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The Hound of the Baskervilles

Another Adventure of Sherlock Holmes. BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

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As we came round the top of the stairs we had run up against Sir Henry Baskerville himself. His face was flushed with anger, and he held an old and dusty boot in one of his hands...

"Let me have the Hotel Directory," said Holmes. "Thank you, Mr. Cartwright, there are the names of twenty-three hotels here, all in the immediate neighborhood of Charing Cross. Do you see?"

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"Give me a telegraph form," said Sir Henry. "That will do. Address these to Mr. Cartwright, Baskerville Hill. What is the nearest telegraph-office? Grimpen. Very good, we will send a second wire to the postmaster, Grimpen. Telegram to Mr. Cartwright, to be delivered into his own hand. If absent, please return to Sir Henry Baskerville, Northumberland Hotel. That should let us know before evening whether Barrymore is at his post in Devonshire or not."

"That's so," said Baskerville. "By the way, Dr. Mortimer, who is that Barrymore, anyhow?" "He is the son of the old caretaker, who is dead. They have looked after the Hall for four generations now, so far as I know, he and his wife are respectable, a couple as any in the country."

"Dear me! It is a stake for which a man might well play a desperate game. And one more question, Dr. Mortimer. Supposing that anything happened to our young friend here—would you be willing to accept, by post, a settlement from Sir Charles though he pressed it upon him?"



CHAPTER V. Sherlock Holmes had, in a very remarkable degree, the power of detaching his mind at will. For two hours he had been busy in which we had been involved appeared to be forgotten, and he was entirely absorbed in the pictures of the modern Belgian masters. He would talk of nothing but art, of which he had the cruelest tastes, from one leaving the gallery until he found ourselves at the Northumberland Hotel.

"I had no idea that so gigantic a sum was involved," said he. "Sir Charles had the reputation of being rich, but we did not know how very rich he was. These details are all of great interest. Have you met Mr. James Desmond?" "Yes; he once came down to visit Sir Charles. He is a man of venerable appearance and of mainly life. I remember that he refused to accept any settlement from Sir Charles though he pressed it upon him."

"I got a message from the head office that a gent at that address had been inquiring for 2704," said he. "I've driven my cab this day or two and never a word of complaint. I came here straight from the Yard to ask you to your face what you had against me."

"I have nothing in the world against you, my good man," said Holmes. "On the contrary, I have had a sovereign for you if you will give me a clear answer to my questions."

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NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week. The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put in Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper—A Sol Hour's Enjoyment. WEDNESDAY. The affairs of the Northern Bank of New York have been taken over by the State Superintendent in the interest of the depositors. The White Star-Dominion Line will run the steamer Teutonic to Montreal next season, and may also put the majestic on the St. Lawrence route. Wilson Ford of Milton, N.S., was up and found his house in flames. He had just time to save his wife and child and jump from the window. The resident of the St. Lawrence at the Guildhall, Mrs. Maud Simms, was found with many quarrels. On Dec. 19, 1910, Francis Smith of Ontario, a man of 70, fell while she was alone. Alice Ashdown, a maid named Alice Ashdown, was found in the Sandwich Hall, who was thought to be the victim of the "log cabin murder mystery," came to Detroit yesterday and was unable to identify the murdered man as his brother. THURSDAY. To men over 100 years old died in Ontario. The relations between President Taft and Mr. Roosevelt are said to be very friendly. United States Steel Corporation reported to be purchasing land near Dunnville. The output of the Scotch distilleries has decreased by over two million gallons during the past year. Railway companies will disregard the Quebec dual language bill intended to govern the issue of all tickets, railway forms and literature. Ten large engines for the C.N.R. are to be built at the Canadian Locomotive Works at Kingston. The contract having just been signed. The Island of Gomera, in the Canary group, has been devastated by a terrible tornado, which cost 150 lives and wrecked scores of villages. Mrs. Clarke, sister of Mrs. Parkhurst and a prominent British suffragette, has died after leaving prison, where, the suffragettes allege, she was harshly treated. A cablegram to his family at Niagara Falls yesterday stated that N. B. Colcock, Ontario Trade Commissioner in London, is in a critical condition, suffering from pleuro-pneumonia. His son, Bert, has left for England. Mount Etna in Sicily continues to emit flames and smoke, but no lava. The people, who for a time were wrought up over the possibility of a disaster, are now tranquil, and it is believed that the volcano will soon subside. James Coburn, a well known resident of North Crosby, Ont., is alleged to have named his son-in-law, young man named Gibson, four times after the latter had taken him drunk. One of the wounds is half an inch of the heart. FRIDAY. The death of a British M.P. is expected another by-election. A new company has been organized to build motor cars at Cambridge. Some charges of graft in connection with the sale of city lot, made Belleville. Advice from Lisbon regarding political situation in Portugal, threatening. Prof. S. H. Butler, M.P. for bridge University and a distinguished Greek scholar, is dead. Over forty arrests were made on the Central Coast. The an all-wood

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