



# Communication

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Faith and Begorra! This issue we have articles on about what it takes to be a real Sherlockian, a report on the Wessex Cup, more info on that Sherlockian Cruise, preliminary details on the 5th Annual Convention of Reichenbachian Cliff-Divers, an in-person description of Dame Jean's memorial service, an exposition of the origin of the name "Altamont," and a recounting of our Titanic adventure. Member Tom Takach has been sending innumerable submissions to us for future issues - you'll see a couple of them this time around. Please note the sign-up sheet for our spring gathering is also attached. We try to leave such items blank on the reverse so you don't lose anything by cutting it out. A correction on last issue - Catherine Cooke is the curator of the Sherlock Holmes Collection at Marylebone Library, not the Sherlock Holmes Museum in London. Thanks to Jeanette Pyle for the catching the error.

*The Papers on the Sundial*



The picture to the left is a photocopy of a pencil drawing by DC Comics artist, Mike Parobeck. It was given to member Tom Takach after Mike learned of Tom's interest in Sherlock Holmes. It was the first time he had ever attempted Holmes and based his drawing from his memory of the old Rathbone movies. Mike Parobeck passed away in 1996 at the age of 30.

## Canonical/Club Calendar

### March

During this month in 1892, Holmes received a telegram while he & Watson sat at their lunch. One evening, Holmes & Watson visited Wisteria Lodge; another evening, an excited rustic rushed into their room. Late in March, quarter day is at hand. (WIST) Dr. James Mortimer has his article "Do We Progress?" published in the Journal of Psychology, (1883)(HOUN); at the end of the month, Moriarty was absolutely hampered in his plans by Holmes (FINA); upon one misty morning, Watson looked upon a scene which left an impression that could never be effaced from his mind (DEVI); 1897 - Dr. Moore Agar gave positive instructions to Holmes to rest if he wished to avoid an absolute breakdown (DEVI).

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### The Reigate Puzzle

By Tom Takach

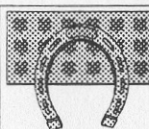
William saw that his employer was a thief.  
With this moral shortcoming he had no beef.  
He saw it as his chance for financial relief.

He was not cautious, and this he should've been;  
His failure allowed Alec to leisurely do him in.

A recovering Sherlock took up this unusual case;  
A fact that wiped the smile off of cocky Alec's face.  
The Master knew at once that the note was a joint affair.  
It was only a matter of time before he completely laid his  
snare.

Oranges fell from the table, and rolled across the floor;  
Holmes in all his cunning was rapidly out the door.

Evidence in hand, he was wrestled to the ground.  
Watson, the Inspector and the Colonel, picking up the sound.  
The Master was freed by result of their overwhelming force  
Father and son were now in custody, as the story had run its  
course.



#### WESSEX WINNER

The Wessex Cup event this year was truly a winner with a record turn-out of forty-seven! In addition to the program provided by *The Papers on the Sundial*, host David McCallister provided attendees with an Amorous Canon Quiz in which he produced 25 verses of love in honor of Valentine's Day. Answers were provided after a suitable time of suffer...er, figuring.

The winning horse this year was **Ester Lee**, ridden by Jockey Robert Messina. It was a great race with a close finish. Presenters were our farthest travelers, Peter Crupe with Francine and Richard Kitts, all the way from New York!

### A REAL SHERLOCKIAN

by Brad Keefauver

*In a recent posting on Hounds of the Internet, the question was posed as to just who is a Sherlockian? Is a Y-chromosome necessary (as some once believed, I think)? Is there a minimum amount of "trivia"-type knowledge one must possess? Must you have produced "original" scholarship? Is it enough just to love Holmes? Are you disqualified if you fall "in love" with him? Member Brad Keefauver replied so eloquently, we thought you PPoFers would enjoy reading his thoughts.*

Sherlockiana has often been compared to a religion (most times humorously, sometimes not), and the parallels can be expanded all over the place.

