

'Footprints Without Feet'

MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. Suspicion grew even stronger when he suddenly produced some ready cash, though he had admitted not long before that he had no money.

- (a) Who is 'he' in the above extract?
- (b) What was 'he' suspected for?
- (c) Find a word / phrase from the extract that means the same as 'money'.
- (d) Give a synonym of 'suddenly'.

Ans: (a) 'He' in the above extract is Griffin, the invisible scientist.

- (b) 'He' was suspected for having a role in the burglary at the clergyman's home.
- (c) The phrase is 'ready cash'.
- (d) Its synonym is 'immediately'.

2. Why did Griffin decide to slip into a big London store?

Ans. Griffin decided to slip into a big London store, because the season was mid-winter, due to which it became difficult to wander around without clothes in London.

3. What did Griffin do in the shop of a theatrical company?

Ans. The second time Griffin tried the stock of a theatrical company in the hope of finding not only clothes but also something like side whiskers, glasses, false nose, bandages, hat etc. That would hide the empty space above his shoulders.

4. What did the Halls see in the scientist's room?

Ans. As the door of the room was open and nobody appeared to be inside, the Halls entered the scientist's room. They saw that the bedclothes were cold, showing that the scientist must have been up for some time; and stranger still, the clothes and bandages that he always wore were lying about the room.

5. How did the visible man become invisible? What did he do then?

Ans: The invisible man got angry with Mrs. Hall for asking an explanation for the mysterious happenings and threw off all he was wearing on his head so that he became a man without a head. Soon the constable Jaffers arrived to arrest him, but the invisible man threw off all his clothes to become invisible and, in the ensuing scuffle, knocked Jaffers unconscious and escaped.

6. Describe the landlord's and his wife's experience with the strange scientist.

Ans: In this story, the landlord and his wife, "Mr. and Mrs. Hall", had a surprising like experience with the strange scientist. The couple was surprised because the scientists' room's door would usually be locked but this time it wasn't. When they peeked inside the room they found it empty. They saw the scientists clothes and bandages. Suddenly she was attacked by the hat on the bedpost and the chair over there pushed them out of the room. Upon witnessing such a sight they found the room to be haunted of some sort.

7. If, somehow you discovered how to become invisible, how would you use that opportunity?

Ans: If I discovered how to become invisible, I would use this opportunity to punish all those people who cause trouble to others for their own selfish motives. I would catch them and hand them over to the police without letting them know that I was behind them. I will also help the law-enforcing agencies when they conduct raids on criminal hideouts, as I will be able to move in the open without fear of being seen. This will help the people of the country to become more law-abiding citizens.

