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## Notes from New York

January saw the annual events celebrating the birth of the Master. At the meeting of the Baker Street Irregulars, Tom Stix stepped down and named his replacement, Michael F. Whelan.

Mr. Whelan is a semi-retired businessman from St. Michaels, Maryland. Raised in Chicago, he has been a member of a number of scions, including The Hounds of the Baskerville (sic), the Scowrs in San Francisco, Mrs. Hudson's Lodgers (Cleveland), the Illustrious Clients (Indianapolis). Mr. Whelan took on the business management of the Baker Street Journal when it left Fordham University Press.

The Auxiliary of Sherlock Holmes (ASH) celebrated the 143rd birthday of Mr. Holmes with the Baskerville Bash. Held on the second floor of Bill's Gay Nineties in Manhat-

tan, the room was replete with heavy rafters, a deep old fashioned fireplace, modernized gas lights and hundreds of theatre cards (including William Gillette).

Emcees for the evening were John Russo, Linda Spessotti and Hugo the Bashette Hound (Paul Hinckley). Linda Anderson presented a paper entitled "The Dog's Tale," and retold the story of The Hound of the Baskervilles from the perspective of the curly haired spaniel and her victimized beau, the Hound. The Hound related how painful the phosphorous was and how it burned his tongue as he tried to lick it off.

Peter McInture delivered a straight paper on Holmesian substance abuse while various unsavory characters handed him bottles of alcohol, packets of cocaine and other dubious items which he kept pocketing.

The Grimpen Mire Choir, led by musical director Jane Hinckley, entertained with Baskervillian tunes. Several members of the audience participated in a radio play written by Linda Spessotti and John Russo.

The evening concluded with everyone dancing the Barkarena to the appropriate tune of *Bad Dog, No Biscuit*.

Special thanks to Francine Kitts, and S.E. Dahlinger for allowing us to use their reports.

## Wessex Cup Report



Number 5, Snowed, balled into post in first place, ridden by Jockey Carvalho. The payoff was \$18.20 to win, \$9.40 to place and \$7.00 to show. Although the colors were green rather than red and black, this did not fool some PPOfers who deduced the winner and bet on him in spite of his disguise. We had an excellent showing of 36 representatives.

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## How I First Met Sherlock Holmes

by James A Vogelsang

My first encounter with Sherlock Holmes I do not consider to be the first time I heard his name or knew who he was, but rather the first time that he ignited the spark of adventure in my mind. This happened nearly thirty years ago in parochial school during the seventh grade. It occurred in, of all places (and one of my least favorite), English class. No, we did not have an assigned reading. We were given a break. There was to be a record played to stimulate our interest in reading. How that could be accomplished seemed quite improbable to me. It was a radical idea and bound to fail.

The good Sister said we would hear a mystery, a tale called "The Adventure of the Speckled Band." An intriguing title, of what it

could be I had no idea. As the story went on, the tension built. Holmes and Watson were in the midst of their night-time vigil, waiting for what unknown evil to appear. I, for one, did not know what it was, when, of all things, class was over! I would have to wait until the next day for the conclusion. Never before had I looked forward to an English class, and in all honesty, never did again. But in that period of waiting my interest was aglow. The next day, as you must realize, the tale was satisfactorily completed. So satisfactorily that, to my surprise, I went out and purchased a book!

And what book? I purchased The Popular Library Edition paperback of *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. To me it was all new. There were twelve stories The

first being "A Scandal in Bohemia." Yes, "The Speckled Band" was included. Were there more adventures written? The thought sprung a hope within me that there were, but that would have to wait for later. I had my first encounter with Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in that recording which led me to that little blue paperback with Holmes on the cover standing in a pensive mood with pipe in mouth, and hands clasped on a walking stick. That book reminds me of another incident, but that I should not digress and ramble let me end it here.

How did I so well remember that little blue book and how it appeared? Easy, I took it down from my bookshelf where it still proudly stands.

*Don't forget to share your story of YOUR first encounter with the Master. We're waiting.—Eds.*

## Word of Mouth

Just to let you know about other publications out there - and there are THOUSANDS of them! - we will try to include here other club newsletter information. Let us know who *you* subscribe to and like. Be sure to send us addresses and subscription costs, as well as whether or not you know if they will send out a free publication "on spec." And for those out there who are wondering if someone will, it doesn't hurt to ask.

