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



"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 all very simple."

House of Commons a Garden of Sleep

must be my soul that is hurting me. Something is about to happen, but you happen where anybody can see it.

That sums up a Maeterlinck play of Borden policy of running Parliament. The whole thing is static drama. Most to lear their jobs and get the Nationof the action takes place off the stage -the good fixers like Bob Regers and Frank Cochrane take care of thatand plenty of vaseline is used. The Her than one might expect in a Wilout of ten their object is gained.

All this makes it dull When something tigers for the good

Lying Down On the Job.

Buildings running. off as the Rocky Mountains; and the begrudges him this outlet for his feelfront face was only persuaded to continue looking south toward the United

Ottawa, Feb. 20.-I am not happy. I questions on the order paper with redo not know what is the matter. It gard to beheaded Grits plainly indicate. Outside of that this is the way the week is divided: The Government can bet your sweet life it will not takes Mondays and Wednesdays for pottering; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for pottering, and Saturthe earlier period. It also sums up the days and Sundays for resting up and yearning to be forgotten long enough

alists straightened out. The Potters Pottering.

Take a pottering day, a Monday, 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 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 for special the restaurant. Downstairs the corri- Greenland's-icy-mountains one for 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 indeed-you will observe, capture the When he does it is like getting money Government is pottering with the tariff mind when the scene is so lazy. Little from home or taking candy from the commission. There is no danger of its thoughts? Yes, you're quite rightlike Ne tottering on this subject. The party little but amusing. Come along! Chase Temere or tariff commission bobs up may split on Ne Temere, but it's solld a few more! There's nothing better to a jaded press gallery treats it as a enough on a sacred thing like tariff welcome accident and works far into the night setting forth the horrible jority, and high animal spirits. Only 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. Seven margin of 52.

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-The tower clock tee. It is as safe now as an axiom of brought the big book in for him. Euclid, or a bill to provide buttons with What, oh what, is that word? 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 is no heart in its endeavors—no single- has left the chair. Also he has left the word that Tom White used. 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 coltion 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 last, because reciprocity is still as far law does not require it. But no one

ings. The Garden of Sleep. the Government understood that its was a Nationalist. He is now a is mooning. What does the eye miss after using one bottle, getting much attitude was without prejudice. Then deputy-speaker. He does not go out on from the august picture? It misses at a signal from some of its friends strike with the Quebec twenty-two. He about one hundred and forty members 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. minutes with painful deliberation. with a sad voice, like wind in the chim- Meanwhile it misses one or two special

As the press gallery has it figured has the Government is either pottering, tottering or slaughtering. The Glaughtering goes on all the time as the court doing his British North where he is going to live when he is made high court judge. And where's it to all."

Manufa to the young Machiavelli, 'young. round, fat, rosy, Bob Rogers' understudy, Captain Tom Wallace, bless his heart?

America Act — otherwise taking his constitutional. The Colonel requires two a day. The rights, privileges, and were lost, but the isolated teeth were forms of Parliament are, for the time- small, much worn, and not differing being, in charge of Deputy Bowie, who materially from those of modern man,

> only glittering object in sight is Middleboro's bald head. Bald head! What does that suggest? Let us go wool-A man who has so much brow as Middleboro should be called calling Neanderthal man. high, low, and middle brow. Why bald head instead of that highly polish- the same as in modern Englishmen. ed Chinese laundry glaze, which is not The peculiar feature which at once disthat 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 for example. Upstairs a number of this way. Middleboro should utilize "We have indeed discovered pre-boulto conserve a toothpick, are engaged field like his, why not combine use thus represents not only the earliest

Some Disjointed, Sleepy Facts. Little thoughts-very little thoughts 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

Trifles Light as Air. What else is going on? Oh, not much. Yes, there's John Haggart drifting off to Slumber Land. And David Henderson asleep at the switch! Deputy Blondin presides. Blondin But what's the difference? Everybody The tower clock now provides three kinds of time and perfectly suits any politician or politicians who may be looking three ways for Sunday.

With a sad voice, like which in the lists of the which in the lists of the which in the lists of the special favorites. Where is Ne Gus Temere Porter? Oh, he's in the library looking up the Toronto directory, choosing where he is going to live when he is

Several members make fissipspeeches - that is to say, 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 leaven! The bill has advanced four

clauses. The House rises, A pottering day is half over, and a pottering story EUROPE'S OLDEST

HUMAN SKELETON Bones Found in England Carry Mankind's History to Pre-

GREAT AGE OF MAN

Glacial Days.

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

London, Feb. 23. - Some scientific onclusions 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 impos-sible 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 necesatine 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 oones 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 gether 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 about 5 feet 20 inches tall. The jaws 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 its shape was peculiar. It was especially flat and broad in its posterior part in this respect showing features re-

The thigh bones, the bones of the doesn't he use the dull finish for his forearms and hands, were absolutely 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 Wear what eyeglasses he man yet discovered, is the 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

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berg jaw, the earliest found in Europe, type of man was evolved at an exfor the chalky boulder clay far ante- tremely early date. Indeed this last dates the period of Neanderthal man, discovery of a complete skeleton goes whose remains have recently found so abundantly in France. Hith- evolved before the commencement of erto the human skeleton discovered in the glacial period and that long after 1888 eight feet in the 100-foot terrace of the Thames Valley at Galley Hill man, the type now called Neanderhas been regarded as the oldest human remains found in England. The forms 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 this 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 Gailey Hill skeleton. Both skeletons are 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 Of the same type too is the race. mandible discovered in 1863 at Moulin Quinon, which belongs to a date long anterior to that in which Neanderthal

but, with the exception of the Heidel- who have supposed that the modern been to show that the modern type was his appearance a much more primitive thal, also persisted in Europe. The discovery at least makes this certain, that 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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THE MARRIAGE LAW. Ottawa, Feb. 22.-The judgment in the Hebert case today will not affect the proposed reference by the Government to the supreme court and finally

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