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CORRECTION!!! In our report of the January birthday bash, a toast and limerick credited to George & Barry Edwards were actually the work of Willard "Gib" Gibson. Thanks for your polite correction to the Representative, Gib. Our thumbs appreciate not being "strung up" for an error!

The cartoon at the right was a hand-out at the Spring Gathering, 8x10. You'll have to get out the magnifying glass to read the caption. Sorry about that, but then, you should've been there!

We're open for someone to plan a Diogenese meeting this summer. Otherwise, we'll all meet again this fall at Pappas Restaurant!

The Papers on the Sundial

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO PETER CROST

Remember me, Carey?
The one that got away!



26th Spring Gathering Hand-Out

P.P. of F. Calendar

November 3, 2001

Annual Fall Gathering

Pappas Restaurant

Tarpon Springs

Host: Carl Heifetz

Case: *The Man With The Twisted Lip*

January 19

The Fifth Annual Sunshine

Sherlockian Birthday Bash

Jesse's Dockside

Dunedin, FL

February 9, 2002

Wessex Cup XII

Tampa Bay Downs

26th Annual Spring Gathering

Twenty-three travelers tramped to Sarasota to gather at the Cafe of the Arts, a lovely French restaurant with excellent food and a lovely setting to discuss *The Adventure of Black Peter*. Those able to attend who had ordered the new DK Book of *Hound* from Mike Bryan were able to get their copies. If you have a copy on order, please contact Mike so he can get it to you. If you're thinking about ordering one, you might want to come to a decision soon. Mike tells us that the company has been sold and it is questionable whether or not additional copies will be available in the future.

Back to the meeting. We were happy to see that our host, Ty Alexander was able to take a break from fighting the wildfires that had been plaguing Sarasota County in the previous weeks, and that he brought a guest with him, Aurelien Fradet, all the way from France! Okay, so he came to study forestry and not just for the meeting, but he was there nonetheless and a welcome addition.

Master of the House, David McCallister led the meeting by having Ty Alexander lead us in The Musgrave Ritual. We then proceeded to the toasts: Caroline Everett (The Queen), Tom Takach (The Detective), David Scott (The Doctor), Charles Amick (The Woman), Wanda Dow (The Cook), and George Edwards (The Founder). Extra toasts were made

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to characters from the case we were studying: Mike Bryan (Stanley Hopkins), Judy Buddle (Mrs. & Miss Carey) and Jose' Gaspar made a surprise appearance to toast Black Peter. David McCallister presented three tests of our Sherlockian mettle with Watson and Mycroft level quizzes for *Black Peter* and a quiz on "Art For Art's Sake" of art, artists and objects in the Canon. The Mycroft level was won by Tom Takach, the Watson level was a three-way tie between Barry Edwards, Culver Dow and Maura McCallister, with Maura taking home the prize after the two gentlemen bowed out. The art connoisseurs proved to be David Scott, Judy Buddle and Charles Amick in a 3-way tie. Prizes were provided by David McCallister and Caroline Everett. Ty Alexander presented a paper on "The Impenetrable Weald." David McCallister gave us "The Sharper Image, or The Cutting Edge of the Canon" and The Dow Family Players regaled us with "Time-Life Records presents *The Best of Black Peter*." The meeting was concluded with Judy Buddle's recitation of *221B* by Vincent Starrett.

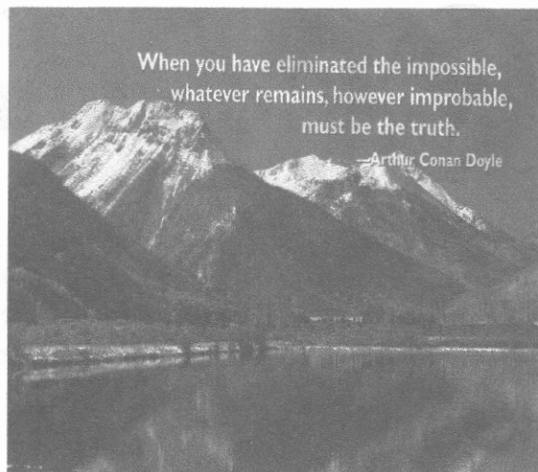
SHERLOCKIAN WEBSITES

<www.westminsteronline.org/holmes1951>

<www.stagebystage.org>

<www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk>

This was a calendar page passed on to me from a non-Sherlockian friend. It was on a weekend page, May 19/20 of this year. The photograph is by James Randklev. Is the Reichenbach just over the hill there?



