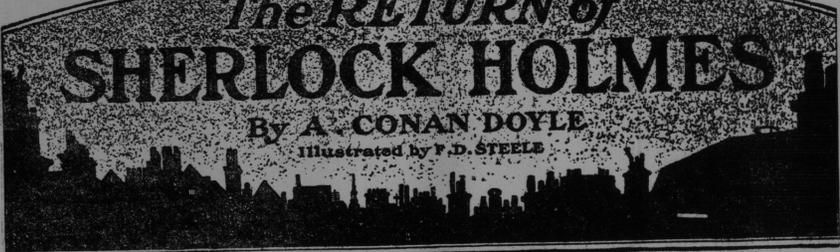


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SHERLOCK HOLMES
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THE ADVENTURE OF THE SECOND STAIN

I had intended "The Adventure of the Abbey Grange" to be the last of those exploits of my friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, which I should ever commend to the public. This resolution of mine was not due to any lack of material, since I have notes of many hundreds of cases to which I have never alluded, nor was it caused by any waning interest on the part of my readers in the singular personality and unique methods of this remarkable man. The real reason lay in the reluctance which Mr. Holmes has shown to the continued publication of his experiences. So long as he was in actual professional practice the records of his successes were of some practical value to him, but since he has definitely retired from London and betaken himself to the study and teaching of the "Sussex Downs," notoriety has become hateful to him, and he has peremptorily requested that his wishes in this matter should be strictly observed. It was only upon my representing to him that I had given a promise that "The Adventure of the Sussex Downs" should be published when the times were ripe, and pointing out to him that it is only appropriate that this long series of episodes should culminate in the most important international case which he has ever been called upon to handle, that I at last succeeded in obtaining his consent that a carefully guarded account of the incident should at last be laid before the public. If in talking the matter over I seem to be somewhat vague in certain details, the public will readily understand that there is an excellent reason for my reticence.

It was, then, in a year, and even in a decade, that shall be nameless, that upon a Tuesday morning in autumn we found two visitors of European fame within the walls of our humble grove in Baker street. The one, austere, high-browed, and dominant, was none other than the illustrious Lord Bellinger, twice premier of Britain. The other, dark, sleek-cut, and endowed with every beauty of body and of mind, was the Right Honourable Frederick Hope, Secretary for Education, Affairs, and the most rising statesman in the country. They sat side by side upon paper-littered sofas, and it was easy to see from their worn and anxious faces that it was business of the most pressing importance which had brought them.

The portance which had brought them was that of a thin, blue-veined hand which clasped tightly over the ivory head of his umbrella, and his gaunt, ascetic face looked gloomily from Holmes to the Premier. The European Secretary paled nervously at his anticlimax and fledged with the look of a man who has just been told that he is to be hanged.

"When I discovered my loss, Mr. Holmes, which was at eight o'clock this morning, I was at once informed by the Minister. It was at his suggestion that we have both come to you."

"No, sir," said the Premier, with the quick, decisive manner for which he was famous. "We have not done so, nor is it possible that we should do so. To inform the police must, in the long run, mean to inform the public. This is what we particularly desire to avoid."

"And why, sir?"

"Because the document in question is of such immense importance that its publication might very easily—might almost certainly—lead to European complications of the most delicate moment. It is not too much to say that peace or war may hang upon the issue. Unless its secrecy can be attended with the utmost care, then it may as well be recovered at all, for all that is aimed at by those who have taken it is that its contents should be generally known."

"I understand. Now, Mr. Trelawney Hope, I should be most obliged if you would tell me exactly the circumstances under which this document disappeared."

"That can be done, very few words," Mr. Holmes. The letter—for it was a letter from a foreign potentate—was received six days ago. It was of such importance that I have never left it in my case, but I have taken it across each evening to my house in Whitehall Terrace, and kept it in my bedroom in a locked despatch-box. It was there last night, of that I am certain. I actually opened the box while I was dressing for dinner, and saw the document inside. This morning it was gone. The despatch-box had stood beside the glass upon my dressing-table all night. I am a light sleeper, and so is my wife. We are both prepared to swear that no one could have entered the room during the night. And yet I repeat that the paper is gone."

