

## 66. 夏目漱石のロンドン生活(1)：構造理解

After arriving in London on October 28, Sōseki took a room in a bed-and-breakfast frequented by Japanese at 76 Gower Street, just one block away from University College. It was “safer,” he wrote to Kyōko, “than staying at an inn,” but the cost of room and board turned out to be the equivalent of 180 yen a month, more than his entire stipend. He stayed for just sixteen days while he looked for another accommodation and then moved for the first of four times, here and there in London, seeking a place that suited his pocketbook and his finicky preferences concerning food, surroundings, and the cultural atmosphere of the establishment.

After a day of wandering the streets excited but lost, Sōseki paid his respects to the Japanese legation on October 30, visited the Tower of London the following morning — an experience that he transformed into his first short story in 1905 — and, that evening, accompanied by a civil servant from the legation, went to the Haymarket Theater to see Sheridan's satirical comedy, School for Scandal.