BOOKS

The Sherlock Holmes Reference Library is out, edited by Leslie Klinger, it is reported to have fulfilled its promise of being *the* annotated Canon for the 21st century. You can get it in large-format paperback (10x7) and contains intelligent commentary, appendices and a nice lay-out. The first is *A Study in Scarlet* with *Hound* promised next. \$19.95 from Gasogene Books, PO Box 68308, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

The Twentieth Century Limited Mystery by Philip A. Shreffler is the author's 2nd BSI detective novel. It's a classic whodunnit, involving Christopher Morley and Edgar W. Smith. Get it from Wessex Books, PO Box 68303, Indianapolis, IN 46268. (If the address seems familiar, Wessex is the parent company of Gasogene Press.)

The Hounds Collection Vol. 6 containing writing by the Hounds of the Internet is available from Bill Barnes,

US\$12.00

ROSTER CHANGES

New

Eagleston, John & Helen,
Retired, No noms as yet,

Change

Gunning, Paul & Janet

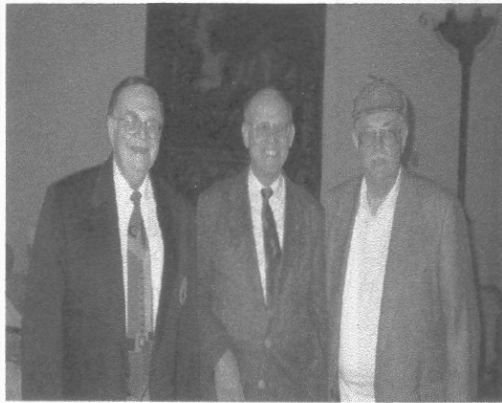
Scott, David (email change)

Stoner, David



GET A CLUE!!

PART OF AN AD NOTICED BY
CARL HEIFETZ IN THE PASCO
ST PETE TIMES 4/25/01



BLANCHED SOLDIERS OF NOAH AT A MEETING REPORTED IN C#210. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE EDGAR BEN SMITH, BSI, CARL HEIFETZ & MARSHALL BLANKENSHIP.

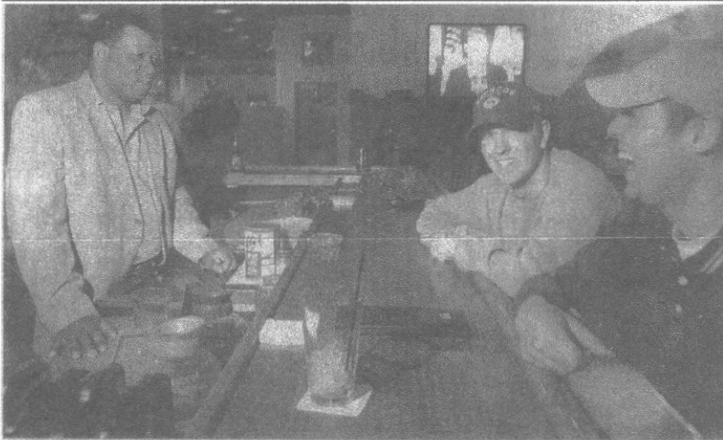
SUMMER PUZZLES

Yes, summer is here and it is HOT in Florida. Here is a summer quiz concerning some seasonal, hot Holmesian words. See if you can figure it out. Answers are at the end.