Just as Methodists differ from Presbyterians, while being somewhat the same, Brettist Sherlockians differ from Orthodox Sherlockians, who differ from Russellites.

A good share of us hold that the original Conan Doyle Canon is the One True Canon, yet there are those who can recite Granada details by chapter and verse as well. Part of the problem with defining a "real" Sherlockian comes with defining the "real" Sherlock Holmes . . . and the real Sherlock Holmes is different to every single Sherlockian. I, for example, sympathize with the position that the husband of Mary Russell is not the "real" Sherlock Holmes. Others disagree.

Just for argument's sake, here's a rough draft of some guidelines for being a real Sherlockian.

1. A real Sherlockian is, basically, someone who plays well with other Sherlockians.
2. A real Sherlockian has at least attempted to read the Canon.
3. A real Sherlockian is a real human being, either currently alive or having historical evidence that he or she was once alive.
4. A real Sherlockian knows certain basic trivia, just to keep from being embarrassed. Said trivia goes as follows: Sherlock Holmes lived at 221B Baker Street. His friend and chronicler was named Dr. Watson (John H., if you want to get fancy). Anyone who doesn't know those two doesn't deserve to be a Sherlockian. I know that's terribly strict, but life is rough.

5. A real Sherlockian has at least one admirable quality, just because the reputations of Sherlockians as a whole might otherwise suffer.

If you can meet at least four of those qualifications, I think you can be a real Sherlockian. Maybe not the best real Sherlockian, but who is?

We'd be interested in anyone else out there giving their opinion as to just what makes a person a "Sherlockian." Send your ideas to *The Papers on the Sundial*, "What Makes a Sherlockian?", 1737 Santa Anna Drive, Dunedin, FL 34698



## Agony Column

**On the 20th of June** a group of Sherlockians will sail for Bermuda aboard the handsome cruise ship Zenith. Four days will be in Bermuda, in Hamilton and then in St. George's. On Sunday and Friday, the two full days at sea, there will be an amusing and light-hearted Sherlockian program. Some fine speakers have agreed to share their latest inspirations, among them **Philip Shreffler, Mallynne McKay, Irving Kamil, Joanne Zahorsky and Kate Karlson.** **Mary Ellen Rich** will repeat the tableaux vivant, so successful on the last sailing. Quizzes and essay contests offer the chance to win your choice from the prize table. The ship is magnificent, the program engrossing and the company superb. "Come join us!" Cabins are still available ranging from \$998 to \$1370 per person. For further details, contact the Cruise Committee, c/o Dorothy Stix,

**Holmes In Scale** is a new society (one year old) for those who model Sherlock Holmes. Including railways, ship models, figures, etc., they produce a newsletter, the "Jack-Knife," a few times a year. Contact

William C. Thomas, .....

The new annotation of the Canon by Leslie Klinger will begin to appear some time this year. (*Wessex Press*). The first volume, *The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes*, should appear in the spring; a sample of it was distributed to those attending the Baker Street Irregulars weekend in New York. Jon Lellenberg has written the introduction to this volume, Peter Blau will write the introduction to *The Memoirs*. This is not a second edition of Baring-Gould's 1967 *Annotated Sherlock Holmes*. Klinger's approach is different in significant ways and considered by some superior.

Preliminary details concerning the **Fifth Annual Convention of the Reichenbachian Cliff-Divers** are already available. This year's convention will be held in Peoria, Illinois, July 10-12. Headquarters will be the beautiful Julian Hotel, 724 SW Adams St. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel (309-676-5118). The annual diving competition will take place on

Friday, July 10, from the deck of the Murray Baker Bridge. Some fifteen divers are already registered. Officials just hope the divers can find the narrow barge channel, since the rest of the Illinois River is only 2-foot deep. Presentation of papers will take place the following day in the auditorium of the Julian. Some submissions so far include "Gastro-Esophageal Reflux and British Grub" by Charlie Belcher, BSI, "PMS in the Canon: An Update" by Friedrich Berlfine, OB-GYN, "Facial Disfigurement by Vitriol and Petri Wine: A Comparative Study" by Kathryn Winter, ASH, "Auto Eroticism in the Post-Reichenbachian Tales" by Havelock Ellis-Rosenberg, PhD, and "The Three Gables: Martin, Clark, and Betty" by Wells Dungerabber.

