DOWN

- 1 Reacting to Dr. Watson's prompting, Sherlock __ rousted from his seven-percent solution induced stupor.
- "__ Scotland Yard summons..." "...I declare, 'The hunt is on!'" Passed out again. "Mrs. Hudson! Coffee!"
 Upon crossing threshhold of reclusive Sir Richard's chalet, Sherlock beset upon by yappy Cocker Spaniel.
 "Charles!" Sir Richard rescued. "Thinks he owns the house. Once he knows your scent, gentle as a lamb."
- 4 Chief Inspector briefed Holmes, Watson on the essence of the crime: "Baffooned baffling jewelry !"
- Urged to relate events, Sir Richard, "At two in the morn, I was awoke by the loud __ of a breaking window. Rushed to den, locked! Heard a ruckus, retrieved key. Entering, saw sheister snag his satchel on the sash,
- rip the strap, abandon bag, and flee. The cash was recovered...but __ my Mother's heirloom jade stone.

 Stone was wrapped in a sheath of legal papers amongst my other documents." Below wall safe, strewn
- papers and manual heart monitor ___, which Inspector volunteered, instrumental in deciphering tumblers.
- Below right-hinged drapeless window, an area of dirt in otherwise ___ den, shattered glass tending to right. Left of window, short bookcase topped with trophies, bric-a-brac. Right, long floor-to-ceiling bookcase.
- Inspector continued, "We thoroughly __ the house and grounds. Prompted by Sir Richard, we also did the same at the home of one Maurice, a guest-cook last night. He's awaiting questioning...bring in Maurice."

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- Height-slight Maurice, "Christina, Richard's wife, asked me to fill-in for the Cook and Maid, married couple
- 22 whose auto suffered a __ battery. She knows me from The Ritz, worked here before, knows I freelance."
- Dr. Watson, attempting to lighten mood, "Oh, then you work for free, Lance!" "That is a bald-faced ___!"
- Maurice followed, "If that's an attempt at humor, stow it! I am a professional with zero ___ for frivolity!"
- 25 Sir Richard recalled last night, "Christina and I, seated in the ___ room, she took cell call, asked me to look in on dinner. Entered kitchen just as Maurice cut his finger on chopping board. We ambulated to upstair's
- 27 | bathroom for a bandage. Then he __ the salad dressing, served, cleared, chatted with Christina, departed."

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- 25 Holmes next __ with the kitchen, noted tidyness, albeit with almost empty milk glass, stacked dishes, used blender. Place exuded old-fashioned aura. Proceeded to backdoor, eyed old jacket, key-rack, used cane.
- 9 ____, Sherlock exited left on path, passed by den window, noted vague large-boot impressions in garden.
- 16 Holmes made an ___ for the maintenance outbuilding, where fastidious Gardener was securing his wares.
- 28 The Detective scanned: hand tools, power ___, dusty galloshes, stained rain jacket, worked patio umbrella.
- 65 Introductions, then amiable Gardener snapped padlock, ambled to kitchen. "Only one __ " and racked it.
- 35 | Enveloping eternally elsewheres, Christina eventually entered and enthusiastically __ Sherlock's entreaties.

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- 54 | "After dinner, my husband in the den. But I wanted a dessert, so I blended a milk shake in the kitchen.
- My hairdresser is a comedian and I __ with Maurice and we enjoyed a hearty laugh. Ten minutes, he left. Now, while that stone is fully insured, can you recover it?" "Trust me madam." "I never thrust anyone."
- 49 To Inspector and Watson, "I am ___ not completely confident with my conclusions, but let us do assemble."

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Addressing curious congregation in the dining room, Sherlock Holmes triumphantly announced, "__" 3 Watson, unbelievingly, "I count 32 lines above! How can you deduce the solution from such paucity?" "Elementary dear Watson! Pick up the trail beginning at this answer's end and boldly follow to stone." 63 "A conspirator could have turned on Cook, Maid's car lights in the morning, ___ beams going unheeded." **DOWN** __ Maurice is in fact a conspirator, then we can conclude fellow-conspirator's identity: Christina!" **ACROSS** Maurice bolted to his feet, "What an outrage! I am a famous __ and I'll not suffer such indignities!" 18 44 Christina bolted to her feet, "You __ me! How dare you! My husband can account for my every minute!" **DOWN** "Turns out, he cannot. You answered Maurice's call from the kitchen, then sent Sir Richard to ___ him. 18 Knife poised, our famous chef '__' only nicked his finger as Sir Richard entered. They retreated upstairs. 51 **ACROSS** 56 Then Miss Christina sprang to action! __ to den, retrieved bag from behind bookcase, opened safe, 69 loaded cash into bag to save time later, pocketed real ___, left safe door slightly ajar, replaced portrait. **DOWN** 56 After restashing the bag, she __ lock-latch, closes drape across window to conceal the vulnerability. Christina dashed back to dining room, composed herself, __ with her husband, and feigned a sweet-tooth. 55 She one-sided a jovial conversation, but as Watson revealed, Maurice would've hardly enjoyed a laugh. She blended as Maurice unracked key, and with no time to ___, scampered to unlock utility-shed padlock. 69 **ACROSS** 108 Meanwhile, Christina hid the __ . Maurice returned, reracked key, bade a hearty goodnight, departed. 84 Short of two in the morn, Maurice donned galloshes from shed to conceal his small footprints, in den, removed boots (too cumbersome), got bag, closed, locked door, '__' aside portrait, removed documents. 53 **DOWN** 37 Draws from bag a __ and casually splays it about. Then Maurice quietly rips open a few documents, **ACROSS** and just as casually __ the paperwork. He grabbed bag, rebooted at window, and from bookcase, 37

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Maurice grasped small ___, braced it on frame, and slammed window upon it, spraying shards right-ish.

