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From the Papers on the Sundial:

Cole Porter tells us that birds, bees and educated fleas do it. Fall in love, that is. Do they make tiny little Russel Stover chocolates that male fleas can give to female fleas to initiate the courtship? Are there flowers so small that drones can give to their queen—although I would venture that they would have a hard time flying and holding onto the stems of the roses.

But we anthropomorphize.

Our last issue of the year brings 2005 to a romantic close. We hope the holidays are warm and toasty and filled with anticipation. We hope that the new year brings an abundance of hope and peace and prosperity and that—

Yeah, yeah, yeah, just get on with it.

ODD COUPLES

If Mary Morstan married Peter Carey, she'd be Mary Carey.

If Maud Bellamy married the junior partner of Morrison, Morrison and Dodd, she'd be Maud Dodd.

If Sally Dennis married Mortimer Tregennis, she'd be Sally Dennis Tregennis.

If Violet Hunter married Reuben Hayes, she'd be Violet Hayes.

If Mary Jane married Sandy Bain, then divorced him and married John Swain, she'd be Mary Jane Bain Swain.

If Kitty Winter married John Cobb, divorced him and married Lal Chowdar she'd be Kitty Cobb Chowdar.

If Carrie Norlett married Jonathan Small, divorced him and married Josiah Brown, divorced him and married Penrose Fisher, she'd be Carrie Small Brown Fisher. Or if she just married Penrose in the first place, she'd have all those lucrative *Star Wars* royalties.

If Grace Dunbar married the senior partner of Gross & Hankey she'd be Grace Gross.

If Frances Carfax married Jonathan Wild, divorced him and married the junior partner of Gross & Hankey, she'd be Frances Wild Hankey.

If Emilia Lucca married Commissionaire Tangey, divorced him and married Josiah Brown, divorced him and married Henry Baker, she'd be Emilia Tangey Brown Baker.



Dear Abby Slaney

Dear Abby,

My girlfriend, I'll call her Alice, thinks I'm a wimp. I love her very much and want to please her. I've heard of a new product that lets you "bulk up" quickly but I'm afraid to try it. If I don't do something soon I'm afraid Alice might leave me. Tell me what I can do.

Dr. P

Dear Dr. P,

My medical friends tell me that the product from Lorensen Labs is perfectly safe but the tablets from Lowenstein Labs have some extremely deleterious side-effects. As long as you use the right product you should be fine. And Alice will thank you for it.

Dear Abby,

I'm a good-looking ex-military man with a great job and excellent prospects. I have met a great many women who seem genuinely interested until I tell them my name. One even asked me if I had a cousin named the Nerd King? What can I do?

Colonel Dorking

Dear Colonel Dorking,

Be proud of your name. There is nothing wrong with it. Just don't marry a woman named Ima. And if you went into business as a door manufacturer, you'd clean up.

Dear Abby,

I have never written to anyone like you before but I need some serious advice.

I seem to be obsessed with knowing everything there is to know about anyone who walks into my apartment. Generally I can tell most everything from just looking at their clothing. But sometimes that is not enough. I go to hotels and the docks and police stations and ask hundreds of questions. Sometimes I just stare at things until I have figured out what I need to know.

I have tried to stop, sometimes even going so far as taking controlled substances. Sometimes I can go for several weeks without obsessing over someone. But then I start again and I can't control it.

What can I do?

Deduced Out in London

Dear Deduced,

You indeed have a serious problem and are in need of considerable counseling. Get help and get it now from a licensed professional—perhaps a live-in doctor. Don't delay. And good luck to you.

Dear Abby,

I'm a married woman but I can't stop thinking about a man that got away. I only met

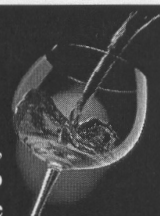
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THE AGONY COLUMN

Male, 17 hands high, 632 pounds, looking for filly to cavort in the corral with. Contact S. Blaze, c/o Colonel Ross, Devonshire. Isomony stock a plus.

Single white male searching for royal yet brazen female. Object: Bank Robbery. Must have own tools. Contact J. Clay, c/o Scotland Yard.

Single male stick-figure seeking single female stick-figure. Object: dancing, dinner and things that shouldn't be drawn in a family newspaper. Contact H. Cubitt of Ridling Thorpe Manor, Norfolk.

Single female seeking mortician to satisfy recent unnatural cravings for enclosed places. Contact F. Carfax.

Single white/brown spaniel-lurcher seeks female poodle or

shelty-mix for long walks in the park, creosote sniffing and an occasional hansom cab chase. Contact Toby.

Retired widower seeks younger female for companionship and painting. Contact J. Amberley.

Single, well educated, well traveled ex-military writer seeking single female. Object: card playing, game hunting in the Himalayas, shooting at nosy detectives. Contact S. Moran, Conduit Street.

