The Adventure of the Three Garridebs A Sherlock Holmes Story by sir arthur conan dovie

This is the third of a series of stories, hever before published in a newspaper, he which "good of Watson" belie some of the most thrilling adventures of Sherhelt Holmes.



in my position of partner and confident for each if it is a cent, but we can't I am obliged to be particularly execut for each if it is a cent, but we can't to avoid any indiscretion. I repeat, stand in a row I repeat, stand in a row. however, that this enables me to fix The Quest for Garridebe

June, 1902, shortly after the conclusion

There is a chance for you to make mane money, Watson," said he. "Have pour ever heard the name of Garrideb? I semitted that I had not.

Well, if you can lay your hand up a Garrideb, there's money in it." Why

"Ah, that's a long story—rather a whimsical one, too. I don't think in ities we have ever come upon anything more singular. The fellow will be here sourt open the matter no till be comes in the babets. meanwhile that's the name we

The telephone directory lay on the The Here you are Holmes! Here it is!

Holmes took the book from my hand, in 1890."
"Garrider, N., he read, 135 Little "Good old Dr. Starr." said our visitors to. W. Sorry to disappoint you, tor. "His name is still honored, Well, Watson, but this is the man himself. Mr. Holmes, I suppose all we can do That is the address upon his letter. We is to report to you and let you know bent sperber to match bim.

med on a tray. I took it up and

bowed and departed.

Why, here it is. I cried in amuse. Holmes had lit his pipe and he sat

ment. "This is a different initial John for some time with a curious smile." Garrieleb. Counselor at Law, Moorville, upon his face.

Holmes smiled as he booked at the "I'm afraid you must make yet, wondering! mother effort. Watton," mid he "This male man is also in the plot aiready.

A moment later he was in the room, when a brutal frontal attack is the best John Garrised. commeiorat-law, policy—but I judged it better to let him a short, powerful man with the think he had fooled us. Here is a man round, fresh, elean-shaven face char- with an English coat frayed at the of so many American men of elbow and trousers bagged at the knee atteristic of so many American men of eloow and trousers bagged at the sines affairs. The general effect was chubby with a year's wear, and yet by this count rather childlike, so that one reduced the impression of quite a young a provincial American lately landed in London. There have been no advertise-field. Sedom in any human head have there. They are my favorite covert for the system of the sedom in any human head have there. They are my favorite covert for the system of I seen a pair which bespoke a more putting up a bird, and I would never fattense inward life, so bright were they have overlooked such a pheasant as

hind of pride in the queerness of his leather in his right hand with which he name. That was what brought us to-was polishing a coin.

you shall the words, as I was soon to discover.

for your them and he left a will behind him. It I remember the date very well, for filed in the State of Kansas. His proprefused a knighthood for services which I was to have one on condition that I may perhaps some day be described: I found two Garridebs who would share only refer to the matter in passing, for the remainder. It's five million dollars

man like myself, with some women re- first, but I acted for the best." lations but no meh. It says three adult men in the will. So, you see, we still deed," said Holmes. "But are you ter through." have a vacancy, and if you can help to fill it we will be very ready to pay your

charges."
Well, Watson," said Holmes with a smile, "I said it was rather whimsical, did I not? I should have thought, sir. nessentiv for cross-examination, so I that your obvious way was to advertise

"I have done that, Mr. Holmes. No

replies: The tree done that it is certainly a beside me, and I turned over the most curious little problem. I may take pages in a rather hopeless quest. But a glance at it in my leisure. By the my amazement there was this strange way, it is curious that you should have in its die place. I gave a cry of come from Topeka. I used to have a pk.

correspondent—he—is dead now old ere you are. Homes Here it is Dr. Lysander Starr, who was Mayor

ant another to match bim." how we progress. I reckon you will Mrs. Hudson had come in with a hear within a day or two."

With this assurance our American bowed and departed.

"Well?" I asked at last.

I am wondering, Watson-just

"At what?"

though I certainly did not expect to "I was wondering, Watson, what on the position to tell us a good deal in telling us such a rigmarole of lies. I heartly asked him so for than a linearly asked him so for than a linear line Holmes took his pipe from his lips.

aleri, so responsive to every change that.

Thought. His accent was American. "I never knew a Dr. Lysander Starr

I had. I never heard of it. But he took a, of us now, he held a piece of chamois

T may have been a use and he was tickled to death to meet; per it may another man with his own name. It best I hold them supreme, though some bave been a trage was his pet fad and he was dead set prefer the Alexandrian school. You dy. It cost one to find out if there were any more Gar-will find a chair here, Mr. Holmes, man his reason, it ridess in the world, 'Find me another,' Pray allow me to clear these bones. cost me a bloodlet said he. I told him I was a Jusy man And you, sir—ah, ves, Dr. Watson—tigs, and it cost yet and could not spend my life hiking round if you would have the goodness to put another man the the world in search of Gagridels. None the Japanese vase to one side. You see ring, and it cost yet and could not sprain any the initing round if you would have the goodness to put the world in search of Gagridebs. 'None the Japanese wase to one side. You see that the less, said he, that is just what you round me my little interests in life. My large will do if things pan out as I planned doctor lectures me about never going them.' I thought he was joking, but out, but why should I go out when I have so much to hold me here. I can have written to this man and told him misspelt."

