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New Series

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Our issue is exploding with the gift of Holmes. So big, in fact, we could not even fit the page numbers on pages 4 and 5. We're over our heads in everything Holmesian. Pictures, films, websites, toys, postcards. It's an amazing amalgamation, an armada of artistic aspirations, a bellicose bag of barbarous bellylaughs—a magnificent monograph of mycroftian measurements.



In other words, we hope you enjoy our last issue of 2002. We wish one and all Happy Holidays and a joyous, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

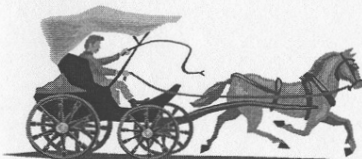
*The Papers on the Sundial*



Old postcard of Baker Street, circa 1895 (Sherlock Holmes Museum)

**Dark Lantern Rock**  
by Culver Dow  
(Jingle Bell Rock)

Dark Lantern,  
Dark Lantern,  
Dark Lantern Rock.  
Dark Lantern open and dark  
lantern closed.  
Shinin' and blindin' and flashin'  
here and there  
In the musty air.  
What a bright light!  
It's the right light  
To slueth the night away.  
'Cause it's case time  
Let's not waste time.  
Let's catch the crook before he  
gets away.  
Dark Lantern,  
Dark Lantern,  
Dark Lantern Rock.  
Dark Lantern open and dark  
lantern closed.  
Shinin' and blindin' and flashin'  
here and there  
In the musty air!



**We Wish You A Mary Christmas**  
by Wanda Dow

We wish you a Mary Christmas.  
We wish you a Mary Christmas.  
We wish you a Mary Christmas.  
And a John Hamish year.  
Good Watsons we bring to you  
and your friends.  
We wish you a Mary Christmas,  
And a John Hamish year!

**On Come All Ye Sherlockians**  
by Wanda Dow  
(Oh Come All ye Faithful)

Oh come, all Sherlockians  
Joyful and Triumphant.  
Oh come ye, oh come ye to  
Baker Street.  
Come and behold him, master of  
detective-land.  
Oh come, let us reread him  
Oh come, let us reread him  
Oh come, let us reread him  
Sherlock, the sleuth!

**Let It Howl**  
by Wanda Dow  
(Let It Snow)

Oh the Hound outside is frightful  
But in the Hall, it's so delightful  
'N since I don't wanna be  
disemboweled  
Let it howl, let it howl, let it  
howl.  
Oh I really didn't want to come  
here.  
Seems inheritance is a bum steer.  
And this country air is kind of  
foul.  
Let it howl, let it howl, let it  
howl.  
When I finally said, "Okay."  
Dr. Mortimer led the way.  
Then he left me here all alone  
With Watson sans Sherlock  
Holmes.  
While this Watson seems quite a  
nice guy  
I hear the Hound is nearby  
And the moor's so cold you need  
a cowl.  
Let it howl, let it howl, let it  
howl.

**Twelve Days of Christmas**  
by Wanda Dow

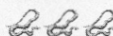
On the first day of Christmas, my  
Sherlockian gave to me  
A picture of I-ren-ee



On the second day of Christmas, my  
Sherlockian gave to me  
Two human ears



And a picture of I-ren-ee  
Three speckled bands



Four irregulars



Two plus two plus one bees!  
(That's 5)



Six geese a-choking



Seven hounds a-howling



Eight maids a-cycling



Nine Pygmies blowing



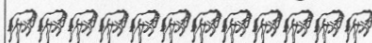
Ten fiddlers fiddling



Eleven men a-dancing



Twelve stallions kicking



### **It Came Upon A Midnight Clear**

by Wanda Dow

It came upon a midnight clear,  
That blood-curdling howl of old.  
From a hound bending over his kill  
To taste the Baskerville's gold.

Peace in the castle, good will to men  
From London's all gracious Holmes.  
While Watson watches Sir Henry and  
At night the mo-ors he combs.

It came again one midnight clear,  
That blood-curdling howl of old.  
From a hound bending over his kill  
To taste the Baskerville's gold.

