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"The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," "The Hound of [the Basker," illes," "The Sign of the Four," "A Stuly in Scarlet," Etc. (Illustrated by F. D. Steele.)

"Very good. New, Mr. Soames, ave will take a walk in the quadrangle, if you please."

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Three yellow squares of light shone above us in the gathering gloom. "Your three birds are all in their

nests," said Holmes, looking up. "Hel lo! What's that? One of them seems restless enough." It was the Indian, whose dark silhou

ette appeared suddenly upon his blind. He was pacing swiftly up and down

"I should like to have a peep at each of them," said Holmes. "Is it possible?"

"No difficulty in the world," Soame answered. "This set of rooms is quite the oldest in the college, and it is not unusual for visitors to go over them. Come along, and I will personally con duct you."

"No names, please." said Holmes as we knocked at Gilchrist's door. A tall, laxen haired, slim young fellow opened it and made us welcome when he understood our errand. There were some really curious pieces of mediaeval domestic architecture within. Holmes was so charmed with one of them that he insisted on drawing it in his note-book, broke his pencil, had to borrow from our host and finally borrowed a knife to sharpen his own. The same curious accident happened to him in the rooms of the Indian-a silent little hook nosed fellow, who eyed us askance and was obviously glad when Holmes' architectural studies had come to an d. I could not see that in either case Holmes had come upon the clew for which he was searching. Only at the third did our visit prove abortive. The outer door would not open to our knock and nothing more substantial than a torrent of bad language came from behind it. "I don't care who you are. You can go to blazes!" roared the "Tomorrow's the exam., angry voice. and I won't be drawn by any one." "A rude fellow!" said our guide,

flushing with anger as we withdrew down the stair. "Of course he did not realize that it was I who was knocking, but none the less his conduct was very uncourteous and, indeed, under the circumstances rather suspicious." Holmes' response was a curious one. "Can you tell me his exact height?"

he asked.

"Really, Mr. Holmes, I cannot undertake to say. He is taller than the Indian, not so tall as Gilchrist. I supose five foot six would be about it.' "That is very important," said Holmes. "And now, Mr. Soames, I wish you good night."

Our guide cried aloud in his astonishment and dismay. "Good gracious, Mr. Holmes, you are surely not going to leave me in this abrupt fashion! You don't seem to realize the position. fomorrow is the examination. I must take some definite action tonight. cannot allow the examination to be held if one of the papers has been tamtion must be

low, It is nearly 9, and the landlady babbled of green peas at 7:30. What with your eternal tobacco, Watson, and your irregularity at meals, I expect that you will get notice to quit and that I shall share your downfall-not, however, before we have solved the problem of the nervous tutor, the careless servant and the three enterprising

Holmes made no further allusion to the matter that day, though he sat lost in thought for a long time after our belated dinner. At 8 in the morning he came into my room just as I finished my toilet.

Well, Watson," said he, "it is time we went down to St. Luke's. Can you do without breakfast?"

"Certainly." "Soames will be in a dreadful fidget until we are able to tell him something

positive." "Have you anything positive to tell him?"

"I think so."

"You have formed a conclusion?" "Yes, my dear Watson; I have solved

the mystery." "But what fresh evidence could you have got?"

"Aha! It is not for nothing that I have turned myself out of bed at the untimely hour of G. I have put in two



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hours' hard work and covered at least five miles, with something to show for Look at that!"

it. Look at that." He held out his hand. On the palm were three little pyramids of black. doughy clay. "Why, Holmes, you had only two yes-

terday.

"And one more this morning. It is a fair argument that wherever No. 3 came from is also the source of Nos. 1 and 2. Eh, Watson? Well, come along and put friend Soames out of his pain." The unfortunate tutor was certainly

in a state of pitiable agitation when we found him in his chambers. In a few

two eager hands outstretched.

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"Nothing at all, sir."

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Holmes. "Now, Bannister, will you please tell us the truth about yester-

"You will kindly close the door," said

The man turned white to the roots of

"Lhave told you everything, sir."

"Well, then, I must make some sug-gestions to you. When you sat down

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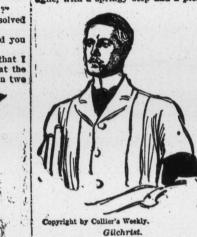
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"Come, come, Bannister!" "No, sir; there was no one."

"In that case you can give us no fur ther information. Would you please remain in the room? Stand over there

near th bedroom door. Now, Soames I am going to ask you to have the great kindness to go up to the room of young Gilchrist and to ask him to step down into yours.