Single widowed male seeks single female for quiet discussions, gentle walks around the estate and dinners for two. Contact G. Roylott, Stoke Moran.

Single male seeking single female for companionship. Must love bees. Contact S H, Sussex.

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him once and spoke with him later on the street. I love my husband, but I am becoming more and more enamored of him. What can I do?

Confused in Jersey

Dear Confused,

Everyone wonders what it would be like if things had been different. Try to channel your energy into other avenues. Take up singing or traveling—anything that will keep you occupied. Find things to do with your husband that will reinforce your marriage bond. But if you are becoming increasingly obsessed with this gentleman, you may need counseling—perhaps a clergyman might help. Good luck to you.



LOVE NOTES

If Sherlock Holmes had a high school yearbook, we wondered what notes might be written on the inside cover. Here are just a few.

You were such a gentleman when you saved me from that dog when my stupid brother Jack just stood there. You were so brave, I get shivers just thinking about you. I hope to see you around. Love, Beryl

I have had such a crush on you since, like, sixth grade, ever since you, like, found those pictures of me and gave them back? It would have been, like, so embarrassing if anyone else had seen them. You are, like, so cool. Have a great summer.

xxx

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Irene

*Sherlock,
Sherlock,
He's Our man.
If he can't solve it
No one can.*

*Sherlock,
Sherlock,
So aloof.
There's no conviction
Without the proof.*

*Sherlock,
Sherlock,
Go, Sherlock.*

Holmesey -Some day it will be just the two of us living together, me taking care of you. I would even be willing to try a menage-a-trois with that cute JW! Keep me in mind when you consider your "housing needs." Forever your Hudson hottie.

I don't know what I would have done without you. It's been so hard being a transfer student, especially one with tattoos. But once you accepted me, everyone else did too. Thanks a lot.

*Your cheerleading girl, Your Goth Girl,
Violet Emilia*

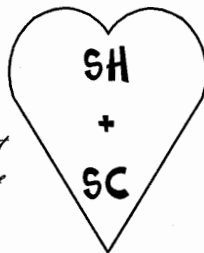
I use this end-of-the-year booklet to confess my love for you. I can no longer deny my personal desires. Fear not - I will move to the countryside, bury myself in anthropological studies and be content imagining what it would be like to run my fingers through your hair. I would never want to cause you any embarrassment.

*Coveting you,
James Mortimer.*

You rock, Sherlock. Thanks for helping me out with my Dad. He can be a real jerk sometimes.

Lots of hugs for the summer,
Helen

I can't believe you punched out Jim "The Moron" Moriarty when he tripped me with the rug in the library. Where did you learn to box like that? That was so classy. You never told me why you didn't get suspended. Is it true that you had something on Principal Presbury? You are so cool. My parents are taking me to Switzerland this summer so I don't know how much I'll see you. Don't ever change.
Love,
Hilda



I wanted to be the last one to sign this because you can't show this to anyone. John's a

great guy, but I only hung around with him because I wanted to be near you. John would be crushed if he found out, so don't tell him. You don't know how many times I wished I could feel those long fingers against mine. You don't know how many times I wished I could kiss your beautiful eyes. I'll be thinking of you all summer.

All my Heart, Mary



ROMANCE NOVELS

What would happen if certain novelists had written some of the stories of the canon? We did some research and turned up these gems. Just be thankful we couldn't find the artwork.

Their Love was forbidden...
And then it lead to murder

*The Governess and the
Senator*

JUDITH
KRANTZ

They thought he was a killer,
but he was just misunderstood

*Emilia, My Emilia
A Love Story*

AMANDA QUICK

She needed some time alone,
but she got something else entirely

*Reichenbach
Vacation*

NORAH ROBERTS

She didn't know he was a king,
and he wasn't telling

*Bohemian
Rhapsody*

TORI CARRINGTON

He was just a science teacher...
At least that's what she kept telling
herself

*The Seduction of
Maud Bellamy*

KATHLEEN
WOODIWISS

What she found in the hive was just
the beginning....

Beyond Sussex

MAEVE BINCHY

Where had she been?
What had she done?

Hattie and Bob

She hoped Bob would never find out.

SARA CRAVEN

Could she escape the spell that he
cast? Her very life depended on it.

The Baron

GRAHAM

First he stole her jewelry, then
he stole her heart.

Count Negretto

Where would he stop?

KIMBERLY RAYE

LESTRADE, OH LESTRADE

Jennifer Skully

FAITHFUL LAL

Karen Anders

The Book of Mary and Lucy

Charlotte Lamb

John & Mary &
Sherlock & The
Landlady

Diana Gabaldon

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For the Record:

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(Correspondent & Communication)

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