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Name the stories, no story is repeated. They get harder as you go.

1. I'll lock it up in my strong box now and drop a line to [her] to say that we have it.
2. Oh, any old key will fit that bureau. When I was a youngster I have opened it myself with the key of the box-room cupboard.
3. Something has been taken. There is less dust in this corner of the shelf than elsewhere. It may have been a book lying on its side. It may have been a box.
4. "Your net and box would have told me as much," said I, for I knew that [he] was a naturalist.
5. The box had been sent by parcel post from Belfast upon the morning before.
6. [H]e had two important commissions to perform, and that he would bring his little boy home a box of bricks.
7. The Professor brought back a little wooden box from his travels.
8. [A]s we approached this lamp I saw a man coming towards us with his back very bent, and something like a box slung over one of his shoulders.
9. In the midst of these was a small black and white ivory box with a sliding lid.
10. "Au revoir," said our visitor; and with a bright, kindly glance from one to the other of us, she replaced her pearl-box in her bosom and hurried away.
11. I left it with my cigarette-box and my stick ...
12. Early that morning a peasant had met a cart containing several people and some very bulky boxes driving rapidly... but there all traces of the fugitives disappeared ...
13. A dozen convicts, who descended with their pistols in search of him, found him with a match-box in his hand seated beside an open powder-barrel

14. "Then hand me that little box from the mantelpiece." He opened the lid and took out a small object most carefully wrapped in some fine Eastern silk.
15. [H]e opened the door of a loose-box and led out a squat, lop-eared, white-and-tan dog, something between a beagle and a foxhound.
16. He could not deny the justice of my request, so with a rather rueful face he went off to his bedroom, from which he returned presently pulling a large tin box behind him.
17. I went down the stairs and into the hall, where I found the commissioner fast asleep in his box, with the kettle boiling furiously upon the spirit-lamp.
18. Mycroft took snuff from a tortoise-shell box and brushed away the wandering grains from his coat front with a large, red silk handkerchief.
19. We then ascended to the room again, when, by upsetting the cigarette-box, I obtained a very excellent view of the floor...
20. Might I beg that you would have the goodness to sit down upon one of those boxes, and not to interfere?"
21. "You see that," said he, pointing to a big black box at the end of his bed.
22. You will see their names upon paint-boxes.
23. A married woman grabs at her baby; an unmarried one reaches for her jewel-box.
24. A moment later she had appeared with a red flat box in her hand ... From out of her bosom [she] had drawn a small key. The box flew open. It was stuffed with papers.
25. [A]s I ascended the stair I met him coming down with an old rusty key, which must have belonged to the attic, in one hand, and a small brass box, like a cashbox, in the other.
26. It was a small tin cash-box which stood upon the writing-desk. Holmes pried it open with his chisel. Several rolls of paper were within, covered with figures and calculations, without any note to show to what they referred.
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30. Somewhere in the vaults of the bank of Cox and Co., at Charing Cross, there is a travel-worn and battered tin dispatch-box with my name, John H. Watson, M.D., Late Indian Army, painted upon the lid.
31. He held out his snuffbox of old gold, with a great amethyst in the centre of the lid. Its splendour was in such contrast to his homely ways and simple life ...
32. Two months had gone by, and the case had to some extent passed from our minds. Then one morning there came an enigmatic note slipped into our letterbox.
33. It is very pleasant to see the first green shoots upon the hedges and the catkins on the hazels once again. With a spud, a tin box, and an elementary book on botany, there are instructive days to be spent.
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35. It was after five o'clock when Sherlock Holmes left me, but I had no time to be lonely, for within an hour there arrived a confectioner's man with a very large flat box. This he unpacked with the help of a youth whom he had brought with him and presently, to my very great astonishment, a quite epicurean little cold supper began to be laid out upon our humble lodging-house mahogany.

I have a box for 'Les Huguenots.'

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