**The Spermaceti Press**, Peter E. Blau,  
\$9.00

**Criterion Bar Assoc.**, Pat O'Hara, The Solitary Typist,  
**The Police Gazette**, J.L. Weiner,  
Scotland Yarders) \$6.00 for newsletter only.

**News From the Diggings'**, \$15.00 yearly, sample copy on request with 2 International Postal  
Coupons. Alan C. Olding,

**The District Messenger**, The Newsletter of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, Roger Johnson,  
, England. 12 International Reply

Coupons or US\$11.00 for twelve issues.

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# An Evening With Friends at the Alpha Inn

by Tom Takach

Mr. Henry Baker could not remember a colder February than this one. He said as much to the ruddy-faced Windigate, still the landlord of the Alpha Inn, on this bitterly cold evening in 1898. Mr. Baker exclaimed, the cold breath issuing from his mouth, "My old friend, I almost didn't make it to our annual reunion this time. It was nearly impossible to hail a hansom cab tonight. That would've been a great pity, as we've been getting together for over 10 years now, ever since that outre business of the Countess of Morca's blue carbuncle." Mr. Windigate clapped him on the back warmly and indicated a table. He then sat down at the table with Mr. Baker in the nearly empty pub, casting an indifferent glance across the room at the evening's only other customer, a swarthy, stooped-over old sea captain. The man's head was down on the bar, although the bottle of cheap rum which he had ordered an hour ago was still three-quarters full. "Mr. Baker, you will be well repaid for your trouble in coming here tonight. Do you remember that gent, Mr. Breckinridge, what sold me the geese what caused all that stir? I hadn't heard from him since '87 and who do you think I bumps into today? The old goose peddler himself. I barely recognized him as he went flying horizontally past me out the door of old Arthur's pub, 'The Glorious Scot.' Apparently he hadn't been able to pay his tab, and old Arthur's not one for toleratin' such foolishness."

Mr. Baker took a long

draught from his glass of premium beer and whistled in astonishment. "The poor chap sounds like he's down on his luck a bit. I remember how that feels. Who would've believed ten years ago that a wretch such as I would one day become president of the Capital and Counties Bank, Oxford Street



branch? Truly an amazing story which has its origins in the fact that I literally ran into the former bank president one windy day while chasing down my battered old billycock which Mr. Holmes had returned to me. As each of us picked up our *dissecta membra* from the street, we exchanged apologies and found we had many interests in common." Mr. Baker laughed. "Of course back then I was so poor that I could not even afford to fix the broken elastic of my hat securer, but one never knows what fate has in store. Excuse me, Mr. Windigate, I digress. Did you say anything to poor old Breckinridge?"

Before answering, Windigate called over to the old sailor to ask if he needed anything. The somewhat-conscious seaman muttered that he was fine as he wandered over to the dartboard to

hone his skills. Windigate hoped that the old sot would at least be able to keep the sharp-tipped missiles aimed in the right direction, as both he and Mr. Baker's backs were undefended. The good landlord then replied to Mr. Baker, "I did indeed. I identified myself and said hello as I helped him to his feet. A gleam of recognition seemed to come into his eyes. I suppose I reminded him of happier, more prosperous times. You know he used to be the poultry king of Covent Garden, wielding as much power as the King of Proosia over his competitors. He could let you have 500 geese with less than 24 hours' notice." Mr. Baker interjected with a laugh, "And those geese could be very special, to say the least."

"Right you are, Mr. Baker sir! Like I wuz sayin', we shook hands warmly and I told him how you and I have been getting together every year to relive old memories of the goose-club. I invited him to stop by tonight and share a few pints with us. He seemed most agreeable and, in fact, he should be here anytime now."

The convivial conversation ceased for a brief period as both men enjoyed a second glass of beer and listened as the old inebriated sailor regaled them with some

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dubious Portuguese sea chanteys before passing out at the table next to them. Even with the door closed, the frosty winter air found its way into the Alpha and both men were grateful for the crackling fire nearby. For all that, the atmosphere grew

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warmer still as the door opened and in walked the horsy-faced Mr. Breckinridge. Beaming at them, the Inn's newest patron intoned, "Good evening gents. It's certainly good to be among some old acquaintances after these last few years." Both Windigate and Mr. Baker rose to shake the old bird's hand and then gave him the seat of honor at the table. Windigate poured a large glass of beer from the pitcher and handed it to the delighted ex-poultry seller.

