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after this."

satisfied way.

for such things."

"No, sir."

asked Sherlock Holmes.

"No, sir."
" Nor Lestrade?"

Then let us go and look at the

With which inconsistent remark he

seen, and I am no chicken.'

which lay alf around.

all been done before."

"You are sure that there is no ly load.

"Positive!" cried both detectives.

remarked upon. So swiftly was the ex-

amination made that one would hard-

purpose of our examination.'

eyebrows sardonically.

the top, and against this wall was lean-

CHAPTER III.

ing a stalwart police constable, sur- Gregson. "Heaven knows, they were I confess that I was considerably startled by this fresh proof of the practical nature of my companion's theories. My respect for his powers of analysis increased wondrously. There still remained some lurking suspicion in my mind, however, that the whole tended to dazzle me, though what earthly object he could have in taking me in was past my comprehension, When I looked at him he had finished reading the note, and his eyes had assumed the vacant, lack-luster expression which showed mental abstraction.

"How in the world did you deduce that?" I asked. "Deduce what?" said he, petulantly. "Why, that he was a retired ser-

geant of marines."

"I have no time for trifles," he replied brusquely; then, with a smile, lied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped in the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness. You broke the stopped, and once plied brusquely; then, with a smile, "Excuse my rudness."

Stream disappears south of Newfound-land. The enormous river in the ocean stream to the stream of Joseph Stangerson upon the fly-leaf. Two letters—one addressed to E. J. Drebber and one to Joseph Strangerson." "Excuse my rudness. You broke the the wet, clayey soil, but since the police "At what address?" thread of my thoughts; but perhaps it is as well. So you actually were not

explain why I know it. If you were could see a great deal which was hidasked to prove that two and two made den from me. four, you might find some difficulty, and yet you are quite sure of the fact. Even across the street I could see a great blue anchor tattooed on the back of the fellow's hand. That smacked of the sea. He had a military carriage, however, and regulation side-whiskers. There we have the marine. He was a nan with some amount of self-importance and a certain air of command. You must have observed the way in which he held his head and swung his cane. A steady respectable, middleaged man, too, on the face of him-all facts which led me to believe that he had been a sergeant."

"Wonderful!" I ejaculated. "Commonplace," said Holmes, though thought from his expression that he was pleased at my evident surprise and admiration. I said just now that there were no criminals. It appears that I am wrong—look at this!" He threw me over the note which the commissionaire

"Why," I cried, as I cast my eye out," he said. over it, "this is terrible!" This is the letter which I read to

"My Dear Mr. Sherlock Holmes:-There has been a bad business during the night at 3 Lauriston Gardens, off the Brixton Road. Our man on the beat saw a light there about two in the morning, and as the house was an empty one, suspected that something was amiss. He found the door open, and in the front room, which is bare of furniture, discovered the body of a gentleman, well dressed, and having cards in his pocket bearing the name of Enoch J. Drebber, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. There had been no robbery, nor is there any evidence as to how marks of blood in the room, but there is no wound upon his person. We are at a loss as to how he came into the is a puzzler. If you can come round to the house any time before twelve, everything in statu quo until I hear from you. If you are unable to come I shall give you fuller details, and heart which the presence of death in-

would esteem it a great kindness if spires. you would favor me with your opinion. Yours faithfully, "TOBIAS GREGSON." "Gregson is the smartest of the Scotland Yarders," my friend remarked; "he and Lestrade are the pick of a bad lot. They are both quick and energetic, but conventional-shockingly so, They have their knives into one another too. They are as jealous as a pair of

put upon the scent." I was amazed at the calm way in which he rippled on." "Surely there is not a moment to be

"I am not sure about whether I shall go. I am the most incurably lazy devil that ever stood in shoe leathercan be spry enough at times." 'Why it is just such a chance as you have been longing for."

"My dear fellow, what does it matter to me? Suppose I unravel the whole matter, you may be sure that all the credit. That comes of being an unofficial personage.'

"But he begs you to help him." "Yes. He knows that I am his super ior, and acknowledges it to me; but he would cut his tongue out before he would own it to any third person However, we may as well go and have a look. I shall work it out on my own hook. I may have a laugh at them, if I have nothing else. Come on!" He hustled on his overcoat, and bustled about in a way that showed that an energetic fit had superseded the apathetic one.

"Get your hat," he said. "You wish me to come?"

