

Silver Blaze and Other Stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**THE BLUE CARBUNCLE**

1 1 Two days after Christmas. 2 He went to a party the night before Christmas. As he walked home he saw a tall man walking in front of him, carrying the goose. Some young men attacked the man with the goose. The man raised his walking stick, but he broke a shop window with it. He dropped the goose and ran away. The young men ran away too. Peterson picked up the goose and the tall man's hat. **3** There was a label tied to the goose. It said, 'For Mrs Henry Baker'. The initials 'H.B.' were inside the hat. Holmes said the owner of the hat must be Mr Henry Baker. **2** 1 Inside the goose. **2** The Countess of Morcar. **3** At the Hotel Cosmopolitan **4** Mr James Ryder the undermanager of the hotel. **5** Someone had broken into the Countess's room. They had taken her jewel-box. **6** To see if Baker knew anything about the Blue Carbuncle. **7** He wrote out an advertisement. He planned to have it put in all the evening newspapers.

3 1 Holmes told Baker that they had eaten the goose and had bought him a fresh goose. Baker was happy to take the other goose. So Holmes knew that he did not know anything about the jewel in the first goose. **2** He had bought the geese for the goose club. **4** 1 Windigate bought the geese from a salesman there called Breckinridge. **2** He said, 'People keep asking me questions about those geese.' He did not want to tell Holmes where he had got them from.

5 He wanted to know where Breckinridge got his geese. He made a bet with Breckinridge. So Breckinridge had to tell Holmes where the geese came from, to win the money.

6 1 He was arguing with a man about the geese. The man said one of the geese was his. He wanted to know who Breckinridge had sold it to. **2** They ran after him. **3** James Ryder. **4** He had some questions to ask the man.

7 1 Holmes showed him the Blue Carbuncle and said that he and Watson knew that he had stolen it. **2** He promised that he would never steal again. **3** That Ryder must tell them everything. **8** 1 The Countess of Morcar's maid. **2** Inside a goose at his sister's house. **3** His sister said he could choose any goose. But he chose the wrong one. **4** Did not think Ryder would steal again. Also Christmas is a time for kindness and mercy.

SILVER BLAZE

1 1 The trainer of a famous racehorse. **2** It had disappeared. **2** 1 Colonel Ross. **2** He had won many prizes. **3** In a few days' time. **4** He was Silver Blaze's trainer. **5** A dish of curry. **6** He wanted some information about Silver Blaze. **7** He offered to pay him well. **8** In the stables. **9** He disappeared. **10** To the stables. **3** 1 No. **2** They had disappeared. **3** On the moor, hanging from a bush. **4** Near the bush. **5** He had been hit on the head with a heavy weapon. **6** On Straker's leg. **7** A black and red necktie. **8** The stranger that Hunter and the maid had seen the night before. **9** Holmes said that there was some curry left on Hunter's plate. A powerful drug had been found in it that had made Hunter sleep heavily. **10** He had disappeared.

1 Simpson was the man who visited King's Pyland on Monday night. The police thought that he had killed Straker.

4 1 Fitzroy Simpson. **2** No. **3** No. **4** The trainer at Capleton Stables. He had a horse running in the Wessex Cup too. **5** Things which were in Straker's pockets when he died.

5 1 It was used in medical operations. **2** William Darbyshire. **3** A ladies' dress shop in London. **4** A small matchstick. **5** To go for a walk across the moor. **6** To leave Silver Blaze's name on the list as he was going to run in the race.

6 1 At Capleton Stables. **2** Pale and afraid, and his hands shook. **3** To do everything Holmes had said. **4** London.

7 1 No. **2** Silver Blaze would run in the Wessex Cup. **3** A photograph of John Straker. **4** It did nothing. **8** 1 He had white marks on his face and on his front legs. **2** Silver Blaze. **3** Black and red. **4** The horse had no white on its body. **5** Silver Blaze. **6** His hair had been dyed. His face body and legs were all black. **9** 1 To protect himself.

Straker was trying to hurt him. **2** Straker. **3** The dog didn't make any noise. It knew the person who took Silver Blaze from the stables. **4** To make a tiny cut in Silver Blaze's leg. Then the horse could not run well in the race. **5** John Straker. **6** He could bet on Silver Blaze losing the race and make sure that Silver Blaze did lose the race. **7** Where Silver Blaze went when he ran away.

THE SIX NAPOLEONS

1 1 A police detective who worked at Scotland Yard.

2 Someone was breaking into houses and stealing plaster busts of Napoleon and breaking them. **3** Stealing was a crime. **2** 1 Morse Hudson heard a loud crash from the front of the shop. There was nobody there. But a bust of Napoleon in the shop was lying, broken, on the floor.

2 They had both been smashed. **3** Yes. **4** To tell him and Watson if anything else happened. **3** 1 Lestrade sent Holmes a telegram. He asked Holmes to come to that address at once. **2** A map of London and a photograph.

3 He looked like a monkey. He was very ugly. **4** In the garden of a house near where the body was found. **5** Someone had smashed it into pieces. **4** 1 He wanted to see what he was doing. **2** To find out who the dead man was. **3** The photograph from the dead man's pocket. **5** 1 At the firm of Gelder and Company in Stepney. **2** Beppo. He had worked for Morse Hudson. **3** Italian. **4** Six. **5** The Italian workmen at Gelder and Company. **6** To a shop in Kensington called Harding Brothers. **7** Beppo tried to kill a man, another Italian. The police followed Beppo to Gelder and Company and arrested him. **8** Towards the end of May, the year before. **9** At the beginning of June, the year before.

6 1 The dead man in Kensington had Beppo's photograph. Beppo used to work for Gelder and Company and also for Morse Hudson. **2** Mr Josiah Brown. Laburnum Lodge, Laburnum Vale, Chiswick. **3** Mr Sandeford. Reading. **4** Yes. **5** Look in the sales book and find out. **6** Pietro Venucci. **7** He was a member of the Mafia. He was a killer. **8** In the part of London where many Italians lived. **9** At a house in Chiswick. **7** 1 Looking at old newspapers. **2** Laburnum Lodge. **3** A man broke into the house at night and took a large white object. He put it on the grass and broke it. Holmes, Watson and Lestrade caught him. **4** Beppo. **5** The broken white object. It was another bust of Napoleon.

6 No. **7** A long knife with blood on it. **8** No. **9** Come to his apartment at six o'clock the next evening. **8** 1 He was a member of the Mafia. **2** No. **3** Holmes had written to him saying he wanted to buy his bust of Napoleon. **4** Ten pounds. **5** He picked up a stick and he broke the bust into pieces. **6** A famous jewel – the Black Pearl of the Borgias.

9 1 Lucretia Venucci, the maid of the Italian princess who owned it. **2** Her brother, Pietro Venucci. **3** Beppo.

4 The police were chasing him. **5** All the busts looked the same. **6** Venucci was following him and trying to get the pearl back. **7** When the thief took Horace Harker's bust he carried it to a garden near a street lamp. He needed to look inside. **8** The thief was still searching after he had broken four busts. And there was nothing in the fifth one. Mr Sandeford's was the sixth bust.