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The Adventure of the Camberwell Beauty

The Doctor's ward, Karah is missing; likely kidnapped by rival Baron Corvus. Doctor's assistant, Peters, aided Pons. Tracks led to Corvus' estate. Pons sees it is a fake trail. He found Karah on a canal boat, waiting for her lover, Peters, disapproved of by the Doctor. Pons gave them a headstart to America then informed the Doctor, who accepted matters.

The Adventure of the Devil's Footprints

Rev. Ambrose Diall walked out of his house to shoot an owl, disappeared under a tree w/hoofed footprints leading away. Pons finds money hidden in the crypts, then Dials himself. Dials, really Alfred Storer had robbed Munson's bank years before w/Willie Compton and another. Compton was disguised as Diall's sexton, Silas Elton. Hearing the third man, Leonard Wimberly was out of prison, he panicked, killed Diall and pulled him up the tree, through a window and into the crypt.

The Adventure of the Dorrington Inheritance

Alexander Dorrington owned Maracot Diamond and is threatened. Daughter Constance asks for help. Convers & Bartholdi were cheated out of share by her grandfather. Her fiancé, Sepulveda, is broke. He plants suspicion on the two ex-partners. He arranges for Dorrington to fall in front of a car, but he survives. Pons traps him and catches Sepulveda trying to kill Dorrington with chloroform.

The Adventure of the Grice-Paterson Curse

Edith Grice-Paterson asked Pons to investigate the unfortunate death of her fiancé, found strangled in her home, The Creepers, with no evidence. Her father and uncle had died the same way. Parker is nearly suffocated by a creeper plant but Pons saves him. Sir Ronald Grice Paterson had brought it back from Malaya and developed the vampiric creeper, which flourished in mid-summer. He either hated people or wanted his orderly to inherit, after his family members had been killed while sleeping.

The Adventure of the Little Hangman

Kingsley Pollitt had murdered Helen Blayre. Was convicted, but overturned by the courts. He returned to Combe Martin to live with his brother, John, and was hated by the townspeople. He had been found dead at Little Hangman, where he had killed her. He was hung elsewhere and moved there. Helen had not loved Kingsley, but his John. John hung Kingsley in their home to keep him from getting away with murdering Helen. He was found not guilty and freed.

The Adventure of the Lost Dutchman

John Renfield worked alone at Counellors Extraordinary, Limited. He made lists and took down notes from visitors. People came in response to newspaper ads posted. Stark visited the office; Renfield left as instructed; Stark found dead next morning. Renfield's employer, Jarel Perkins, lured Stark to get his half of the map to the Lost

Dutchman mine. Pons stops the ship to America he's taking, but Perkins throws the map over the rail.

The Adventure of the Penny Magenta

Athos Humphrey owns an antique shop. Three nights in a row someone has broken in but taken nothing. A month before, Arthur Benefield delivered a cancelled envelope full of minor stamps and paid Humphreys to keep them. Benefield was run down by an auto ten days later and Humphreys placed an ad for relatives. Pons steams the envelope and finds the penny magenta, a rare stamp worth almost 10,000 pounds. Humphreys thinks it a fake and lets Pons keep it. Pons and Parker capture Benefield's partner at the shop that night. The stamp had been switched in the collection of an American and was real. Pons called the owner and exchanged it for a reward.

*The Adventure of the Remarkable Worm

Idomeno Persano received a worm in a box with a card picturing a fat man running from a dog. His cleaning woman, Flora White, found him staring in shock. Pons finds him dead. The worm was constructed with parts of various worms and contained mechanical, poisonous springed fangs. Persano had testified against four of his companions in a drug operation. He wasn't jailed and fled Chicago. Angelo Perro, paroled, hunted down Persano and killed him. Pons discovered Perro's whereabouts at a dockside tavern. 'Perro' means dog; 'Persano' is Persian, a cat.

*The Adventure of the Rydberg Numbers

Bancroft Pons brings a blind woman, Lillian Pargeter to Pons. She fears her brother Stanley, a minor employee of the government, is missing and has been replaced in her house by a duplicate. He has been kidnapped for his knowledge of Rydberg numbers, his hobby, which the government discounts. German Ambassador von Grafenstein is holding him at his home. Pons uses the Praed St. Irregulars to infiltrate the house and rescue Pargeter. Bancroft still disbelieves that that the atom can be split, so Pons arranges for Pargeter to go to America to work on it.

The Adventure of the Stone of Scone

On Christmas morning, Bancroft visited Pons to tell him the Stone had been stolen from Westminster Abbey. Jamison is on the wrong track. The theft, by four young Scottish Nationalists, is based on the plot of a book by Compton Mackenzie. Pons finds that Ian MacCormick had been reading about the Stone at the Glasgow library. Pons waits for MacCormick to get the stone in London and bring it back to Arbroath Abbey. He returned the Stone to England, which hushed up the affair and refused to give MacCormick and his companions publicity for the Nationalist cause.

The Adventure of the Swedenbourg Signatures

Lois Graham visits Pons about her aunt, Agatha Stowecroft, who believes in the Doctrine of Signatures, saying major events are preceded by minor events of the same ilk (good or bad). Lois' brother Arthur was long in Africa and out of touch the past three years. Weird stuff happens in the house, and her cousin Courteney and his

wife had just died in a car crash. Stowcraft's will vanished. Graham inherits if her three cousins die first. Cousin Laurel sleepwalked into a stream and drowned, discovered by Nicholson, the handyman of the past three years. Cousin Alex goes hunting with Nicholson, who shoots him and is caught by Pons. He is really Graham's brother. If the cousins and then Lois died, he inherited.

The Adventure of the Trained Cormorant

Capt. Andrew Walton comes to visit Pons. He brings Adelaide, his cormorant, which had found a sealed letter with a strip of microfilm of France's fortifications and a mysterious message (and a copy of it) from John Evans (Dungeness Lighthouse) to M.P. Geoffrey Crayle, . He hid it in his wooden leg, and he was watched and his house searched. Evans disappeared while boating. Plans were for Crayle's neighbor, Hauptmann, whose nine-year old son collects used stamps w/envelopes from neighbors. Hauptmann reports to Baron von Kroll. Pons sets a false alarm saying his cover is blown and alerts British and French police. The French spy assisting was killed and Hauptmann captured by the French.

The Adventure of the 'Triple Kent'

Edith Norwood, her daughter & housekeeper were murdered at Norwood's home. Tea was set for four. Ex-husband John Norwood often came, with and without current wife, Iris. Iris is a crack rifle shot, had borrowed gun day before. Pons shows she had dropped off car for repairs, took train to ex-wife's home, killed all three, returned home. Jealous of John's first wife.

