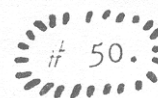




The Pleasant Places of Florida



(Suggested in "The Five Orange Pips")

A Corresponding Scion Society of the BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

...The first PPoff "Diogenes" Club, at the Carroll's was a real success. Charter member, Wanda Butts, was unable to attend, so she sent her regrets set to the tune "Shenandoah:(right). A 2nd "D.C." is scheduled for FRIDAY, APRIL 18 at 7:30pm, at George Edwards' -

12th Night Reflections

Let him know if you can make it.The 5th ANNUAL GATHERING at HOLMES Beach has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 11th, following the matinee performance of "Crucifer in Blood" by the Sarasota Players.

A block of seats is being saved, so if interested in joining the theatre party, please contact the Recorder by May 1st.

By Jove! A 3rd Sherlockian stamp has come on the philatelic scene! This one from the Comoro Republic, depicting Holmes and his Literary Agent, AC Doyle.

.....#49, this Recorder has received at HQ(HOLMES Bch.) the usual passel of correspondence. Dan Farek, of Houston, reports of a Study Group at Welch Jr.Hi, which he inaugurated. John Shaw, now recovered from surgery, will conduct another of his famous Workshops - this time at Duquesne University.

... The M.S.S.(Miami Sherlock Society) held its 1st anniversary celebration recently....Mike Senuta, of the Inverness Capers, reported that Ohio has instituted a new Lottery in which participants place wagers on 3-digit numbers, with a nightly TV drawing. Being a dutiful S'ian, Mike placed his 50¢ on "221" - and on Jan.8th (only 2 days late) it was drawn! Mike received a respectable return of \$83....My thanks to Howard Lachtman, Jim Duval, Paul Herbert, Robin Mitchell, Tom & Ruth Stetak, Ralph Edwards, Peter Blau, Jim Suszynski, Caroline Everett, Jon Lellenberg, Mike Carroll, Bob Burr, Pat Herst, Tom Dandrew, Wanda Butts, Steve Franklin, Mike Bryan, Brian MacDonald, Alfred Curtis, Dave Shea, Trisha Clayton, Wayne Dean, Tom Hamer, Stephanie Rapp, Al Rosenblatt, Mike Kean, & Richard Rutter for sending along news and/or items for this commonplace publication.....

It was a case of Matthew 18:11! "The Adv.of the 3 Merry Debs" has now been found! Should be ready for publication soon....Other interesting philatelic items: The recent W.C.Fields stamp depicts him in the costume he wore in the old vaudeville musical, "The Ham Tree", in which Fields played the role of "Sherlock Baffles". Also received letter from A. C.

Olding with SHERLOCK, South Australia cancel. I promptly sent him a cover from HOLMES Beach.

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* "Crucifer in Blood" *

* Theatre Party - Sun.May 11* *

* Matinee *

* followed by informal get- *

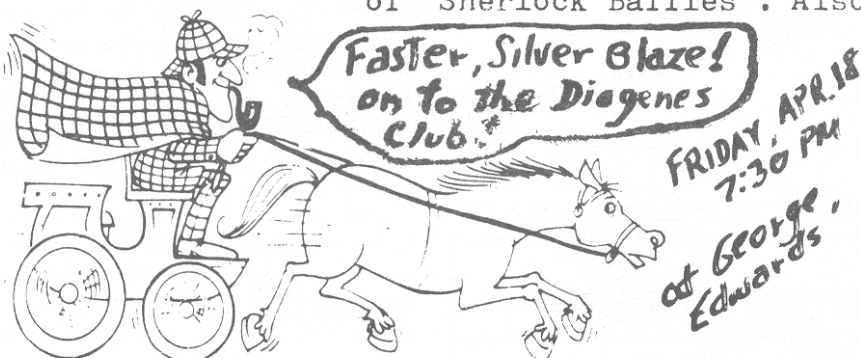
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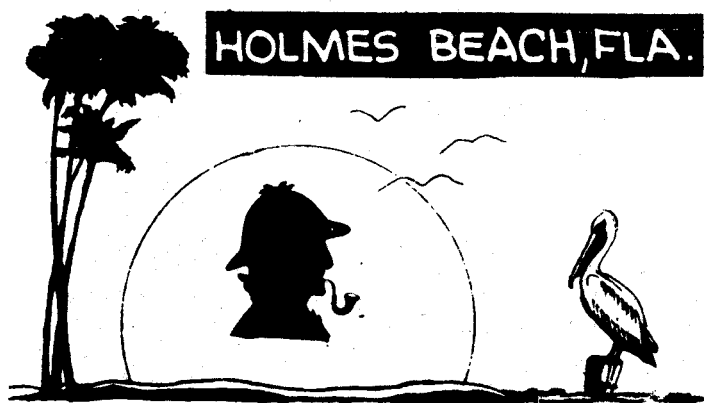
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(*- Note: On this very date in 1896,
Holmes concluded the horrifying ad-
venture of "The Speckled Band".

