

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

## Canonical Characters



H. M. Brock,  
March, 1911

The Adventure of the Red Circle



## “The Adventure of the Red Circle” 01 (*His Last Bow*)

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Richard Wallace,  
April, 1916

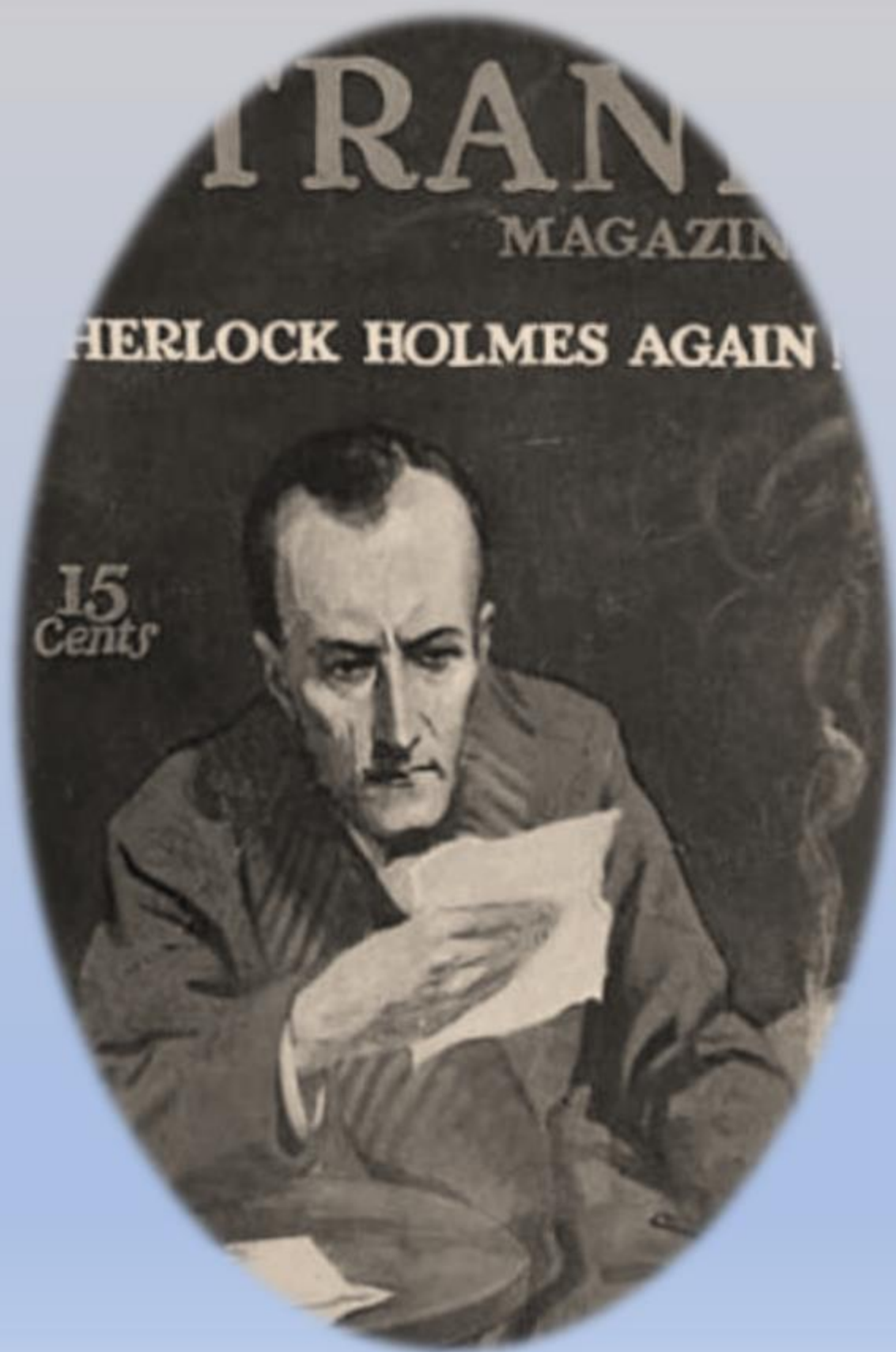
The Adventure of the Red Circle



## “The Adventure of the Red Circle” 02 (*His Last Bow*)

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## The Adventure of the Red Circle



## "The Adventure of the Red Circle" 03 (*His Last Bow*)

Ms. Warren, a landlady familiar to Sherlock Holmes, comes to see Holmes because of her concerns about a mysterious lodger, a young man who has not been seen since first entering the room.

