



The Pleasant Places of Florida*

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The Baker Street Irregulars

[* - Suggested in FIVE.]



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The 19th Annual Spring Gathering of the PPoff will be held on Sat., May 21st at River Wilderness Country Club in Parrish. Sign-Up details will be included in the next(May) "Communication".

OFFICIAL COLOR PHOTO of "Wessex Cup IV" may be purchased. \$6 ppd (payable to Benton Wood). I also have a few Programs left, which includes the Straker Training Kit. (\$2).

WHILE I'M AT IT ... I still have a few copies of the PPof F 1994 Calendar (\$2), and the new S.H. stamps(\$2.50 for set of 5, and \$7.50 for the FDC), and the PPoff Handbook (\$2.50). All are sent postpaid, as per usual.

YOUR RECORDER was recently honored being made a member of "The Men with the Twisted Konjo", of Japan. Membership is restricted to contributing authors of the Shoso-in Bulletin.



Philatelic Philandering ... or Stamping around with SHERLOCK HOLMES

On April 27th, the USPS will issue a set of stamps depicting silent movie stars, including **Buster Keaton**, who had a Sherlockian cinema connection. F.Y.I.: Scott has assigned catalog #s for the British Holmes stamps - #1515/19.



British mail-carrier's uniform in Sherlock Holmes's day. Pretty fancy, I'd say.



REEL FUNNY: Projectionist Buster Keaton (right) gets filmed in *Sherlock Jr.*

BAKER STREET

PUZZLE

by TOM BULLMORE



Dr Watson glanced up from his Times crossword. "Can you think of a common English word with three consecutive double letters?" he asked Sherlock Holmes, who sat opposite. "I think you should consult your accountant on that one, Watson," Holmes replied with a smile. Can you find the word Watson is looking for?

(ANSWER FOUND ELSEWHERE.)

*** June Thomson: *The Secret Files of Sherlock Holmes*, Penzler, \$20. Thomson's pastiches are among the best ever written, remarkably capturing the prose and plotting style of the Conan Doyle originals. They eschew celebrity guest appearances and other stunts and gimmicks, presenting straightforward Watsonian accounts of the vanishing James Phillimore, the amateur mendicants, the remarkable worm, the notorious canary trainer (quite different from Meyer's in the book reviewed below), and three other of the untold cases, along with the requisite trumped up story of how the tales came to light and speculations on their authenticity. The shade of Vincent Starrett must be smiling.

Holmesian Headlines

(Humorous, haunting, heuristic, hackneyed, hircine, hypothetical, histrionic, heinous, & hilarious)

Holmes an MVP

Sherlock's the best! →

Love leads; Watson joins battle
↳ JOHN WAS ALWAYS THE LADIES' MAN.

Holmes waltzes to decision
↳ HE'S LIGHT ON HIS FEET!

Moriarty into blackmail
↳ AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!

Moriarty to sing a different tune
↳ HE'S WAY OFF-KEY!

"Scandal" Coping With Florida
↳ HEY, IT'S NOT HARD TO TAKE!

Holmes said: "What a lovely thing a rose is." [NAVA].
Bhutan issued a rose stamp that was rose-scented! →
Now that's what I call real olfactory philately!

Mystery and horror: Whodunits are well suited to CD-ROMs because players can gather clues as they navigate through the programs. Most in this genre feature short videos of victims, criminals and innocent bystanders. The "Sherlock Holmes: Consulting Detective" series from ICOM Simulations includes three stories on each disk.



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Baker Street Puzzle:
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