Sherlock Holmes auditions set by Players of Sarasota

"The Crucifer of Blood," a new Sherlock Holmes mystery
written by Paul Giovanni, is based on Arthur Conan Doyle's
story, "Sign of Four."

Holmes Beach is 30 years old

Car rams Mardi Gras crowd

"HE HAD TO be some kind of crazy
to go through the crowd like he did," said
John Watson, a medic who happened to
be standing nearby when the incident oc-
curred.

ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1980

Colonel Moran wins at Aqueduct

12-A—WEEKEND

Mobile, Saturday, Jan. 5, 1980

Alabama Digest

Holmes says he'll fight 5 percent fuel tax

From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

(Readers are requested to submit their
Sherlockian recipes for this column.)



FRAISES REICHENBACH

(This vernal concoction was sent in
by Shirley Dickensheet, of S.F., CA)

Place servings of strawberries in in-
dividual dishes and top each with a
generous tblsp. of Chestnut Spread,
(available in tins from France). Add
heavy cream in quantity desired. As
the Chestnut Spread is sweetened, no
additional sugar is required.

(Ed. note: Wow! This is not for some
of us "bulging Watsons", but rather
for Sherlockian "slimmies".)

GOURMET/MARCH 1980

I very much enjoyed John Bainbridge's
"London Journal" about the Café Royal
(December, 1979). However, I must
point out one famous reference to this
legendary restaurant that was omitted.
In "The Adventure of the Illustrious
Client" there is mention of a one-legged
news vendor displaying his papers. The
headline of one of the papers reads
"Murderous Attack Upon Sherlock
Holmes," and the accompanying text de-
scribes how Holmes was attacked "in
Regent Street, outside the Café Royal."
It then states that the miscreants fled "by
passing through the Café Royal. . ."
I do hope that they did not disturb any of
the customers while making good their
getaway.

HAROLD E. NIVER
ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT

Agony Column

(Readers are asked to submit items for this Column. Thank you.)

Dowsing a firebrand

A ship's galley boy aboard the tanker *Paludina* had to be protected against the rest of the crew after being arrested for starting five fires on board. The prosecuting counsel at London's Old Bailey court, Sir Lionel Thompson, told the court that "feelings were running high among the crew and if they had found the culprit it is the opinion of the officer in the case that (19-year-old Keith) Moriarty would have ended up as 'shark bait'." Sentencing Moriarty to six months and a £200 fine, the judge called him a "sort of Walter Mitty with menaces" who had previously perpetrated a bomb hoax and called the police to arrest a non-existent car thief.

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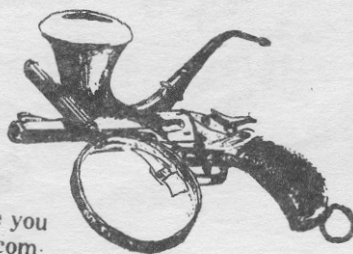
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(The Aspen Press, Box 4119, Boulder, CO 80302, \$6.50). This handsome paperback, issued in an edition of only 1,000 copies, makes available again (after 61 years) the first full-length Sherlock Holmes parody. While short stories parodying Holmes are legion (the best compilation still being Ellery Queen's *The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes*, long out of print and now very expensive), novel-length episodes in the great detective's life were unusual until recent years. It is a one-joke book (Holmes and the other Britishers use American slang with regularity—or, rather, irregularity) but it's an amusing joke and the book has historical significance which exceeds its readability.



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a NEW Jericho story by

HUGH PENTECOST

When A. Conan Doyle's *MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES* was first published in the United States, in 1894, the earliest issue of the book contained a story titled "The Adventure of the Cardboard Box." At Doyle's insistence this first issue was recalled, and a second issue was published with "The Cardboard Box" omitted. The story did not appear again in the United States for 23 years, when it was included in the American first edition of Doyle's *HIS LAST BOW*, in 1917.

Do we know Doyle's reason for the suppression of "The Cardboard Box" in 1894? It has been claimed that Doyle believed that the story was too gruesome, that the reading public of 1894 would be shocked by the grisly details.

In the *Sherlock Holmes* story a Miss Cushing of Cross Street, Croydon, receives a small packet, wrapped in brown paper, sent by parcel post from Belfast. Inside is a yellow cardboard box, originally a half-pound box of honeydew tobacco, now filled with coarse salt covering two freshly severed human ears.

