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FEEDING The average horse, with the usual flow of saliva, eats one

quart of oats in about fifteen minutes; with this flow partially stopped it takes thirty minutes. This shows how important

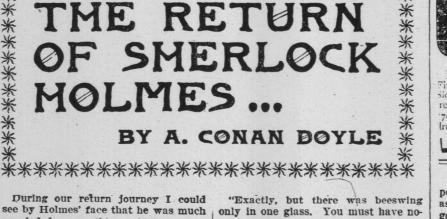
it is to have the proper quantity of saliva and digestive juices.

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puzzled by something which he had ticed that fact. What does that sugobserved. Every now and then by an gest to your mind?" effort he would throw off the impres-"The last glass filled would be most

sion and talk as if the matter were | likely to contain beeswing." clear, but then his doubts would settle "Not at all. The bottle was full of down upon him again, and his knitted it, and it is inconceivable that the first brows and abstracted eyes would show | two glasses were clear and the third that his thoughts had gone back once | heavily charged with it. There are two more to the great dining room of the possible explanations, and only two. Abbey Grange in which this midnight | One is that after the second glass was tragedy had been enacted. At last by filled the bottle was violently agitated, a sudden impulse just as our train was and so the third glass received the crawling out of a suburban station he beeswing. That does not appear probsprang on to the platform and pulled able. No, no, I am sure that I am me out after him. right."

"Excuse me, my dear fellow," said "What, then, do you suppose?" he as we watched the rear carriages of "That only two glasses were used and our train disappearing round a curve. that the dregs of both were poured into "I am sorry to make you the victim of a third glass, so as to give the false imwhat may seem a mere whim; but, on pression that three people had been my life, Watson, I simply can't leave here. In that way all the beeswing that case in this condition. Every inwould be in the last glass, would it stinct that I possess cries out against not? Yes, I am convinced that this is it. It's wrong-it's all wrong-I'll so. But if I have hit upon the true exswear that it's wrong. And yet the planation of this one small phenom lady's story was complete, the maid's enon then in an instant the case rises corroboration was sufficient, the detail from the commonplace to the exceed was fairly exact. What have I to put ingly remarkable, for it can only mean up against that? Three wineglassesthat Lady Brackenstall and her maid that is all. But if I had not taken have deliberately lied to us, that not things for granted, if I had examined one word of their story is to be beeverything with the care which I should lieved, that they have some very strong have shown had we approached the reason for covering the real criminal case do novo and had no cut and dried and that we must construct our case story to warp my mind, should I not for ourselves without any help from then have found something more defithem. That is the mission which now nite to go upon? Of course I should. lies before us, and here, Watson, is the Sit down on this bench, Watson, until Sydenham train." a train for Chiselhurst arrives, and The household at the Abbey Grange allow me to lay the evidence before were much surprised at our return, but you, imploring you in the first instance Sherlock Holmes, finding that Stanley to dismiss from your mind the idea Hopkins had gone off to report to head- the crime was done, how comes that that anything which the maid or her quarters, took possession of the dining mark? No, no; she was placed in the mistress may have said must necesm, locked the door upon the inside chair after the death of her husband. sarily be true. The lady's charming and devoted himself for two hours to I'll wager that the black dress shows personality must not be permitted to one of those minute and laborious in- a corresponding mark to this. We warp our judgment. vestigations which form the solid basis have not yet met our Waterloo, Wat-"Surely there are details in her stoon which his brilliant edifices of de- son, but this is our Marengo, for it ry which, if we looked at in cold blood, duction were reared. Seated in a cor- begins in defeat and ends in victory. would excite our suspicion. These burner like an interested student who ob- I should like now to have a few words glars made a considerable haul at Syserves the demonstration of his pro- with the nurse, Theresa. We must be denham a fortnight ago. Some account fessor I followed every step of that re- wary for awhile if we are to get the of them and of their appearance was markable research. The window, the Information which we want." in the papers and would naturally occurtains, the carpet, the chair, the rope cur to any one who wished to invent a -each in turn was minutely examined story in which imaginary robbers and duly pondered. The body of the should play a part. As a matter of unfortunate baronet had been removed, fact, burglars who have done a good and all else remained as we had seen , trank acceptance of all she said thawstroke of business are, as a rule, only it in the morning. Finally, to my as ed her into a corresponding amiability. too glad to enjoy the proceeds in peace tonishment, Holmes climbed up on to She did not attempt to conceal her haand quiet without embarking on anoththe massive mantelpiece. Far above tred for her late employer. er perilous undertaking. Again, it is his head hung the few inches of red unusual for burglars to operate at so cord which were still attached to the decanter at me. I heard him call my early an hour; it is unusual for burwire. For a long time he gazed upglars to strike a lady to prevent her mistress a name, and I told him that ward at it, and then in an attempt to he would not dare to speak so if her screaming, since one would imagine. get nearer to it he rested his knee upon brother had been there. Then it was that was the sure way to make her a wooden bracket on the wall. This scream; it is unusual for them to comthat he threw it at me. He might have brought his hand within a few inches thrown a dozen if he had but left my of the broken end of the rope, but it sufficient to overpower one man; it is bonny bird alone. He was forever ill was not this so much as the bracket unusual for them to be content with a treating her, and she too proud to comitself which seemed to engage his atlimited plunder when there was much plain. She will not even tell me all tention. Finally he sprang down with that he has done to her. She never told more within their reach, and, finally, I an ejaculation of satisfaction me of those marks on her arm that you should say that it was very unusual "It's all right, Watson." said he. "We saw this morning, but I know very for such men to leave a bottle half empty. How do all these unusuals well that they come from a stab with have got our case-one of the most remarkable in our collection. But, dear a hatpin. The sly devil-God forgive strike you, Watson?" me, how slow witted I have been and me that I should speak of him so now "Their cumulative effect is certainly that he is dead! But a devil he was if considerable, and yet each of them is how nearly I have committed the blunever one walked the earth. He was all quite possible in itself. The most unuder of my lifetime! Now. I think that. sual thing of all, as it seems to me, is with a few missing links, my chain is honey when first we met him, only eighteen months ago, and we both feel that the lady should be tied to the almost complete.' as if it were eighteen years. She had "You have got your men?" only just arrived in London. Yes, it "Well, I am not so clear about that, "Man, Watson, man. Only one, but only just arrived in London. Yes, it a very formidable person. Strong as Watson, for it is evident that they a lion-witness the blow that bent that been from home before. He won her must either kill her or else secure her with his title and his money and his in such a way that she could not give immediate notice of their escape. But