Is this someone who simply enjoys his privacy, or is there a more sinister element to his hiding?

Can coded messages in the *Daily Gazette* newspaper, as well as signals sent by candle from a neighboring building, lead Holmes and Watson to the truth?

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Frederic Auer,  
July, 1923

# The Adventure of the Red Circle



## "The Adventure of the Red Circle" 04 (*His Last Bow*)

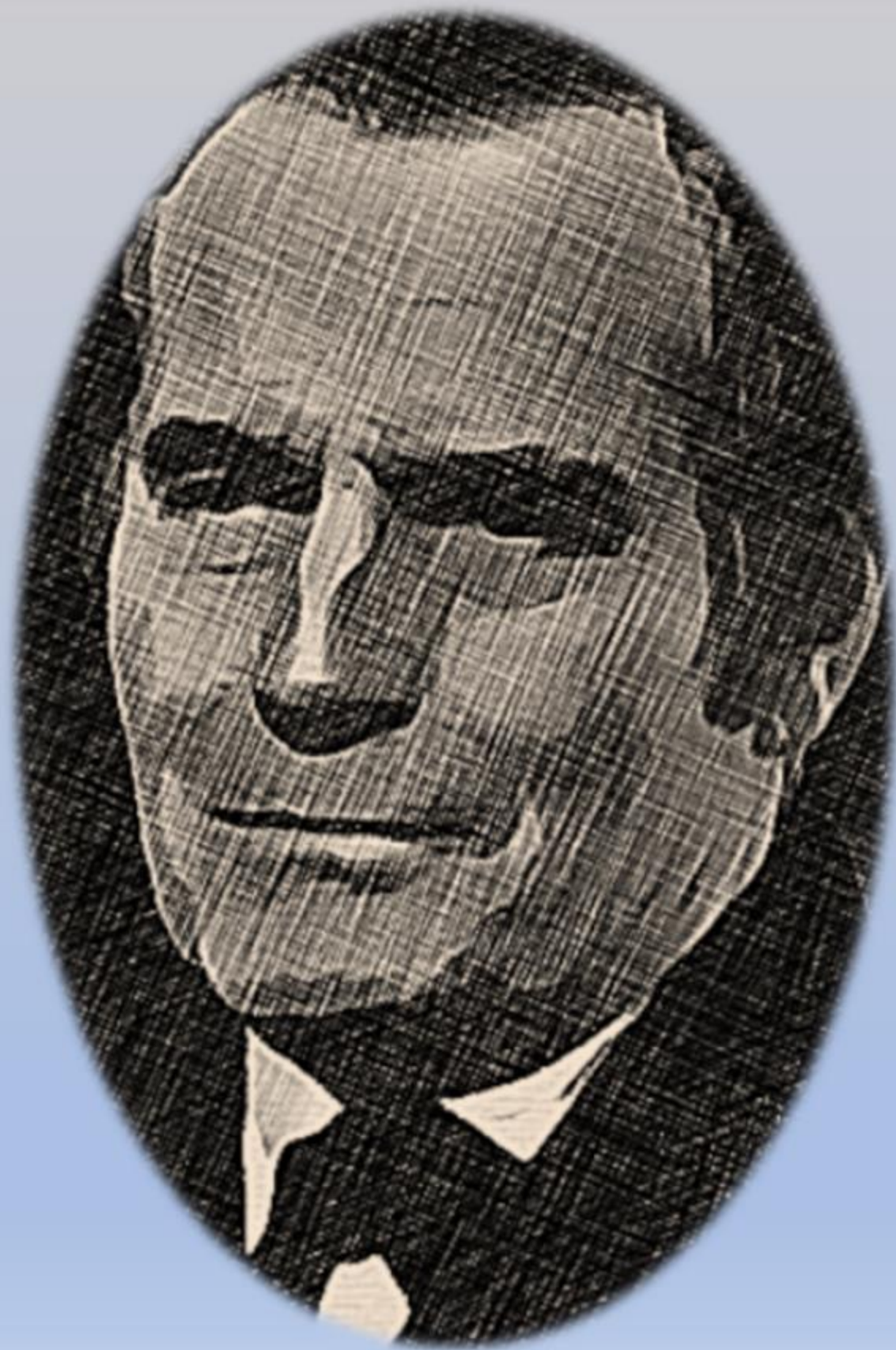
### Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
March, 1922	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Willis
March, 1994	UK	Jeremy Brett	Edward Harwicke

### Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
October 15, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
July 03, 1969	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
January 19, 1994	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams

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Sherlock Holmes



## “The Adventure of the Red Circle” 05 (*His Last Bow*)

*“You are uneasy, as I understand, because your new lodger remains in his rooms, and you cannot see him. Why, bless you, Mrs. Warren, if I were your lodger, you often would not see me for weeks on end.”*

*“The man cannot come near the woman, or he will guide their enemies to her. Since he cannot communicate with her direct, he has recourse to the agony column of a paper. So far all is clear.”*

(Charlton Heston, 1980, *The Crucifer of Blood*)

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John Watson



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“In the morning I found my friend standing on the hearthrug with his back to the fire and a smile of complete satisfaction upon his face.”

“There was the creak of a turning key, the handle revolved, and two thin hands darted out and lifted the tray from the chair. An instant later it was hurriedly replaced, and I caught a glimpse of a dark, beautiful, horrified face.”

*“Why should you go further in it?  
What have you to gain from it?”*

(Jeremy Brett, 1980, *The Crucifer of Blood*)

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Mr. Warren



## "The Adventure of the Red Circle" 07 (*His Last Bow*)

A timekeeper at Morton and Waylight's, in Tottenham Court Road.

On his way to work in the morning, two men threw a coat over his head and bundled him into a cab. They drove him an hour, and then opened the door and shot him out.

(Kenneth Connor, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*,  
"The Red Circle")



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Mrs. Warren



## “The Adventure of the Red Circle” 08 (*His Last Bow*)

Wife of a timekeeper who was a landlady in Grand Orme Street.

“The landlady had the pertinacity and also the cunning of her sex.”

*“It frightens me, Mr. Holmes. I can't sleep for fright. To hear his quick step moving here and moving there from early morning to late at night, and yet never to catch so much as a glimpse of him—it's more than I can stand.”*

(Betty Marsden, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*,  
“The Red Circle”)

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Inspector Gregson



## "The Adventure of the Red Circle" 09 (*His Last Bow*)

*"Here he is, sending out messages to an accomplice—there are several of his gang in London. Then suddenly he was telling them that there was danger, he broke short off."*

*"She will have to come with me and see the chief. If what she says is corroborated, I do not think she or her husband has much to fear."*

(Olivier Maguire, 1985, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*,  
"The Greek Interpreter")

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Mr. Leverton



“The Adventure of the Red Circle” 10  
(*His Last Bow*)

Pinkerton’s American  
Agency. Detective.

“The hero of the Long  
Island cave mystery.”

*“I am on the trail of my  
life now, Mr. Holmes,”  
said he. “If I can get  
Gorgiano —” of the Red  
Circle.*

(Kenny Shale, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*,  
“The Red Circle”)