"How long was it before you went to bed?"

"My wife had gone to the theatre. I waited up for her. It was half-past eleven before we went to our room."

"Then for four hours the despatch-box had lain unguarded?"

"No one is ever permitted to enter that room save the housemaid in the morning, and my valet, or my wife's maid, during the rest of the day. They are both trusty servants who have been with me for some time. Besides, neither of them is an idiot. I am sure that there was anything more valuable than the ordinary departmental papers in my despatch-box."

"Who did know of the existence of that letter?"

"No one in the house."

"Surely your wife knew?"

"No, sir. I had said nothing to my wife until I missed the paper this morning."

The Premier nodded approvingly.

"I have long held you in high respect, sir, and I am convinced that in the case of a secret of this importance it would rise superior to the most intimate domestic ties."

The European Secretary bowed.

"You do me no more than I deserve, sir. Until this morning I have never breathed one word to my wife upon this matter."

"No, Mr. Holmes, she could not have guessed—nor could anyone else have guessed—"

"Have you any documents before?"

"No, sir."

"Who is there in England who did know of the existence of this document?"

"Each member of the cabinet was informed of it yesterday, and the letter of secrecy which attended every Cabinet meeting was increased by the solemn warning which was given by the Premier. There are two, or possibly three, departmental officials who know of the letter. No one else in England, Mr. Holmes. I assure you."

"But abroad?"

"I believe that no one abroad has seen it save the man who wrote it. I am well satisfied that his Ministers—and the usual official channels have not been employed."

Other evidences of growth might be quoted, such as the removal of Emerson & Fisher to their magnificent new building on Germain street, which has been fully described in the Times; and the removal of G. E. Barbour & Co., Ltd., to much larger premises on North Wharf. In the manufacturing the James Pender & Co. are greatly enlarging their mill factory, and there is to be a new stove foundry near Courtenay Bay, while A. Cushing & Co. have got their pulp-board mill in successful operation.

In retail stores the new fronts put in Francis & Vaughan's, D. Magee's Sons retail department, and Waterbury & Billing's have, with some other changes, added to the attractions of King street; while similar improvements have been made in other parts of the city. The new Times building has replaced a vacant space on Canterbury street. Here and there about the city new buildings or improvements are being carried out, and it is not too much to say that the city is steadily gaining ground.

The annual picnic of St. David's Presbyterian church and Sabbath school, this year takes the form of a mid-summer social or congregational picnic. It was decided to hold the picnic on August 24, held owing to the harvesters' excursion on that date. It is therefore necessary to make a change. The picnic will now be held on Saturday, August 19, at Westfield.

EVIDENCES OF PROGRESS

In Wholesale and Retail Business Establishments in St. John.

Each year sees some improvement in business establishments in St. John. If it is not a new building it is an enlargement or renovation to larger premises. The present year is not an exception. Three wholesale establishments may be taken as an illustration.

Earlier in the year Baird & Peters occupied their new premises on Ward street, where they not only have more room but the finest suite of general and private offices in any wholesale grocery and provision house in Canada, if indeed they are surpassed by any house in the same line in the United States.

D. Magee's Sons are now beginning to get settled down in their new wholesale premises on Charlotte street, where, when everything is in order, they will have the finest and far warehouses in the maritime provinces.

Brook & Patterson have taken over the premises vacated by D. Magee's Sons, on the corner of King and Canterbury streets, and will have the largest wholesale linen display rooms in the provinces.

Piles
To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is the absolute cure for such and every form of hemorrhoids and protruding piles, the manufacturers have guaranteed that if you do not get your money back if it does not cure, you can get a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment at any dealer or from Messrs. Barnes & Co., Toronto.

THE P. E. I. RAILWAY

Hon. H. R. Emerson and M. J. Butler on an Inspection Tour.

