



# The Pleasant Places of Florida\*

A Corresponding Scion of  
The Baker Street Irregulars

[\* - Suggested in FIVE.]



# Communication No. 141

## SEPT. - 1994

**FALL GATHERING:** PPoff Program Chairman, David McCallister, has set the date: Saturday, Nov. 5th, at the St. Pete Stetson campus. Frank Smith, who has made the arrangements, will be the host. The Adventure theme will be IDEN. Frank was one of the speakers at the recent S.H. Workshop at Bennington College, Vt. Sign-Up particulars will be in the next (Oct.) Communication.

### Barnyard Bantam Banter at Baker Street -

Watson: "It was so cold last night, Holmes, that I saw a chicken walking with a capon."  
Holmes: "And I heard that a rooster wrote an award-winning novel much to the pullet's surprise!"

**STILL AVAILABLE:** The two latest PPoff "round-robin" pastiches: "Sound of the Basket Hills" and "Hide n' Tea". \$3.50 each (ppd) from the Recorder. ....



### Philatelic Philandering

... or Stamping around with  
SHERLOCK HOLMES

The Topical Times noted that this special Sherlockian cancellation was applied using a new experimental invisible ink. It sounds rather arcane to me. ->



Below are some more examples of post-marks with S'ian connotation. They are fun to collect. Additional post-marks will appear later.

From London  
THE OBSERVER  
SUNDAY 5 JUNE 1994

### Elementary, dear Watson

CAMBRIDGE economist Dr Hamish Watson claims in a new book that the economic cycle is linked to seasonal variations in mood and with the solar cycle. Unfortunately, Dr Watson's publishers cannot forecast when this mighty tome will be published.

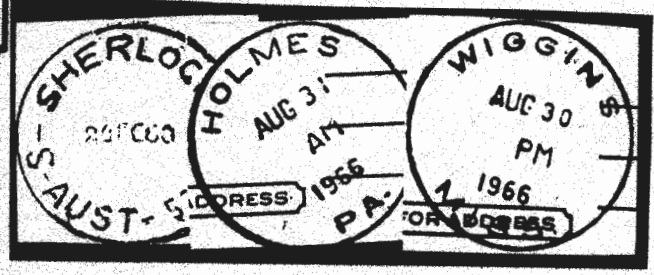
### BAKER STREET PUZZLE

**by TOM BULLIMORE #1.**  
Sherlock Holmes stopped and bought a newspaper from the young lad on a busy street corner. "There you go, Mr Holmes," said the boy. "And there's a piece of information for you written on page four" he added. Holmes smiled. Johnny was the youngest of the Baker Street Irregulars, but to listen to him anyone would have thought that he had been a detective's apprentice for many years. When Johnny becomes twice as old as he is now, he will be three times as old as he was three years ago. How old is Johnny?

*Solutions to both Baker St. puzzles are available from THE Recorder.*

### BAKER STREET PUZZLE

**by TOM BULLIMORE #2.**  
At the annual dinner of the Criminologists' Club, Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson were introduced to three new members, Messrs Black, Brown and White. "What a coincidence!" said Watson to Holmes later. "Those three gentlemen were wearing the right coloured evening jackets — black, brown and white." "Yes", replied Holmes. "But none were wearing the colour that matched their names. And Black wasn't wearing the brown jacket." What was the colour of evening jacket worn by each of the three men?



### NUMISMATIC Notes....

I'm sure you noted that the lunar Sherlock Crater is shown on the reverse of the <- 1976 "Ike" Bicentennial silver dollar. I'll bet you can spot it clearly - it's one of the spots in the illustration.

### HOLMESIAN HEADLINES

*(Humorous, haunting, hueristic, hackneyed, hircine, hypothetical, histrionic, heinous & hilarious.)*

**Watson still good bet**  
*(ALWAYS WAS.)*

**Moriarty Says Accusations Lack 'Substantive Proof'**  
*(HE'S GUILTY AS SIN!)*

**Smith to see action tonight**  
*(Watch out for Anna, Willoughby!)*

**Holmes autopsy reveals no injury consistent with fall**  
*He came back from Reschenbach!*

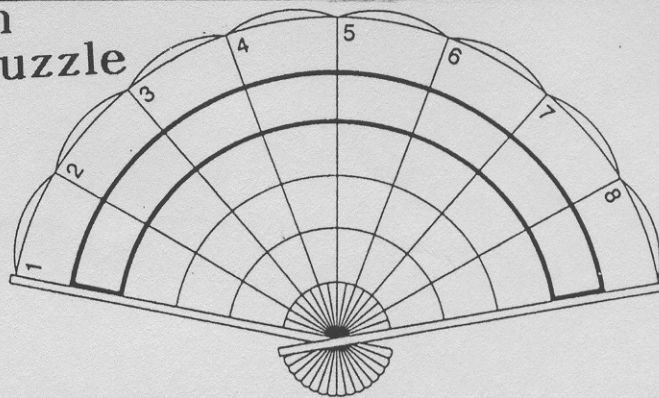
**Watson In His Element**  
*(Especially when chronicling a case.)*

**Holmes makes it look easy**  
*(Elementary!)*



# Holmesian FAN-tastic Puzzle

Place the 5-letter answers to the clues into the fan to discover the 8-letter Mystery Item reading around the fan in the outlined area.