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Emilia Lucca



## "The Adventure of the Red Circle" 11 (*His Last Bow*)

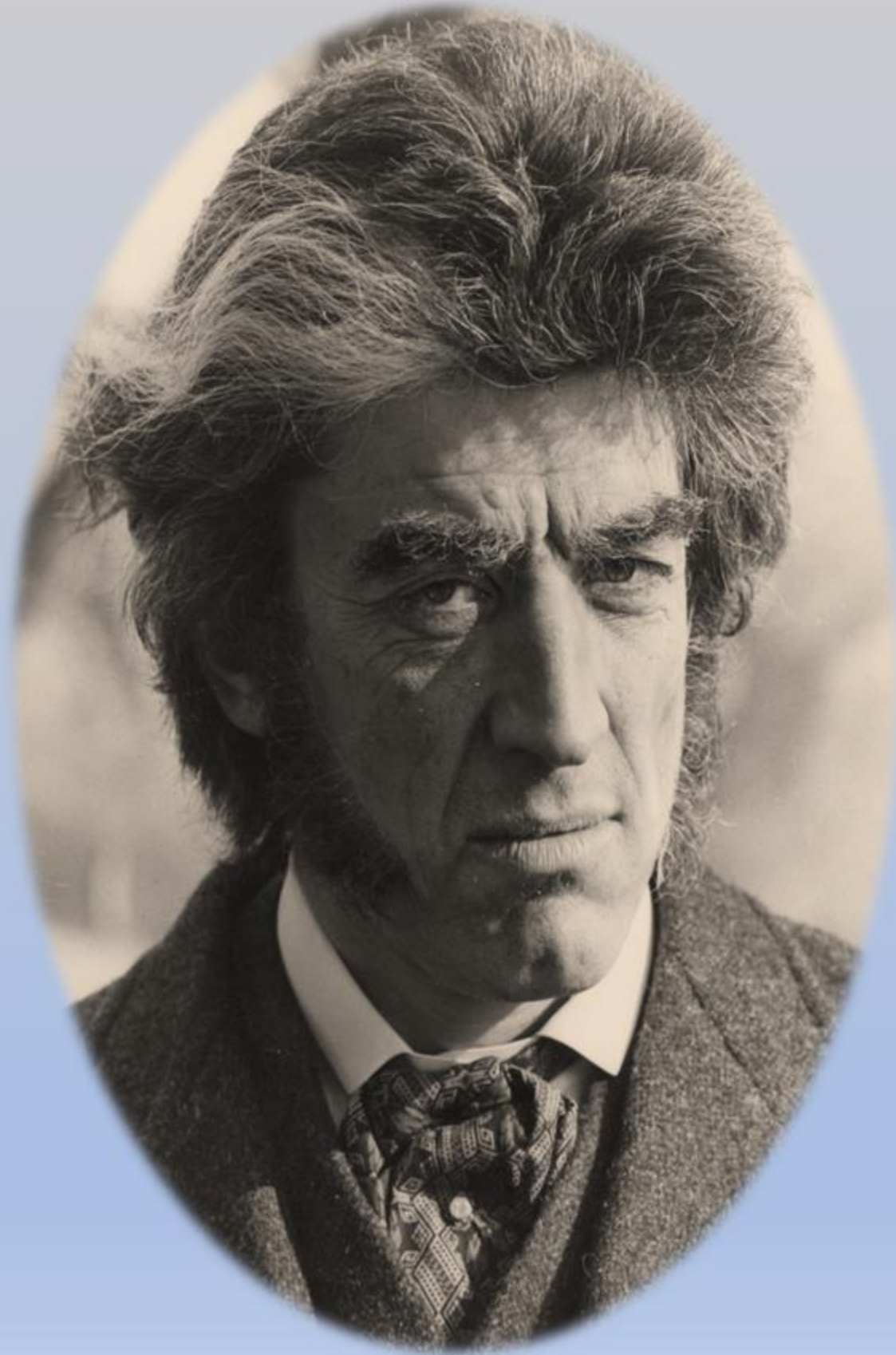
Married to Gennaro. Daughter of Augusto Barelli who was chief lawyer and deputy of the region near Naples.

"You have killed him!" she muttered. "Oh, Dio mio, you have killed him!" Round and round the room she danced, her hands clapping, her dark eyes gleaming with delighted wonder, and a thousand pretty Italian exclamations pouring from her lips."

*"My Gennaro! My splendid, beautiful Gennaro, who has guarded me safe from all harm, he did it, with his own strong hand he killed the monster!"*

(Sophia Diaz, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*,  
"The Red Circle")

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Giuseppe Gorgiano



“The Adventure of the Red Circle” 12  
(*His Last Bow*)

“Black Giogiano.” A leader of the Red Circle, a Neopolitan society specializing in blackmail and murder. Was stabbed to death by Gennaro Lucca.

“A man who had earned the name of 'Death' in the south of Italy,”

“He was a devil and a monster.”

