SHERLOCK HOLMES ANALYZES A PERFECT STRANGER

By John T. McCutcheon.

SHERLOCK HOLMES—"Ah, a stranger whom I've never seen before.



"How do you do sir. I observe that you are in the coat trust; also that you have just had a narrow escape; that you have no children; that you were in a great hurry this morning; that you have been writing, and that you shaved with your left hand this morning. Are you going away on the afternoon or the evening train?"



"Why, this is simply marvelous, Mr. Holmes. Everything you've said is true. How in the world did you find out all these things about a man you've never heard of before?"



"By a very simple process of deduction. I can tell by your hands that you are in a trust, and I know it was the coal trust by the hungry way you looked at my purse there on the table, and by the fact that you glanced apprehensively around you as if expecting some one to hit you with a club. I knew that you had just had a narrow escape, by the fact that three bricks grazed you, and the brick dust is still on your coat. You have no children. For if you had, you would have some consideration for poor people who have children. I knew that you expected to take a journey, because I understand the grand jury is in session. I also knew that you had shaved with your left hand, because your face is cut, and there is ink on your right forefinger, showing that you were writing out an order to whoop the price of coal while shaving with your left. You were in a hurry, because you had time to have only one shoe polished. It's

House of Commons a Garden of Sleep

do not know what is the matter. It gard to beheaded Grits plainly indicate. must be my soul that is hurting me. Something is about to happen, but you week is divided: The Government can bet your sweet life it will not takes Mondays and Wednesdays for happen where anybody can see it.

Borden policy of running Parliament. yearning to be forgotten long enough The whole thing is static drama. Most of the action takes place off the stage alists straightened out.

the good fixers like Bob Rogers and

The Potters Po Frank Cochrane take care of thatobject is to head off any climax live-Her than one might expect in a Wilout of ten their object is gained.

correspondents. The gentle reader is dors are fairly lively. No 16 is thronged summer? quite wrong if he imagines that the and there are many signs of activity. descriptive writer finds much of his But inside the Green Chamber the inspiration in the House of Commons. Garden of Sleep is in full swing. The When he does it is like getting money from home or taking candy from the commission. There is no danger of its thoughts? Yes, you're quite right-Temere or tariff commission bobs up may split on Ne Temere, but it's solid a jaded press gallery treats it as a enough on a sacred thing like tariff do. Three pages are playing tick-tackthe night setting forth the horrible jority, and high animal spirits. Only are eighty-two members of Parliament details. Such is the hunger of these once this session has the House got present, forty Grits, forty-two Tories stories the Borden Government fails other. That was when tariff commis- one-quarter the Government.

Lying Down On the Job.

Everything shares in the general Buildings running. is no heart in its endeavors—no single- has left the chair. Also he has left the word that Tom White used. last, because reciprocity is still as far law does not require it. But no one off as the Rocky Mountains; and the begrudges him this outlet for his feel-much. Yes, there's John Haggart front face was only persuaded to con- ings. tinue looking south toward the United States when it was assured that the Government understood that its was a Nationalist. He is now a is mooning. What does the eye miss attitude was without prejudice. Then deputy-speaker. He does not go out on from the august picture? It misses in the Rideau Club the south face got will never be found far away from his of Parliament who ought to be here busy again and is now measuring out job. He is a tail, serious young man, earning their pay-that's the answer. the minutes with painful deliberation. with a sad voice, like wind in the chim- Meanwhile it misses one or two special The tower clock now provides three ney. The Miserere from Trovatore has favorites. Where is Ne Gus Temere kinds of time and perfectly suits any nothing on him for sadness when he Porter? Oh, he's in the library looking politician or politicians who may be reads the clauses. Blondin is as sad up the Toronto directory, choosing

Ottawa, Feb. 20.-I am not happy. I questions on the order paper with re-Outside of that this is the way the pottering; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and That sums up a Maeterlinck play of Fridays for pottering, and Satur-the earlier period. It also sums up the days and Sundays for resting up and to lear their jobs and get the Nation-

The Potters Pottering.

Take a pottering day, a Monday, When something like Ne tottering on this subject. The party little but amusing. Come along! Chase come accident and works far into commission. It's there with the ma- toe behind the Speaker's throne. There

margin of 52. tion lies most hope for a high tariff reading the motion through to the lected. administration; the west face started bitter end, which he does, though the

The Garden of Sleep.

signal from some of its friends strike with the Quebec twenty-two. He about one hundred and forty members

looking three ways for Sunday.

