

Mary Morstan
initially, The Arcadia Mixture
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Whenever the constabulary
Was baffled by an adversary
And Holmes required a functionary
To apply his methods visionary,
Ah, Mary, you would never tarry
To send your husband off to harry
Cads and villains sanguinary.

Let the wastrels all be wary!
Holmes and Watson, loosed by Mary,
Conquer, capture, thrust and parry,
And verbs throughout the dictionary.
To you, then, wife extraordinary!
You've challenged my vocabulary!
Too bad you had that coronary.

An explanation (from an email dated February 4, 2021):

Audience: Initially, to members of The Arcadia Mixture of Ann Arbor, Michigan; thereafter, on 110+ occasions for guests of The Victorian Villa Inn in Union City, Michigan, all attending the establishment's Sherlock Holmes Mystery Weekends. On other occasions -- at times on request (!) -- at gatherings of Watson's Tin Box of Ellicott City, Maryland; The Ripston-Pippins of Royal Oak, Michigan; The White Rose Irregulars of Pennsylvania; The Amateur Mendicant Society of Detroit; The Six Napoleons of Baltimore; The Red Circle of Washington, D.C.; and most recently the Men on the Tor (Connecticut).

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