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poker! Six foot three in height, active as a squirrel, dexterous with his fingers; finally, remarkably quick witted, for this whole ingenious story is of his concoction. Yes, Watson, we have come upon the handiwork of a very remarkable individual. And yet, in that bell rope he has given us a clew which should not have left us a doubt." "Where was the clew?"

"Well, if you were to pull down a bell rope, Watson, where would you expect it to break? Surely at the spot where it is attached to the wire. Why should it break three inches from the top, as this one has done?" "Because it is frayed there?"

"Exactly. This end, which we can examine, is frayed. He was cunning enough to do that with his knife. But the other end is not frayed. You could not observe that from here, but if you were on the mantelpiece you would see that it is cut clean off without any mark of fraying whatever. You can reconstruct what occurred. The man needed the rope. He would not tear it down for fear of giving the alarm by ringing the bell. What did he do? He sprang upon the mantelpiece, could not quite reach it, put his knee on the bracket-you will see the impression in the dust-and so got his knife to bear

upon the cord. I could not reach the in her beautiful face. Then some new, place by at least three inches, from which I infer that he is at least three mask. inches a bigger man than I am. Look at "I have told you all I know." Holmes took his hat and shrugged that mark upon the seat of the oaken his shoulders. "I am sorry," he said. chair! What is it?" And without another word we left the "Blood."

taise London ways. If she made a mistake she has paid for it if ever a voman did. What month did we meet him? Well, I tell you it was just aftwe arrived. We arrived in June. nd it was July. They were married in January of last year. Yes, she is down in the morning room again, and I have no doubt she will see you, but you must not ask too much of her, for

she has gone through all that flesh and blood will stand." Lady Brackenstall was reclining on the same couch, but looked brighter than before. The maid had entered with us and begun once more to foment

the bruise upon her mistress' brow. "I hope," said the lady, "that you have not come to cross examine m again?"

"No," Holmes answered in his gentlest voice; "I will not cause you any unnecessary trouble, Lady Brackenstall, and my whole desire is to make things easy for you, for I am convinced that you are a much tried woman. If you will treat me as a friend and trust me you may find that I will justify your trust." "What do you want me to do?"

"To tell me the truth." "Mr. Holmes!" "No, no, Lady Brackenstall; it is no

use. You may have heard of any little reputation which I possess. I will stake it all on the fact that your story is an absolute fabrication." Mistress and maid were both staring at Holmes with pale faces and frightened eyes.

"You are an impudent fellow!" cried Theresa. "Do you mean to say that my mistress has told a lie?" Holmes rose from his chair. "Have you nothing to tell me?" "I have told you everything." "Think once more, Lady Brackenstall. Would it not be better to be frank?"

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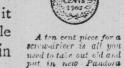
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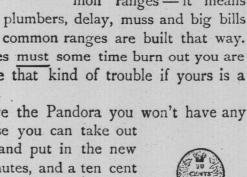
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"Yes, sir, it is true that he threw the

single hole was left for the convenshe were seated on the chair when ience of a solitary swan. Holmes gazed at it and then passed on to the lodge gate. Then he scribbled a short note for Stanley Hopkins and left it with the lodge keeper. "It may be a hit or it may be a miss, but we are bound to do something for Friend Hopkins just to justify this second visit," said he. "I will not quite

take him into my confidence yet. I think our next scene of operations must be the shipping office of the Adelaide-Southampton line, which stands She was an interesting person, this at the end of Pall Mall, if I remember stern Australian nurse-taciturn, susright. There is a second line of steam-Dicious, ungracious. It took some time ers which connect South Australia jefore Holmes' pleasant manner and with England, but we will draw the larger cover first."

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