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OF THE 3 PIPE PROBLEM

- Examination of The Adventure of the Three Gables
 - We will examine :
 - The Original Publication History
 - The Story itself
 - The Controversy of Racism

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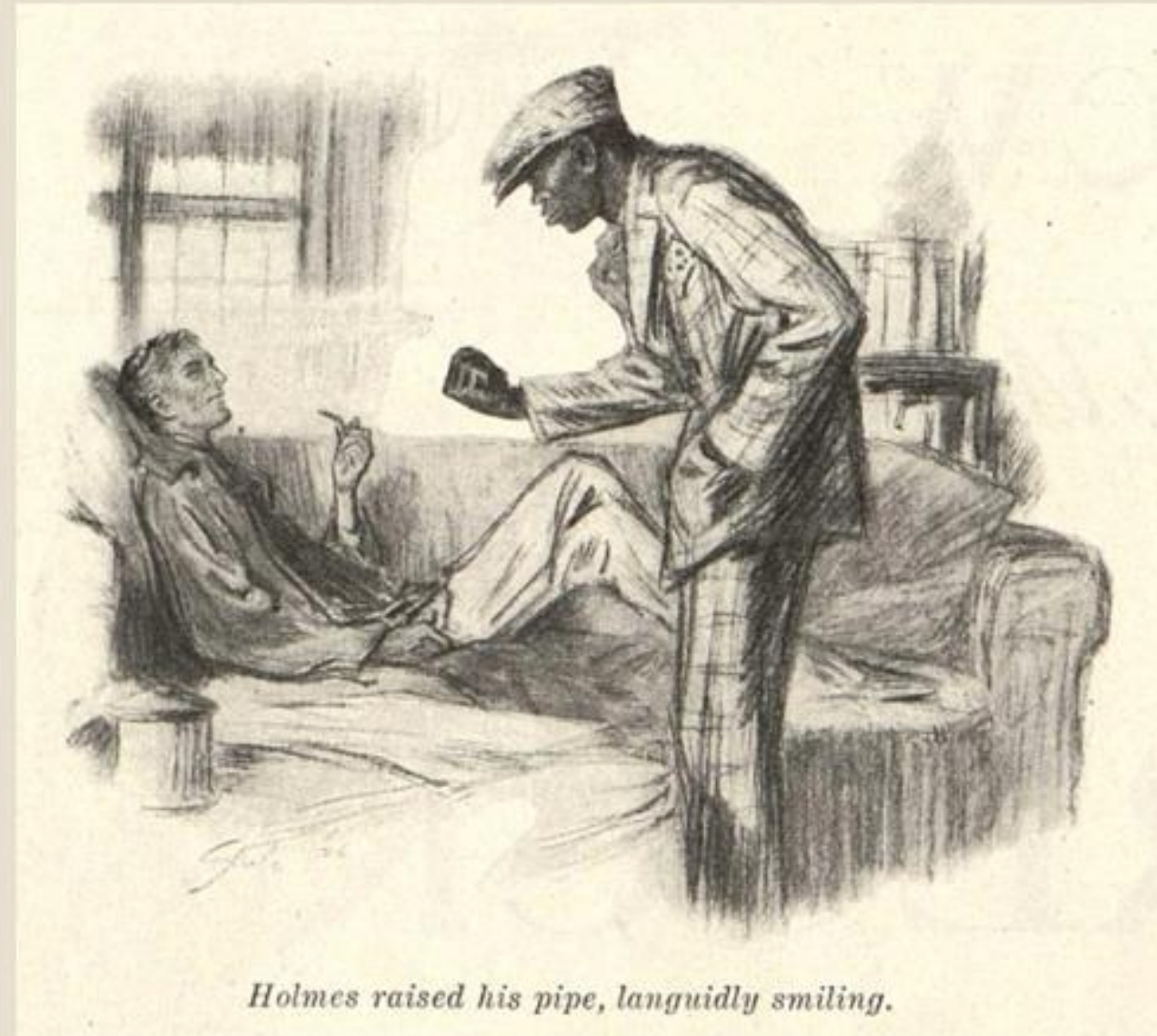
- The story appeared in America first! In *Liberty Magazine* 1926 - September
- Followed by publication in *The Strand Magazine* 1926 - October
- Sidney Paget having passed 1908 new illustrators were involved.
- Then published in book form as "The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes - 1927 June
- It is of note that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle passed July 1930
- The canon designation is 3GAB