Henry Baker then said. "Please, old friend, tell us what has been going on in your life since that most uncommon December back in 1887." Breckinridge took a hearty welcoming draught from his glass, wiped the foam from his lips, and sailed right into his story. "It was 1890. I had been enjoying a period of unparalleled prosperity with me goose and

turkey stall in Covent Garden. I even had two assistants. Of course, me old dog Wishbone was still with me, as well. Well, as fine as I was doin', I thought I could be doin' better still. I had heard a lot of good things about a horse named Desborough from an old buddy of mine named Silas Brown. With the possible exception of myself, no one else was a more devoted reader of the 'Pink 'Un'. After talking to him, I decided I would go to Winchester to watch the running for the Wessex Cup. Seeing a way to an early retirement and never having to touch a goose again, I took out every last farthing I had and put it on the miserable nag to win. Well, I don't have to tell you gentlemen that Desborough disappointed me. Now I was penniless and couldn't even pay old Mrs. Oakshott the money I owed her for her last shipment of 20 geese at 7s. 6d. each."

After mentally registering disgust at the markup he had been paying Breckinridge for the goose-club shipment back in '87, Windigate interjected, "Was she reasonable about it?" Mr. Baker looked at Breckinridge with sympathetic and slightly unfocusing eyes. "Oh I'd say she was not as reasonable as she was vengeful. She still blamed me for the fact that her brother, James Ryder, had to flee the country at the conclusion of that blue carbuncle business. She welcomed the chance to stick it to me, and that she did. Unable to pay her, I found myself a guest of Her Majesty's prisons for the next several years. Why, it was only last month I finally won my freedom,

although I wish it might've been during a slightly warmer and more amiable season."

"I know exactly what you mean," said Mr. Baker. "I myself find that my circulation is more suited for the summer months."

As Mr. Windigate refilled the trio's glasses he proffered a fresh loaf of pre-buttered bread to the famished Breckinridge. That worthy took a prodigious mouthful and commented "This is truly delicious. Where did you get this?" Windigate replied that it was town bread. Breckinridge said incredulously, "Do you mean that they baked this in London and that it's not country bread?"

Windigate proudly replied, "Yes. It's from a good friend of mine who lives in Drury Lane." Windigate then asked Breckinridge if he had ever heard what became of Ryder. Still shuddering from the cold, Breckinridge leaned over to the cheery fire, rubbed his hands and offered that he had heard some

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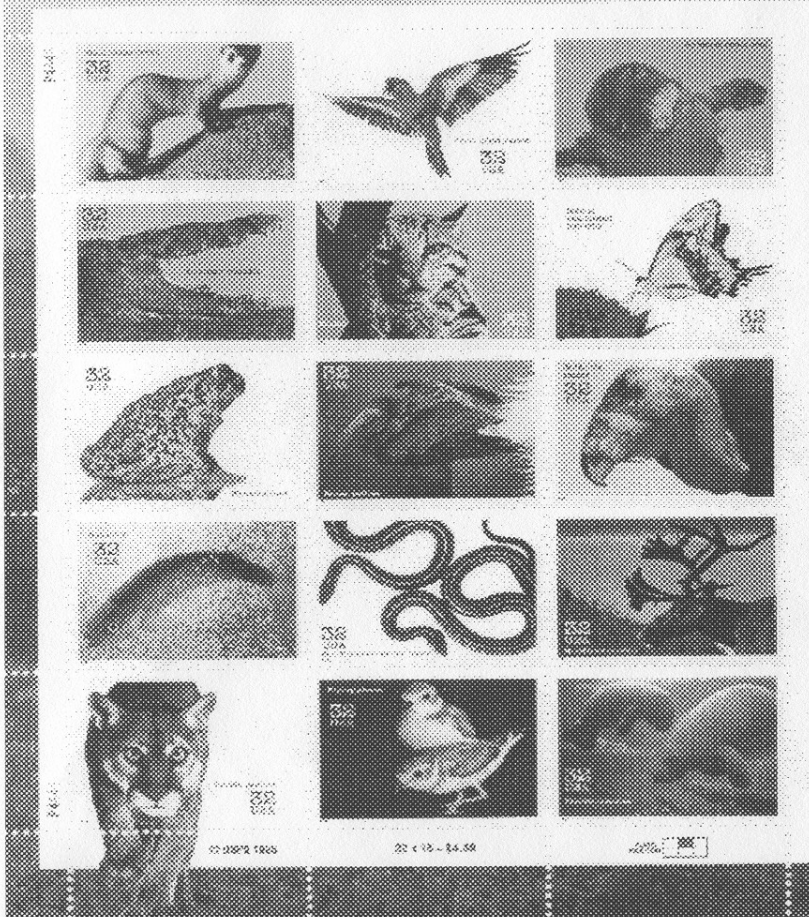
very remarkable accounts on that subject while he was under Her Majesty's gracious care. "Ryder never was a good seed, or so it seems. Old James became a

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Have you seen the new Endangered Species postage stamps? They hold Canonical references galore! Whoever sends in the most Canonical references pertaining to the stamps will win a prize. Deadline: March 20, 1997.

