



Pleasant Places of Florida

[Suggested in The Five Orange Pips]

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

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1. WE'VE ARRIVED! Two P.P. of Fers got by-lines in the latest issue of The Baker Street Journal! "Playing Your Cards As Best You Can" by Judy Buddle and Reggie Hudson's: "Theory, Hypothesis, and Sherlock Holmes" made the June '91 issue of the B.S.J.. What a feather in our Scion's bonnet!

2. The New Langham. On your next visit to London, you may want to stay (or at least poke your head in the lobby) at the newly refurbished (as of last March) Langham (Hilton) Hotel. Dvorak, Toscanini, Wilde & Twain all stayed there, and, of course, the King of Bohemia (SCAN), the Hon. Philip Green (LADY), and Capt. Morstan (SIGN)



3. Another Round-Robin Pastiche? Anyone interested in taking part? In fairness, those who took part in our latest opus ("The Adv. of the Doc-Croakers' Dirk") are exempt - they've had their turn. So if any Resident PPof F members would like to participate, let me know. I'd also like Title suggestions.

4. Current Circulation = 85.

Holmes is put on the case

■ The world's most sophisticated major crimes computer system gets out its magnifying glass.

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ST. PETERSBURG — Imagine sifting through information about the thousands of people who bought dark-colored Bronco trucks in the United States over a three-year period.

That would be a mind-boggling task for any detective. But it is a snap for Holmes.

Holmes, which stands for Home Office Large Major Enquiry System and honors the great fictional detective, is considered the world's most sophisticated computer system for investigating major criminal cases.

The St. Petersburg Police Department, the only U.S. police agency equipped with Holmes, is now applying the system's abilities to solving the murders of Joan Rogers and her teen-age daughters on Tampa Bay.

British police developed Holmes out of frustration with the case of Yorkshire Ripper. Accused killer Peter Sutcliffe is believed to have murdered 13 women in northern England in the 1970s before he was caught. By then, the fact that five different detectives had identified him as a possible suspect had become lost in the 24 tons of files accumulated in the case.

Holmes, developed in 1984, can sift through mountains of information at a rate of more than 1-million words a minute, seeking whatever a detective tells it to.



It was a dark and stormy night.... Actually, it was one of the hottest days of the summer for the official dedication of SHERLOCK, Miami University Libraries' online catalog. University President Paul Pearson dedicated the new system and checked out the first book, The Adventure of the Priory School: A Facsimile of the Original Manuscript. Sherlock Holmes (a.k.a. Barry Zaslow), the dapper detective and the system's namesake, passed out prizes at the reception and throughout the campus.

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