As the press gallery has it figured bid, the Government is either pottering. The shape, Laplante spears his blotting-tottering or slaughtering. The paper with his pen. The sergeant-at-slaughtering goes on all the time as the larms is out doing his British North tain Tom Wallace, bless his heart?

America Act — otherwise taking his constitutional. The Colonel requires about 5 feet 20 inches tall. The jaws two a day. The rights, privileges, and were lost, but the isolated teeth forms of Parliament are, for the time-small, much worn, and not differing

only glittering object in sight is Midgathering. A man who has so much high, low, and middle brow. Why bald head instead of that highly polished Chinese laundry glaze, which is not The peculiar feature which at once dis only bad form, but hurts the eyes? Ben- tiguishes this skeleton from all Neonett, of Calgary, sits right behind Mid- lithic races, and from every form of dleboro. will he does not find Middleboro's form of the leg bones, the tibia and fibshining expanse restful. The story ula. The significance of the features runs that Bennett, of Calgary, is going exhibited by these bones is as yet ininto Imperial politics. Does this mean explicable; they probably depend on that Bennett flees from Middleboro's the manner in which the legs were intolerable brilliance? We cannot have used in walking. our best men driven out of Parliament and plenty of vaseline is used. The for example. Upstairs a number of this way. Middleboro should utilize "We have indeed discovered pre-boul-object is to head off any climax live-lumbermen, whom you wouldn't trust his head to more advantage. With a der clay man." The Ipswich skeleton to conserve a toothpick, are engaged field like his, why not combine use thus represents not only the earliest Ham Dean Howells novel. Nine times in a great deal of noise. Also a con- and beauty by painting on it a warm remains of man yet found in England, vention of dry farmers is irrigating in Bay of Naples scene for winter and a All this makes it dull for special the restaurant. Downstairs the corri- Greenland's-icy-mountains one for

Some Disjointed, Sleepy Facts. Little thoughts-very little thoughts indeed-you will observe, capture the Government is pottering with the tariff mind when the scene is so lazy. Little a few more! There's nothing better to tigers for the good gay and thrown blue books at each -about half the Opposition, about sion passed its second reading with a men are wearing their hats. Two are chewing gum. Four are reading news. The second reading took all the fever papers. Twenty are whispering to lassitude. One day there was only one out of tariff commission. This is a twenty more. One man is tracking elevator out of four in the Parliament pottering day. The bill is in commit-down a word in Webster—a pagé has Buildings running. The tower clock tee. It is as safe now as an axiom of brought the big book in for him. was out of commission for two weeks, Euclid, or a bill to provide buttons with What, oh what, is that word? We at the end of which time it took up its their corresponding holes, or any other remember to ask Devlin of Wright afwork sulkily enough. Even now there uncontroversial topic. Speaker Sproule terwards. He says it is "ancillary"-a ness of purpose, as Ames might say House. Poor man there is no pleasure likes the word. He promises to put it no unanimity of effort. The east face in the debate for him now! The only in a glass case with "meticulous" and started first because in that direc- way he can hear his own voice is by a few other rare ones that he has col-

drifting off to Slumber Land. And David Henderson asleep at the switch! Deputy Blondin presides. Blondin But what's the difference? Everybody

dleboro's bald head. Bald head! What its shape was peculiar. It was especial-does that suggest? Let us go wool- ly flat and broad in its posterior part. brow as Middleboro should be called calling Neanderthal man. doesn't he use the dull finish for his forearms and hands, were absolutely

Wear what eyeglasses he man yet discovered, is the

talk drones on like a bee in a Several members make fissip-speeches — that is to say, speeches you can break off anywhere like a live lobster's claw, and no harm done, speeches that are full of good places to stop. Nobody takes any notice except the Hansard resporters, and they are paid to do it. Six o'clock! Dinner time! Thank neaven! The bill has advanced four The House rises. A pottering

about it ends here. EUROPE'S OLDEST **HUMAN SKELETON**

day is half over, and a pottering story

Bones Found in England Carry Mankind's History to Pre-Glacial Days.

GREAT AGE OF MAN

Little Difference in the Type-Theory of Evolution Affected by the Discovery.