# Endangered Species



National Stamp Collecting Month 1996 highlights these 15 species to promote awareness of endangered wildlife. Each generation must work to protect the delicate balance of nature, so that future generations may share a wild and healthy planet.

The animals are a ferret, a parrot, a seal, a crocodile, an ocelot, a butterfly, a toad, a pelican, a condor, a trout, a snake, a caribou, a panther, a plover and a manatee. Not all are in the Canon. Some are in more than one adventure. Reference the case and context.

## ADIOGENES

On February 15, several members were able to meet and greet Canadian PPOFer Peter Calamai and his vacationing party in Dunedin for a tour of the Dunedin Brewery and the Dunedin dinner at The Vineyard Restaurant and Pizzeria. Although the inclement weather caused a shuffle from the reserved patio area to a rather more intimate inside-push-together-as-many-tables-as-we-have atmosphere, the evening was nonetheless enjoyable. Peter shared with us his current project of researching newspaper articles connected with the Canon. We can say no more except that his records will be presented at the 25th anniversary gathering of the Bootmakers of Toronto this year. Those who were lucky enough to attend our meeting got a sneak preview of his work.



## Roster Redoing

We are currently redoing the club roster. Please check the label below. This is the information we will be posting for you. If you have changes, please notify Wanda Dow, BEFORE 3/20/97.

**Baker Streets Around the World** is an article from *Historic Traveler* (internet) by Tom Huntington in which he writes about 221B recreations. He has found at least five world-wide. One is at the Sherlock Holmes Museum (2339 Baker St., London), another at the Sherlock Holmes Pub (10 Northumberland Ave., London). Granada TV Studios has its 221B set as part of its larger tour in Manchester. The Sherlock Holmes Museum in Meiringen, Switzerland is in care of the Parkhotel du Saugave, but housed in a crypt. Adrian Conan Doyle once had a sitting room in his chateau in Lucens, Switzerland, but it is unknown at this time if it still exists. The Holiday Inn at Union Square in San Francisco, CA (480 Sutter St.) has a room on its 30th floor, or you can check out the Holmes Room at the Grosvenor Resort in Orlando, FL. It's in Baskervilles restaurant.

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## ADIOGENES II

You must admit that in its 25 years of growth, The Pleasant Places has a pretty big expanse of membership, not only in number but in geographical terms. We started in St. Petersburg where Leslie Marshall was based, moved to Holmes Beach where Ben Wood picked up more members, slid over to Ellenton with Ben's retirement, and now the Last Court is back to the northern regions of our club base. With that in mind, we would like to encourage any members who want to get together to do so. Once the new club roster is out, it will be easier to keep in contact with other members closer to your own area. We would like to have you gather whenever you spot an event which may be of interest to others, or even just to check out a new restaurant in town. Diogenes meetings are social gatherings. You don't have to plan a program or present prizes or assign toasts. Any time you feel like getting together to discuss Holmes, please do. Just let us know and we can print the time and place (or your number) in the Communication. Afterwards, let us know how it went. Although we are scattered, we can keep the flame alive by gathering together in smaller groups and sending the word on.



# Scion Symposium Update

The Pleasant Places of Florida will be hosting the Sunshine State Sherlockian Scion Symposium on May 2nd through the 4th, 1997, at the Dolphin Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Proposed schedule: **Friday Night:** 7-9pm, Cash Bar, Finger Foods, Get-Together, Video, Name Game, hand-outs. **Saturday:** Free Continental Breakfast 8-10am, Dealers/Display Room 8am - 1pm, Talks by David McCallister, Robert Zuczek, Art Walker, Dr. Robert Ennis, Judy Buddle, A radio play, lunch on your own or join us at Three Lions Pub across the street, College-Canon Bowl, The Dow Family Players, Silver Blaze Derby Sweepstakes. **Evening:** Victorian/Canonical/Jacket & Tie Banquet, open Cash Bar, Victorian photos taken, rituals & toasts, 25th Anniversary commemoration, the Plant Plotters play. **Sunday:** Free Continental Breakfast 8-9am, The Great Debate, presentations of awards, final dissertations, lunch poolside (dutch treat), late check-out. **Come on and join us!** If you have a presentation, we still have openings. You do not have to lecture for any specific amount of time. We are still in the planning stages and can easily shift the schedule to accommodate you. If you just want to come and enjoy yourself, we welcome you with open arms. **Please make your reservations as early as possible. We need a good count to give the hotel.** Contact Carl Heifetz,

