



# The Pleasant Places of Florida\*

A Corresponding Scion of  
The Baker Street Irregulars

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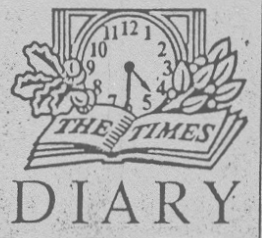


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**NEW PUBLICATION DATE:** Starting with the Oct. issue the Communication will be published on the IDES of each month. This means the **15th** for March, May, July & October, and the **13th** for the other eight months. This will make things much easier for me who also edits two other 1st-of-the-month newsletters. The term "Ides" (latin=idus) means mid-month. This "via media" issuance also eliminates the chances your tossing out the "Communication" with the end-of-month bills.

**Looking Ahead...** Program Chairman, **David McCallister**, announces that the tentative date for the **Fall Gathering** of the PPoff is set for Saturday, November 18th - so jot it down on your calendar. The Adventure theme: **"Wisteria Lodge"**. Sign-up particulars will ensue as the date draws nigh.

**½ Doz. Prize Winners!** 6 PPoffers sent in correct solutions to last issue's "Ship Ahoy!" puzzle. **George Edwards**, of St.Pete, said: "It was easy!" I say he and the others were Canonically sharp.



### HOLMESIAN HEADLINES

**This Time, Holmes Needs King**  
*A BOHEMIAN TURN-AROUND!*  
Sherlock offers a personal touch  
*He's a charmer!*  
**Moriarty is running for president**  
*WE WON'T GET MY VOTE!*  
**Merger With Watson A Done Deal**  
*at St.BART'S!*

### Puffing on

THE LORDS and Commons Pipesmokers Club settled down for a good smoke-into mark National No Smoking Day yesterday at the Sherlock Holmes Museum in Baker Street, London. The Lords Harris, Mason, and Belhaven and Stenton were wreathed in an impenetrable fog as they puffed away defiantly.

"We are cocking a snook at the anti-smoking lobby," explained Lord Mason, the former Labour minister and convener of the club, in his deerstalker. "I think Holmes would have grunted in disgust at the thought of a No Smoking Day. "I always say: if you want to be happy for a day, go fishing. If you want to be happy for a week get married. If you want to be happy for a month, kill a pig. If you want to be happy and contented for all time, smoke a pipe."

## Philatelic Philandering ... or Stamping around with SHERLOCK HOLMES

The USPS is issuing more and more adhesive stamps and some of them have a Sherlockian connection.

The pine is mentioned ---> in **STUD & 3GAR**.

The new peach & pear stamps remind us that Holmes & Watson made a "peach of a pear". Perhaps you recall that peaches were "preserved" in **HOUN**. It goes without saying that Sherlock's talents were incom-**pear**-able, and good old Dr. Watson's reputation was, of course, un-**im-peach**-able! And don't forget that Holmes stated: "I am lost without my 'Bosc'-well!.



Isn't this the pits?!  
George Palmer, of 1000 Oaks, CA, is a phabulous philatelist. In his newsletter, "Tiger Tales", he reproduces nifty canonical stamps, postmarks, FDCs, etc. of S'ian interest. Here's one: -> In **MISS**, Cyril Overton's telegram bore a "Strand" postmark.



**A-PUN MY WORD!** (This farcial, fatuous, fun-filled feature of flippancy, foolishness, and fat-witted fiddle-faddle appears at irregular intervals in the Communication.)

**Holmes:** "I note in the Social column, Watson, that a trio of young ladies from Indiana are "coming out" this fall."

**Watson:** "Indeed, Holmes. It appears to be yet another Case of the Three Gary Debs."

**Watson:** "I heard our crusty old baker just fired his new apprentice."

**Holmes:** No doubt he was loafing on the job.

**Watson:** "Really, Holmes, you certainly have a rye sense of humor!"