
OLD SCOTLAND YARD PUZZLES



New-style puzzles inspired by old-time crimes!

This is a selection of tales and notebook pages from Old Scotland Yard's archive of dastardly deeds. See if your detective skills match those of London's finest by solving each case and putting this collection of rakes, rogues and rascals behind bars.

Read the article detailing each case and solve the puzzles provided to get to the bottom of these criminal conundrums, then tackle the accompanying notebook pages to keep your puzzling prowess sharp.

Solve these crimes and catch the headline-grabbing scoundrels from London's murky past!



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GENTLEMAN JEWEL THIEF JAILED

Gentleman thief William Johnson, known internationally as 'Rob the Valet', was arrested last night at around 10:15pm in Mayfair's Claridge's Hotel. Infamous for his use of aliases, clever disguises and his M.O. of posing as the often overlooked servants and attendants of his



marks, 'Rob' has been linked to some of Europe's most high-profile diamond and jewellery thefts but had, up until last night, evaded capture.

The professional thief had been high on Scotland Yard's list of suspects after the sudden disappearance of the Duchess of Sutherland's diamond necklace, taken from her train carriage during her journey to London three days ago. It is believed that 'Rob' gained access to the carriage somewhere between Brighton and London by posing as an attendant of the Duke and was then able to escape with jewels estimated at a value of £30,000. These jewels, as of this moment, have still not been recovered. The Duchess, speaking from the doorway of her new landau, was quick to praise the actions of

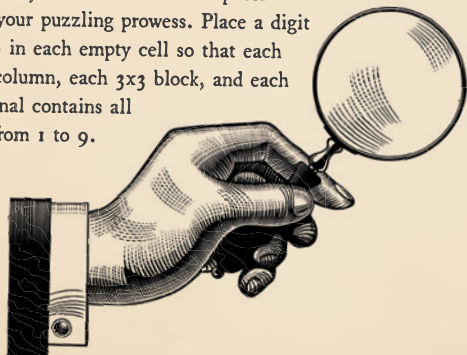
Scotland Yard in catching the culprit and express her hope that her diamonds would soon be recovered. When asked if she would ever consider journeying via train again, the Duchess refused to comment...

RMS TITANIC NEARS LAUNCH



DAILY SUDOKU PUZZLE

Solve the Daily Informant's Sudoku poser and prove your puzzling prowess. Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each row, each column, each 3x3 block, and each main diagonal contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



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Case 1-A

Upon investigating the crime scene, I discovered a coded letter folded into the shape of a fish, left within the carriage. It appears he couldn't resist leaving a calling card...

Can you decipher the code? Each number represents a different letter of the alphabet and three letters have been provided to start you off. When completed, transfer the matching letters to the grid below to reveal his message!

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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The message:

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Case 1-B

A passenger list, compiled by the train staff after some hectoring by the Duke and Duchess, was completed before the train could stop at a station and Rob the Valet could alight. Although he was certainly disguised (as the Duke's staff couldn't recognise anyone as the mystery attendant) one name was provided which is known to be another alias of Rob the Valet.

Can you find all of the names in the grid below? Once all of the names have been found, write the remaining letters (reading left to right, top to bottom) below. This will reveal the alias provided by Rob to the train crew.

- ALEXANDER
- BARTHOLOMEW
- BERNADETTE
- CHRISTOPHER
- CONSTANCE
- DEBORAH
- ELAINE
- ELIZABETH
- FELICITY
- GWYNETH
- JACQUELINE
- JEAN
- JENNIFER
- JESSICA
- JOHN
- KAREN
- KATHRYN
- LUKE
- MATTHEW
- MICHELLE
- NEVILLE
- PRUDENCE
- RICHARD

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- ROSIE
- SOPHIA
- STANLEY
- STEPHANIE
- SUE
- SYLVIA
- THERESA
- TREVOR
- VINCENT
- WINIFRED

The alias:

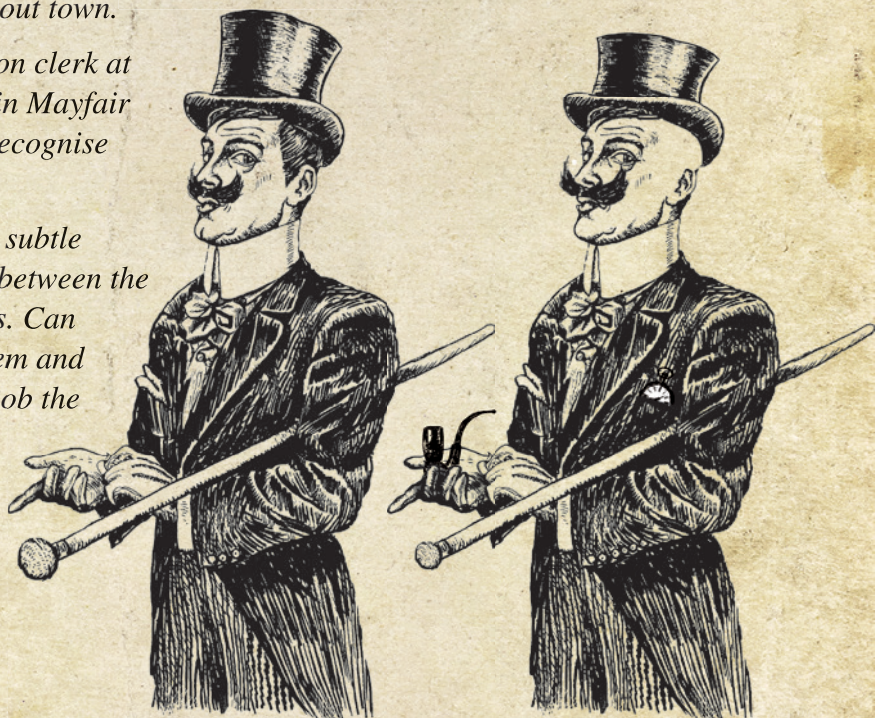
Case 1-B

A sketch drawn of the attendant using the statements provided by the Duke's staff allowed us to put a face to the name. Although he was undoubtedly disguised, I was hopeful that this sketch might help us discover a new lead.

Using the sketch I began to investigate clubs and West End hotels for any mention of a young man who might in some way match this description and was new about town.

The reception clerk at Claridge's in Mayfair seemed to recognise the man...

There are 8 subtle differences between the two pictures. Can you spot them and recognise Rob the Valet?



The clerk knew this man as Simon Belgan

Along with his other well-known aliases (including the one on the previous page!) the surname of this alias is an anagram of precious jewels or jewellery (bangle). Can you decode the anagram surname of the alias discovered on the previous page and the listed anagram surname aliases below?

Mr PALER _____

Mr RIVELS _____

Mr BROCHO _____

Mr STRACLY _____

Mr BUBALE _____

Mr MEDERAL _____

Mr CREBATLE _____

Mr PAPIsher _____

Mr DOMADIN _____

Mr WORCN _____

Case 1-D

Despite collaring Rob the Valet at Claridge's, he refused to give up the location of the stolen jewels. A careful search of the thief's room revealed a map of Hyde Park and the grid below hidden behind a painting on the wall.

Work out the answers to the clues to discover the numbers in the shaded spaces (reading down) – this will reveal the coordinates for where the jewels are buried.