The St. Petersburg Times 2/16/97

## What's in a name?

■ A lot. A new book details the struggles of writers to name their characters provocatively.

By WILLIAM H. HONAN  
© New York Times

In 1886, British writer Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a short story about a private detective named Sherrinford Holmes who, when speaking to his sidekick, a retired British army surgeon named Ormond Sacker, made light of his ingenious solutions to crime puzzles with the remark, "Elementary, my dear Sacker."

Something was wrong with that.

Neither name "gave an inkling of character," Doyle later recalled. And so he fussed with the names until he hit upon the razor-sharp "Sherlock" and the stolid, trustworthy "Watson" — the latter taken from Doyle's friend and medical colleague, James E. Watson, M.D.

But onomastics — the study of proper names — has had about as much standing in academe as numerology or astrology until the publication of a new book called *The Language of Names*. It was written by biographer Justin Kaplan and his wife, novelist Anne Bernays, and is giving more prominence to what was once derided as merely an academic sideshow.

## Roylott Security?

Going on vacation and don't have the money for a high-tech security system? Ben Vermeulen of Harare, Zimbabwe runs a company called Repsec, for reptile security. For about \$12 a day, he tapes all the cracks and holes in the house, leaves a few snakes inside (highly poisonous Egyptian cobras) and posts signs outside that say the House has new occupants with a bad attitude and wide necks.

The SPCA opposed his application for a permit, but he is appealing it.



## BENT OFFERINGS

Don Addis



Is this a brother?

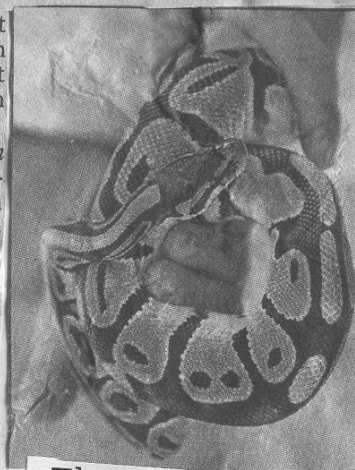
The story would make a fine plot for one of Gaitano's books, although it already has been done at least twice, by writers better known than he.

In Edgar Allen Poe's *Murders in the Rue Morgue*, Mademoiselle L'Es-panaye was found dead inside a room with both doors and both windows locked from the inside. Turns out she was killed by an orangutan that let itself out an open window. The window slammed shut and triggered a spring-loaded lock when it fell as the animal passed through.

In Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *Sign of Four*, Sherlock Holmes solves a similar case in which the culprit is an Andaman Island pygmy.

Investigators could use some Holmes help in solving the mystery of Izzi's death.