London, Feb. 23. - Some scientific conclusions have just been announced concerning the human skeleton which was found in Suffolk last October and which from the geological environment in which it lay must date back to the beginning of the glacial age or to an even earlier epoch. It carries back the history of mankind upon this planet to a period perhaps 100,000 years distant, perhaps yet more remote. The periods of time with which geology deals are so great that they do not admit of precise determination, but anthropologists are able to say with certainty that this Suffolk skeleton belonged to a human being who walked the earth when the polar regions were habitable and when the rhinoceros and mammoth were still common in Eur-

J. Reid Moir made this discovery on a plateau north of Ipswich 120 feet above sea level, covered with a stratum of chalky boulder clay. Underneath the boulder clay is a stratified bed of mid-glacial sands containing much chalk and extending to a depth of 20 feet. Under this occurs the red crag. In October workmen were removing the overlying boulder clay to expose the glacial sands. At this point the clay was only four and one-half feet thick, but extremely hard. When the glacial sands were reached a human skull and some bones were exposed. A minute examination was made of the boulder clay and underlying sands cut through by the workmen. This revealed no disturbance such as must have been caused if an interment had been made there at a former date. The stratum of bolder clay lay as it had been laid down on the retreat of the ice sheet.

Bones Were Fragile.
The bones were so fragile and disintegrated that according to the account published in the Times it was impossible to remove them. The stratum containing them, which lay between the boulder clay and the underlying glacial sands, was cut out in blocks, these being forwarded to the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons to be examined by Prof. Keith. He found it necessary to impregnate the blocks with gelatine and then slowly to clean away the surrounding matrix, leaving each bone embedded on the surface of its

Only the more dense parts of the bones were preserved. Fortunately the skull had became completely filled with the boulder clay, and thus an almost complete brain cast was preserved. When the various blocks were pieced egether it was seen that the skeleton rested on the right side, with the legs foulded up on the body, and with the arms flexed. The position was not unlike the one which is seen in bodies buried in Neolithic times. Further. roots of plants reached the skeleton. and to a distance of some inches in the glacial sands below the skeleton.

The parts preserved indicated a man being, in charge of Deputy Bowie, who materially from those of modern man, and very unlike the teeth of Neander-The mace is under the table. The thal man. The skull was small, especially for a man of such a stature, and ly flat and broad in its posterior part, in this respect showing features re-

The thigh bones, the bones of the the same as in modern Englishmen.

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but, with the exception of the Heidel- who have supposed that the modern berg jaw, the earliest found in Europe, type of man was evolved at an exfor the chalky boulder clay far antedates the period of Neanderthal man, whose remains have recently found so abundantly in France. Hitherto the human skeleton discovered in 1888 eight feet in the 100-foot terrace his appearance a much more primitive of the Thames Valley at Galley Hill has been regarded as the oldest human that, also persisted in Europe. remains found in England. The forms discovery at least makes this certain, of flint instruments found here also occur in Suffolk, but as they lie over the boulder clay the natural inference is that the Ipswich remains belong to a much older race than that of Galley Hill, and to one which lived in East Anglia before the most severe of the various episodes of the glacial period.

The Oldest Skeleton. The most interesting point about his discovery is the fact that this skelton, the oldest yet found in Europe, is that of an individual of the modern type. So also is the Galley Both skeletons are Hill skeleton. much older in date than the remains of the Neanderthal race found in Belgium and France, yet neither of them shows the peculiar and somewhat simian features of that race. In conjunction with this fact may be taken several others leadings to an interesting and important conclusion. A lower jaw found in the coprolite

pit near Ipswich in 1855 is even older than the recently discovered Ipswich skeleton, but it fits the skull of the latter so closely that it clearly belonged to an individual of the same race. Of the same type too is the mandible discovered in 1863 at Moulin Quinon, which belongs to a date long anterior to that in which Neanderthal man lived and flourished in Europe. This accumulation of evidence supports the opinion of anthropologists tractor, which is sold by druggists.

remely early date. Indeed this last discovery of a complete skeleton goes been to show that the modern type was evolved before the commencement of the glacial period and that long after man, the type now called Neanderthat thousands of years before the Neanderthal race flourished in South Germany, Belgium and France-it apparently never reached Englandthis country was occupied by a race which in build of body and form of brain was of the modern type. Some people have been hasty enough

to regard the Neanderthal men as the oldest in Europe and to discern in them, with their monkeylike qualities, evidence of the missing link. Now it is clear that they were survivals of an inferior stock or of a stock which had deteriorated and not the progenttors of the modern European. Indeed, paying regard to the theory of evolution, which after all is only a theory, it seems rather puzzling that man has changed so little since the pre-glacial days of the Ipswich skeleton.

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