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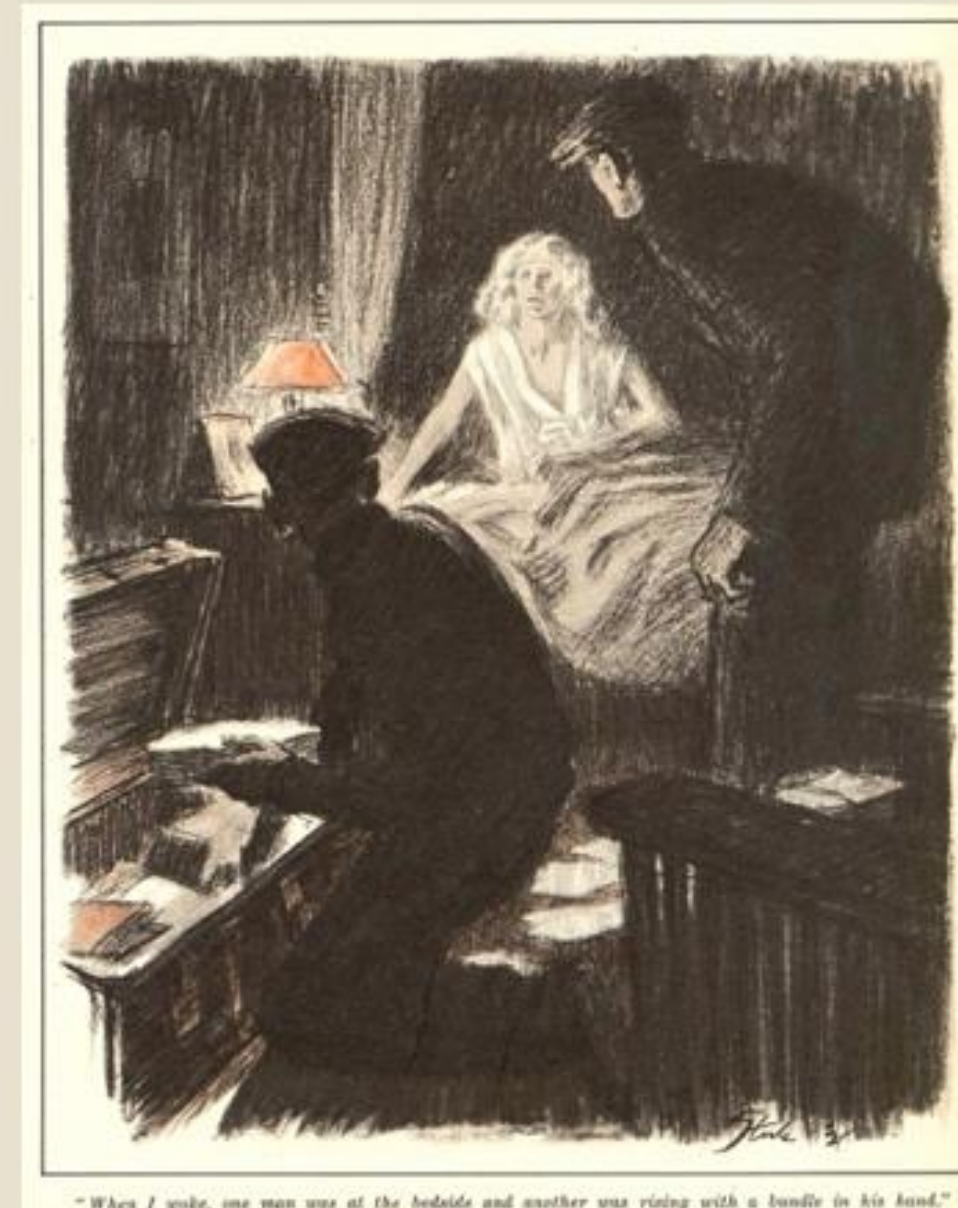
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- In Liberty Magazine, Fredrick Dorr Steele did the illustrations
- Steele began illustrating Holmes stories in 1903
- First was for Collier's weekly The Return of Sherlock Holmes
- He modeled many of his drawings of Holmes on William Gillette
- This perpetuated the calabash pipe and deerstalker props (although Paget used the deerstalker first)