"Yes, if you have nothing better to A minute later we were both in hansom, driving furiously for the Brix-

It was a foggy, cloudy morning, and dun-colored veil hung over the house-tops, looking like the reflection of the mud-colored streets beneath. My companion was in the best of spirits, and prattled away about Cremona fiddles, and the difference between a Stradivarius and an Amati As for myself, I was silent, for the dull weather and the melancholy business upon which we were engaged

depressed my spirits. 'You don't seem to give much thought to the matter in hand," said, at last, interrupting Holmes's musical disquisition. "No data yet," he answered. "It is

a capital mistake to theorize before you have all the evidence. It biases "You will have your data soon," emarked, pointing with my finger; 'this is the Brixton Road, and that is Jansen, in Utrecht, in the year '34.

the house, if I am not very much mistaken.' is. Stop, driver, stop!" We were still a hundred yards or so from it, but he insisted upon our alighting, we finished our journey upon

No. 3 Lauriston Gardens wore an ill-

of four which stood back some little away expression which I have already stood by the latter. way from the street, two being occupied and two empty. The latter looked out with three tiers of vacant, ly have guessed the minuteness with melancholy windows, which were blank which it was conducted. Finally, he and dreary, save that here and there sniffed the dead man's lips, and then all romance nowadays. When one rea "To Let" card had developed like a glanced at the soles of his patent-leathcataract upon the bleared panes. A er boots. small garden sprinkled over with a "He has not been moved at all?" he scattered eruption of sickly plants asked. separated each of these houses from the street, and was traversed by a narrow pathway, yellowish in color, and consisting apparently of a mixture of clay and gravel. The whole place now, he said. "There is nothing more shall be nameless, the modern maiden, was very sloppy from the rain which to be learned. was very sloppy from the rain which to be learned."

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the floor. Lestrade grabbed it up and stared at it with mystified eyes. "There's been a woman here," he cried. "It's a woman's wedding-ring." He held it out, as he spoke, upon days do not say that the climate of the palm of his hand. We all gathered round him and gazed at it. There could be no doubt that that circle of the Gulf Stream as such. They admit plain gold had once adorned the finger the Gulf Stream as one of the most

rounded by a small knot of loafers, who complicated enough before!" craned their necks and strained their "You're sure it doesn't simplify alone as the element which makes Engeyes in the vain hope of catching some- them?" observed Holme. "There's no-I had imagined that Sherlock Holmes What did you find in his pockets?". would have at once hurried into the "We have it all here," said Gregson, The fact is now well understood house and plunged into a study of the pointing to a litter of objects upon rador, in the same latitude, is bleak mystery. Nothing appeared to be one of the bottom steps of the stairs. further from his intention. With an air of nonchalance which, under the cir- of London. Gold Albert chain, very cumstances seemed to me to border heavy and solid. Gold ring, with the Gulf Stream as extending clear cumstances seemed to me to border upon affection, he lounged up and down the pavement and gazed vacantly at the ground, the sky, the opposite houses, and the line of railings. Having finished his scrutiny, he proceeded slowly down the path, or, rather, down the fringe of grass which flanked the path, keeping his eyes riveted upon the path, keeping his eyes riveted upon the ground. Twice he at any of Joseph Stangarson was a listing to make of Joseph Stangarson was the grand of the grand of the grand of the grand of Joseph Stangarson was the grand of the grand of the grand of the grand of Joseph Stangarson was the grand of the grand of the grand of Joseph Stangarson was the grand of the grand of Joseph Stangarson was the grand of the grand of Joseph Stangarson was the grand of the grand of Joseph Stangarson was the grand of the grand of the grand of Joseph Stangarson was the grand of the gra

and carried out. As they raised him,

a ring tinkled down and rolled across

"This complicates matters," said

had been coming and going over it, I "American Exchange, Strand-to be rents rushes northward from the was unable to see how my companion left till called for. They are both Straits of Florida, with a depth of 2,000 able to see that that man was a sergeant of marines?"

"No, indeed."

"It was easier to know it than to "left the first the "It was easier to know it than to faculties that I had no doubt that he unfortunate man was about to re- an hour. But it gradually spreads out

"Have you made any inquiries as to and thins until, in the region of the this man Stangerson? At the door of the house we were "I did it at once, sir," said Gregson. a stream in a swamp and is no longer met by a tall, white-faced, flaxenhaired man, with a note-book in his I have had advertisements sent to all hand, who rushed forward and wrung the newspapers, and one of my men has gone to the American Exchange, my companion's hand with effusion. "It is indeed kind of you to come," but he has not returned yet." he said; "I have had everything left "Have you sent to Cleveland?"