Peace in the castle, Sir Henry is well  
The maid's brother with death doth meet  
Holmes with Watson solves the case  
And returns to Baker Street

### **Jingle Bells**

by Wanda Dow

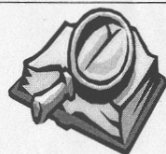
We're dashing through the snow  
Like a herd of buffalo,  
Across the clues we go  
Destroying all that shows.  
Working very hard,  
We're always on our guard.  
Our minds are never jarred,  
We're all from Scotland Yard. Oh!  
Jingle Bells,  
Lestrade tells  
Everyone he knows  
How he's aware—  
But nothing's there.  
He's mental escargot.  
Jingle bells,  
Someone delves  
Into it with the Doc.  
The case you see  
Is obviously  
Solved by our Sherlock.

### **The First Novel**

by Wanda Dow

*(The First Noel)*

The first novel, the readers did say  
Was to introduce Sherlock to Watson that day.  
To Watson that day  
In the Criterion Bar  
When they met they both knew their friendship would go far.  
Watson and Sherlock  
Watson and Sherlock  
Study in Scarlet - it started it all.



### **Winter Wonderland**

by Wanda Dow

Grown men scream, are ya listening?  
Their skin melts. Yeah, it's crisp-ning.  
A horrible sight. It's revenge tonight,  
Walking in K. Winter's wonderland.  
Gone away are the wedding bells.  
Here to stay is a lower hell.  
It's a story that's old,  
A dish best served cold.  
Walking in K. Winter's wonderland.  
In the meadow we can build a snowman  
And pretend it's Aldabert Gruner.  
He'll say, "Want to sing?" and we'll say, "No, man,  
"But with this bottle I'll make you a crooner!"  
Later on we'll conspire  
As we sit by the fire  
With acid, sulphuric. Just throw it. Be quick!  
Walking in K. Winter's wonderland.

### **I'll Read Holmes for Christmas**

by Wanda Dow

*(I'll Be Home for Christmas)*

I'll read Holmes for Christmas.  
You can count on that.  
Carbuncles blue and Peterson, too,  
And Baker's missing hat.  
Christmas Eve will find me  
Where Holmes and Watson meet.  
I'll read Holmes for Christmas  
And visit Baker Street.

### **We Three James**

by Wanda Dow

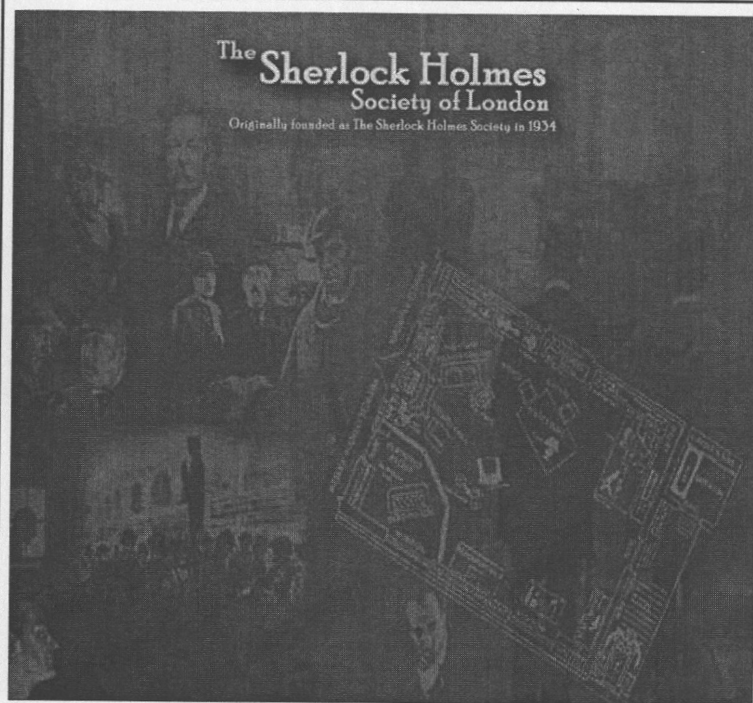
*(We Three Kings)*

We three James of Moriarty  
Plan to make our mark in his'try  
One is good and one is bad and one  
is just plain ugly.  
Oh, Holmes the meddler, Holmes  
the fiend.  
Making matters worse than they  
seem.  
One day soon I'll personally haul  
Him over Reichenbach Falls.



