



The Pleasant Places of Florida

(Suggested in The Five Orange Pips)

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

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12th Night Reflections

...To begin with - "Compliments of the Season" to you all from your "amiable & simple-minded non-conformist" Recorder. May your 12th Night Revels be in moderation as you observe The Master's 132nd Birthday. ... As you can readily observe, we have gone to a new 7x8½" 8-page format, which will be easier & less costly to produce and allow us to publish 8-10 times per annum. We are also going to the 3rd Class Non-Profit mailing rate, unless you desire the fancy 1st Class postage stamps. Please return the Yellow Form indicating your pleasure. ... Virginia Lou Seay

[redacted] has fine list Sherlockiana for sale. Otto Penzler[Mysterious Bookstore: 129 W. 56th St., NYC 10019] has put out his "Holiday Catalogue".

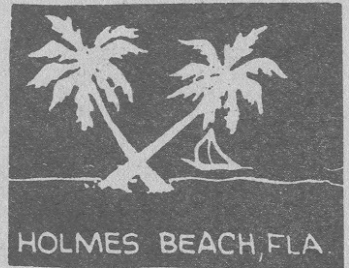
... Al & Julia Rosenblatt's "The S.H. Crossword" is available from the Norwegian Explorers on Minn. ...I hear that "Basil of Baker Street" is due this coming summer by Disney Prod. ...A Mystery Weekend was held Nov.29-Dec.1 at the Hyatt-Sarasota. The play, "Sherlock's Last Case", put on by The Playmakers of Tampa, were surely vexed by the evil influence of Moriarty. The lead was played by no less than four people the first one quit in a snit, the second injured his hand on a prop, the 3rd was played by the Director, with script-in-hand, and Lord only knows about the fourth. Watson kept forgetting his lines. As one reviewer put it:"Sherlock's Last Case? - Let's hope so!"....#80 will review the BSI Weekend.

The B.S.I. Chaplain's Sermonette

A minister announced to his congregation one Sunday morning, "If anyone out there is perfect, please stand up."

One gentleman in the rear stood up. The minister asked, "Are you perfect?"

"No sir," the gentleman replied. "I'm standing up for my wife's first husband."



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Holmes
Beach



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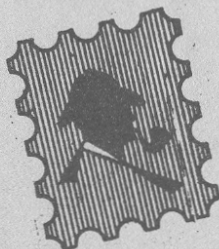
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[* - On this day in 1880, the Case of the Matilda Briggs and the Giant Rat of Sumatra "a story for which the world is not yet prepared" began,



Philatelic Philandering

.... or "Stamping Around"
with SHERLOCK HOLMES.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA:
BARGAIN VALUE**



As you are probably aware, this commonplace Communication goes out to nearly 400 of the faithful throughout the world - including South Australia. At left is depicted an interesting So.Australia error. Imagine - Phree postage - it's phantastic! At right → commemorates the Wise Men enroute to present their Gifts on Epiphany - Jan.6th - 12th Night - the Master's birthday. On Jan. 6th, all Holm-esian Wise Men trek East for the BSI bash!



**Holmes may be
subpoenaed**

For sleuth! It's Holmes

HOLMES: 'I'm a
great fighter, man.'

The Solution Is Elementary

**The
7%
Solution**



From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen³



MRS. HUDSON'S CHRISTMAS PUDDING

No Christmastide (Dec. 25 - 12th Night) would be replete at 221-B Baker Street without Martha Hudson's scrumptious Plum Pudding. It's a good olde English custom to make several puddings to last until March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, old New Years Day.

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| 1 cup currants | 1 cup white raisins | 1½ cups raisins | 1 cup flour |
| 2 cups stale breadcrumbs | 1 cup shredded suet | ½ cup chopped almonds | |
| 1 cup + 2 tblspns dark brown sugar | 4 beaten eggs | 2 tblspns Guinness | |
| Juice of 1 lemon | Juice of 1 orange | ½ teaspoon allspice | |
| 1 teaspoon nutmeg | ½ cup rum | 2 tablespoons candied fruit peel | |

Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl & put them in either 1 English pudding bowl [holds approx. 7-8 cups], or 2 smaller bowls if you prefer to make 2 puddings. Leave at least 1" at top of bowl to allow room for pudding to expand. Cover with 2 sheets of waxed paper & a layer of foil. Tie the top tightly around the rim of the basin with string & make a handle so that the pudding can be lifted. Place an upturned saucer in the bottom of a lg. pan of water & bring to boil. Lower the pudding bowl into the water so it stands on the saucer & make sure that the water comes at least ¾ of the way up. Cover & boil over low heat for 7 hrs, checking from time to time to make sure the water level doesn't drop. Add water, if necessary.

