

The Dancing Men

1. Was Holmes acquiring curvature of the spine?
2. Did Holmes have an artificial hand?
3. Was remembering four weeks unnecessary brain stuffing?
4. Was the check book locked up for safety or Watson's benefit?
5. Was Holmes usually in or out to unscheduled clients?
6. Was mention of "no better known family" significant?
7. In 1898 was a registry office wedding appropriate (without the vicar)?
8. Having sent a letter earlier, why did Slaney use his full name in the message?
9. Slaney's second note says "AM HERE ABE SLANEY". What might his first chalked note have said?
10. Why a week between messages?
11. Was Cubitt justified in taking his own line?
12. What other means could Holmes have suggested?
13. Why does Holmes say "Hilton" so often?
14. Would the law have upheld killing a prowler?
15. Why not have farmhands follow Slaney?
16. Why didn't Holmes have cablegram forwarded to North Walsham?
17. Had old Anglia been more populous?
18. Would a much used writing table face a window?
19. Would guttering show if the candle continues in use?
20. Were long sharp toes significant?
21. Why straggling, irregular letters?
22. What did Slaney do to occupy his waiting days?
23. Was the surmise about flags entirely correct?
24. Was Holmes familiar with American name contractions?
25. Having "dropped" Cubitt, why would Slaney be swaggering?
26. Did Slaney shoot to wound or to kill?
27. How was the first of two simultaneous shots determined?