



The Pleasant Places of Florida*

A Corresponding Scion of
The Baker Street Irregulars

[* - Suggested in FIVE.]



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1. **20th ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING:** 'Tis indeed hard to believe that one score years have elapsed since our founder & mentor, the late **Leslie Marshall, BSI**, convened the first PPoff gathering at the Swedenborgian Church, in St. Pete.

This year's Spring Gathering is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20**. It will be held in Sarasota, with **Laura Henderson** hosting the anniversary event. **The Retired Colourman** has been chosen as the Adventure Theme. Sign-Up Forms, and particulars, will be included in the next "Communication". Don't forget to mark your calendar now: **Sat., May 20th - PPoff!**

2. **Bill Ward, BSI & PPoff**, has a new address:

3. **CLOSE-OUT SALE** of the latest PPoff Round-Robin pastiches: "Sound of the Basket Hills" & "Case of Hide 'n' Tea". \$2.00 each ppd.

4. **"Mystery Money"**

is the name of the Michigan Lottery's new "scratch-off" game. Perhaps good old Sherlock might bring some "Sure-Luck" your way! If you get the "itch" to play, then go on and scratch it. If your luck is lousy, maybe you better scratch the idea.

• **BAKER STREET** •



PUZZLE

by TOM BULLMORE

Sherlock Holmes, Doctor Watson, Mrs Hudson, Sergeant Black and Inspector Lestrade were all in court as witnesses for the prosecution against Professor



Moriarty. Sherlock Holmes was called before Watson, but after Mrs Hudson. Sergeant Black was called before Lestrade, but after Watson. Can you identify the order in which the witnesses were called?

(ANSWER FOUND ELSEWHERE ON PAGE. NO PEEKIN'.)

HOLMESIAN HEADLINES

**Holmes
shines in Sun**

(IN THE PP.OFF!)

Hudson Cooks Up A Storm

(SHE'S THE JULIA CHILD OF 1895!)

Blau receives literature award

The Game Is Still Afoot

I trust that age doth not wither nor custom stale my infinite variety.

—Sherlock Holmes

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From
**Mrs. Hudson's
Kitchen**

by JOAN WOOD

HERBED LAMB STEW

(Mrs. Hudson was always on the ready with a scrumptious and robust repast for Mr. Holmes & Dr. Watson upon their return from an arduous Adventure.)

1 lb. lean lamb stew meat, cut in 1/2" cubes.
1 Tblsp. oil 2 Tblsp. flour 2 cups water
1 can (8oz.) tomato sauce 1 cup frozen peas
1 cup chopped onion 1 cup diced potatoes
1 clove garlic, minced 1 cup sliced carrots
Salt & pepper to taste 1 Tblsp. parsley flakes
1 cup sliced mushrooms 3/4 tsp. oregano

Brown lamb in oil, then reduce heat to low. Add flour, stirring constantly. Cook until thickened. Slowly add water, tomato sauce, onion, garlic, salt & pepper, blending well. Cover and cook for 30 min. until lamb is tender. Add vegetables, parsley and oregano. Cook 30 minutes more until veggies are tender. (216 calories per serving) Serves 6.

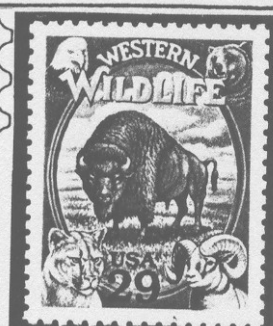


Philatelic Philandering

... or Stamping around with

SHERLOCK HOLMES

.. One of the recent "Legends of the West" set of 20 stamps (shown at right--->) is uniquely Holmesian. All of the five animals depicted are mentioned, or alluded to, in the Sherlockian Canon: Bear (STUD, PRIO, REDH, VALL); Lion (LION, plus 9 others); Big Horn Sheep (STUD); Eagle (SECO, LAST, MAZA, SHOS); and Bison (STUD, BOSC). Local Post stamps keep making their appearance. (see left)



Baker Street Puzzle: 1 Mrs Hudson, 2 Holmes, 3 Watson, 4 Sgt Black, 5 Lestrade