

Footprints Without Feet

1. How did the invisible man first become visible?

Answer: The invisible man first became visible after he slipped into a big London store for keeping warm and overslept there while wearing some clothes taken from the store. The clothes made him visible to the shop assistants when the shop opened in the morning. To escape from them, he had to shed all his clothes to become invisible again.

2. Why was he wandering the streets?

Answer: Griffin was a brilliant scientist but a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and wanted to evict him. In revenge, he set fire to the house. To escape, he removed his clothes, becoming invisible. Thus, he became homeless and was wandering the streets of London.

3. Why does Mrs Hall find the scientist eccentric?

Answer: Mrs Hall found the scientist eccentric because of his strange appearance and also, when she tried to be friendly with him, he rebuffed her by saying that he had come there for solitude and did not wish to be disturbed in his work.

4. What curious episode occurs in the study?

Answer: A clergyman and his wife were awakened by noises coming from their study very early in the morning. Then, they heard the sound of coins being taken from the desk. However, when they entered the study, they did not find anybody there.

5. What other extraordinary things happen at the inn?

Answer: At the inn, Mrs Hall and her husband went into the scientist's room on finding its door open. However, he was not seen in the room, but Mrs Hall heard a sniff and the hat on the bedpost leapt up and dashed into her face. Then the bedroom chair sprang into the air and pushed them both out of the room. This made Mrs Hall think that her furniture was haunted.