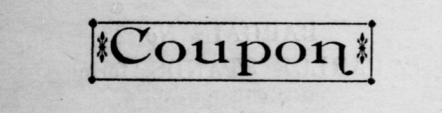


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CHAPTER I. MR. SHERLOCK HOLMES.

THE year 1878 I took my degree of doctor of medicine of the University of London, and proceeded to Netley to go through the course prescribed for surgeons in the army.

Having completed my studies there I was duly attached to the Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers as assistant surgeon.

The regiment was stationed in India at the time, and before I could join it the second Afghan war had broken out.

On landing at Bombay I learned that my corps had advanced through the passes and was already deep in the enemy's country.

I was removed, with a great number of others, to a place in the mountains where we were in the same situation as myself, and succeeded in reaching Candahar in safety, where my regiment, and at once entered upon my new duties.

The campaign brought honors and promotion to many, but for us had nothing but misfortune and disaster.

I was removed from my brigade and attached to the Berkshires, with whom I served at the fatal battle of Mairi, and there I was struck on the shoulder by a Jezail bullet, which shattered the bone and grazed the subclavian artery.

I should have fallen into the hands of the merciless Ghazis had it not been for the devotion and courage shown by Murray, my orderly, who threw me across a puddle-hole and succeeded in bringing me safely to the British lines.

Worn with pain, and weak from the prolonged hardships which I had undergone, I was dispatched to a general hospital at Peshawar.

Here I rallied, and had already improved so far as to be able to walk about the veranda, and even to back a little upon the veranda, when I was struck down by enteric fever, that curse of our Indian possessions. For months my life was despaired of, and when at last I came myself and became convalescent, a medical board determined that not a day should be lost in sending me back to England.

I was discharged accordingly, and landed a month later on Portsmouth Jetty, with my health irrevocably ruined, but with permission from a general government to spend the next nine months in attempting to improve it.

I had neither kith nor kin in England, and was therefore as free as air—or as free as an income of eleven shillings and sixpence a day will permit a man to be in London, and my natural gravitation to London, that great cesspool into which all the longers and idlers of the Empire are irresistibly drawn, there I stayed for some time at a private hotel in the Strand, leading a comparatively idle life, and spending my money as I had come to do more freely than I ought.

So alarming did the state of my finances become that I soon realized that I must either leave the metropolis and rusticate somewhere in the country, or that I must make a complete alteration in my style of living.

The latter alternative I began by making up my mind to leave the hotel, and to take up my quarters in some less pretentious and less expensive locality. On the very day that I had come to this conclusion, I was standing at the Criterion bar, when some one tapped me on the shoulder.

"What have you been doing with yourself, Watson?" he asked, in an unkindly manner, as we walked through the crowded London streets.

"You are as thin as a lath and as brown as a nut."

"I gave him a short sketch of my adventures, and had hardly concluded it by the time that we reached our destination.

"Poor devil!" he said, commiseratingly, after he had listened to my misfortunes. "What are you up to now?"

"Looking for lodgings," I answered. "Trying to solve the problem as to whether it is possible to get comfortable rooms at a reasonable price."

"That's a strange thing," remarked my companion; "you are the second man to-day that has used that expression to me."

"And who was the first?" I asked. "A fellow who is working at the chemical laboratory up at the hospital. He was bewitched himself this morning because he could not get some one to go halves with him in some nice rooms which he had found, and which were too much for his purse."

"By Jove!" I cried; "I really want some one to share the rooms and the expense. I am the very man for him. I should prefer having a partner to being alone."

Young Stamford looked rather strangely at me over his wineglass. "You don't know Sherlock Holmes yet," he said; "perhaps you would not care for him as a constant companion."

"Why, what is there against him?" "Oh, I didn't say there was anything against him. He is a little queer in his ideas—an enthusiast in some branches of science. As far as I know,

"Hal ha!" he cried, clapping his hands, and looking as delighted as a child with a new toy. "What do you think of that?"

"It seems to be a very delicate test," I remarked. "Beautiful! The old galvanic test was very clumsy and uncertain. So is the microscopic examination of blood-corpuscles. The latter is valueless if the stains are a few hours old. Now, this appears to act as well whether the blood is old or new. Had it not been for me, there would have been hundreds of men now walking the earth who would long ago have paid the penalty of their crimes."

"Indeed!" I murmured, in a skeptical tone. "Criminal cases are continually flying upon that one point. A man is suspected of a crime months perhaps years after it has been committed. His linen or clothes are examined, and brownish stains discovered upon them. Are they blood-stains, or rust-stains, or are they stains of fruit-stains, or what are they? That is a question which has puzzled many an expert, and why? Because there was no reliable test. Now, this Sherlock Holmes test, and there will be no longer any difficulty."

"His eyes fairly glittered as he spoke, and he put his hand over his heart and bowed as if to some applauding crowd conjured up by his imagination."

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and want a little enlightening. I listen to their story, they listen to my comments, and then I pocket my fee."

"But do you mean to say," I said, "that without leaving your room you can unravel some knot which other men can make nothing of, although they have seen every detail for themselves?"

"Quite so. I have a kind of intuition that way. Now and again a case turns up which is a little more complex. Then I have to mull about and see things with my own eyes. You see, I have a lot of special knowledge which I apply to the problem, and which facilitates matters wonderfully. Those rules of deduction laid down in that article which aroused your scorn are invaluable to me in practical work. Observation with a second nature. You appeared to be surprised when I told you, on our first meeting, that you had come from Afghanistan."

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