An instant later the tutor returned, bringing with him the student. He was a fine figure of a man-tall. lithe and agile, with a springy step and a pleas-



ant open face. His troubled blue eyes glanced at each of us and finally rested with an expression of blank dismay upon Bannister in the farther corner. "Just close the door." said Holmes Now, Mr. Gilchrist, we are all quite alone here, and no one need ever know one word of what passes between us. We can be perfectly frank with each other. We want to know, Mr. Gilchrist, how you, an honorable man, ever came to commit such an action as that of

yesterday." The unfortunate young man staggered back and cast a look full of horror

and reproach at Bannister. "No, no, Mr. Gilchrist, sir, I never said a word-never one word!" cried the servant. "No, but you have now." said Holmes.

"Now, sir, you must see that after Bannister's words your position is hopeless and that your only chance lies in a frank confession

For a moment Gilchrist, with uprais-ed hand, tried to control his writhing features. The next he had thrown himtan gloves a-lying in that chair. I mence, and he was still in the dilemma burying his face in his hands, he had between making the facts public and burst into a storm of passionate soballowing the culprit to compete for the bing.

No harm would have been done had it not been that as he passed your door he perceived the key which had been left by the carelessness of your servant. dden impulse came over him to en ter and see if they were indeed the proofs. It was not a dangerous ex-ploit, for he could always pretend that he had simply looked in to-ask a ques-

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tion. "Well, when he saw that they indeed the proofs it was then that he yielded to temptation. He put his shoes on the table. What was it you "Gloves," said the young man.

Holmes looked triumphantly at Ban-nister. "He put his gloves on the chair, nister. "He put his gives on the chair, and he took the proofs, sheet by sheet, to copy them. He thought the tutor must return by the main gate and that he would see him. As we know, he came back by the side gate. Suddenly ne near anim at the very door. There was no possible escape. He forgot his closes but he cought up his choos and gloves, but he caught up his shoes and darted into the bedroom. You observe that the scratch on that table is slight at one side, but deepens in the direction of the bedroom door. That in itself is enough to show us that the shoe had been drawn in that direction and that the culprit had taken refuge there. The earth round the spike had been left on

may add that I walked out to the ath letic grounds this morning, saw that tenacious black clay is used in the jumping pit and carried away a speci men of it, together with some of the fine tan or sawdust which is strewn over it to prevent the athlete from slipping. Have I told the truth, Mr. Gilchrist?"

"Good heavens! Have you nothing

this disgraceful exposure has bewildered me. I have a letter here Mr. Soames which I wrote to you early this morn ing in the middle of a restless night. It was before I knew that my sin had found me out. Here it is, sir. You will see that I have said: 'I have determined not to go in for the examination. I have been offered a commission in the Rhodesian police, and I am going out to South Africa at once.""

"I am indeed pleased to hear that you did not intend to profit by your unfair advantage," said Soames. "But why did you change your purpose?" Gilchrist pointed to Bannister.

"There is the man who set me in the right path," said he.

"Come now, Bannister," said Holmes "It will be clear to you from what I have said that only you could have let this young man out, since you were left in the room and must have locked the door when you went out. As to his escaping by that window, it was incredible. Can you not clear up the last point in this mystery and tell us

the reasons for your action?' "It was simple enough, sir, if you only had known, but with all your cleverness it was impossible that you could know. Time was, sir, when I was butler to old Sir Jabez Gilchrist, this young gentleman's father. When he was ruined I came to the college as servant, but I never forgot my old employer because he was down in the I watched his son all I could world. for the sake of old days. Well, sir, when I came into this room yesterday, when the alarm was given, the very first thing I saw was Mr. Gilchrist's

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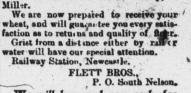
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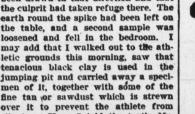
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The student had drawn himself erect. "Yes, sir; it is true," said he.

to add?" cried Soames. "Yes, sir, I have, but the shock of

"You must leave it as it is. I shall drop round early tomorrow morning and chat the matter over. It is possible that I may be in a position then to indicate some course of action. Meanwhile, you chauge nothing-nothing at all."

"Very good, Mr. Holmes."

"You can be perfectly easy in your mind. We shall certainly find some way out of your difficulties. I will take the black clay with me; also the pencil cuttings. Goodby." When we were out in the darkness

of the quadrangle we again looked up at the windows. The Indian still paced his room. The others were invisible.

"Well. Watson, what do you think is it not? There are your three men. It must be one of them. You take your choice. Which is yours?"

"The four mouthed fellow at the top. He is the one with the worst record. And yet that Indian was a sly fellow also. Why should he be pacing his room all the time?"

"There is nothing in that. Many men do it when they are trying to learn anything by heart."

He looked at us in a queer way." "So would you if a flock of strangers came in on you when you were preparing for an examination next day and every moment was of value. No, I see nothing in that. Pencils, too, and knives-all was satisfactory. But that fellow does puzzie me."

"Who ?"

"Why. Bannister, the servant. What's his game in the matter?"

"He impressed me as being a perfecty honest man."

