

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. 4 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. 11 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.