Summerside, P. E. I., Aug. 7.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emerson, minister of railways; M. J. Butler, deputy minister; D. Pottinger, general manager of government railways; W. B. McKeown, chief engineer; E. Tiffin, general traffic manager; and G. R. Joughins, superintendent of motive power, and their secretaries, arrived in Summerside tonight. They were met by Hon. George Godkin, John M. Clark, Capt. Joseph Read, M. L., Esq., Holman and other prominent men. After inspecting the terminals they listened to representatives from the board of trade regarding the station site, improvements in time table, the need of an additional railway east, reduction in freight rates, and other matters.

The minister said that these matters would have his careful attention. Tomorrow morning the party leave for Tignish and will then proceed east, making a two weeks tour of the P. E. I. railway.

Asked about the G. T. P. Mr. Emerson said that the scheme on the eastern coast would be advanced sufficiently to enable them to call for tenders in November or December and that construction would commence in the spring.

His hon. companions met in the P. E. I. C. A. building yesterday afternoon and talked over a few matters in connection with their work. These were entirely of a private nature and nothing was given out for publication.

Cure For The Blues

ONE MEDICINE THAT HAS NEVER FAILED
Health Fully Restored and the Joy of Life Regained

When a cheerful, brave, light-hearted woman is suddenly plunged into that perfection of misery, the BLUES, it is a sad picture. It is usually this way: She has been feeling "out of sorts" for some time; her head has ached and back also; has slept poorly, been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart-beats very fast; then that bearing-down feeling, which is usually the forerunner of a severe attack, has set in. She has been feeling "out of sorts" for some time; her head has ached and back also; has slept poorly, been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart-beats very fast; then that bearing-down feeling, which is usually the forerunner of a severe attack, has set in. She has been feeling "out of sorts" for some time; her head has ached and back also; has slept poorly, been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart-beats very fast; then that bearing-down feeling, which is usually the forerunner of a severe attack, has set in.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

List of Those Who Made High Marks in the Normal School Exams.

The result of the recent examination for Normal School entrance was given out at the education office this morning. The results of the examination show the following classification:

Class I.....	82
Class II.....	228
Class III.....	186
Failed to classify.....	191
Total.....	687

The following candidates made an average of sixty-five per cent. or upwards. The names are arranged in the order of merit, beginning with the highest:

Amie L. Stieve, Rosevale.
Sadie M. A. Fokins, Springfield.
Jean Milledge, Oak Bay.
Marion F. E. Moore, Walker Settlement.
S. Edith Peacock, Rolling Dam.
Douglas M. Brown, West Quaco.
Marcus L. Jewett, Kewick Ridge.
Myrtle E. Russell, Fredericton Junction.
Mary G. Gorman, St. John.
Cecile B. Hewitt, St. Andrews.
M. Gladys MacDonald, Black River Bridge.
Colin Carruthers, Ford's Mills.
Clarence G. Hay, Richmond Corner.
Fred. J. Patterson, Jenkins, Queens county.
Anna Hildebrand, Chatham.
M. Elsie Stevens, Sussex.
Joseph P. Alexander, Fredericton Junction.
Clara A. Alexander, Fredericton Junction.

When the list was read, the following candidates made an average of sixty-five per cent. or upwards:

Arthur H. G. Mitchell, Wilson's Beach.
Clifton Lambert, Lord's Cove.
Hedleigh McCloskey, Boiestown.
Margaret M. Doak, Doaktown.
Wilhelmina O'Donnell, Doaktown.
Eva L. Floyd, Fairfield.
George H. Moore, Scotchton.
Alexander C. Cochran, St. John.
Kate Murphy, Bass River.
Ethel E. Swanson, Douglastown.
Maggie B. Mansel, Knowlsville.
Maggie C. Reid, Scotch Settlement.
Kenneth B. Tracey, Lakeville, Carleton county.
Clarence V. Hoar, Albert.
Walter Scott.
Mamie Gilmore, North Head, Grand Manan.
Olive S. Wright, Shannockvale.
Laura E. Reid, Upper New Horton.
G. Blanche Gantner, Bear Island.
Lottie C. Clarke, Millerton.
Annie Cormier, St. John.
Grace F. Allen, Cape Tormentine.
Volva E. Bell, Upper Peel.
J. Marshall Nason, Fredericton Junction.
Helen McM. Cooke, Black Lands.
Frank G. Hugheson, Corra Hill.
Winifred C. Dixon, Hampton Village.
Clara G. Kimball, Ormoco.
J. Evelyn D. Bateman, Shediac Cape.
Edwin John Jardine, Jardineville.
Emily M. Lawrence, Lower Dumfries.
E. Estelle Boulter, Tay Settlement.
Olive M. Hart, Fredericton Junction.
Geo. R. Andrews, Murray Road.
Fannie L. Fox, Central Kingsclear.
Nella B. Cron, Maryville.
Frank W. Fowler, Lakeside.
Mabel E. Gardiner, Fredericton.
Stanley Reid, Fairville.
Ethel A. Saunders, Fairville.

TOO MUCH LIGHT
CAN NOT BE SHIED UPON THE FACT THAT THE **IRVING** CIGAR IS THE BEST VALUE IN THE MARKET



GET THE HABIT—SAVE THE BANDS

When you go away for health, take health with you.

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

will protect the system against changes of climate, diet and water. It cleans the stomach—stirs up the liver—cures Constipation—will help you to get all the good you should out of your summer trip.

Take a bottle with you. 25c. and 60c.—at all druggists.

THE I. O. O. F.

Halifax Already Thronged by Visiting Delegates to Grand Lodge.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 7.—(Special)—A large number of delegates to a meeting of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the maritime provinces, which will open Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, arrived here tonight. The city and Dartmouth lodges have made extensive preparations for entertaining the visitors who will number more than 300. The Old Fellows' Temple, Backingham street, has been handsomely decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the occasion. The Grand Encampment will open its session tomorrow morning and conclude business by the evening; the Grand Lodge opens Wednesday morning and will be in session two days.

Grand Master Sampson, who arrived from Fredericton (N. B.), today, was tendered a reception at Orient Lodge tonight; the attendance was large, including many of visiting brothers.

A meeting of the members of No. 8 Beare Company mess is called for Wednesday evening at 8:30, in the armory; good attendance is necessary. The mess accounts will be closed.

Meeting of the Carleton W. C. T. U. in their hall, King street, West, Wednesday at 3 p. m.; business of importance.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Boston, Aug. 7.—W. O. Robson, supreme secretary of the Royal Arcanum, announced tonight that the supreme council will meet at Put-In-Bay, Ohio, on Aug. 30, to consider the developments growing out of the establishing of new rates. Forty-two representatives from the Grand council have signed a request made to Supreme Regent Wiggins that a special session be held.

F. Company, 62nd St. John Falls, will assemble at the drill shed this evening to return uniforms.

HUMORS OF HISTORY---112.



Coronation Festivities. E. D. 1377. At the coronation of Richard II., who succeeded his grandfather, Edward III., the Lord Mayor of London erected in Cheapside a fountain running wine.

STRIKE SETTLED.

Sackville, N. B., Aug. 7.—The moulders' strike at the Enterprise foundry has been settled, and work was resumed this morning. The terms of settlement, however, cannot be stated, as there is an agreement between the contracting parties that the terms are not to be revealed.

R. B. Emerson, one of the Enterprise owners, when asked last night about the above said that the matter had been left by the company in the hands of the manager and no report had yet been received from him.

Neglect the Liver And You Will Suffer

When the liver gets torpid and inactive, bile is left in the blood—causing jaundice.

Indigestion results, because the liver is an important organ of digestion. Constipation arises, because bile from the liver is nature's own cathartic. A torpid liver means a poisoned system, suffering, suffering, chronic disease.

By their extraordinary influence on the liver Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edwards, Bates & Co., Toronto.