—  
(John Hallam, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*,  
“The Red Circle”)

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Gennaro Lucca



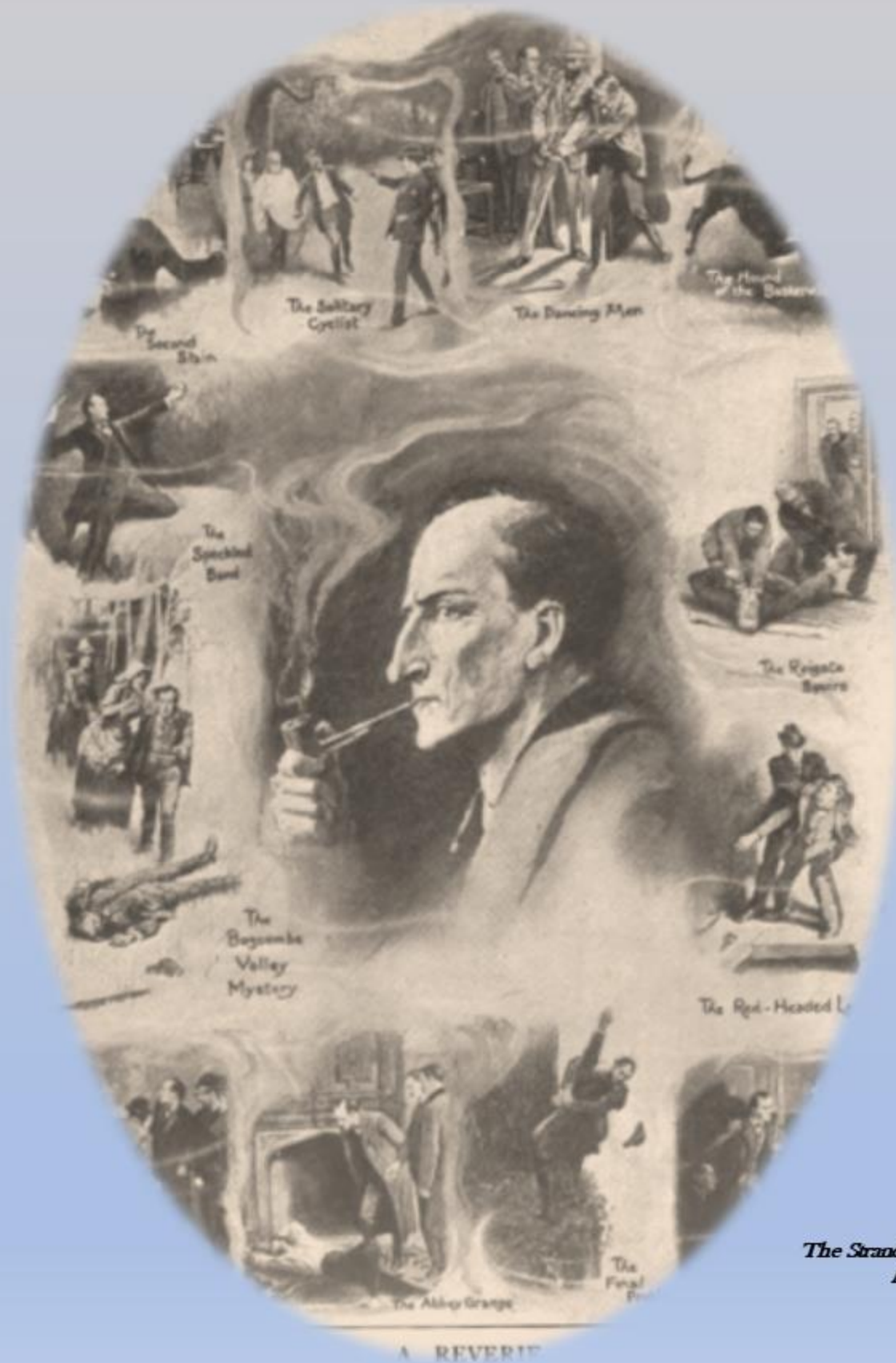
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(*His Last Bow*)

Fled from Naples to New York after marrying Emilia. Worked for fruit importer Tito Castalotte.

“He was to kill his best friend, or he was to expose himself and me to the vengeance of his comrades”.

(James Coombes, 1994, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*, “The Red Circle”)

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*The Strand Magazine,*  
April, 1911

## The Adventure of the Red Circle



## “The Adventure of the Red Circle” 14 (*His Last Bow*)

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U.S. - *The Saturday Evening Mail*  
May 20, 1911

U.K. - *His Last Bow*,  
October, 1917, John Murray  
U.S. - *His Last Bow*,  
October, 1917, George H. Doran

Chronological  
Date:

n/a  
(Watson)  
September 24, 1902  
(Baring-Gould)

Ranking:

# 38 of 56 short stories  
(Sherlockian poll, 1999, Stock)

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Abbreviation:

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