

of brotherhood and mutual help is evident everywhere along the line. And it is sacrifice for an ideal which the soldier at last thinks is tremendous. Despite the rigid military discipline, there is a certain feeling of equality between the soldiers and officers, and the professor fights and watches side by side with the peasant. It is such factors that make war all the more a menace. If it were only ugly we might hope that this would be the last war, but I saw men by thousands who were proud of having fought and will be eager to fight again."

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That Mr. Sherlock Holmes is the most widely known character of fiction in all history is a fact pretty well established in the minds of those who do not travel beyond the borders of the United States. But to realise the full extent of his notoriety one must have rambled among the book-shops of Spain or of Spanish-American lands on this side of the Atlantic. There will be found, behind gaudily coloured covers, a Señor Sherlock Holmes of Iberian appearance and deportment, who is the hero of an endless series of adventures, the very titles of which would be enough to mystify and astonish Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. These paper-covered books are printed in Barcelona, they represent the imaginative work of hack writers, and they are sold by the tens and hundreds of thousands to satisfy the appetites of readers in South America, Mexico, and Cuba. At the top of the cover there is a portrait of the creator of the science of deduction, a portrait which in general conforms to the picture first drawn almost a quarter of a century ago by Dr. Doyle in the pages of *A Study in Scarlet*, but so unconsciously yet subtly altered by the crude artist that it is a Spaniard whom we see instead of the lean, athletic Englishman of the original invention.

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We do not know how many problems have confronted Señor Sherlock Holmes, but here is a partial list of titles which serves to indicate his activities:

The Seller of Corpses.
 The Theft of the Blue Diamond.
 The Daughter of the Usurer.
 Blackwell, the Pirate of the Thames.
 Jack the Ripper.
 The Forgers of London.
 The Bloody Hammer.
 A Criminal Doctor.
 The Director's Testament.
 Sherlock Holmes and the Opium Smugglers.
 In the Pittsburgh School of Crime.
 At the Doors of Death.
 The Red Widow of Paris.
 The Human Beast.
 A Night of Terror.
 The Robbery of the Pearl Necklace.
 The Infamous Gang of Cairo.
 The Shipwreck of Corfu.
 The King of the Bandits.

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Second in importance only to Señor Sherlock Holmes is Señor John C. Raffles, whose Spanish exploits "John C. Raffles" would be likely to puzzle Mr. E. W. Hornung quite as much as the Sherlockian adventures would puzzle Mr. Hornung's brother-in-law, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. They, too, are products of a Barcelona publisher and the work of Spanish hacks. With the apparent idea of adding a touch of verisimilitude, Raffles has been endowed with a Christian name and a middle initial. Hence the John C. Here is an indication of the tempestuous life of Raffles as presented to Spanish reading lovers of sensational fiction:

1. The Mysterious Unknown—The Punishment of a Dishonest Jeweller—The Treasure in a Sarcophagus—The Strategy of a Banker.
2. A Robbery in the Royal Palace—In the Catacombs of Paris—Money and Love—The Hindoo Idol.
3. The Gambling Prince—The Duke of Norfolk's Diamonds—Sunken Treasures—The Fake Detective Sergeant.
4. The Assault in the Sleeping Car—The Silver Apostle—Among the "Apaches" of Paris—The Punishment of Don Juan.
5. The Red Master—The Mystery of the

Mutilated Children—The Negro in the Boudoir—Among the Ruins of Messina.

6. The Heir of Eaglestone—The Alchemist—The Bank President—Number R. 100.

7. The Secret of the Ring—The Sacred Treasure of Siva—The King's Club—Inspector Baxter in a Mad-house.

8. The President of the Colonies—The Hindoo Mystery—The Four Fathers—An Easy Death.

9. The Pretended Highwayman—The

Alarm Trumpet—Raffles and the Chinese Chief of Police—The Queen of the Diamonds.

10. The Abducted Maiden—A Theft in a Museum—The Courtier of Belgrade—The Beautiful Lady.

11. The Negro's Gun—The Madman of Hanwell—The Two Who Bet and Won Nothing—Involuntary Vengeance.

12. The Rajah's Treasure—The Mysterious Comet—The Cocotte's Necklace—The Champion of Virtue.



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