"Except that!" my friend answered, "How did you word your inquiries?" their total influence is to modify the "We simply detailed the circum- winter climate of that region, and this pointing to the pathway. "If a herd of buffaloes had passed along there stances, and said that we should be warmer water comes not only from the could not be a greater mess. No doubt, glad of any information which could Gulf Stream, but also from the great however, you had drawn your own conclusions, Gregson, before you permitted "You did not ask for particulars on Bahamas. any point which appeared to you to be

"We telegraphed this morning."

"I have had so much to do inside the house," the detective said, evasi-"I asked about Stangerson." vely. "My colleague, Mr. Lestrade, is "Nothing else? Is there no circum- time several years ago investigating here. I had relied upon him to look stances on which this whole case ap- the Gulf Stream for our Government pears to hinge? Will you not tele- wrote that one day his vessel was an-Holmes glanced at me, and raised his graph again?"

"I have said all I have to say," said current, when a sailing yessel was "With two such men as yourself and Gregson, in an offended voice. Lestrade upon the ground, there will Sherlock Holmes chuckled to him- ward. The wind was very light, but self, and appeared to be about to make as she came nearer and nearer, it benot be much for a third party to find some remark, when Lestrade, who had came evident that there would be a been in the front room while we were collision unless steps were taken to holding this conversation in the hall, prevent it. The crew of the sailing ves-Gregson rubbed his hands in a selfreappeared upon the scene, rubbing sel trimmed their sails to the gentle "I think that we have done all that his hands in a pompous and self-satis- air, but it was useless, for onward she can be done," he answered; "it's a queer case, though, and I knew your taste "Mr. Gregson," he said, "I have just of the current directly toward the made a discovery of the highest im- bow of the steamer. As the vessels "You did not come here in a cab?"

> careful examination of the walls." To Be Continued. GUN'TO FIGHT BALOONS

strode on into the house, followed by Gregson, whose features expressed A New Idea in Ordinance Which Has Been Evolved by the United States War De-A short passage, bare-planked and dusty, led to the kitchen and offices.

Two doors opened out of it to the left A balloon gun, or rather a gun to and to the right. One of these had demolish balloons, is the last evoluobviously been closed for many weeks. tion in artillery, and as in the case The other belonged to the diningof so many of the world's death dealing room, which was the apartment in which the mysteriors affair had occur- contrivances, it comes from that suped. Holmes walked in, and I followed posedly most unwarlike of countries him with that subdued feeling at my the United States.

The gun has just been completed It was a large, square room, looking having been constructed by a firm of all the larger for the absence of all ordnance-makers, from plans drawn at furniture. A vulgar, flaring paper adorned the walls, but it was blotched in places with mildew, and here blankers, from plans drawn at the Rock Island Arsenal. It is purely an experiment, and if it proves efand there great strips had become de- ficient others like it will be built. tached and hung down, exposing the U.S. War Department has been yellow plaster beneath. Opposite the for some time investigating the probdoor was a showy fireplace, surmount-ed by a mantle-piece of imitatin white lem of fighting-balloons, inasmuch as professional beauties. There will be marble. On one corner of this was the latter are destined unquestionably some fun over this case if they are both stuck the stump of a red wax-candle. to be an important factor in the war-The solitary window was so dirty that fare of the not-distant future. The sacrificed France to his personal amthe light was hazy, and uncertain, giving a dull-gray tinge to everything, balloon gun is mounted on a wagon bition. After having destroyed the which was intensified by the thick lay- and so placed upon "universal" bear- lives of above a million of Frenchmen lost," I cried; "shall I go and order er of dust which coated the whole ings as to be aimed instantly at any in an attempt to found an Empire of All these details I observed after- point from zenith to horizon. After the West, in which France would have ward. At present my attention was the manner of the machine weapon, it been a province, he was defeated, and centered upon the single grim, motion- throws a continuous stream of projec- the French lost the frontier that they that is, when the fit is on me, for I less figure, which lay stretched upon tiles like water turned on from a hose, had obtained before he became their