1. \_\_\_ Manor. Garrideb's office site. (3GAR)
2. Upper third of shield in Heraldry. (NOBL)
3. Indian religious sect. (SIGN)
4. German sugar king. (3GAB)
5. Dartmoor tor. (HOUN)
6. \_\_\_ nez. (FIVE)(IDEN)(GOLD)
7. \_\_\_ House, McGinty's pub. (VALL)
8. Town in Bohemia. (SCAN)

To whom did Holmes give the Mystery Item? \_\_\_\_\_

(Unscramble these letters:

A T H I O S E R  
K O G O N F I P



## BITS & PIECES

Can you identify the 8 Canonical Characters from the Bits & Pieces of their names shown in the boxes below? The 1st name is on top, and the last on the bottom. Clue: All appear in VALL. Also, I like the lower right box the best!

TTI FTE	ECI RKE	OLO LSO	RMA RAU
IRD WAR	STI ORA	THU LAB	OCT OO

### SHERLOCKIAN CRYPTO-QUOTE S

"X AWMMAS BRSD-CDSTWCWMXJTS

GXH DPWJ XAA." (KTXJ)

and

"ZBDL WK MFS NSKM XJMWOBMS

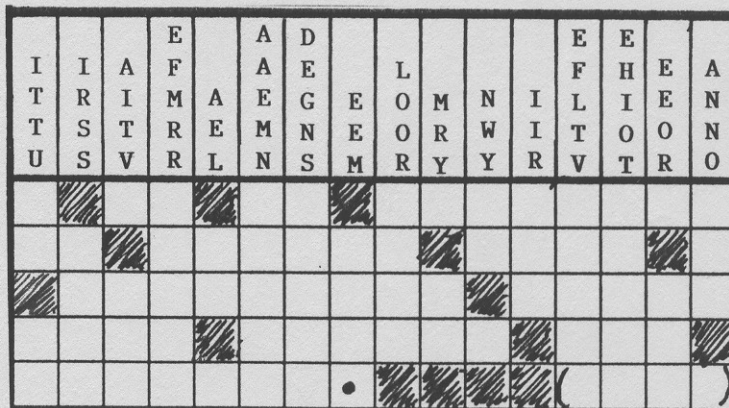
MB KBDDZ, GH OSXD ZXMKBJ."

Clews: K=S & F=H (SGCM)  
[Same code for both.]

[If you get stuck, or just want to check your answers, a PUZZLE PAGE ANSWER SHEET is available, upon request, from the Recorder.]

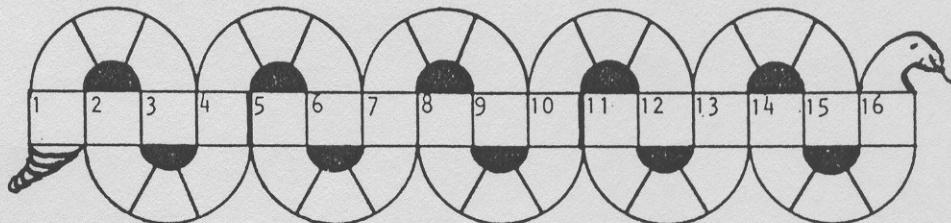
### SHERLOCKIAN

## "QUOTE FALL"



### A Sneaky Snaky Speckled Band Puzzle

Fill in 5-letter answers to clues into the diagram. Numbers indicate the direction of the word. And then .... Voila! - a noted London address will emerge 1 thru 16.



- 1-3. Holmesian method of travel.
- 4-2. London Hotel. (SIXN)
- 6-4. Harrow \_\_\_\_\_. (3GAB)
- 5-7. Contains pipes & stops.
- 9-7. Resigned U.S. Prexy.
- 8-10. \_\_\_\_\_ on the cake.
- 10-12. \_\_\_\_\_ Mogul. 280ct. diamond. (SIGN)
- 11-13. Animal track. (LION)
- 13-15. Author of "Martyrdom of Man". (SIGN)
- 16-14. Gables, Students/Quarter.