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A young clerk, Hall Pycroft, consults Holmes with his suspicions concerning a company that has offered him a very well-paid job.

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Jason Parent says

A bit Red Headed League-ish, but without the humor, or the action, or much of much.

Rajan says

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Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk sees Sherlock Holmes venturing out from his rooms at 221B Baker Street to visit his old friend Dr Watson. Watson had, a few months earlier, set up house with his wife Mary, and had taken over the old doctor's practice of Dr Farquhar. All of his time had been spent rebuilding the practice, and so Holmes and Watson had not spent any time together.

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Dayo Johnson says

I like short stories like this, entertaining

Sanjay Gautam says

I'd be surprised if I found Sherlock Holmes substandard. He is great as always.

Cora Tea Party Princess says

5 Words: Perfect length for a cuppa.

This was very predictable after The Red-Headed League, pretty much the same story, different setting.

Sara says

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Catherine Mustread says

Mystery involves a hoax similar to the one in the The Red Headed League. Not hard to figure out who the bad guys are but the why is the more elaborate mystery.

Lillian Bittle says

This was one Sherlock Holmes mystery that I actually figured out before Holmes gave his answer!

Aishu Rehman says

The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk is a good stand alone story, and a good introduction to the cases of Sherlock Holmes; there are though problems with it, especially for those who have read the previous adventures of the detective.

Similarities between this case and that of The Adventure of the Red Headed League are obvious, and the change of locale from London to Birmingham hardly hides this fact. Was this perhaps a sign that Conan Doyle was getting bored of his creation?

There is also no great mystery for Holmes to solve, as the evidence presented to Sherlock Holmes in London, was sufficient for him to come to a logical deduction; and most readers will probably guess the plot line, despite Watson being in the dark throughout the story.

Arguably the deductions made by Holmes about Watson's health and practice are more astounding than the case brought to Holmes by Hall Pycroft.

In recent times The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk has been used by some to present a moralistic message about the dangers of greed. There is no evidence though to suggest that Conan Doyle meant for this message to come out of the story, and indeed, the period when Conan Doyle was writing was one where people took risks to better themselves.

Like The Adventure of the Yellow Face, The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk is one of the Sherlock Holmes canon that was not adapted by Granada TV for Jeremy Brett to play Holmes, and so it is a story that is often forgotten.

Jeff Yoak says

This is a solid Holmes mystery. All of the points are laid out in front of you to see, though of the two major ones I missed one.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

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Richard says

short and sweet

Jaksen says

A not-too-bad story, except for the fact I figured it out before Sherlock did. Yep, it's that obvious and I honestly hadn't read it before.

A young man comes to Sherlock with a problem. After just accepting a job at a stockbroker's, he was approached by a man with offer of a better job. However, there were a few conditions, one being that he not resign from the former job. Now what does that one fact tell you? I bet most of us could figure from that alone.

As for this new job, it involves going through directories, checking things off - and all done from a tiny, dirty 'office space.' Yep, if you didn't figure it out from what I wrote above, you'd def. get it now, right?

Anyhow, after a good deal of thinking and asking questions, and going here and there - as Sherlock and Watson often do, but how else to collect information? One can't reach into a pocket for one's trusty cell phone, now can one? - and after an attempted robbery at the original stockbroker's, the case is solved.

Anyhow, a generous three stars.

Joanne G. says

My friend Tom had remarked this on my review of *The Adventure of the Copper Beeches*:

Between this story and 'The Redheaded League', paying people to perform suspiciously meaningless activity must have been quite a cottage industry!

Well, here we go again! You are quite right about that cottage industry, Tom. In this story, another person is paid too well for an enviable position, and it inevitably ends up in crime and destruction. Another lesson learned, dear children! Look askance at those who offer unearned promotions at exorbitant salaries.

I didn't enjoy this as well as the other two, but it's Sherlock Holmes, and he is always worth four stars, minimum.

Eye of Sauron says

This story is oddly similar to *The Red Headed League*, enough so that it detracts from the effect. Other than

that, a solid mystery story.