**The Papers in the Case**, a new book by Douglas Moreton is available from Cadds Printing Ltd., 59, Lancaster Ave., West Norwood, London SE27 9EL for \$18.00. Make checks payable to Hugh S. Scullion. Pastiches based on Watson's battered dispatch box, it contains numerous pictures & illustrations.

### Published PPOfers

**Carl Heifetz** recently had his *Pawnbroker* monograph appear on the website <sherlock-holmes.com> Also, his *Regarding the True Aetiology of the Skin-Lightening Syndrome* appears in "The Holmes & Watson Report, Vol. 1, No. 7, 3/98. Let us know if you've been published!

### He's Everywhere

On the 11/2/46 Holmes radio adventure entitled *The Adventure of The Original Hamlet* (Conway & Bruce), the pitchman selling Kreml Hair Tonic & Shampoo for the show's sponsor was Joseph Bell ..... This year's hot prize at the Florida State Fair was a stuffed toy of Scooby-doo dressed in Inverness cape and deerstalker cap ..... John Peterman, founder of the J. Peterman catalog

stated in a recent *Playboy* interview "Every guy should have a winter coat with a cape on it. Very few do. It's distinguished, it's utilitarian, and you don't necessarily look like you're in the kaiser's army. You look like Sherlock Holmes or a count or a duke. A man should also have a pair of boots and a brush and shaving cream...None of this squeeze-top stuff."

## ALTAMONT: THE GENESIS OF A "NOM DE GUERRE"

by Thomas Dandrew

In August of 1914, Sherlock Holmes, in his guise of Irish-American spy Altamont, successfully brought about the downfall of the master German spy Von Bork, the culmination of a plan that had started in Chicago and passed through Buffalo and Skibbareen, eventually catching the eye of a subordinate of Von Bork. It is reasonable to assume that the Master would have required some time in order to prepare for such a difficult mission. In the April 1946 issue of *The Baker Street Journal*, Donald Hayne made a conjecture on this subject that was called by then BSJ editor Edgar W. Smith "one of the most delightful speculations in the saga." Briefly Mr. Hayne hypothesized as follows:

*The investigator of Chaldean roots in the ancient Cornish dialect was certainly philologist enough to know that the standard American accent is derived from the New England hill accent which passes across central New York to the Middle West.*

*Sigerson, the explorer, would find both interest and ostensible purpose in studying the ancient and significant geological formations in the Helderberg Mountains near Albany. Mr. Holmes would want*

*to be near a city the size of Albany, to shop for his wardrobe, etc., but would prefer actually residing in a much smaller place where he could, for his linguistic and sociological purposes, mingle more familiarly with all types and strata of people. A middle class summer resort (he came, presumably, in July, 1912) where strangers were coming and going every week, would be ideal. All this adds up -- elementarily -- to the town of Altamont, New York; and was it not a gracious gesture on the master's part, and a sign that he enjoyed that summer's peace before starting his arduous pilgrimage in the service of the Empire, that he took as his own the name of that village and bore it for two years, till Von Bork was safely out of the way?*

Though there has been much conjecture over the years as to why the "Altamont" pseudonym had been chosen by Holmes for this particular "stunt," Mr. Hayne was indeed correct in attributing the source of this alias to Altamont, New York.

When Mr. Hayne further hypothesized that Holmes would have opted to be near a city "the size of Albany" to provide himself with a wardrobe and other necessities, he was again very close to the mark. His only error, however, was that the city that had played such a significant

role in the development of the Great Detective's "Altamont" persona -- and, more importantly, provides conclusive evidence that Holmes had indeed spent time in the Altamont, New York, area at the earlier mentioned patriotic undertaking--was NOT Albany at all but a neighboring city located about eight miles to the east and on the other side of the Hudson (!) River: Troy, New York.

