

South Downers

April 29, 2025

“The Boscomb Valley Mystery”

Total of 20 points

The Characters:

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| A. Alice Turner | F. John Turner |
| B. Anstruther | G. Lestrade |
| C. Charles McCarthy | H. Patience Moran |
| D. James McCarthy | I. Dr. Willows |
| E. John Cobb | J. William Crowder |

Part 1: Matching the characters (1 point each)

- _____ 1. Black Jack of Ballarat
- _____ 2. Someone to do Watson’s work in his absence
- _____ 3. Gold convoy wagon-driver
- _____ 4. Charles McCarthy’s groom
- _____ 5. “A lean, ferret-like man, furtive and sly-looking”
- _____ 6. The game-keeper
- _____ 7. Daughter of the lodge-keeper of the Boscomb Valley estate
- _____ 8. Daughter of the murderer
- _____ 9. The prime suspect
- _____ 10. John Turner’s doctor

Part 2: True or False (1 point each)

- _____ 11. “Haloo” was a word used in the case
- _____ 12. The “rat” referred to The Giant Rat of Sumatra.
- _____ 13. “nous verrons’ means “we’ll see”.

Part 3: Fill-in-the-Blank (1 points each)

14. Who encouraged Watson to respond to Holmes' telegram? _____
15. Who said: "Singularity is almost invariably a clew." _____
16. What was the murder weapon? _____

Part 5: Multiple Guess (1 points each)

17. John Turner:
- a. was hanged
 - b. escaped to Australia
 - c. died
18. After the murderer confessed, what did Holmes do?:
- a. contact the Assizes
 - b. tell Lestrade
 - c. contact Baxter
 - d. nothing
19. When he says, "There, but for the grace of God, goes Sherlock," who did Holmes say he was quoting?
- a. John Bradford
 - b. Richard Baxter
 - c. John Bunyan
 - d. John Esley
20. What was the clue(s) that led Sherlock to the murderer?
- a. Footprints
 - b. Cigar ash
 - c. Square-toed shoes
 - d. All of the above