Too gruesome for the reading public of 1894?

Now, 86 years later, Hugh Pentecost gives us "Jericho and the Cardboard Box." Will the reading public of 1980 find this story too gruesome?

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION 1980



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HOLMES AGAIN: Another reprint worthy of note is *The Adventure of the Eleven Cuff-Buttons* by James Francis Thierry

from
Ellery Queen
Mystery Mag.

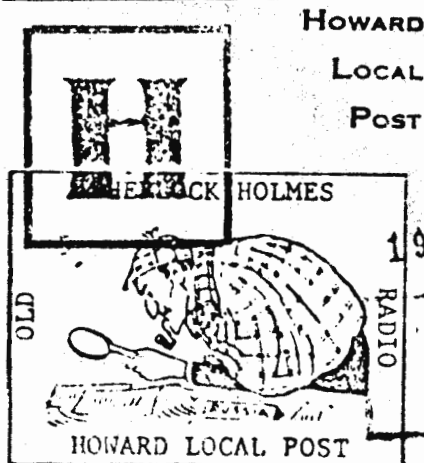
HOLMES AGAIN, HOLMES AGAIN: More on the Sherlockian scene, but, praise be, not another newly discovered manuscript by John H. Watson, "edited by" someone or other. *Sherlock Holmes: The Man and His World* by H. R. F. Keating is the type of intelligent and fascinating book we have come to expect of the creator of Inspector Ghote of the Bombay police. The new addition to the Holmesian literature is as much a history of Victorian and Edwardian England, with particular emphasis on the criminal and legal procedures of the day, as it is a factual history of the world's first consulting detective. Handsomely illustrated with Sidney Paget's original drawings of the Holmes canon and with many illustrations pertaining to the geography and history of the era, this is one of the more essential Sherlockian volumes in recent years (Scribners, \$12.95).

Ruth Lake Tepper has made no attempt to disguise the fact that her new book is a sequel. It is called *The Sherlock Holmes Crossword Puzzle Book II* (Norton, \$3.95, paper), and it is exactly that—a collection of crossword puzzles based on Holmesian themes. The added lagapape is a partial retelling of famous cases, requiring the solution of the puzzle to learn the secrets posed at the conclusion of each narrative.

Who dunnit?

Does any philatelist
know who produced
this cover?

Write the
Recorder
if you do!



Sherlock Holmes is Alive and well

IT SEEMS that Sherlock Holmes is alive and well and still operating from 221b Baker Street. About sixty letters a week regularly arrive at Abbey House, the London head office of the Abbey National Building Society. This Sherlock Holmes correspondence is dealt with by a secretary who is not only a company employee but also Secretary to Mr Holmes. It appears that the correspondence was much stimulated by a Holmes Exhibition held in 1951.

BAKER STREET

The exact location of the house that Conan Doyle numbered 221 when he began to write his stories well before 1900 is still unknown. At that time Baker Street was much shorter than at present and its highest number was 85. In 1930, after the street had been lengthened, it was renumbered and 221 would have been north of Marylebone Road, where Abbey House now stands occupying 215 to 237 and forming part of the Upper Baker Street of Holmes' time.

To be postally efficient and practically correct, the Post Office delivers such letters to the building. One of the four stamps depicting renowned detectives issued by San Marino in 1979



occupying the site of 215 to 237, so to the Abbey National they go.

Most of the correspondents are American, some are children and some have never read the books but have seen films and television plays. Some are adults who regard Holmes as a real person and write to seek his help or to admire his abilities. Some are those who know the correspondence is answered and who want to receive a reply from Holmes' Secretary.

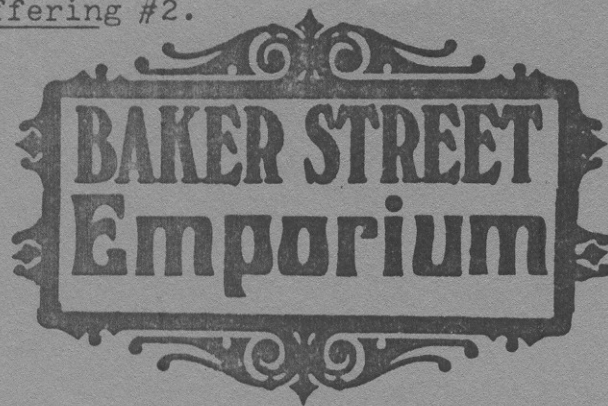
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The replies to appeals for Holmes' services are usually answered to the effect that he is very busy and will not be able to help because he is away investigating a case, or enjoying a well-earned rest. The remainder are courteously answered as befits each query. It is perhaps ironic that even today the creator is still much less well-known than his creation.

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