Remove the pudding from the water & store in a cool place. On the day you eat the pudding, you should boil it for 2 hrs in the same manner as before. Then remove the cover & turn the pudding onto a serving plate. Before serving, warm a little brandy in a saucepan, pour it over the top of the pudding & ignite with a match. Serve with BRANDY BUTTER. Serves 8.

BRANDY BUTTER, often called "Hard Sauce", is traditionally served with

Christmas Pudding or Mince Pie. It is very rich & goes a long way, and will keep in the Fridge for several weeks. Here's a 2-cup Recipe.

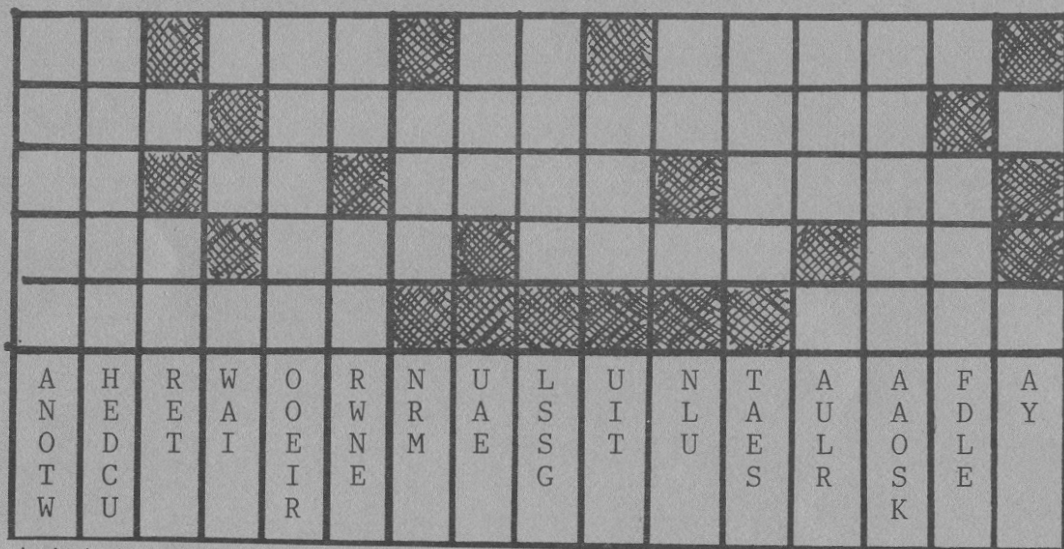
8 ozs. softened butter
 ¾ cup dark brown sugar
 5 tablespoons brandy
 ¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Cream the butter & sugar until smooth. Gradually stir in the brandy & add the nutmeg. Beat thoroughly & put in dish. Cover and allow to harden before serving.

S'IAN PUZZLES

QUOTATION PUZZLE #1.

Unscramble & fill in this Canonical Quotation using the letters below. The letters are, however, in their proper column. The four boxes in the lower-right designate the source of the quote. Go get 'em!



LOGIC PROBLEM

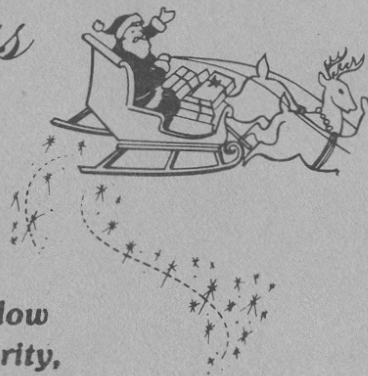
"'Pon my word, Holmes," remarked Watson, "What a remarkable bit of luck." "Sorry, Watson," Holmes replied, "Chance had rather little to do with the whole affair." The good Doctor was alluding to an account in the morning Times of how the Yard nabbed, with Holmes's help, four villains at four different Stations in London having burgled four different items.

Holmes handed Watson a sheet of paper. "It's all here, Watson," Holmes remarked. "All the clues to determine the criminal, what he stole, and at what Station he was apprehended. It's as plain as a pikestaff!"

Watson unfolded the paper and read: 1] The 4 thieves were Adrian, the man who took the stamp rarity, the man at Charing Cross, and the man who purloined the painting; 2] Neither Berkeley nor Charles were at Aldgate or Victoria; 3] Neither Denison nor Adrian was the numismatic thief; 4] The jewel thief, who wasn't nabbed at St. Pancras, had no idea that Charles was a philatelic expert; 5] One thief's name and Station began with the same letter. Now who dunnit?