St. Petersburg Times 12/12/96 Nick Gaitano  
aka Ernest Izzi

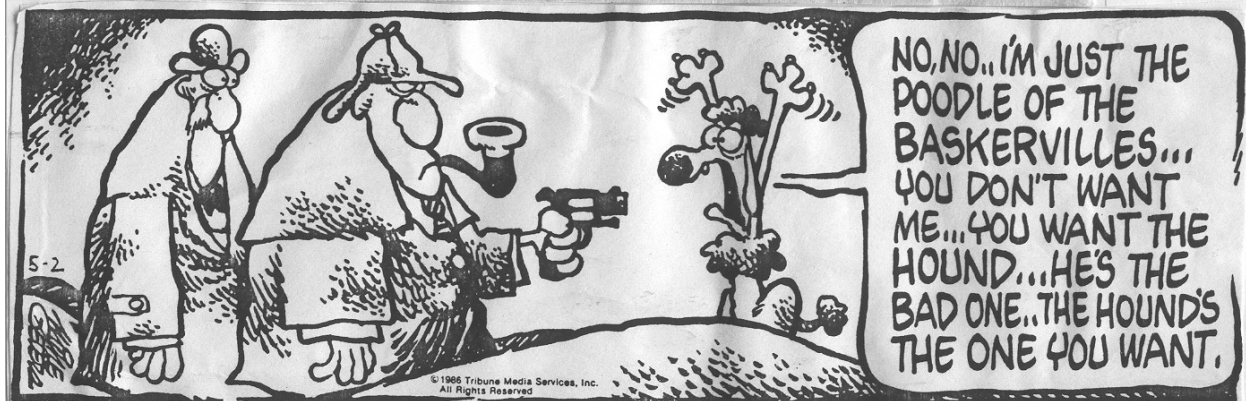


The Speckled Hand?

Times photo - JOAN KADEL FENTON

## Fiddler succeeds in war and in peace

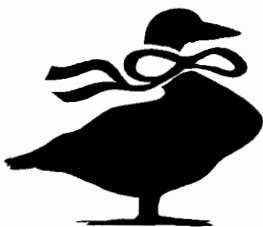
And we know who he is!



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labor agitator in America, where he was instrumental in causing great unhappiness during the Pullman and Homestead strikes. Pennsylvania seems to have been his bailiwick, as when he finished causing trouble there with the Homestead strike he moved over to the Vermissa Valley where he tried to breathe life into the old Scowrer's crowd. That rapidly-disintegrating group had had enough, however, and they sent Ryder packing"

Windigate lit a cigar and sat back in his chair, shaking his head. "Mr. Holmes seems to have missed the mark when he let that bird fly. But then, he kind of misjudged you too, didn't he, Mr. Baker sir?" Henry Baker helped himself to one of the landlord's excellent cigars and chuckled audibly. "Well, if truth be told, his conjecture that I didn't have gas laid on in my house wasn't quite correct. My wife Irene and I have had gas ever since we moved into the house, but my old



British Museum crony, Ben, did not. An ex-headmaster at an exclusive preparatory school, Ben was very excited at the

prospect of meeting some of his former pupils at an upcoming exhibit and luncheon being held at the museum. The problem was that his only hat had recently been run over by a hansom cab and he was too proud to attend the function without at least some type of head covering. I decided to lend my hat to Ben for the museum function and, as he was dressing, he spilled candle grease on it. We'll give Mr. Holmes partial credit for that one. My

### *The American battleship Maine exploded under mysterious circumstances.*

wife left me shortly after the goose fiasco, taking the advice of one of her flighty friends, Mary Sutherland. I should have known it would eventually happen after talking to her first husband, Ricoletti, who warned me that she was an abominable wife."

"Makes me glad I'm married to the sea only," said the sailor at the next table who was beginning to once again show some signs of life. Walking back to the bar, the swarthy chap helped himself to another shot of rum from his personal bottle. "This Ryder fellow seems a most curious sort. Do you know anything of his recent exploits, my friend?"

Breckinridge,

comfortable at once more being the center of attention, clasped his hands behind his head, leaned back in his chair, and resumed his narrative. "Of course this is only hearsay, but word from some a me old bunkies is that a man of his description was wanted for questioning in connection with that nasty business in Havana Harbor earlier this month."

The American Battleship *Maine* exploded under mysterious circumstances about an hour after a small craft piloted by a man some believe to be James Ryder was seen in the vicinity.

"Remarkable," exclaimed Windigate. "Dreadful man," offered Mr. Baker. "Confirms my suspicions," said the seaman, replacing his glass on the bar and heading for the door. He stared intently out of the window for a brief moment. Before opening the door, he dropped a few sovereigns into the hand of Mr. Windigate. "A most accommodating establishment you run, landlord. Please allow me to pay for the remainder of the evening's festivities for you and your distinguished guests." Tipping his hat, he then said to the group "Captain Basil wishes you pleasant reminiscences as he prepares to sail for Cuba."

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Canonical allusions contained in the preceding story are made within the framework of the Baring-Gould chronology.

# She Was Her In His Film About Him

Among the radio personalities honored in St. Vincent's 5 stamp printing celebrating the 100th anniversary of wireless transmission is Hedda Hopper. For those really trivial trivia buffs, she played Madge Larrabee in the John Barrymore film "*Sherlock Holmes*" (1922).

## We see but we do not observe

No doubt many—if not all—of you noted a series of question marks in our very first edition. It was not a quiz, but rather an oversight by the editors.

In "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the sentence should have read, "I was engrossed in a George Meredith novel,...."