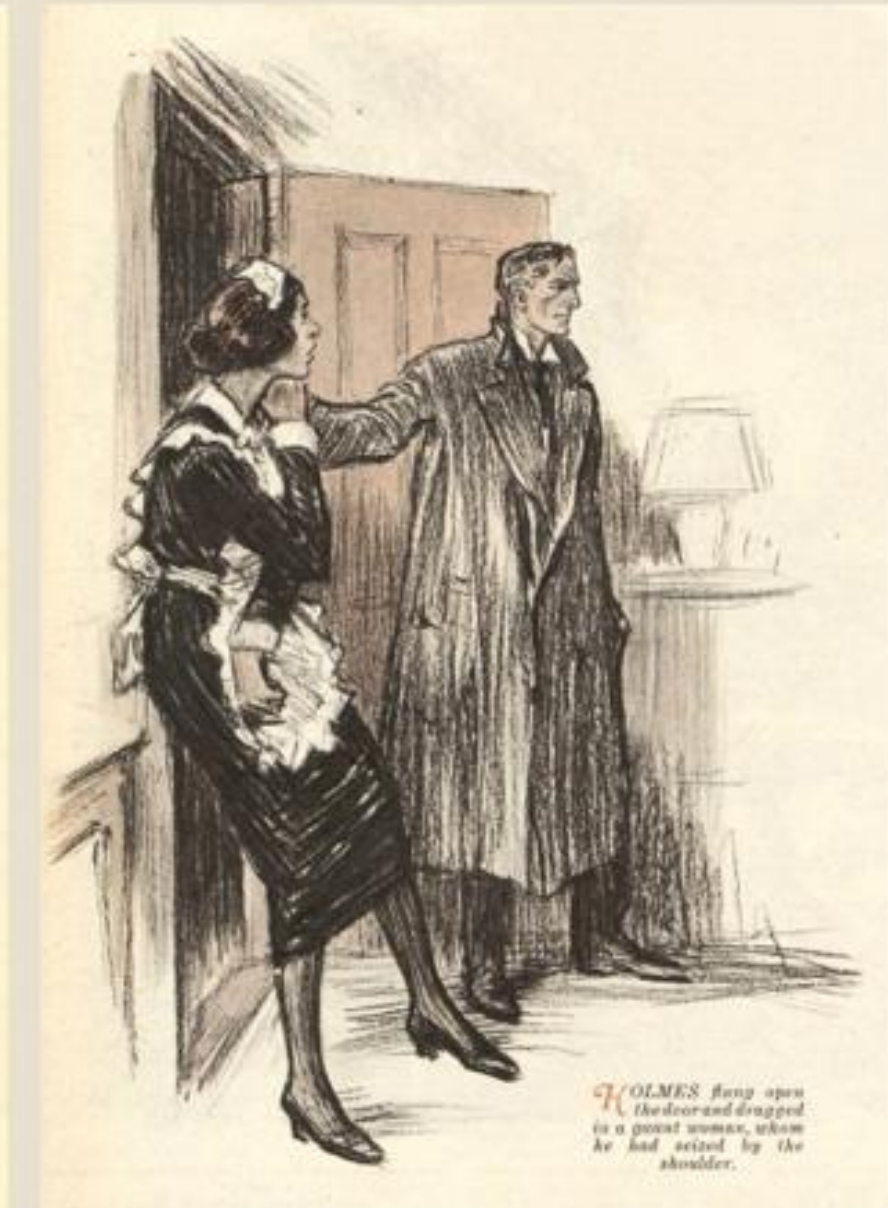
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Holmes raised his pipe, languidly smiling.



"When I woke, one man was at the bedside and another was rising with a bundle in his hand."



HOLMES lunged upon the door and dragged in a guest woman, whom he had seized by the shoulder.