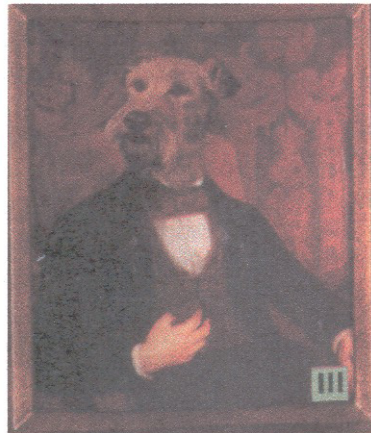
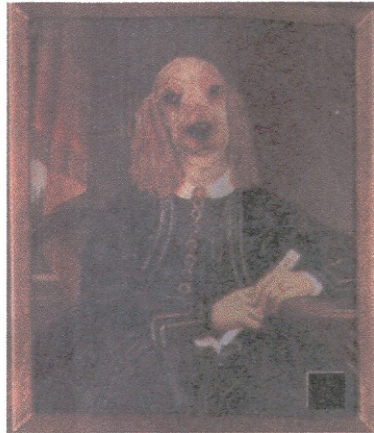
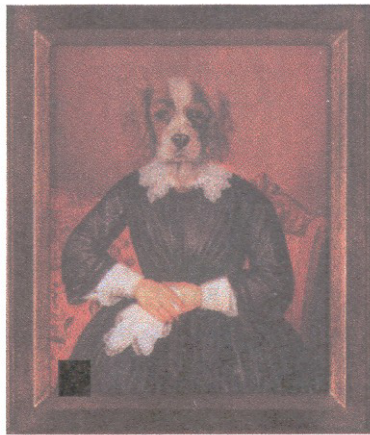
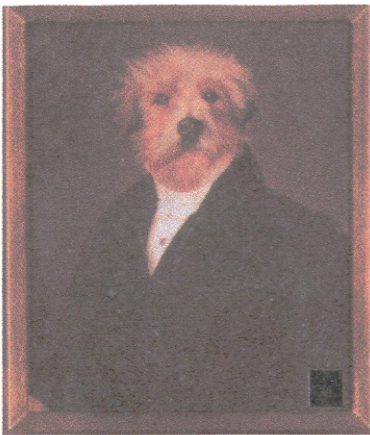
1. Who made India too hot to hold him?
 2. For what client did Watson find himself on a summer afternoon setting forth to Lewisham?
 3. For which Inspector did Watson have a prescription containing hot water and a lemon?
 4. Who gave an occasional eager whine which spoke of a hot scent?
 5. What creature's hot filthy breath had poisoned one of Holmes' clients?
 6. Who had hot Irish blood that made him quick to quarrel and quick to forgive?
 7. Who was hot and penitent when he sidled into the room to confess to Holmes?
 8. What estate had a summer-house at the far end of an alley of yew trees?
 9. Who felt a sudden hot sear as if a red-hot iron had been pressed to his thigh?
 10. What happened in the summer of '89?
1. Col. Moran (EMPT)
 2. Josiah Amberley (RETI)
 3. Hopkins (GOLD)
 4. Toby (SIGN)
 5. The lion (VEIL)
 6. McMurdo (VALL)
 7. Constable MacPherson (SECO)
 8. Baskerville Hall (HOUN)
 9. Dr. John W. Watson (GARR)
 10. The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb

Join us this fall for the 26th Annual Fall Gathering at Pappas Restaurant in **TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA**. The restaurant opens its' doors at 11:30am. Come early for the attitude adjustment hour, then after feasting your body, feast your soul with Sherlock Holmes and *The Adventure of the Man with the Twisted Lip*. Start preparing now for a presentation! Sign-up sheets will be appearing in a later Communication, so keep the date of November 3rd open!

A "HELLO" FROM PAUL & JANET GUNNING AS THEY SEND US THIS CLIPPING FROM THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC FROM 12/14/00. NOTE THE BARTENDER'S NAME IS VERN SHERLOCK HOLMES!



Vern Sherlock Holmes, manager of the Dam Bar and Grille in Page, chats with Jared Abalus and K.C. Warnke while Al Gore's concession speech airs in the background. The mood was apathetic; most bar patrons said Gore should have quit weeks ago.