Also, for some reason we numbered the last Communication "160." It should have been "169." (9 and 0 are keyboard neighbors, okay?)

We could offer many excuses—including Moriarty—but instead we just offer our regrets.

The Editors

## Gosh and P'shaw

The Papers on the Sundial would like to thank everyone who sent letters or called regarding the format of the newsletter. We appreciate your comments. Modesty prevents us from printing the epistles. But thanks again.

## A Nom by any other name...

It has been brought to our attention that our club Identifications should be called 'noms' (since they are of our own choosing) rather than 'investitures' (which are assigned). The PPOF has always referred to them as investitures, probably through Leslie Marshall and his association with the BSI. This, however, caused some confusion on the part of our many BSI members who couldn't figure out how a scion could offer to change their BSI investitures. To clarify, on your application forms, by investiture, we mean YOUR choice of a Canon identification. This can be ANYthing in the Canon. If any of you want to change before we get the new club address books out, write now or forever hold your nom. (In a fit of insanity, Wanda says she'll help you find a Nom if you present her with your interests, career, heritage or anything else with which you might want to make a Holmesian connection.)

## Holmes on Display

Member Carl L. Heifetz had a *Sherlockian* Display of his collection at the Palm Harbor Library in February.

For you webheads, check out  
<<http://www.victoriana.com/>> for  
interesting things on Victorian living.

## Published P.P.o.F.ers!

Carl Heifetz "*Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Pearls of Death*" *Sherlockian Times*  
Jeff & Wanda Dow Langurtin  
Advertisement *Baker Street Journal*

## From the London Times

A quote from 1/7/97 : "Royal Mail's quartet in May concludes with Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Hound of the Baskervilles. Presumably Switzerland (Where Frankenstein was conceived) and Romania (home of the notorious Vlad Tepes on whom Stoker's vampire was modeled) will join in the fun." Keep an eye out for the new HOUND stamp!

## FLORIDA SCIONS!

Please take note of the upcoming Symposium hosted by the PPOF in May. We would like to have a brief history of your club and how to join to put into our Symposium Packet. Please send materials to Jeff Dow,

no

later than 4/15/97.





## Agony Column



**1996 Guernsey mint Cinema Centennial** complete stamp booklet is \$22.00 + \$3.50 P/H from The Fifth Avenue Stamp Gallery, 5335 Fifth Ave., Ste. 300, Dept. SM-12, New York, NY 10017 with Bogart/Marlowe, Seller/Clouseau, Rathbone/Holmes, Rutherford/Marple & Oland/Chan.

**Rupert Books** catalogue #19 is all Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes items. 58/59 Stonefield, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB3 8TE, England.

**Sherlocktron**, 513 Via Presa, San Clemente, CA 92672 does listings of Sherlockian Societies, Publications & items for sale. \$10 each or \$25.00 for all three.

**Editorial Personal:** Special thanks go out to Mr. Windgate who sent a holiday Goose Club coupon to the editors. It was a nice addition to strained funds after some transportation woes caused a momentary monetary depletion. Bless you!

**Coffins** made to order. Any size. Quick work done, no questions asked. Stimson & Company, Kennington Road.

**Toby Mug style Sherlock Thimbles** are no longer being made. Only about 20 are available. Once sold for \$15.95, they are no longer listed in catalog and can be ordered for \$10.95 from Gimbels of Maine, P. O. Box 57, Boothbay Harbor, MN 04538. Use Stock #5698.

The **Socie'te' Sherlock Holmes de France** invites all Holmesians to the Hotel du Louvre, the Louvre des Antiquaairea (which was the site of the main bldg of the Hotel du Louvre in Holmes' day and where one can find an exhibition of reconstructions of a dozen Holmesian scenes) and the Louvre Museum (where the works of the Vernet, Holmes' French parents (sic) are kept). The management of the Hotel du Louvre will also unveil a plaque in memory of Holmes, which is set into one of the walls of the establishment and will announce the creation of a Sherlock Holmes suite (a reconstruction of his salon in Baker Street). From 8th to 11th May 1897 (sic) in Paris Hotel du Louvre, Place Andre' Malraux, 75001 Paris, France.

**WANTED:** Thumb. Right. Hydraulic engineering experience helpful but not necessary. Will train. Contact Victor Hatherley, 16A, Victoria Street, London.