"So he did me. That's the puzzling part. Why should a perfectly honest man-well, well, here's a large station We shall begin our researches hore."

There were only four stationers of any consequence in the town, and at each Holmes produced his pencil chips and bid high for a duplicate. All were Egreed that one could be ordered, but that it was not a usual size of pencil and that it was seldom kept in stock. friend did not appear to he depressby his failure, but shrugged his orders in half humorous resignaed ab tion. 1

"No good, my dear Watson. This, the best and only final clew, has run to nothing. But, indeed, I have little doubt that we can build up a sufficient case without it. By Jove, my dear fel

valuable scholarship. He could hardly stand still, so great was his mental agi-"Come, come," said Holmes kindly, "it is human to err. and at least no one can accuse you of being a callous crim-inal. Perhaps it would be easier for tation, and he ran toward Holmes with you if I were to tell Mr. Soames what "Thank heaven that you have come I feared that you had given it up in occurred, and you can check me where I am wrong. Shall I do so? Well, well, don't trouble to answer. Listen, and despair. What am I to do? Shall the "Yes, let it proceed, by all means."

see that I do you no injustice." "From the moment, Mr. Soames, that you said to me that no one, not even

Bannister, could have told that the pa-"I think so. If this matter is not to pers were in your room the case began become public we must give ourselves certain powers and resolve ourselves to take a definite shape in my mind. The printer one could, of course, dis into a small private court martial. You miss. He could examine the papers in there, if you please, Soames! Watson, you here! I'll take the armchair in his own office. The Indian I also thought nothing of. If the proofs were the middle. I think that we are now in roll he could not possibly know what they were. On the other hand, it seemed an unthinkable coincidence that a man should dare to enter the room, and that by chance on that very Bannister entered and shrank back

day the papers were on the table. I dismissed that. The man who entered knew that the papers were there. How did he know?

"When I approached your room examined the window. You amused me by supposing that I was contemplating the possibility of some one having in broad daylight, under the eyes of all these opposite rooms, forced him-self through it. Such an idea was absurd. I was measuring how tall a man would need to be in order to see is he passed what papers were on the entral table. I am six feet high, and ess than that would have a chance. Already, you see, I had reason to think hat if one of your three students was man of unusual height he was the lost worth watching of the three. "I entered, and I took you into my onfidence as to the suggestions of the de table. Of the center table I could the nothing until in your descript on Gilchrist you mentioned that he v as long distance jumper. Then m ole this came to me in an instan. I only needed certain corroboration ofs, which I speedily obtained. What happened was this: This young had employed his afterno athletic grounds, where he had in practicing the jump. He return-carrying his jumping shoes, which · provided, as you are aware, with eral sharp spikes. As he passed or whichow he saw, by means of his r at height, these proofs upon your table and conjectured what they were

knew those gloves well, and I under-stood their message. If Mr. Soames saw them the game was up. I flopped down into that chair, and nothing would budge me until Mr. Soames went for you. Then out came my poor young master, whom I had dandled on my knee, and confessed it all to me. Wasn't it natural, sir, that I should save him, and wasn't it natural als

that I should try to speak to him as his dead father would have done and make him understand that he could not profit by such a deed? Could you blame me, sir?"

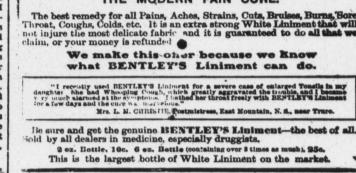
"No, indeed," said Holmes heartily, springing to his feet. "Well, Soames, I think we have cleared your little problem up, and our breakfast awaits us at home. Come, Watson. As to you, sir, I trust that a bright future awaits you in Rhodesia. For once you have fallen low. Let us see in the future how high you can rise.'

He Wanted No Help.

The humor of a situation sometimes depends not merely on a spoken phrase, but may turn on the way it is used, the accent that marks the ex pression. One day recently a tottering, peevish old man entered the lobby of a fashionable New York hotel and made a more or less labored advance toward the elevator used exclusively to reach the guest rooms. He was not a guest, but had been in the house on earlier occasions. One of the hall boys who had been but a little time on the force approached the old man and in a man could do it with an effort. No one , ner that should have indicated a dis position to be courteously helpful said to him, "Anything you want, sir?" The old man misinterpreted the hall boy's inquiry as a challenge. He halted for an instant, long enough to glare at the youth, then resumed his way, saying more to himself than in answer to the query, "Going up to see my mothe..." And, sute enough, he was on his way to see his mother, ninety-eight years old, who was younger in appearance than he and not so prevish by half.

A Heart to Heart Confession. "It seems," he said, "to give her the greatest happiness just to sit and listen to her talented husband talk." "Yes," she replied; "the silly little thing! Sometimes it seems to me that when a woman is foolish she can be about seven times more foolish than

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