The city of Troy, discovered in 1609 by Hendrick Hudson, was an important industrial center of about 70,000 people at the time of Sherlock's visit to the area. It was largely immigrant in origin, with the IRISH in particular comprising a considerable community, a perfect location in which to place himself in that summer of 1912 in order to perfect his "Altamont" *nom de guerre*.

Another major attraction of Troy for the Master would have been the world-renowned Troy Music Hall, which was (and is!) recognized nationally and internationally as one of the finest acoustical settings for concert music. Into such a building we can easily imagine Holmes (known for being a concert lover, an enthusiastic musician, and a composer of no ordinary merit) being drawn whenever he could manage it, both for the sheer (cont. page 7)

# BUMBLE

(the Sherlockian Scrambled Word Game dedicated to Nigel Bruce)

Sent in by Tom Takach

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Maxwell Smart and Lancelot Link agree with Napoleon Solo, The Man from U.N.C.L.E. - he was better than any of *them* at *their* jobs. Unscramble the words above to reveal the names of key players in The Canon. Then, take the circled letters from each unscrambled word and assemble below to reveal the exciting Canonical answer!

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## SALLY FORTH



The Pleasant Places of Florida is taking up a collection of funds to be used to purchase Sherlockian books for local libraries, schools or adult facilities. If you would like to donate, send your monetary assistance to Carl Heifetz, c/o The Marshall/Wood Fund, . Collections will also be made during club events. Disbursement of books will be made once a year at the discretion of The Last Court of Appeals. Anyone with suggestions, please contact Carl.



“Your fatal habit of looking at everything from the point of view of a story instead of as a scientific exercise has ruined what might have been an instructive and even classical series of demonstrations.” Sherlock Holmes to Dr. John H. Watson in “The Adventure of the Abbey Grange.”

The PPOF is pleased to announce the publication of *FATAL HABITS: AN APPRECIATION OF THE LITERARY SHERLOCK HOLMES* (199 pgs) by Jeffery F. Dow. Using copious examples from every story in the canon, the book explains the use of numerous literary devices such as atmosphere, flashbacks, dialogue, humor, plot and peripeteia. The result is a better understanding of why the canon is so enjoyable to read, and what makes a good story in general. The book is US\$10 post paid (US\$10 Int'l Surface US\$15 Int'l Air) and can be

ordered from The Papers on the Sundial,  
checks payable to Jeffery F. Dow.

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The Pleasant Places of Florida is proud to announce its latest edition of the round-robin pastiche:

**The Adventure of the Yule Lantern Lost**  
Yes, the newest publication of our famous round-robin pastiches is hot off the presses and ready to be read! So order now! Don't be the last Sherflockian on your block to read this latest literary lallapalooza! Just make your check for \$3.00 payable to Carl Heifetz, and send to "Yule Lantern Lost,"

and a copy is all yours! (Int'l orders add \$1.00)

Didn't get to attend Sherlock's Sunshine Celebration of the Master's 144th Birthday in January? Don't feel bad - now you can purchase a publication of the entire program! **The Pleasant Places of Florida** has just printed The First Annual Sherlock's Sunshine Celebration Publication. This booklet contains all the toasts, all the rituals, all the presentations, and all the details about the dinner you ever wondered about. So find out what went on when you weren't there. Send \$2.50 to "Happy 144th,"

Make checks payable to Carl Heifetz. (Int'l add \$1.00)



The time was May, 1997. The audience of the Sunshine State Sherlockian Scion Symposium sat stunned by the performance of two insane Sherlockians as they translated "Hound of the Baskervilles" into a rock opera of cheap proportions. Reality was suspended as they watched two performers become all of the characters with loud jackets and a single prop per role. They rocked to the rhythm of a Holmesian musical. Well, now YOU can be there! Yes,

