

CHARACTERS

J.T. MASTON.....	[M]	<i>Press Secretary of the Baltimore Gun Club, inventor</i>
CAPTAIN IMPEY BARBICANE...	[M]	<i>President of the Baltimore Gun Club, famous inventor</i>
PHOEBE PENROSE	[F]	<i>Reporter for the Baltimore Star</i>
CAPTAIN NICHOLL.....	[M]	<i>Inventor and Barbicane's nemesis</i>
MICHELLE ARDAN	[F]	<i>Eccentric French adventuress</i>
BILSBY	[F]	<i>Bloomsbury's sister, Club member, explosives inventor</i>
BLOOMSBURY.....	[F]	<i>Bilsby's sister, Club member, explosives inventor</i>
GENERAL MORGAN.....	[M]	<i>Club member, artillery expert</i>
ENSEMBLE	[M and F]	

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

J.T. MASTON: The Press Secretary of the Baltimore Gun Club, an expert in munitions, and the best friend of Captain Barbicane. He is somewhat quirky, yet charming in his own unique way. One of his legs is metal and wood, one hand has a glove with hints of metal (or a sleek gauntlet), and one side of his head features a metallic plate slightly behind the temple: prosthetics for injuries sustained (from testing his own inventions) during the war. He is inventive, enthusiastic, and loyal, sometimes to a fault. He is the narrator of this tale.

Captain Impey BARBICANE: The President of the Baltimore Gun Club, a famous inventor of ballistics. Somewhat older than Maston, he is stately, resolute, and stoic, with passion rivaled only by his brilliance. His strict rationality can sometimes tend towards aloofness.

Phoebe PENROSE: A reporter for the *Baltimore Star*. She is highly motivated and trusts in her keen abilities. Her drive to achieve in her career sometimes complicates her personal relationships. Around the same age as Maston, she is plucky, clever, and stylish in a slightly bookish way.

Captain NICHOLL: The nemesis of Captain Barbicane, an inventor of shielding and armor plating. Nicholl is driven by a constant fear of being second-best and feels he is more deserving of the recognition Barbicane has received.

Michelle ARDAN: An eccentric adventuress. She is extremely daring and extremely French. Flamboyant, fashionable, fearless, and not without femininity, her brashness can be off-putting to some, but is nonetheless magnetic.

The ENSEMBLE takes many forms throughout the show, with CLUB MEMBERS (including BILSBY, BLOOMSBURY, and General MORGAN), WORKERS, CROWDS, FLORIDIANS, TEXANS, members of the PRESS and PUBLIC, and various other characters (YOUNG WORKER, MAN NEAR WOODS, etc.) all being played by the same actors.

All roles can be played by actors of any race or ethnicity.