Hound of the Baskervilles Family Portraits? (Catalogue: *Basil Street Gallery of London* under the title "Ancestral Victorian Dog Portraits" by Thierry Poncelet)

Publications Received

The Camden House Journal April, 2001 contains *The Bruce-Partington Submarine: A Question of Historicity* by Samuel Smith. May, 2001 contains *Holmes's Swan Dive* by David Bensley. To subscribe contact

The Whaling News April, 2001 Vol. 13 No.4 has "Nobody Tells

Anybody Anything Anymore: Don't Ask, Don't Tell" by Edward Moorman on *ILLU*. Vol. 13 No. 5 has "The Chameleon Factor" by William R. Cochran. A publication of the *Harpooners of the Sea Unicorn*, you can contact Michael Bragg about it.

The Holmes & Watson Report, May, 2001 maintains its usual 3E performance (enlightening, entertaining & educational). Get it from

Brad Keefauver,

The District Messenger is the newsletter of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London and nos.210 & 211 are in our hands, telling of the Wessex Press, Baker Street Books and more. We try to pass on a lot of the info contained in this newsletter to our readers, but if you want to get it all, subscribe to the *Messenger*. Roger Johnson,

Lascar's Musings, Issues 1 & 2 is the latest venture of that rascally lascar, Bob Burr. As with all his publications, it's "all the views that fit we print" and we are treated to the "diarrhetic" writings of Brad Keefauver and a debate about *Those Pre-Charmin Days*.(no connection) If you want to read all the muse's fits to shrink, contact Bob at

The Baker Street Dispatch, May 2001 contains articles on *LAST*, *Odyssey Channel's SIGN*, book reviews and a quiz. A nice publication from Ohio. Inquire

or

Calendar Sherlockiana

2001 Events

July 27-29 - *Watsonian Symposium* in Chicago, Illinois includes the 42nd Annual Silver Blaze at Arlington Int'l Race Course. Contact Susan Diamond & Allan Devitt,

August 5 - 19 - The Edinburgh Festival Fringe features a new dramatization of *HOUN* by Edward Viney. <www.stagebystage.org>

August 25 - Starts a 12-day cruise to the Baltic for *The Sherlock Holmes Society of London Golden Jubilee*. Details available from Arena Travel, Freepost 1H 1037, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 7BR, England or <holmes@arena travel>

September 7-9 - *The Canonical Convocation and Caper Reunion* has been **SOLD OUT!**

October 19-21 - *Footprints of the Hound* conference sponsored by The Bootmakers of Toronto, The Toronto Public Library, The Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection and The Arthur Conan Doyle Society. Brochure available from Doug Wrigglesworth,

October 26-28 - Centenary Celebration of the publication of *HOUN* coincides with the 30th Anniversary of The ACD Collection at the Toronto Metropolitan Library.

October 27 - 29 - *Magna Cum*

Murder VII Weekend at Ball State University in Muncie, IN. Contact Kathryn Kennison, Ball State U., Muncie, IN 47306 for info on one of the midwest's finest mystery author conferences.

November 1-4 - *Bouchercon World Mystery Convention*. Hyatt Regency Crystal City Washington, D.C. The granddaddy of all mystery conventions, Bouchercon offers four days of varied programming including a pre-convention Halloween party, Nick and Nora Charles Martini Happy Hour, gala Anthony Awards Banquet and guided mystery tours of Washington, among other special events. Cost: \$135 (thru 9/1) <bouchercon 2001.com> or Bouchercon 2001, P.O. Box 11700, Washington, DC 20008.

November 3 - 26th Annual Fall Gathering of the Pleasant Places

of Florida. Pappas Restaurant, Tarpon Springs. Contact Rep. Carl Heifetz

2002 Events

January 11 - Baskerville Bash, the Manhattan Club, 201 West 52nd Street, NY, NY 6:30pm Cost is \$75 before 12/15/2001, \$85 after. Send checks payable to Baskerville Bash Committee to P.J. Perry,

January 19 - The Fifth Annual Sunshine Sherlockian Birthday Bash is being planned for Jesse's Landing in Dunedin, Florida. Details will be forthcoming in future issues.

February 9 - The Wessex Cup XII will be held in a private group room at Tampa Bay Downs Race Track, sponsored by The Pleasant Places of Florida.



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