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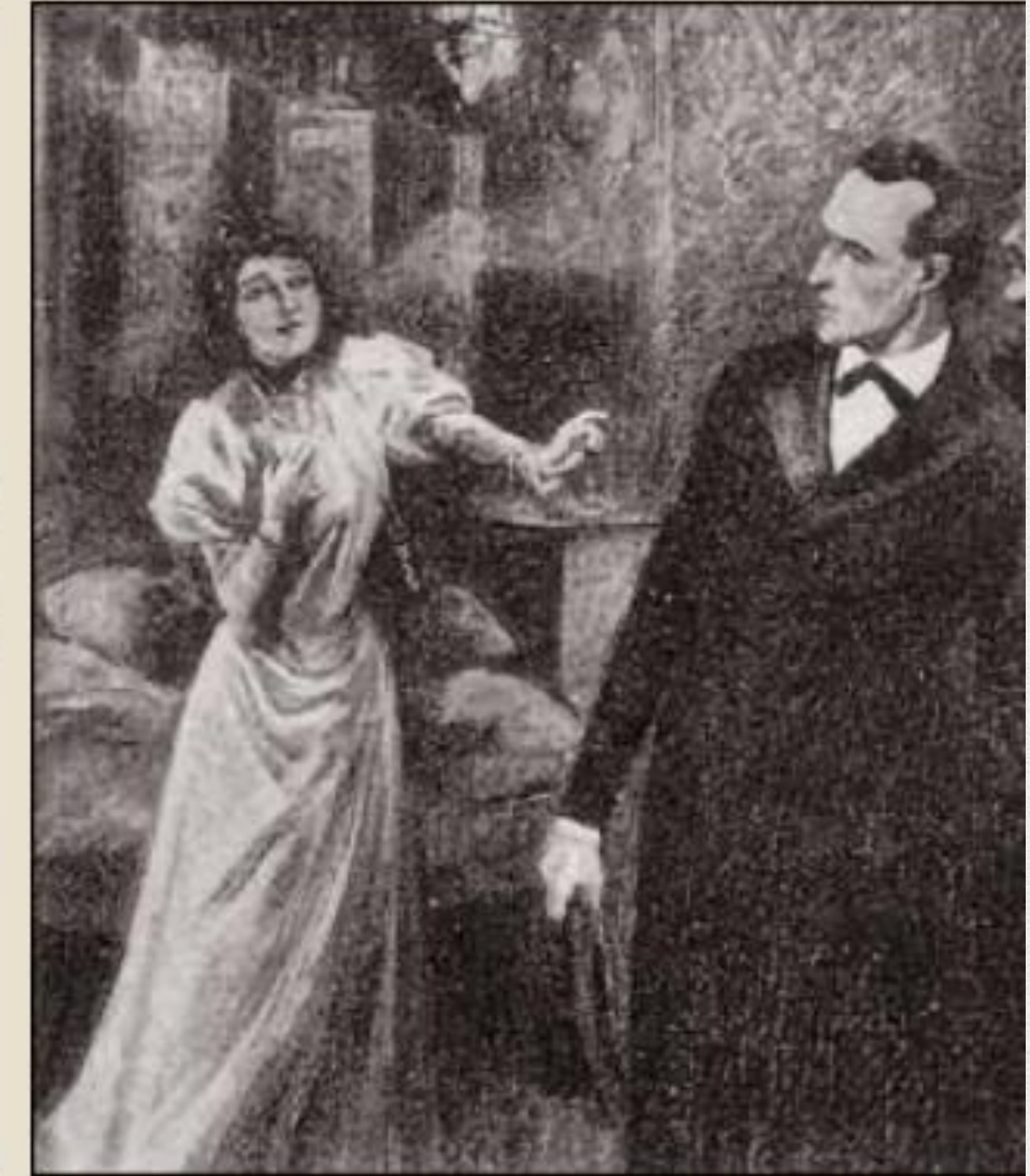
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- For the Strand - Howard Elcock crafted the illustrations
- Elcock commonly did work for The Strand
- Between 1919 and 1926 he did more than 50 Doyle related illustrations

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[Adventure of the Three Gables](#) (october 1926, [The Strand Magazine](#)) 4 ill.



Caption

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- As a story
 - please save discussions of racism to the final section
 - was there a solid mystery to the story?
 - what are the 3 Gables
 - what is Harrow Weald ?

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“A brick and timber villa, standing in its own acre of undeveloped grassland. Three small projections above the upper windows made a feeble attempt to justify its name. Behind was a grove of melancholy, half-grown pines, and the whole aspect of the place was poor and depressing.”

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- Who was Steve Dixie?
- what do you make of his threats?
- what of Sherlock's quick counter? Does that seem reasonable?
- Who was Mrs. Maberley and why had she messaged Sherlock?
- how long had she lived at 3 Gables?
- what was unique about the offer on her house?

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- how do you view Sherlock's encounter with Susan
- recall any other similar treatment of servants?
- we never actually meet two characters
 - Barney Stockdale - what do you make of him?
 - And Langdale Pike - what of him?

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- Isadora Klein
 - beautiful villainess
 - Spanish
 - widow of a German Sugar king
- What do you make of her exchange with Sherlock
- Why do you think she gave in so easily

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- Steve Dixie and the charge of racism
- The charges
 - the description of Dixie
 - the treatment of Dixie
 - the description of natives of Andaman Islands

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- in defense of Doyle
- context of the times?
- condemnation of the Klu Klux Klan
- support of the child in The Yellow Face
- support in real life of George Edalji (of Indian descent)
- definitions of the times

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- the *other* defense — Doyle didn't write this story
 - Oxford Sherlock Holmes proposes it did not
- was this is Holmes character?
- one word adjective to describe the story
 - sloppy, simple, silly
- the point of life - busy
 - 1926 also did a Professor Challenger story , 1922/23 he had toured in US & Canada for months at a time. The History of Spiritualism (1926)