

Pleasant Places of Florida

[Suggested in <u>The Five Orange Pips]</u>
A Corresponding Scion Society of <u>The Baker Street Irregulars</u>

- 1. This Communication is being mailed out just as Joan & I head north to the cooler climes of New Hampshire. We stay 'til mid-October on Squam Lake, more familiarly known as "Golden Pond". Mail will be regularly forwarded up to me, so your correspondence will be answered with only a slight delay.
- 2. The next Communication, Which I will post from N.H., will have all the details of the Nov.3rd Fall Gathering, along with costs & Sign-Up procedures. You may expect it about the first week of October.
- 3. Progress Report: Our new PPofF 'round-robin' pastiche is presently 'ON HOLD'. I've only heard from three PPofFers (John Kalajian, Judy Buddle & Duane Damon) willing to to participate, and that is simply not enough -- so we will just let it ride for a spell. Lord knows, I've got plenty of 'irons on the fire', so I'm not pushing it.
- 4. Progress Report: The new "Sherlockian Sing-A-Long" is right 'on key'. Mike Carroll & yours truly are teaming up on this project. You just can't 'down-beat' this combo of Doylean ditties. There is nary a 'sour note' in the batch.

 (A-pun my word I'm sounding more like Louis Rukeyser all the time!)
- 5. Another New Project: Milt Halpert is getting together with your Recorder to publish a new chapbook entitled: "Holmesian Origami". It will be illustrated and provide full instructions on creating Sherlockian items by use of the ancient Japanese art of paper folding called Origami. To my knowledge, this will be a 'first' amongst the vast anthology of writings on Sherlockiana.
- 6. "WATSON SHOULD HAVE KNOWN": "Watson, you appear to be in poor spirits. I suppose it's this accursed heat." My friend Sherlock Holmes had correctly diagnosed my state of mind one hot day in July. "The heat, Holmes, yes plus this check which I have just received from The Strand Magazine. For something different, I wrote up your latest case, that of Lord Bromley's disappearance, in the form of verse and submitted it to the Strand. It was accepted, and I have received their draught for a meager £4! Can you believe it?" "Seems fair to me, replied Holmes. "Fair?! They have always paid me at least £10 pounds for an adventure," I indignantly replied. "Well, Watson, having worked with me these many years, you should know by now that rhyme does not pay."