**RODGER BASKERVILLE'S LONELY HOUND FROM HELL**

is now available in published form. With an introduction by Thomas Stix, Jr., a full color cover, complete lyrics and a re-creation of the original program, you can put on your Sgt. Pepper's album and sing along (with different words, of course). There is also a "Word from the Authors" included in the publication, signed by both perpetrators. So live the nightmare. For just \$6.00 (ppd US/CAN), \$8.00 (ppd INT'L), you can receive this publication of the Pleasant Places of Florida. Order from Wanda Dow,

(cont. from page 4) enjoyment of the occasion and because (as Guy Warrack in *Sherlock Holmes and Music* pointed out) music provided his "main escape" from the pressures of his chosen profession, pressures that had never been greater for him than at this crucial period in world affairs.

The most irrefutable piece of evidence linking Holmes to the Troy, New York, area (and, by extension, to his Altamont base of operations), however, and one that has been entirely overlooked by Sherlockian scholars up to this point, is provided by the nationalistic American figure that the Master's "Altamont" disguise was consciously developed to resemble: "He was a tall, gaunt man of sixty, with clean-cut features and a small goatee beard which gave him a general resemblance to the caricatures of Uncle Sam." What, one might ask, does Holmes' selection of an "Uncle Sam-like" disguise have to do with Troy, New York? Elementary! Troy was the home of Samuel Wilson, the person upon whom the "Uncle Sam" figure is based! In the War of 1812 Wilson (appropriately enough of Scotch-IRISH origin) supplied beef to the American soldiers, stamping his barrels "U.S." (for the United States), which soon led to a dual interpretation of the initials.

Lest anyone doubt the accuracy of Troy's claim on "Uncle Sam," the United States government itself has recognized the city's position. On 15 September 1961, the 87th Congress bestowed perhaps the ultimate honor on both Samuel Wilson and the city of Troy by adopting the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring) that the Congress salutes "Uncle Sam" Wilson, of Troy, New York, as the progenitor of America's national symbol of "Uncle Sam."*



Holmes' many visits to this strongly Irish city obviously introduced him to the "Uncle Sam" story (with its patriotic implications) and its local connection. Since the Master himself valued precisely those traits represented by this figure--honesty, self-reliance, and devotion to country--what could

have been more logical for him than to base his disguise on a personification that reflected those very values that he held in such high regard?

In conclusion, the Master's assumption of his "Altamont" nom de guerre in "His Last Bow" left no doubt about the high regard he held for the two locations that had come to mean so much to him. To honor his adopted "Altamont," he took its name as his own; to reflect his deep attachment for Troy (as well as to make clear his personal patriotic fervor), he altered his physical appearance to resemble the city's favorite son, "Uncle Sam." In a larger sense, by combining England (himself) with America (his "Uncle Sam" persona), he symbolically took the first step in accomplishing a dream that he believed would someday come to pass--the uniting of the citizens of these two great nations into a world-wide country under a flag that would be a quartering of the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes.

The Literary Agent would have been proud!

## **DAME JEAN CONAN DOYLE LAID TO REST**

By Jon L. Lellenberg

Dame Jean died on November 18th last year, and, according to instructions in her will, her body, wrapped in the Union Flag, was cremated on November 27th. A week before the memorial service, her ashes were (cont. page 8)

(cont. from page 7) interred alongside her husband's, Air Vice Marshal Sir Geoffrey Bromet, in the cemetery at Minstead, Hants., near her parents' graves.

The memorial service took place at St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, an ancient church which was bombed heavily during the war and rebuilt in the 1950s as the central church of the Royal Air Force. Dame Jean as well as her husband had been a general officer in the RAF, and the service was military in tone, with RAF officers and aircraftwomen serving as ushers, senior RAF officers reading the lessons, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges giving the eulogy, which while focusing on her service to her country, did not overlook her father and his literary heritage, Dame Jean's work defending it, and her memberships in the Baker Street Irregulars, the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, and the Arthur Conan Doyle Society. The ceremony was well attended by members of the family, colleagues from the RAF, friends from society, representatives of the considerable number of charities she supported, and devotees like us of her father's work. The royal family was represented by Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester.

