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ABBE: _____ populi, _____ Dei. You are acquitted, Captain Crocker.

BERY: It is an old _____ of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.

DYIN: With vaseline upon one's forehead, belladonna in one's eyes, rouge over the cheek-bones, and crusts of _____ round one's lips, a very satisfying effect can be produced.

COPP: As you may observe, Mr. Holmes, my hair is somewhat _____, and of a rather peculiar tint of chestnut.

CROO: You still smoke the Arcadia _____ of your bachelor days, then!

MAZA: I am a brain, Watson. The rest of me is a mere _____.

MUSG: The corridors at Hurlstone have their walls largely decorated with trophies of old weapons. From one of these I picked a _____, and then, ... I crept on tiptoe down the passage and peeped in at the open door.

FIVE: Philosophy, astronomy, and politics ... violin-player, _____, swordsman, lawyer, and self-poisoner by cocaine and tobacco.

BLAC: I was that energetic person, and I have satisfied myself that by no exertion of my strength can I _____ the pig with a single blow.

CREE: Lowenstein! The name brought back to me the memory of ... an obscure scientist who was striving in some unknown way for the secret of rejuvenescence and the _____ of life.

STUD: American _____, Strand -- to be left till called for.

STUD: It might be made a _____ for detectives to teach them what to avoid.

DEVI: It has not yet found its way either into the pharmacopoeia or into the literature of _____.

SILV: It was a _____ vesta, half burned, which was so coated with mud that it looked at first like a little chip of wood.

LION: There was blood dripping down his chin, for he had bitten through his lower lip in the _____ of his agony.

BLAN: But for once his _____-like features had relaxed and there was a warm humanity in his eyes.

LION: The Inspector remained, staring at me in silence with his _____-like eyes.

WIST: "So you see our savage friend was very _____ in his ritual.

ILLU: He pushed to an extreme the _____ that the only safe plotter was he who plotted alone.

IDEN: He held out his _____ of old gold, with a great amethyst in the centre of the lid.

SECO: "Then for four hours the _____ had lain unguarded?"

STUD: It was as well that his prairie training had given Jefferson Hope the ears of a _____.

HOUN: Chapter 13 -- _____ THE NETS

VALL: You seemed to me to come out of the floor like a _____.

HOUN: "Because that is my special hobby. The differences are obvious. The supra-orbital crest, the facial angle, the _____ curve, ... "

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BERY: It is an old **maxim** of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.

DYIN: With vaseline upon one's forehead, belladonna in one's eyes, rouge over the cheek-bones, and crusts of **beeswax** round one's lips, a very satisfying effect can be produced.

COPP: As you may observe, Mr. Holmes, my hair is somewhat **luxuriant**, and of a rather peculiar tint of chestnut.

CROO: You still smoke the Arcadia **mixture** of your bachelor days, then!

MAZA: I am a brain, Watson. The rest of me is a mere **appendix**.

MUSG: The corridors at Hurlstone have their walls largely decorated with trophies of old weapons. From one of these I picked a **battle-ax** and then, ... I crept on tiptoe down the passage and peeped in at the open door.

FIVE: Philosophy, astronomy, and politics ... violin-player, **boxer**, swordsman, lawyer, and self-poisoner by cocaine and tobacco.

BLAC: I was that energetic person, and I have satisfied myself that by no exertion of my strength can I **transfix** the pig with a single blow.

CREE: Lowenstein! The name brought back to me the memory of ... an obscure scientist who was striving in some unknown way for the secret of rejuvenescence and the **elixir** of life.

STUD: American **Exchange**, Strand -- to be left till called for.

STUD: It might be made a **textbook** for detectives to teach them what to avoid.

DEVI: It has not yet found its way either into the pharmacopoeia or into the literature of **toxicology**

SILV: It was a **wax** vesta, half burned, which was so coated with mud that it looked at first like a little chip of wood.

LION: There was blood dripping down his chin, for he had bitten through his lower lip in the **paroxysm** of his agony.

BLAN: But for once his **aphinx-like** features had relaxed and there was a warm humanity in his eyes.

LION: The Inspector remained, staring at me in silence with his **ox-like** eyes.

WIST: So you see our savage friend was very **orthodox** in his ritual.

ILLU: He pushed to an extreme the **axiom** that the only safe plotter was he who plotted alone.

IDEN: He held out his **snuffbox** of old gold, with a great amethyst in the centre of the lid.

SECO: Then for four hours the **despatch-box** had lain unguarded?

STUD: It was as well that his prairie training had given Jefferson Hope the ears of a **lynx**.

HOUN: Chapter 13 -- **FIXING** THE NETS

VALL: You seemed to me to come out of the floor like a **jack-in-the-box**.

HOUN: Because that is my special hobby. The differences are obvious. The supra-orbital crest, the facial angle, the **maxillary** curve, ...