The nead is surely creat enough, and the name of country in you notice actionrow. Did the tail we should see tomorrow. Did inglam," said the American, "and my you notice nothing curious about that agent there has sent me this advertisement?"

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Holmes looked round him with

go out?" he said. "Now and again I drive down to Sotheby's or Christie's. Otherwise I very seldem leave my room. I am not he is bound to take notice of what you too strong and my researches are very absorbing. But you can imagine, Mr Holmes, what a terrific shock-pleasane. 1902, shortly after the conclusion. "It was so big a chance that I just and but terrific it was for me when if the South African War. Holines let my legal practice slide and I set I heard of this unparalleled good formed spent several days in bed, as was forth looking for Garridebs. There is tune. It only needs one more Garrideb and spent several days in bed, as was forth looking for Garridebs. his habit from time to time, but he act one in the United States. I went can find one. I had a brother, but he can find one. I had a brother, but he can document in his hand and a twin-through it, sir, with a fine-tooth comb is dead, and female relatives are dis-

have written to this man and told him that you will see him in his office tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. "You want me to to see him?"
"What do you say, Mr. Holmes?

Don't you think it would be wiser? with a wonderful tale. Why should be believe what I tell him? But you are a Britisher with solid references, and say. I would go with you if you wished, but I have a very busy day tomorrow, and I could always follow you if you are in any trouble,

"Well, I have not made such a jour ney for years."
"It is nothing, Mr. Garrideb. I have

figured out your trains. You leave at twelve and should be there before two. of accument in his hand and a twinof amousement in his austere gray and never a Garrideb could I catch, qualified. But there must surely be Then you can be back the same night.

There is a chance for you to make enough, there was the name in the Lonne money. Watson, said he. "Have don't elephone directory. I went after why I sent to you. Of course this davit of his existence. By the Lord!"
admitted that I had not.

There is a chance for you to make enough, there was the name in the Lonis ever heard the name of Garrideb?"
I whole matter to him. But he is a lone and I should have taken his advice all the way from the centre of America,
whole matter to him. But he is a lone and I should have taken his advice all the way from the centre of America,
when I should have taken his advice all the way from the centre of America,
when I start for the heart."

I were and should be there before two.

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"Bu' son have been in England for some time," said Sherlock Holmes to Mr. Garrideb, of Kansas, Mr. Garrideb wondered how Mr. Holmes

intentions.

"Oh, you did notice that, did you? Come, Watson, you improve all the time. Yes, it was bad English but good Amer-Oh, you did notice that, did you?

Come, Watson, you improve all the time. The printer had put it up as received. Then the buckboards. That is about it, even if the queer name of the American also. And artesian wells are tenant did give him an opening which had then with us. It has could hardly have expected. He was a typical American advertisement, but purporting to be from an English. But what did he want?"

Sa the collector never went tour it took had killed Watson, you would not have some planning to be the whole of got out of this room alive. Now, sir, this Garrideb invention was apparently what have you to say for himself, that there is a certain devilish ingenuity. He only lay and scowled. I leaned on Holmes arm, and together we looked down into the small cellar which had been disclosed by the secret flap. It was a typical American advertisement, but purporting to be from an English. "But what did he want?"

Holmes was up and out early. When inhabited these he returned at lunch. I noticed that his deeper reason. face was very grave. "This is a more serious matter than

I had expected, Watson," said he. "It The Hour Strikes is fair to tell rou so, though I know it That hour was will only be an additional reason to you for running your head into danger. I should know my Watson by now. But

"We are up against a very bard case, I have identified Mr. John Gagrideb, counsellor at law. He is none other one side, tore up the square of carpet the place? And can you wonder that than 'Killer' Evans, of sinister and must on which it rested, rolled it completely when I found this crass book of a bug derous reputation."

back, and then, drawing a jimmy from bunter with the quest same squatting derous-reputation." "I fear I am none the wiser."

"Ah, it is not part of your profession to carry about a portable Newgate Calendar in your memory. I have been down to see friend Lestrade at Scotland down to see friend Lestrade at Scotland Yard. There may be an occasional want to interpret may be an easy enough, but I'm a soft-heard guy that can't begin absorbing they lead the world for thoroughness and can't begin absorbing they lead the world for thoroughness and match they lead the world for thoroughness and they lead they world for they lead t their records. Sure enough, I found

the inscription below."

