

SHCD is a cooperative investigation game. Once you have read the introduction, investigate using the Directory, map, and newspaper. Then, choose the leads you wish to read (a number followed by the initials of the Area). Write them down so that you can read them again when needed. Once you have completed the investigation, answer the questions of the last page... Check out the solutions. Will you surpass Sherlock Holmes?

Vanishing from Hyde Park

Wednesday March 14, 1888

We knock at 221B Baker Street, and to our greatest surprise, Holmes himself answers the door.

"Ah, you arrive at the best possible moment: you are expected in the kitchen. I'll be fair play, Wiggins, I'll let you get a head start to solve this case which, on the whole, is rather banal..."

We hear Watson's wrathful voice coming from the kitchen:

"None of this is a game, you can't leave like this!"

"Watch me!" replies a jolly Holmes, going down the few stairs separating him from the street, leaving us alone on the door step.

After a brief hesitation, we go to the kitchen where Watson is trying to comfort his landlady, Mrs Hudson.

"Oh! Poor, poor Charly! Feeling so lonely and abandoned. What monster could have done that?" moans Mrs Hudson.

"Can you tell your story again, for our friends here? Start from the beginning," says Watson, bidding us to take a seat. Mrs Hudson nods.

"A friend of mine, Yvonne Nance, came by today to ask for help. She lives in a flat not far from here, in a building located on North Audley Street, ground floor, and is very attached to our neighbourhood. She took yesterday one of her regular walks in Hyde Park with Charly, skirting Park Lane then Bayswater, to reach the Tyburn Tree she loves so much. Charly then disappeared in the bushes... He's only eight, he couldn't have gone far. On returning home, she had this message:

Don't worry for Charly!
He will soon be back!

"She alerted her nephew - he is a reporter at the *Times* and bound to know everything that's going on. She even alerted Scotland Yard who told her not to bother them for so little."

"The police didn't care?" asks Wiggins, raising his eyebrows.

"Ah! At last someone understanding. Of course, with a collar bearing his name and address, it shouldn't take long before he reappears, but this message, odd, isn't it?"

"A collar?" asks Wiggins somewhat disturbed.

"Yes, delightfully matching his German Spitz hair. He is rather communicative and never leaves Yvonne especially since her poor husband died: he is a good watchdog, and besides her nephew, he is the only family she has."

"We'll take it from there," says Wiggins, leaving the room. Once out in the street, we see Holmes on the other side holding a bunch of violets going towards the butcher's, light-hearted.

LONDON DIRECTORY (ABRIDGED VERSION)

ALPHABETICAL LIST

Hennessy, Patrick37 WC
Grosvenor Investments32 NW
Nance, Yvonne32 NW
Oppenheimer, Stuart76 WC
Parker, Howard68 EC
Parliament16 SW
Teevan, Oscar16 NW

LIST BY CATEGORY

Butchers

Cannon69 EC
Baker Meat53 NW
Grosvenor70 NW

Florist

George Flowers50 NW

Restaurant

Chinese Wonders57 NW



The Times.

N° 32 275

Evening edition

LONDON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1888

PERSONAL

LOST, BLACK COLLEY, white collar. Injured right lower lip. Name on metal plate attached to leather collar. OSCAR TEEVAN, 16 Charing Cross Road, NW. Reward any person who will bring the dog back to that address.

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SCANDAL AT THE PARLIAMENT

A new element is tainting the already weakened reputation of parliamentarian Oppenheimer. During the period January-March, the latter would have received bribes for construction sites east of London. Construction sites sponsored by Grosvenor Investments on plots 36456, 87778, and 98007. According to our sources, the illicit payments would be respectively in the amounts of £1500, £2400 and £3200, received on the 8th of each month, according to our sources. GI's manager received us in his office, on the top floor of an opulent-looking building near Grosvenor Square, and formally refuted these allegations. As for him, Oppenheimer refuses, for the time being, to give any comment. H. P.

MR GLADSTONE AND THE BRITISH

INFORMANTS

- SCOTLAND YARD (13 SW):

HAVE ALL THE REPORTS RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION.

- SOMERSET HOUSE (17 WC):

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, AND WILLS RECORDS.

- HENRY ELLIS (30 EC):

REPORTER FOR THE LONDON TIMES.

- PORKY SHINWELL (52 EC):

INFORMATION SOURCE FOR ALL ILLEGAL MATTERS.

- MYCROFT HOLMES (8 SW):

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE POLITICAL WORLD.

NW AREA

❧ 16 NW ❧

No one has returned Oscar Teevan's dog as of yet.

❧ 32 NW ❧

What floor will you be stopping at?
(Each paragraph counts as a lead.)

GROUND FLOOR

Mrs Nance invites us in her sitting-room. We notice a wicker basket and a blanket in a corner of the room, close to the front door. "Did you find Charly?" She slumps in an armchair, fixing then a picture of her dog, carrying a ball in his mouth. "This is my sole souvenir of him now," she states sadly. "I haven't been able to lay my hands on his favourite ball for a week, and now, he's the one who disappeared..."

"And did your nephew find anything?"

"Howie? No, but I think his mind is set on other things. He comes to see me every Thursday, but last Thursday, he got here very late and was restless. He didn't want to tell me what was bothering him. Do you think he's in some kind of trouble?" she asks us, concerned.

TOP FLOOR

Would you rather knock at the door or go to the attic?

DOOR

The manager of Grosvenor Investments receives us but does not tell us anything that we have not read in the *Times'* article. He is sorry for Mrs Nance's dog, but he has other things to take care of.