The **Sherlock Holmes**  
Society of London

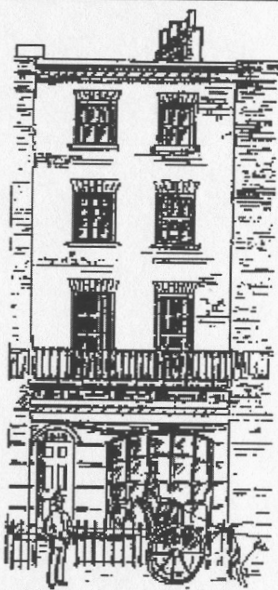
Originally founded as The Sherlock Holmes Society in 1934



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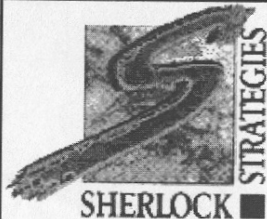
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A small business consultant

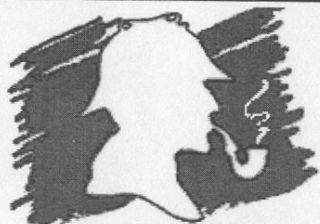


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A website to help locate people



"Maps were made and charts prepared"  
- A Study in Scarlet

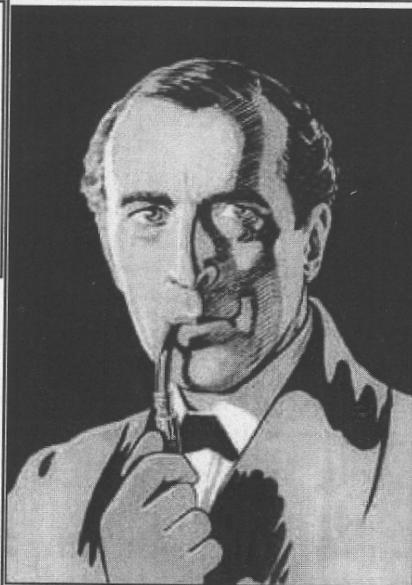
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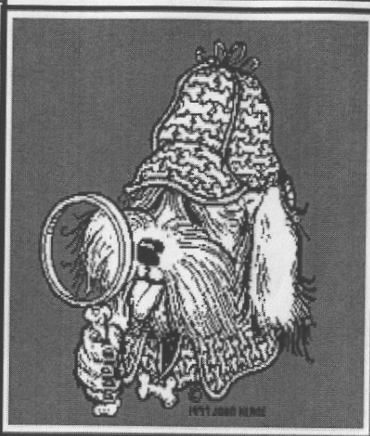
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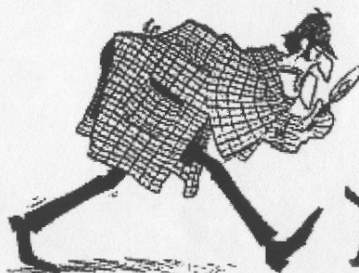
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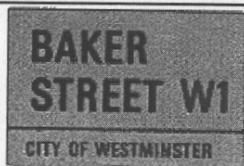
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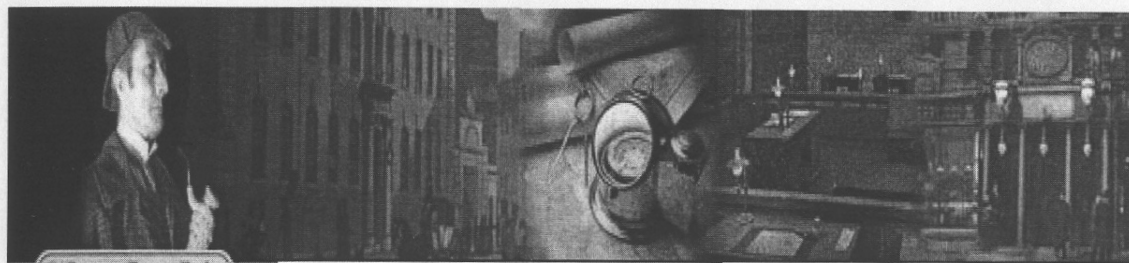
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Graphic on the website [www.nasa.com](http://www.nasa.com)