Exertion of window smashing opened Maurice's wound, he bled upon the drape, removed and pocketed it.

Sir Richard aroused, descended, retrieved key. Maurice ruckused, climbed, lodged bag in ___, when door

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- 72 unlatched, yanked pre-cut strap, fled, returned boots (should've cleaned them), relocked and ___."
- Maurice erupted, "Poppycock! I __ how this fanciful theory of yours indicates / burglarized Sir Richard!"
- 81 Visiters are few here," observed Holmes. Eyes upon Maurice, condemned him quietly, "The dog __ bark."
- 102 Christina, back on her feet, "This makes no sense! Why the ___? Why not arrange burglar to stash it all?"
- "Due to second constraint: First, minute-to-minute alibi. Second, strict __ of loot. You are distrustful."

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- 97 Christina exaggerated a yawn, "Charming fairy ___ . But circumstantial without the stone, don't you think?"
- 98 Sherlock Holmes stood, gloated with a subtle __ to Chief Inspector and Dr. Holmes, strode into kitchen.
- "Why did she try to __ us with such an awkward account for needed minutes to unlock utility shed?

 Turns, egotistical criminals can't resist to daringly dangle subtle clues to deride my detective prowess."

 Sherlock reached into almost empty milk glass, found and retrieved the JADE HIDDEN IN THE SHAKE.

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5	Alpha-Soup for Interactive Learning Network	1	Initials of "Hammer," led MLB in HR's for 33 yrs*
7	Big-Cheese rodent	20	Time Machine "sheep"
8	" I deduced"	21	Lennon's old lady
11	Alter	24	Chop
13	Initials of singer (1963 -), mezzo-soprana voice*	26	What Inmate Ole Long Ears shaved a carrot into
14	Initials of jolly 1950s TV mannequin*	29	From Online Slang Dictionary, "uncool person"*
19	Initials of Hermione portrayer*	31	Initials of NSA whistle-blower*
30	Initials of Timothy Olyphant (1968 -), "Hitman"	32	Initials of German tennis-pro Steffi Graf
38	GI Joe shirt?	33	Initials of "Fear, Loathing in Las Vegas" author*
40	Sexual longing	36	And so on, in brief
42	Нір	41	Mess
45	Flashlight battery type	43	@
46	Initials of 1950s singing movie-star child*	52	Initials of "Home Improvement" star*
47	Creative disciplines	57	Initials of The Queen of Rock-n-Roll*
48	Apiece, in short	58	People of the Great Basin
49	Showboat	59	Env. content
50	Undo 11-Down on printed proof	60	Block the flow
61	Enrich	62	Initials of "Trading Places" star*
67	Watson's photo to go with column piece	66	Pelt
71	Dentist: "Give me the Novacaine and I'll"	68	It's all about!
73	Initials of British punker Curtis Ian	70	He and Timothy dosed the nation*
74	Gourmet coffee namesake	76	Ancestor
77	Century Mary I restored Catholism in England	77	Game pieces
79	Bed-bug habitat	78	That, to Pedro

DOWN ACROSS "Same page! ___ -to-(obital seer) with you!"* 82 Ltd. 80 "Well, I'll ..." Interjections of satisfaction 85 83 __ Flynn Let It ___ 86 88 [A clue for this? I just __ think of anything.] 87 Grateful ___ 89 Initials of John Muir's political ally in Nat'l Parks* Typical artist headgear 90 94 Number of volunteers for manned sun-landing? 92 Construct 96 93 Initials of lightbulb inventor* 99 Deg. for designing Mother Boards Initials of "Cheers" star* Spiffy General Motors GT-auto 95 100 Gentle 101 Brit restroom 104 Paris pal 102 Pol. officer issued the speeder a ___ . 106 Mayberry denizen 103 Biblical suffix 110 104 Tarnish 112 Take 2 much American singer and songwriter __ Max* Lass's bro 105 113 107 Motor City st. 114 Small version of this used to express "empathy" "And we're headed to ___!" beamed the coach. JK and Spock's vessel* 109 117 Initials of Hollywood icon, charitable food guy* 111 Dance-party visual director* 114 Jovian moon* 115 116 Tulsa st.

SUPPLIED ANSWERS*

1	Hank Aaron	70	Ken (Kesey, with Leary)
13	Tori Amos	80	I'm eye
14	Howdy Doody	90	Theodore Roosevelt
19	Emma Watson	93	Thomas Edison
29	Moen	95	Ted Danson
31	Edward Snowden	111	Paul Newman
33	Hunter Thompson	113	Ava
46	Shirley Temple	114	Video Jockey
52	Tim Allen	115	lo
57	Tina Turner	117	Star Trek Enterprise
62	Eddie Murphy		