



# The Pleasant Places of Florida\*

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1. **BONUS ISSUE:** This is an extra edition of the Communication. Issue #129(Sept/Oct) will be sent out prior to my annual hiatus to N.H..

2. **Sherlock is Everywhere!** I spotted this excerpt from Jack Higgins's latest, "Thunder Point".

He finished his champagne and put the glass down. "But then, as I think the great Sherlock Holmes once said, when you've exhausted all the possibilities, then the impossible must be the answer." He smiled. "Goodnight, dear boy, I'll see you in the morning."

3. **INTERESTIN' REPRINTS** - Two singular items came upon my desk: #1, a 5-page article, "What kind of Chemist was S.H.", by J. O'Brien; & #2, a product listing of "Sherlock's Home Ales & Lager" (Minnetonka, MN). I'll send them both for two \$1 bills.

4. **NEW HOLMESIAN STAMPS!** Item from Linn's Stamp News (at right) tells all about them. I will be getting a supply of them. Ordering details will be forthcoming. ----->

5. **SHERLOCK ON SHUTTLE!** Thanks to Ken Nail for sending on this cover (below) with none other than SHERLOCK aboard as crew member.

### SHERLOCKIAN STATION SCRAMBLE

Can you unscramble the names of these Railroad Stations that are mentioned in the Canon?

S R O K S  
G N C I S

O D I T A  
N G D P N

G T R S I  
T E H E H

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

A A T L E  
K B H H C

I H H T S S  
E R C U L

W H O I  
O L W C

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

JULY 5, 1993 LINN'S STAMP NEWS

## Britain to hail Sherlock Holmes

Royal Mail (the British Post Office) has announced that it will feature the world-famous fictional sleuth Sherlock Holmes on stamps to be issued Oct. 12. The stamps will mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Holmes in 1893.

Arthur Conan Doyle, who created Sherlock Holmes, decided to kill him off in 1893 in *The Final Problem*. However, the public outcry was

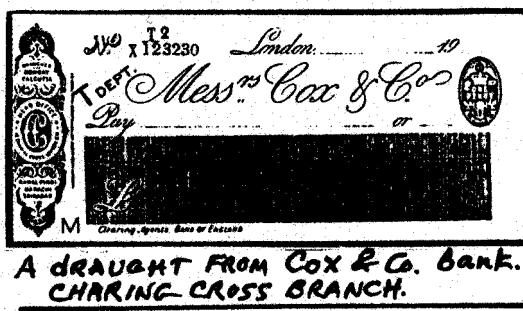
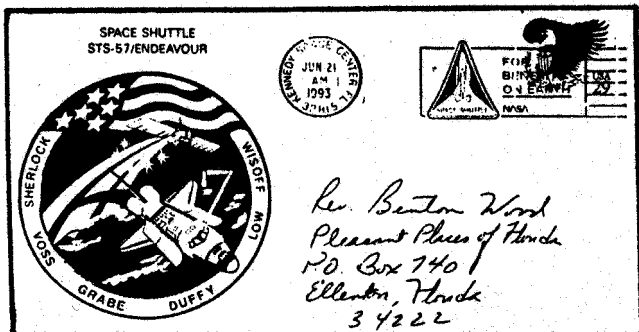
so great that he brought him back to life 20 years later in *The Adventure of the Empty House*.

The Holmes stamps are being released in place of a joint-issue with France marking the opening of the tunnel under the English Channel. The Channel Tunnel stamps are now slated for release in 1994 to coincide with the official opening.

The Holmes stamps will

show illustrations from five of Doyle's mysteries, *The Reigate Squire*, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *The Six Napoleons*, *The Greek Interpreter* and *The Final Problem*.

Several other famous characters from the books are included on the scenes pictured on the stamps, including Henry Baskerville, the evil Professor Moriarty and Inspector Lestrade.



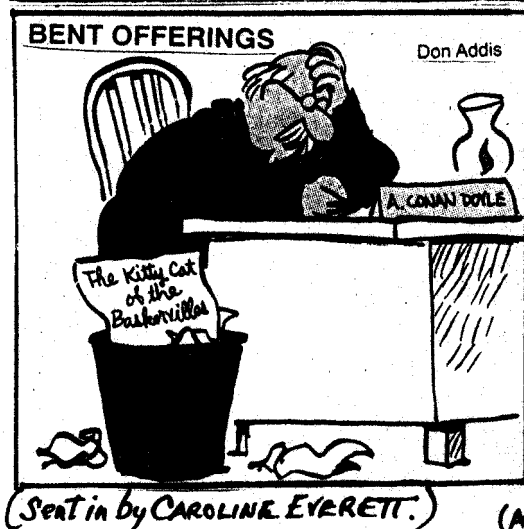
### BAKER STREET PUZZLE

by TOM BULLIMORE

Sherlock Holmes was called to a large country cottage shared by three elderly spinsters. The cottage had been broken into during the previous evening and all the contents of the wall safe stolen. From the information given below can you identify each of the three ladies and what each of them had lost?

1. Edna, who lost £1,000, didn't have the surname Field.
2. Miss Clark, who isn't Irene, didn't lose the gold necklace.
3. Susan didn't lose the £500, nor did she have the surname Hobbs.

(ANSWERS TO BOTH PUZZLES AVAILABLE FROM RECORDER.)



### HOLMESIAN HEADLINES

Wiggins is OK; (GLAD TO HEAR IT.) Watson can't quite rekindle past glory & JUST DIG INTO THAT DISPATCH BOX IN THE VAULT OF COX & CO.

Holmes angered (Didja GET STUNG BY A BEE?) NOW THEY'RE FOND OF THE BASKERVILLE

Holmes tiring (SURELY NOT THE HOUND)