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*Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season
and a New Year of Happiness*



A VISIT TO BAKER STREET
(with apologies to Clement C. Moore)
by Margaret and Paul Smedegaard

'Twas the night before Christmas
In the Holmes sitting room,
Where Sherlock sat lonely.
(Watson's once more a groom.)

Colonel Moran was now hanged
From the scaffold sans care,
For everyone knew
He had murdered Adair.

The tobacco was nestled
In the old Persian slipper,
Updated and fitted
With a newfangled zipper.

And Holmes in his gown,
Mrs. Hudson a cap,
Had just settled down
For a long London nap.

When out in the fog
There arose such a clatter,
Holmes sprang from his chair
To see what was the matter.

Away to the window
He flew with celerity,
Then said to himself,
"Oh, what can the matter be?"

The moon cut its way
Through the thick London fog;
And Holmes saw there
Young Wiggins, with Toby, the dog.

Behind them Lestrade,
Colonel Ross, Gregson, too,
Brother Mycroft and Stamford,
To name just a few.

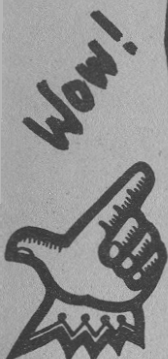
Holmes saw next the ladies,
Among them Miss Stoner,
Two Violets (Hunter and Smith),
And his one love, Miss Adler.

They gathered below him
And called through the night,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,
AND TO MR. HOLMES A GOOD-NIGHT!"

WISTERIA LODGE WASSAIL [Submitted by PPofFer Bryan Molyet]

Ingredients: 2½ qts Cranberry Juice; 1 qt Grape Juice; 2 cups Water; ½ cup Sugar; ¼ cup Light Rum; ¼ cup Orange-flavored Liqueur; & Orange Slices.

Heat juices, water & sugar in Dutch oven to boiling. Remove from heat. Stir in rum & liqueur. Pour into punch bowl. Garnish. Serve hot.



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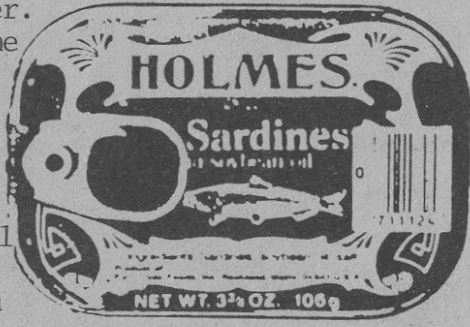
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STEVE CANYON

STEVE AND SUMMER ARE DREAMING

... I WAS DRESSING TO GO OUT WHEN I HEARD THE RINGING OF THE FRONT DOORBELL OF 221-B. MRS. HUDSON'S SERVANT GIRL ANSWERED.

I AM STEVENSON HOLMES FROM AMERICA... I AM EXPECTED!

COO! I SHOULDN'T WONDER!

...BUT 'IMSELF IS OUT DEDUCING! —W'D YA CARE T'WYTE, COO?

... BEING THE NOTATIONS OF DOCTOR MILTON WATSON, O.S.U., R.O.T.C., ΣX, ΣΔX. N.C.S. FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF A DISTANT KINSMAN OF THE WELL-KNOWN CRIMINOLOGIST RESIDING AT 221-B BAKER STREET, LONDON...

"ELIZA, THE MAID, SHOWED THE YOUNG MAN UP TO OUR DIGS AND...

COO, DR. WATSON, THIS 'ERE'S MISTER STEVENSON 'OLMES!

DELIGHTED, SIR! — MUST POP OFF — PLEASE BE AT EASE!

"BUT I DID NOT DEPART! THROUGH A PEEPHOLE I OBSERVED THE YOUNG YANK

"HE LOOKED ABOUT THE SITTING ROOM... EXAMINING EVERY ITEM OF DECOR.

"YOUNG HOLMES LOOKED CLOSELY AT EVERY PIECE OF MEMORABILIA BUT TOUCHED NOTHING...

"UNTIL HE CAME ACROSS THE DEERSTALKER CAP AND CAPED COAT, WHICH HE TRIED ON!"

COO! 'ANDSOME IS AS 'ANDSOME DOES!

OH! YOU STARTLED ME — BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE...

OH, I MUST SAY, MR. 'OLMES HIS BED SENIOR NEVER DOES THAT!

AND NEVER HAS A FEMALE OCCUPANT— SHALL WE?

HOW'S THE JOINT DREAM SO FAR, MRS. CANYON?

ELEMENTARY, BUT NICE, MR. CANYON!

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