↑ A dining establishment in Celebration, Florida

A MAC browser



In searching the web, we found that [www.mozdev.org/projects.html](http://www.mozdev.org/projects.html) was a project originally titled "sherlock" but it now has been changed to "mycroft." Does that mean the programs are more intelligent? Larger? Lazier? There are a number of bars in Texas called "Sherlock's Pub." We tried to pull in a graphic, but the web designer didn't allow it.



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for the rest of us.



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## Victor Hatherley's Holiday Film Guide

*Maid in Manhattan:*  
Grace Dunbar takes a job in New York.



*Die Another Day:*  
Sherlock Holmes outwits Culverton Smith.



*The Emperor's Club:*  
Mycroft finds another place to hang out.



*My Big Fat Greek Wedding:* Sophie Kratides finds the man of her dreams.



*Empire:* Queen Victoria oversees nearly the last vestiges of it.



*Catch Me if You Can:*  
Steven Spielberg directs Professor Moriarty.



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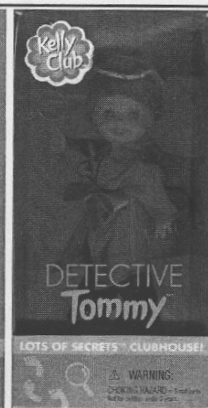
Sherlock the Internet Consulting Detective  
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# Eleventh Hour ~~Santa~~ Holmes



Here's a great present: a set of water glasses just like those used at the Sunshine State Sherlockian Scion Symposium II. 5 1/2 inches tall, 3 inches in diameter. Black logo and print on clear glass. Set of 4 glasses for US\$25.00. Includes shipping in US. All others add additional US\$5. Send orders to Wanda Dow, 1737 Santa Anna Drive, Dunedin, FL 34698.

Mrs. Hudson & Wiggins Mouse Ornaments \$32.50 for the pair at [www.sherlock-holmes.com/](http://www.sherlock-holmes.com/)



One of our holiday finds - *Detective Tommy* comes with a magnifying glass, briefcase, trenchcoat and deerstalker hat. It's a *Mattel (Barbie)* product.



**Compliments of  
the season**



These stickers at \$2.95 are just one of the items available from William Dorn at [www.thesherlockstore.com](http://www.thesherlockstore.com)

## Letters to Santa We Would Like to See

Dear Santa,

Just a clue. Maybe a couple, but at least one.

Your Friend,  
Inspector Lestrade

Dear St. Nick,

I ask this for my new husband, not myself. He has lost his job and his strength all in the same month. A few bottles of Serum of Anthropoid would be of great help.

Sincerely,  
Alice Morphy Presbury

Dear Santa,

What I would really like is a very quiet remainder of the academic year.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Thorneycroft Huxtable.

Dear Santa Claus,

I really need a very good book of insults—preferably of obscure ones or ones that no one will understand.

Yours,  
Dr. Grimesby Roylott

Dear St. Nick,

I know I am a little old to believe in you, but I could really use someone to talk to.

Affectionately,  
Laura Lyons

Dear Santa,

I know I speak for all the directors when I sincerely request that you supply us with a list of excellent concrete contractors. Expense is no limit.

Eagerly awaiting your reply,  
Lucius Merryweather



**The Pleasant Places of Florida**

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by Leslie Marshall (dec.)*

**Recorder Emeritus: Dr. Benton Wood**

For the record: **THE LAST COURT OF APPEALS**  
**David McCallister**, Master of the House,

**Jeff & Wanda Dow**, The Papers on the Sundial,

**Carl L. Heifetz**, Representative both with the Servants and with the Tradespeople,

**Mike Bryan**, The Unopened Newspaper,

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