifling. That is my advice to you, Mr. Holmes. In twenty five years' experience I have learned my lesson. There is always the chance of finger-marks or something.”

“It suggests that in their hurry the rascals just grabbed at what came first to hand.

I wish them joy of what they got.”

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Sutro



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Mrs. Maberley’s lawyer; “a gray old gentleman.”

“Mr Sutro is most capable.”

“Please come out at once. Client's house burgled in the night. Police in possession.”

“Just a common, ordinary burglary, and well within the capacity of the poor old police. No experts need apply.”

(John Gill, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*,
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