the boards, with vacant, sightless eyes and no gas exposed to its discharge for Emperor. His two brothers, Jerome staring up at the discolored ceiling. many months could possibly stay aloft. It was that of a man about forty-three The projectiles are conical and of and Louis, were the poorest of creaor forty-four years of age, middle-sized, solid steel, having no bursting charge, tures, and Jerome was one of the most broad-shouldered, with crisp, curling and weigh a pound apiece. A hollow despicable of scamps. Louis had a wife, black hair, and a short, stubbly beard, conical stand fastened to the floor, of He was dressed in a heavy broadcloth the waggon supports the gun, the arfrock-coat and waistcoat, with light- rangement being such that when it er colored trousers and immaculate collar has to be aimed directly upward the The lady's son, Louis Napoleon, was and cuffs. A top-hat, well brushed marksman must lie beneath it. Its ef- not without amiable qualities, but he and trim, was placed on the floor be- fective range is side him. His hands were clinched, A MILE AND A QUARTER and his arms thrown abroad, while his lower limbs were interlocked as though his death struggle had been a grievous one. On his rigid face there stood

Military experts whose opinions deserve respect express the belief that the next war between any two great a crew of malefactors, who robbed and powers, will evolve the perfected fight- pillaged to their hearts' content. The an expression of horror, and, as it ing-balloon-perfected, that is to say, second Emperor lost his health, and seemed to me, of hatred, such as I up to the point of being an efficient fell under the domination of his wife, have never seen upon human features. engine of destruction. Already there a Spaniard. She forced him into war This malignant and terrible contortion has been devised a so-called aerial tor- with Prussia, and the result was that combined with the low forehead, blunt pedo, which bears about the same re- France lost Alsace and Lorraine. Durnose, and prognathous jaw, gave the lation to the future war-balloon that ing the second Empire, Jerome's son, dead man a singularly simious and apeis borne by the Whitehead torpedo to Prince Napoleon, was an object lesson like appearance which was increased the modern torpedo-boat. by his writhing unnatural posture. I This aerial torpedo is a small balloon perial Highness may be. Physically he have seen death in many forms, but

never has it appeared to me in a more shout thirty pounds of dynamite or being one. He had but two occupations: grimy apartment, which looked out up- other high explosive done up in a suit- To get as much money as he could out on one of the main arteries of subur- able package. In its neck it has a of his cousin and to intrigue against ban London. Lestrade, lean and fer- small metal cylinder containing a sim- him. Young Victor is his son, He is a ret-like as ever, was standing by the ple electrical contrivance which will nonentity, and about as fit to rule a doorway, and greeted my companion produce a spark at any time for which country as the silliest of the las whose large & Fresh Supply the instrument is set in advance. The direction and force of the wind "This case will make a stir, sir," he remarked. "It beats anything I have being ascertained the little balloon involved in "Le Roi est mort, vie le may be floated over a fortress or arm- Roi," although I am not perhaps a con-"There is no clew," said Gregson. ed camp, and, if its mechanical appar- firmed believer in its universal advan-"None at all," chimed in Lestrade. atus has been set correctly, the spark tages. But this Victor Bonaparte is Sherlock Holmes, approached the body will at the proper moment set fire to not the descendant of a long line of and kneeling down, examined it in- the gas in the balloon, causing the Kings. He is not even the descendant latter to explode and to drop its dead- of the first Napoleon, or of Louis Na-

It has been ascertained by recent ex- less creature; but if we are to accept wound?" he asked, pointing to numerous gouts and splashes of blood periments in Germany that shrapnel the doctrine of heredity; he certainly can be used against balloons with has not inherited any good qualities great effect at moderate ranges, and from his father or from his grandfa-"Then, of course, this blood belongs the War Department contemplates ther, for they had none. Even supposto a second individual-presumably the making similar trials with its new baling that the French were anxious to murderer, if murder has been commit- loon gun, in which actual balloons will find some one to become their monted. It reminds me of the circum- be floated and employed, as targets. arch, he is the very last man whom Holders, etc. stances attendant on the death of Van This will involve the destruction of a they would be wise to select for that good many gas bags which cost money, position. Two Bonapartes, as Emper-Do you remember the case, Gregson?" but in recent years Uncle Sam has ors, have proved themselves a curse to not paused at liberal expenditure of France. Why, then, take a third from E. L. STREET - Proprietor, 'Read it up-you really should. There cash where military knowledge was to the same family? nothing new under the sun. It has be secured. Millions of dollars' worth of guns and armour plate have been As he spoke, his nimble finers were destroyed at the proving grounds to lying here, there and everywhere, find out how many times the former feeling, pressing, unbuttoning, examin- could be fired without losing their useomened and minatory look. It was one ing, while his eyes wore the same far-fulness and what shocks could be with-

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