

With the exception of the person playing Richard Hannay, all cast members will play multiple roles. This play thus offers wonderful acting experience in creating different characters using minor changes of costume and a variety of accents, body postures, and acting “business.” The following is only a partial list of those many characters.

Richard Hannay: A dapper English gentleman, Richard Hannay is bored—until Annabella Schmidt comes into his life and starts him on a heroic and hilarious journey.

Annabella Schmidt: An exotic secret agent, Annabella Schmidt is in dire need of Hannay’s help.

Pamela: A beautiful woman, Pamela is lured into Hannay’s adventure but is skeptical of his claims of innocence.

Margaret: The Crofter's wife, Margaret is a shy young woman who dreams of life and adventure in the city.

Crofter: A deeply jealous and suspicious Scottish farmer who houses Hannay for a night while he is on the run.

Mr. Memory: A stage performer, Mr. Memory has the ability to recall thousands of facts on command.

Compere: Mr. Memory's associate in the theater.

Professor Jordan: Surrounded in mystery, the sinister Professor Jordan may hold the key to learning what and who “The 39 Steps” are.

Various policemen, salesmen, “heavies,” employees of the British railway system, variety show performers, charwomen, and others.