ATTIC

After a few contortions, we find a way to discreetly enter in the premises located under the attic, but we are soon stopped by a man: "Hey, guys, what do you think you're doing?"

"We're investigating ..."

"You see, after what happened last night, I'm not in a talkative mood ... John, tell the night watchman that we found the passage the other snoopers took to get in. And you, out!"

You no longer can access the top floor during this investigation.

❧ 50 NW ❧

The young florist is not insensitive to Wiggins' charm and helps us gladly: "If you're talking about the enigmatic gentleman, he told me he had to buy violets to be forgiven for his mischievousness!"

❧ 53 NW ❧

The meat dealer looks at us: "You don't look like you wanna buy anything so, shoo!"

❧ 56 NW ❧

One of the contortionists remembers seeing on Tuesday a rushing young man, followed by a German Spitz. The dog seemed to be in a playful mood, hopping around the man holding something in his hand.

❧ 57 NW ❧

The waiter does not seem to understand our questions: "Yes, yes, dog very good! A little too much noisy! Very, very nice lady!"

❧ 70 NW ❧

A red-faced man welcomes us into his butcher shop. He prepares before us a terrine, meticulously grinding a game's meat, whose origin we can hardly identify: "Ah! You're here for the old bag's pooch? Saw nothing, heard nothing, but I won't complain. I thought I was coming to a quiet neighbourhood, and not a night went by without the dog barking at every passer-by. It was hell! I tolerated it because the lady came to take her regular lot of kidneys for her 'precious'. Not easy to sell them, and only on a per order basis. He was probably better pampered than Queen Victoria's dog himself. This world is crazy, trust me."

❧ 96 NW ❧

As we search the bushes, we see, in the mud, the traces of dog's paws joined seemingly by those of a man, and leaving in the same direction, due east. We find an abandoned string a little farther on.

SW AREA

8 SW

Mycroft receives us in the visitors sitting-room of the Diogenes Club: "Oppenheimer was already politically compromised, but this recent affair may very well put an end to his career, if proofs are the slightest bit credible. And we are talking about the *Times*, not a vulgar rag."

13 SW

Lestrade threatens to kick us out by force when we tell him the reason of our visit.

16 SW

There is no one in the Parliament who wants to comment on the Oppenheimer affair.

WC AREA

17 WC

We review the Somerset House logbooks: Yvonne Nance, née Parker: married to Robert Nance on August 17, 1857 (Robert Nance, deceased on December 13, 1885); no child, only one brother him too deceased, no will on record.

37 WC

Patrick Hennessy does not know Mrs Nance and does not understand one word of our questions, nor why we came to see him.

76 WC

"No comment on this case," is the sole response we obtain at the parliamentarian's home.

EC AREA

30 EC

Henry Ellis accepts to see us despite his seemingly busy schedule: "We just set the cat among the pigeons with the article on Oppenheimer, that we included at the very last moment. Parker played it smart. He and the chief editor seem rather sure of their sources. Otherwise, they wouldn't have published the article."

"We are investigating the disappearance of a German Spitz in Hyde Park and we would like to know..."

"I think that apart from advising you to make an announcement in the *Times*, I cannot be of any help to you," Ellis cuts off, obviously uninterested.

52 EC

The owner of the Raven & Rat, Porky Shinwell, seems amused by our questions: "So, now you're reduced to looking for a pooch? I hope he didn't bite a bad guy, because in such a case: a good bag and off to the bottom of the Thames!"

68 EC

We follow Cannon Street up to number 68 and knock at the door of Howard Parker's flat, on the third floor. A young man, looking sleepy, receives us in the corridor, shutting the door behind him. A tad surprised by our investigation, he quickly shortens the conversation: "For the time being, I haven't heard anything about Charly, but I'm not particularly worried. Every dog has his day! My aunt worries way too much and I've better things to do. And so do you, don't you?"

69 EC

When we ask him if, by chance, he received unusual orders recently, the butcher of Cannon Street answers that a new client specifically requested offal last week and was to pick them up on Tuesday.



QUESTIONS

FIRST SERIES

1. Who abducted Charly?
2. Why?
3. Where is Charly?

SECOND SERIES

4. How was Charly abducted without anyone taking notice?

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e all gather in Mrs Hudson's living room. On the coffee table, there is a vase with a bunch of violets. In a corner of the room, a dog is eating meat from a bowl, paying no attention to us. Holmes starts without preamble:

"An easy case to solve. A letter, with no ransom demand, typed, most probably on a Remington, so valued in the publishing industry. A very considerate culprit, or anxious not to draw attention. A discreet abduction during the usual walk of our client; this most probably points to a close acquaintance. The nephew, reporter at the *Times*? Given the article on the neighbouring Grosvenor Investment company, with very specific details about bribes, the scenario becomes crystal clear: last Thursday, on March 8, the nephew sees and recognises the parliamentarian Oppenheimer when going to visit his aunt, understands he has a scoop, and devises a stratagem so as to enter discreetly in the premises, but the barking of the dog near the door may jeopardize his action. We can now go and explain to Mrs Nance..."

Holmes solved this case by following 2 leads: Mrs Nance (32 NW) and Howard Parker (68 EC) to take Charly back. He used the article "Scandal at the Parliament" and scored 100 points. Your score 1: Howard Parker (30 points); 2. Entering very discreetly in Grosvenor Investments (40 points); 3. At Howard Parker's (30 points); 4. He was lured with his favourite ball (40 points). Decrease your score by 5 points for each lead followed after the 2nd.

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