

THE PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA
Corresponding Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars

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To Our Member Irregulars, Auxiliants and Corresponding Members

1. As we all are aware, our Scion has only one by-law, to wit, that there shall be no by-laws. However, there is one unwritten law among us, to wit again, that where in a four-month period a member apparently has no time (a) to contribute items for our communications, (b) has not corresponded with any fellow member including the Recorder, (c) has not aided the printing and postage fund, it shall be understood the member has lost interest and wishes to withdraw.
2. From out of the past comes a copy of the first Editorial in the first issue of the Baker Street Journal. It was written of course by our late esteemed Edgar Smith, and is dated Christmas 1945. A salient passage reads "While yet the memory of Sherlock Holmes is green-and that will be so long as the spirit of adventurous emprise is still astir in human hearts--there will be those who will be moved to write in loving tribute to the Master and his works."
3. Headline "Sherlock Holmes: Alive and Well," in the Pensacola, Fla. News Journal July 22, '73
4. Also from the past, New York Times Book Review section of April 2, 1944, perhaps the first reviews of any of our incunabra and in which Julian Wolff, M.D., Fred Danney (he is Ellery Queen) and Chris Morley are involved.
5. Complete menu "card" (4pp.) of Keen's Chop House of sacred memory, if only that William Gillette and "other illustrious members" are recorded thereon.
6. This Communication seems blessed this time with echoes from the heretofore, and before, as is a N.Y. Times 1947 article about the BSJ, now so ably edited and produced by Commisionare Julian Wolff, of particular interest is it's illustration of the magazine's first cover.
7. Rare photo of the entrance to 221-B, together with cut of the Master's gasogene and/or Watson's despatch box.
8. Even philatelic journals headline the Benefactor of the Race (via Watson). Lenn's Stamp News, Sydney, O, ran a streamer April 29 "Sherlock Holmes' Attitude Could Result in Problems." The essence of the article concerned being too examination-prone re a used postage stamp's condition.
9. A detection type CBS-TV program worth viewing by all Irregulars, but televised at a rather poor hour, is "Department S" at 4:30 PM Saturdays. May 11 there was a reference to the Founder of the Science of Deduction.
10. Auxiliant Butts with remarkable skill and patience it seems to the Recorder, has produced an "up or down, across or diagonally" puzzle which contains all 60 of the cases in the Canon. It contains over 1200 letters, and will test your skill.

11. To add still further to our puzzles enjoyment, Miss Butts offers (a) a Cross Word mystifier all the words for which are to be found in "The Five Orange Pips," and (b) a similar brain teaser on "The Sussex Vampire."
12. Travel Section of St. Petersburg Independent April 23, which pictures "Sherlock Holmes' London." There is an appropriate ref. to the Master and his Chronicler meeting near Big Ben.
13. An "Andy Cap" cartoon in which this character calls on the name of the Nemesis of Crime.
14. Our newest member Dr. Kammerter supplies a biographical article from "Medical News" on "The world's best known medical examiner." "Evidently," Dr. K. remarks, "the biographer is not unfamiliar with the Master's locution for he heads his article "Milton Helpert: 'Elementary my dear....' "

Requests for any of the Documents referred to above should be sent to the Recorder.

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ADDENDA

15. Clipping from the Ft. Collins Coloradoan of an interview with Member De Waal reporting his Figurine Display at the university's Morgan Library, and his memorabilia of the Master.
16. The Recorder's local correspondence with Editor concerning a descendent of the first Irregular, Ethelbert Wiggins, reported as hereabouts.
17. To offer an old cliché, "History repeats itself." According to London's Daily Telegraph, a ham radio enthusiast picked up a message which led Scotland Yard to some tunnelling under a Baker Street banking emporium.
18. "Private Parts of the Royal Ontario Museum" is the head in a Toronto Life story mainly concerning the Scion Bookmakers of Toronto. An extensive write-up of Sherlockian matters follows.

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19. We were about to go to press when there arrived from Member Dr. De Waal a two page center spread from the Collegian of May 15 depicting the Benefactor of the Race as portrayed by several of his most noted impersonators - on the stage, that is. The author gives a most interesting account of the Baker Street Irregulars, his pen only slipping ~~in referring to one A.C. Doyle, publisher's agent of course, as recorder of his criminal cases, by-passing John Hamish Watson, M.D.~~

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