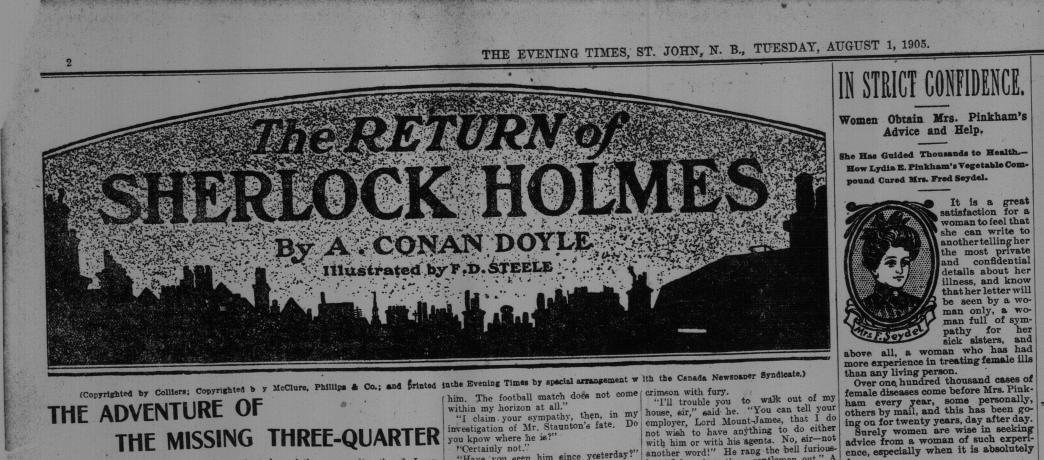
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## THE ADVENTURE OF THE MISSING THREE-QUARTER

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"It's worth trying, Watson," said Holmes. "Of course, with a warrant we could demand to see the counterfoils, but we have not reached that stage yet. 1 don't suppose they remember faces in so

have omitted to put my name at the end. Could you tell me if this was so?"

this was so The young woman turned over a sheaf

"What o'clock was it?" she asked. "A little after six. Whom was it to?

Holmes put his finger to his lips and lanced at me. "The last words in it ere 'for God's sake," he whispered, I am very anxious at get

The young woman separated one of the

him. The football match does not come within my horizon at all." "I claim your sympathy, then, in my investigation of Mr. Staunton's fate. Do you know where he is?" "I diam your sympathy and the sympathy is a senter to be a with bit a senter to be a senter of the sympathy and t you know where he is?" Certainly not. "Have you seen him since yesterday? "No, I have not." 'Was Mr. Staunton a healthy man?" Absolutely.

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him or with his agents. No, sir-not ther word!" He rang the bell furiouswith him or with his sgents. i.e, in advice from a woman of such experi-another word!" He rang the bell furious-ly. "John, show these gentlemen out," A pompous butler ushered us severely to the door, and we found ourselves in the street Holmes burst out laughing. "Dr. Leslie Armstrong is certainly a man of energy and character," said he. "I have not seen a man who, if he turns his talents that way, was more calculated to fill the gap left by the illustrious Moriar-ity. And now, my noor Watson, here we

inn just opposite Armstrong's house is singularly adapted to our needs. If you would engage a front room and purchase the necessaries for the night, I may have

necessaries for the night, i much for me." to make a few enquiries." nese few inquiries proved, however, to more lengthy proceeding than Holme to more lengthy proceeding than Holme be a more lengthy proceeding than Holme had imagined, for he did not return to the Vegetable until nearly nine o'clock. He was wo female ills. No other medicine in all the world

pale and dejected, stained with dust, and exhausted with fatigue and hunger. A cold supper was ready upon the table, and when his needs were satisfied and his pipe alight he was ready to take that half of the world the satisfied and his proble and whelly with exists which when his needs were satisfied and his pipe alight he was ready to take that half comic and wholly philosophic view which was natural to him when his affairs were going awry. The sound of carriage wheels caused him to rise and glance out of the

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"This is it. There is no matrix" she, smoothing it out upon the counter. "Then that, of course, accounts for my getting no answer," said Holmes. "Dear me, how very stupid of me, to be sure! Good morning, miss, and many thanks for having relieved my mind." He ohuckled and rubbed his hands when we found ourselves in the street once more. "Well?" I asked.

"Weil?" I asked. "We progress, my dear Watson, we pro-gress. I had seven different schemes for getting a glimpse of that telegram, but I could hardly hope to succeed the very

"A starting-point for our investigation." "He hailed a cab. "King's Cross Station,"

"We have a journey, then?" "We have a journey, then: "Yes, I think we must run down to Cambridge together. All the indications seem to me to point in that direction." "Tell me," I asked, as we rattled up Gray's Inn Road, 'have you any suspicion yet as to the cause of the disappearance? I don't think that among all our cases I have known one where the motives are more obscure. Surely you don't really more obscure. Surely you don't really imagine that he may be kidnapped in or-der to give information against his wealthy uncle?"

wealthy uncle?" "I confess, my dear Watson, that that does not appeal to me as a very prob-able explanation. It struck me, how-ever, as being the one which was most likely to interest that exceedingly un-

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caused him to rise and glance out of the window. A brougham and pair of greys, under the glare of a gas-lamp, stood be fore the doctor's door.

under the glare of a gas-lamp, stood be-fore the doctor's door. "It's been out three hours," said Holmes "started at half-past six, and here it is back again. That gives a radius of ten or twelve miles, and he does it onee, or sometimes twice a day." "No, unusual thing for a doctor in practice." "But Armstrong is not really a doctor in practice. He is a lecturer and a con-sultant, but he does not care for general practice, which distracts him from his literary work. Why, then, does he make these long journeys, which must be exceedingly irksome to him, and who is it that he visits?" "His coachman--,"

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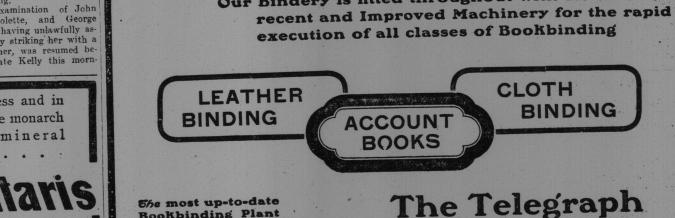
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