ACROSS

- 1 23 Down x legs on a tripod
- 4 $2880 \div 15$
- 6 $101010 - 2763$
- 8 $1025 \div 5$
- 9 Number of senses x 1218
- 11 Legs, in bingo
- 12 8 Across – 4 Across
- 13 $3,000,000 - 378,161$
- 16 3 to the power 4 (ie, $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$)
- 17 60% of 65
- 19 Minutes in 2 days 13 hours
- 21 8 Across x 4 – 11 Down
- 22 $60006 - 10512$
- 24 Years in a decade + hours in a week
- 25 $384 + 385 + 4$ Across

DOWN

- 1 Ounces in 5 stone
- 2 $17248 + 8103 + 14175$
- 3 A quarter of 368
- 4 Anagram of 21 Across
- 5 $9012 - 8901 + 2692$
- 7 Double 14 Down
- 10 CMXIX in Roman numerals, or
- 18 Down – 4 Across

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- 11 Days in 17 weeks
- 13 $\frac{1}{3}$ of 20 Down
- 14 $1075 + 1234$
- 15 6 Across $\div 3$
- 16 $2673 + 5678$
- 18 101×11
- 20 $919 - 271$
- 23 $246 \div$ sides on a hexagon

Jewels co-ordinates:

Thanks to Scotland Yard this case file was successfully closed.

Whodunnit?

Detective, sharpen your puzzling prowess and get ready for the next case by solving these notebook teasers...

Listed below are names of nine suspects. Of these, only eight appear in the grid (in the shaded squares). The suspects are not clued, but by solving the numbered words in the story it is possible to place eight correctly and reveal the remaining guilty party!

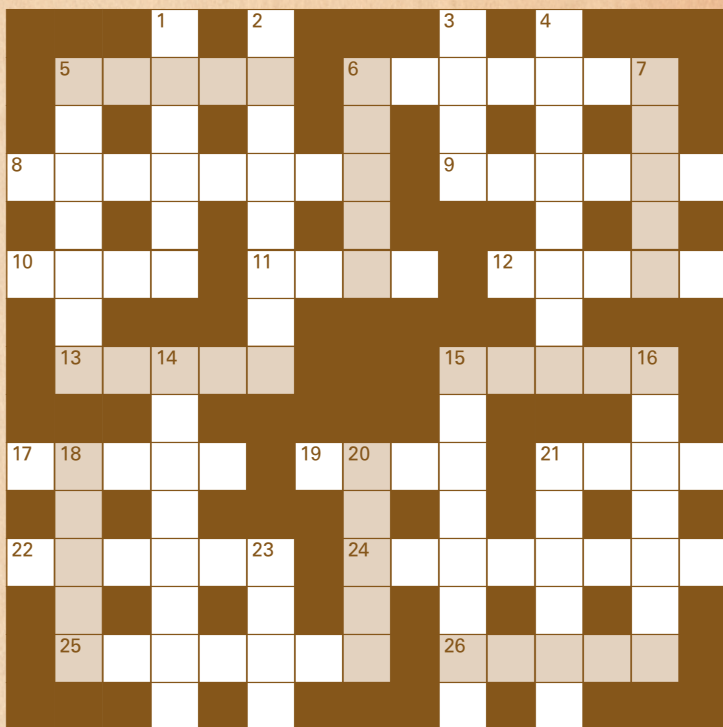
The Scene:

Our detectives Hayes and Mist were at **5D** race-course to witness the Grand **2D** steeplechase, arguably the most testing race for **9A**. The majority of the thirty **22A**, including the notorious 'Chair', were of **19A** proportions!

Hayes had recently visited the course at **6A**, county town of Somerset, where he'd seen a **17A** One (top class) race where **4D**-stalls had been used. He couldn't **24A** who'd won the race on that cold day in **15D**, but recalled there'd been **11A** nags at the post but only eight finishers. The colt with a **25A** on its hind leg had obviously been nobbled! When the jockey had attempted to **3D** his mount to the front there hadn't been **8A** left in the 'tank'!

The **21A** sort of thing had happened at Kempton Park where the rider had given the excuse that his foot had slipped from the **10A**, and the animal had **1D** its tongue.

Hayes had overheard a **16D** from the **23D** (leading) performer's jockey that some **14D**, prescribed by the vet, had been tampered with. A blood **21D** taken from the animal confirmed this and our sleuths began the **12A** business of tracking down the culprit.



