

A Toast to Edith Baxter
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First a little trivia...Just like the Violets, there are four Ediths mentioned in the canon. Edith Baxter is the only one who was employed as a maid. The others were Edith Woodley, the ex-fiancé of the Honourable Ronald Adair; Edith Appledore Holderness, estranged wife of the Duke; and Edith Presbury, daughter of the professor. Here is my toast:

Of all the Ediths in the book, Miss Baxter is the best
She may not be as wealthy, or as learned as the rest
But Edith Baxter carried out her duties with aplomb
She never let her guard down. No, Edith wasn't dumb
Her skills of observation were exceptionally bright
She perfectly described the tout who met her in the night
Frightened as she ran away to signal the alarm
She thought enough to take another glance over her arm
Despite the fact that Simpson wasn't guilty of the crime
The evidence Miss Baxter shared was patently sublime
Let's have a drink to Edith, I bid you raise your glass
Here's to Edith Baxter, a brave and humble lass!