**New Rathbone/HOLMES Stamp**, issued Nov. 6th by the Channel Island of GUERNSEY. Send \$6 to: Benton Wood,

Act with celerity, as supplies are limited.



**Maurice Tanner**, 180 Whitehorse Rd, W/Croydon, Surrey CRO 2LA England. has Sherlockian cards with handstamps & the Rathbone postal stamp. Send an Int'l Reply Coupon for info.

**Classic Specialties** PO Box 119058, Cincinnati, OH 45219 has some great Holmesian finds. Write for catalogue.

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**Eve Titus**, noted authoress of the "*Basil of Baker Street*" books has a list of Holmesian items for sale. Request it by writing: P.O.Box 7071, Surfside, FL 33154

**Private Room.** House stands well back from road. Milk delivery. Set terms. Cash preferred. Badly carpeted. Worn furniture. Contact Mrs. Merrilow, South Brixton.

Send your advertisement with a maximum of 30 words to The Papers,

Please include your address, brief description of the item(s) and the price, if you are selling. Ads are free for a limited time only. The Communication cannot be responsible for the condition or description of the items for sale.





# Pleasant Places of Florida



*"It is, of course, a trifle, but there is nothing so important as trifles." S. Holmes (TMS)*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be used for club records and an address book sent to all paying members. Please check the appropriate box. ☐ I do not object to my name, address & phone # being listed in the address book. ☐ I do not object to my name and address being listed, but please retain my phone # for club records only. ☐ I do not object to my name & phone # being listed, but please retain my address for club records only. ☐ I wish only my name to be listed.

*"And yet this new factor must surely arrest his attention and renew his interest." J. Watson (HOUND)*

***Renewals are Payable to The Representative: Carl Heifetz***



ANNOUNCING!  
**THE SUNSHINE STATE SHERLOCKIAN  
SCION SYMPOSIUM I**  
*presented by*  
***The Pleasant Places of Florida***

The year 1997 marks the 25th Anniversary of the founding of The Pleasant Places of Florida. To not only acknowledge this momentous occasion, but to promote goodwill and recognition of other Florida scions, there will be a weekend of celebration in May, bringing together the many diverse members of the Pleasant Places as well as members of other Sherlockian societies. This event will be held from May 2 - 4, 1997 at the Dolphin Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida. The tentative program is as follows: Friday, May 2 - a Welcome Reception from 7-9pm with finger foods and a cash bar. There will be light entertainment. Basically we want to get together to greet old friends and introduce ourselves to new. Saturday, May 3 - Continental breakfast provided in Hospitality Room from 8 - 10am, Bazaar (flea market, vendors, displays) 8am - 1pm, Symposium (presentations, videos, games, Kentucky Derby Sweepstakes) 9am - noon & 2 - 5pm, lunch break noon - 2pm on your own or join us across the street at the Three Lions Pub, Scavenger/Treasure Hunt papers handed out at 5pm, Cocktails (cash bar) 7pm, Banquet (Victorian/Canonical/Suite & Tie) 8-10pm (rituals & toasts a la PPOF, 25th Anniversary commemoration, and various entertainments). Sunday, May 4 - Continental breakfast provided in Hospitality Room from 8 - 9am, Symposium 9-11am (treasure hunt items due, dissertations, presentations & one last game), Lunch poolside (dutch treat) 11am - noon (certificates of attendance & recognition handed out, prizes awarded, farewell).

<b>No. attending Banquet</b>	_____ @ \$25.00 each	\$ _____
<b>No. attending Symposium</b>	_____ @ \$25.00 each	\$ _____
<b>No. Vendor Tables</b>	_____ @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
<b>No. Scion Tables</b>	_____ @ \$0.00 each	\$ _____

**Grand Total for Marvelous Weekend** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

I or my scion wish to participate in the program in the following ways (please indicate below):

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Make checks payable to Carl Heifetz. Mail to Carl Heifetz,

Hotel rooms have been set aside at the special rate of \$60.00 per night. Please request a hotel reservation card when making your reservation for the Symposium.

## A "P" is a "P" But A "PPOF" is Another Matter

Okay, you've gotten your first issue and you might be wondering what all those letters are next to your name. Here's how it now goes. Whether you've paid dues, or made other arrangements with the Court, you are all PPOFers. Those residing in the state of Florida are resident members (R). All others are non-resident members (N). UNLESS you exchange newsletters with us or otherwise provide some kind of publicity service, then you are an (E) for exchange.

For the record:

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**David McCallister**, Master of the House,

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