

THE PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA  
Corresponding Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars  
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To Our Resident Members, Auxiliants and Corresponding Members

1. We have some outstanding material for this our Twelfth Communication. As herefore, send requests to the Recorder, giving item and Communi. nos.
2. Review of Michael Harrison's "The London of Sherlock Holmes", 232pp, and "In the Footsteps of S.H.", Drake Pub., N.Y., 292pp.
3. Account in the Chicago Tribune, Jan.12, of the funeral of Vincent Starrett at Graceland Cemetery, Chicago. Included is a lengthy report of Vincent's famed Sherlockian researches and writings.
4. Member Reilly tells of several references to 221B. residents in TV.'s "Banacek", Jan.15.
5. St.Petersburg Times' TV-Radio Dial listed Jan.27 "It's a Mystery Charlie Brown." The ubiquitous Beagle is shown in a deer-stalker with Woodstock registering perplexity. Auxiliants Wanda Butts' available sketch of these two characters sets a pace for Cartoonist Schulze, in our opinion.
6. Two copies of the London Observer's magnificent article on S.H. Jan.8, were sent to us from England. Entire 9x12 color cover shows the Master scrutinizing a cypher. Some of the illustrations are rarely seen, notably, "Hansom Cab passing 221B", "Dr. Bell in his Edinburgh brougham", "Wm. Gillette in Dressing Gown as S.H., holding revolver."
7. N.Y. Times' music critic writes of Holmes' musical ability saying in part "He was a far greater musicologist than today's scholars have begun to realize."
8. Probably the nation's largest envelope maker is using a cartoon of the Nemesis of Crime as inducement "to find business" through use of their product.
9. Most of us are familiar with "Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine", but unless all our members have read the Omnibus, or Anthology, issue for spring-summer '74, it will be well worthwhile to turn to the R.L.Fisher's "Adventure of the Disap. of Whistler's Mother." Sherlock Holmes and his presumed amanuensis Jonathon Watney do their stuff but it appears to have turned into a fiasco, although Professor Moriarty doesn't seem to have been involved.
10. From Member Reilly comes zeroxed copy of "The Great Movie Series" Parish-Barnes. The Holmes' cases are reviewed.
11. Mr. Reilly is especially alert to detect (as might be expected) Sherlockian material in the media. He also sends us "Fumes in Baker St., Case of the Lost Know-How", together with "Elementary? Hardly, Watson." Pictured are make-believe Holmes & Watson playing in an orchestra.
12. Still Holmes-bent, the London Oberver Jan.14 carried a fascinating article by John Fowles entitled "Sherlock Holmes & the Hound of Death." A blood-curdling illustration of the slaver-ing beast is featured.
13. Recognition of the continued world-wide interest in the Great Detective is seen in the syndicated boil-downs of our item #6 having appeared in the St.P. Times Feb. 10. Also in National Enquirer Feb. 20
14. We have secured reprints of several articles about member Dr. De Wall's expertese on the life and work of the Benefactor of the Race. This is the place also to mention that his extraordinary researches have resulted in the compilation of a Directory of Sherlockiana Societies which will appear in his "World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson." Amazingly there are about 150 such Scion Groups, world-wide. A few are inactive.
15. Another labor of love just to arrive is N.A. Trudeau's "The Master, the Medium and the Message," being an examination of the Sherlockian Contributions of the Cinematographic Canon. Submitted by Member Schatell, it runs to nearly 40 pages.

B.S. member  
Fred Reilly  
Ellery Queen

16. Several clippings from Auxiliant Butts depict an assortment of Sherlockians which include Jonathon Winters, a Jury in a Bathtub (possibly related to her clever pastiche "Anke Drownings") and a recipe for "Sherley Holmes" fruit salad.
17. A previous Communication should not have stated that Auxiliant Hall would make a deerstalker cap for members so desiring, but that she could provide a pattern therefor.
18. "The Canadian Holmes," organ of the "Bookmakers of Toronto," vol.1,n.2, is full of interesting material for Scionists everywhere.
19. The Recorder was interviewed at some length, with picture, by the St. P. Independent January 7 as to the Birthday Dinner, it having been learned his presence there was prevented by the machinations of Professor Moriarty, apparently in cahoots with transit authorities.
20. Remarkable full page in London Guardian Dec.24 mainly concerning William Gillette in his various roles as Sherlock Holmes and including pictures of eight well known actors similarly employed since 1900.
21. Member Morgan, rare book specialist, reports the finding of a first edition of the "Adventures (sic) of Sherlock Holmes." He will welcome information concerning the whereabouts of other such rarities.
22. The Financial Post of Toronto March 9, in reviewing "Intensive Inquiries," by A. Andrews, remarks that the BSI will note especially author's inclusion of the do-nothing dog incident as recorded in the case of the "Silver Blaze."
23. For the benefit more especially of our new members we refer to an item in a Communication of sometime ago which mentioned that while our Scion has no membership dues it's expected that members will remit \$2.00 from time to time to defray expenses.

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