SUSPECTS:

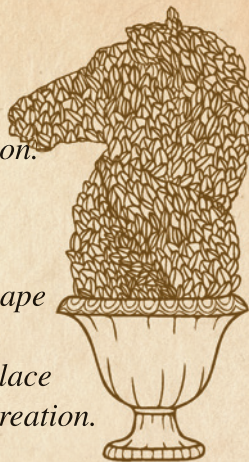
TOGAN
ENMAL
RHEUB
ARGEB
DOGIC
ENLOT
NIESK
PORSE
ALINA

Can you find out **WHODUNNIT?**

Logical problem

Three members of a gardening society each entered a national topiary competition. From the information given, work out the name of the gardener, what type of plant he used, the topiary form he made and the position he came in the competition.

Colin always uses a yew tree to make his topiary creations; he wasn't the gardener who came fifth place for his chess knight. The gardener who had patiently pruned a beech tree into the shape of a peacock wasn't Greg. George came third, but he wasn't the gardener who spent hours creating the topiary horse and first place wasn't awarded to the gardener who used a box hedge for his creation.



Word sleuth

Use your powers of deduction to work out our four-letter mystery word. The four different letters in the mystery word can be worked out by comparing the scores of the clue words.

Every letter in a clue word that is in the mystery word is scored with a circle, black if the letter is in the correct place, brown if it isn't. So, for example, DOSE shares two letters with our mystery word, but only one is in the correct position.

Clue word

Score

B **O** **U** **T**

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D **O** **S** **E**

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B **A** **S** **E**

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Mystery word

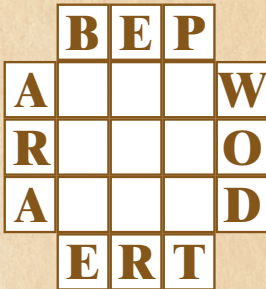
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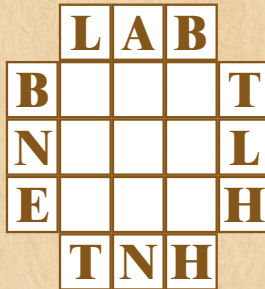
Middle six

Arrange the letters of the word above each grid into its empty squares to create six five-letter words, three across and three down.

Medallion



Aerospace



Insurance



Sum people

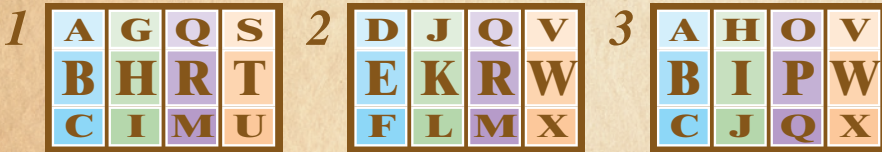
Each of the characters in this sum box represents a different number, with the added total of the numbers at the end of each row and column. Can you work out the value of each character and fill in the question mark?



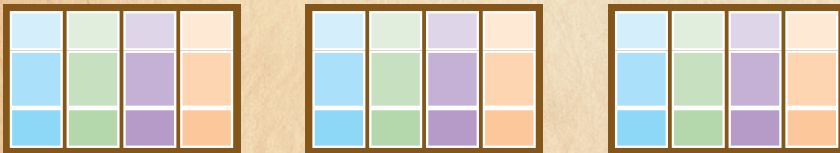
Combination

Each hexagonal wheel on our combination lock has six letters around its edges. Blue has A to F, green has G to L, purple M to R and orange S to X. The letters are in order. Look at the letters on the front of the wheels and work out what letters are showing on the exact reverse. Rearrange those letters to spell the four-letter combination word.

Front



Reverse



Combination word



See Saw

Each of the five different coloured balls represents a different weight – 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 kilos. Can you work out which balls weigh what, and how many green balls will balance the final scale?

