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MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

ADVENTURE III.—A CASE OF IDENTITY

I had had so many reasons to believe in my friend's subtle powers of reasoning, and extraordinary energy in action, that I felt that he must have some solid grounds for the assured and easy demeanor with which he treated the singular mystery which he had been called upon to solve. Once only had I known him to fail, in the case of the King of Bohemia, and of the Irene Adler photograph; but when I looked back to the weird business of the Sign of the Four, and the extraordinary circumstances connected with the Study in Scarlet, I felt that it would be a strange thing indeed which he could not unravel. I left him then, still puffing at his black clay pipe, with the conviction that when I came again on the next evening I would find that he held in his hand all the clues which would lead up to the identity of the disappearing bridegroom of Miss Mary Sutherland.

and turning the key in the door. "Let you know, then, that I have caught him!" "What? Where?" shouted Mr. Windbank. "There is no getting out of it, Mr. Windbank. It is quite too transparent, and it was a very bad compliment when you said it was impossible for me to solve so simple a question. That's right! Sit down and let us talk it over."

then, as he could go no further, he contentedly vanished away by the old back of stepping in at one door of a four-wheeler, and out at the other. I think that that was the chain of events, Mr. Windbank."

Our visitor had recovered something of his assurance while Holmes had been talking, and the rose from his chair now with a cold sneer upon his pale face. "It may be so, or it may not, Mr. Holmes," said he, "but if you are so very sharp you ought to be sharp enough to know that it is you who are breaking the law now, and not me. I have done nothing actionable from the first, but as long as you keep that door locked you lay yourself open to an action for assault and illegal restraint."

BATTLING WITH HUGE REPTILES

Shipment of Leopards and Snakes from Japan Broke Loose and Gave Ship's Crew a Lively Time.

New York, Sept. 23.—A badly lacerated crew arrived here today on the steamer Indramayo, guarding a cargo of wild animals from Chinese and Japanese ports. Six leopards and two big snakes caused most of the injuries which were inflicted by the animals during an exciting voyage. Besides these animals the Indramayo carried an elephant, six monkeys of a large and savage species and some smaller animals.

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