Holmes drew an envelope from his pocket. "I scribbled down a few points from this dossier. Aged forty-four. Native of Chicago. Known to have shot three men in the States. Escaped from the batter. Escaped from pointed at his head.

"Well, well" said he, cooliy, as he penitentiary. Came to London in 1893. penitentiary. Came to London in 1893. Lot a man over cards in a night club Waterloo road in January, 1895. lan died, but he was shown to have been the aggressor in the row. Dead pose, and played me for a sucker from the been the aggressor in the row. Dead the first. Well, sir, I hand it to you. man was identified as Rodger Preston, accous as forger and coiner in Chicago. Killer Evans released in 1901. Has been under police supervision since, but so far as known has led an honest life. Very dangerous man, usually carries if a red hot iron had been pressed to arms and is prepared to use them. That my thigh There was a crash as Holmes s our hird, Watson a sporting bird, as you must admit !

"But what is his game?"

serambled to the surface. "I guess you have been one too many for me. Holmes. Saw through my game, I supyou have me beat and-

In an instant he had whisked

see what the hour may bring."

That hour was not long in striking.

revolver from his breast and had fired two shots. I felt a sudden hot sear as

The Poker Says: Q "Well, it begins to define itself. I have been to the house agents. Our I don't know what

while Holmes in a whisper outlined his superficient, are tree see that mitentions, as he glared at our prisoner, who was lifting up with a dared face. By the out of his room—that is very clear, and lord, it is as well for you. If you out of his room—that is very clear, and as the collector never went out it took had killed Watson, you would not have

was a typical American advertisement, but purporting to be from an English firm. What do you make of that?"

"Hut what did he want?"

"Well, that is what we are here to an lawyer put it in himself. What his object was I fail to understand."

"Well, there are alternate explanations. Anyhow, he wanted to get this who who may have been his confederate in good old fossil up to Birmingham. That crime. There is some guilty secret in ground its properties. There is some guilty secret in ground its properties. There is some guilty secret in ground its properties. There is some guilty secret in ground its properties. There is some guilty secret in ground its properties. There is some guilty secret in ground its properties. There is some guilty secret in ground its properties and its language.

is very clear. I might have told him the room. That is how I read it. At "Yee, sir," said our prisoner, stagger that he was clearly going on a wild first I thought our friend might have goose chase, but, on second thoughts, it something in his collection more values seemed better to clear the stage by letting him go on. Temorrow, Watson—the attention of a big criminal. But the chine, and those bundles on the table that these rooms will speak for itself."

[Sec. first Rodger Presson of evil memory are two thousand of Presson's notes the attention of a dig criminal. Due to come, and those bundles on the case fact that Rodger Preston of evil memory are two thousand of Preston's notes inhabited these rooms points to some deeper reason. Well, Watson, we can but possess our souls in patience and call it a deal and let me go."

"We don't, do things like that, Mr.
Evans. There is no bolt hole for you in this country. You shot this man Pres-We crouched closer in the shadow as we heard the outer door open and shut.

ton, did you not?"
"Yes, sir, and got five years for it there is danger, and you should know it."

Then came the aharp metallic anap of a though it was he who pulled on me.

"Well it is not the first we have key and the American was in the room. Five years when I should have had a shared. Holmes. I hope it may not be the last. What is the particular danger took a sharp glance around him to get that all was safe, threw off his over that all was safe, threw off his over that all was safe, three off his over that all was safe, three off his over that all was safe, three off his over the world have fooded London. with the brisk manner of one, who with them. I was the only one in the knows exactly what he has to do and world who knew where he made them, how to do it. He pushed the table to Can you wonder that I wanted to get to his inside pocket, knelt down and right on the top of it and never quitting worked vigorously upon the floor. Pres his room, I had to do the best I could to ently, we heard the sound of sliding shift him. Maybe I would have been boards, and an instant later a square wiser if I had put him away. It would had opened in the planks. Killer have been easy enough, but I'm a soft-Where do you get me?"

open trapdoor. Gently as we moved, however, the old floor must have creaked in their records. Sure enough, a tound however, the old noor must have the from however, the old noor must have the from the Rogues' gallery, 'James Winter, was a American, peering anxiously around, not our job. They take that at the emerged suddenly from the open space, next stage. What we wanted at present the first stage was just your sweet self. Just give the open trandoor. Gently as we moved, where do you get me?"

however, the old floor must have creaked "Only attempted murder, so far as under our feet, for the head of our I can see," said Holmes. "But that is

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peper over his head, "I thought I would be in time to get you. Mr. Nathan Garrideb, my congratulations? You are a rich man, sir. Our business in happily finished and all is well. As to you, Mr. Holmes, we can only say, and handed it to an experiment of the man and the first in the Edgeware road. However, it is easily success in you, Mr. Holmes, we can only say and the have given you and the first in the experiment of the man and the first in the man and the first in

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