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VICTORIAN ERA PROFESSIONS FOR *d20™* *CALL OF CTHULHU*

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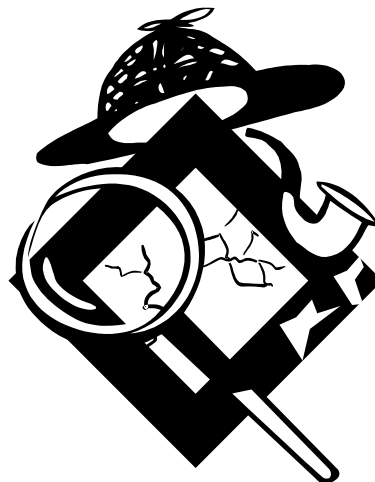
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INTRODUCTION

The following four Victorian era profession templates for use with the *d20™* *Call of Cthulhu®* Roleplaying Game were inspired by *Cthulhu By Gaslight™: Horror Roleplaying in 1890's England*, Second Edition, by William A. Barton. These should be considered fan conversions only, and the reader is referred to *Cthulhu By Gaslight™* for full descriptions of these professions (called "occupations" in the original Chaosium version of *Call of Cthulhu®*). *Cthulhu By Gaslight™* is truly one of the greatest roleplaying game supplements ever written, and hopefully it will one day be reprinted for use with *d20™* *Call of Cthulhu®*.

Each profession below contains a list of the 12 core skills for that profession, followed by the key ability score for the skill [in brackets].



ARISTOCRAT

The aristocrat leads a life of wealth, power, position, and privilege. Lord Godalming (Arthur Holmwood) from Bram Stoker's *Dracula* would be an example of a member of this profession.

Diplomacy [Cha]
Handle Animal [Cha]
Innuendo [Wis]
Intimidate [Cha]
Knowledge (history) [Int]
Knowledge (local) [Int]
Research [Int]
Ride [Dex]
Speak Other Language (Any Romance) [Int]
+ three more of the player's choice

CONSULTING DETECTIVE

The consulting detective, as opposed to the ordinary *Call of Cthulhu*® detective, relies more on deductive reasoning and a powerful intellect. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes is the quintessential example of this profession.

Appraise [Int] or Disguise [Cha]
Craft (Chemistry) [Int]
Forgery [Int] or Research [Int]
Gather Information [Cha]
Hide [Dex]
Knowledge (law)
Listen [Wis]
Move Silently [Dex]
Search [Int]
Sense Motive [Wis]
Sleight of Hand [Dex]
Spot [Wis]

OFFICIAL POLICE

This profession can be used to play a London Bobby or an inspector from Scotland Yard. Inspector Lestrade from Sir Arthur Conan

Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories is an example of a member of this profession.

Bluff [Cha]
Gather Information [Cha]
Hide [Dex]
Intimidate [Cha]
Knowledge (law) [Int]
Listen [Wis]
Move Silently [Dex]
Search [Int]
Spot [Wis]
+ three more of the player's choice

STREET ARAB

Also known as street urchins, these homeless and quite commonly orphaned lads manage to survive day to day and from hand to mouth in London's poverty stricken East End. The Baker Street Irregulars from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories are examples of this profession.

Balance [Dex]
Climb [Str]
Escape Artist [Dex]
Gather Information [Cha]
Hide [Dex]
Knowledge (streetwise) [Int]
Listen [Wis]
Move Silently [Dex]
Open Lock [Dex]
Search [Int]
Sleight of Hand [Dex]
Spot [Wis]