The service was followed by a reception at the RAF Club, in Piccadilly. The toast to her memory there was given by her cousin Richard Doyle, whom I was meeting

for the first time with a certain astonishment, for his resemblance to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is very strong. Other relatives present included her cousins Charles Foley and Catherine Doyle Beggs, her cousin-in-law Georgina Doyle, whose late husband Brigadier John Doyle was the son of Sir Arthur's younger brother Innes, and Dame Jean's step-grandsons, Michael Pooley and Richard Pooley.

It was a fitting end to a life dedicated to service to her country, to others, and to her father's memory, and a touching farewell to a grand lady.

#### 1998 P.P. of F. CALENDAR

May 2

*23rd Annual Spring Gathering*

*St. Petersburg*

*Host: Mike Carroll*

The Mazarin Stone

July 11

*Diogenes Meeting*

*East Coast*

*Host: Dave Scott*

September 12

*Diogenes Meeting*

*The Coach & Horses British Pub*

*& Restaurant*

*Sarasota*

*Hosts: Charles & Marilyn Amick*

November 7

*23rd Annual Spring Gathering*

*Dunedin*

*Hosts: Jeff & Wanda Dow*



**Wanda Dow's Sherlockian Display at the Dunedin Public Library during the month of November, 1997.**



## The Titanic Adventure of the "Pleasant Places of Florida"

by Carl L. Heifetz

The *Titanic* adventure started without incident, as did the last day in the short life of that great ship whose demise we commemorated on Saturday, March 7, 1998. All 23 of the "passengers" were able to locate the starting place of our voyage with little incident. There was no indication of the dramatic events that we would later encounter as we assembled in sunny, pleasant downtown St. Petersburg, Florida, for an enjoyable repast at Ollie's Restaurant, and participated in stimulating Sherlockian conversation.

Then the mood changed to anticipation as we walked the two short blocks to the "Florida International Museum," the site of "*Titanic*, the Exhibition." What would we find there? Would the exhibition meet our expectations or be an overrated dud? Answered briefly, it was a very moving and worthwhile experience. As we walked from room to room through the exhibit, the drama of those long-ago events built slowly to a dramatic climax. The few actual relics retrieved from the ship served to focus our attention on the events that led to the sinking of the unsinkable *Titanic*. There were pieces of clothing, parts of the ship itself, eating utensils, jewelry, and many other items rescued from the depths of the ocean. The effect was greatly enhanced by well-placed graphics, video presentations, life-sized models of the ship's areas, and the sound effects that accompanied the audio presentation by British actor Malcolm McDowell. The participants could actually feel as if they were on the voyage as they trod the wood and tile floors that reproduced those of the *Titanic* itself. The "virtual" visual tour of the *Titanic*, that was presented on a huge video monitor, was excellent, and particularly effective was the display that permitted the "passengers" to look over the ship's wooden railing at the black, glassy ocean below and up at the starry constellations, that were identical to those seen by the real passengers as they stood there awaiting their final destiny on that fated day.

I recommend visiting this exhibit very highly. Of all of the exhibitions that have graced the halls of the Florida International Museum, this is truly the most well done and effective.

### ROSTER UPDATE

*New:*

**Changes: Buddle, Judy**

**Songster, Kay**

**Calamai, Peter**

**Ennis, Robert,**

*Please check the address on your mailing label to make sure the correct information is being held by the club.*

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4th - Watson rose somewhat earlier than usual (STUD); 1869 -Hudson came. Same old platform. (FIVE).

7th, 1869 - Set the pips on McCauley, Paramore, & John Swain of St. Augustine (FIVE).

9th, 1869 - McCauley cleared (FIVE)

10th, 1883 - a letter arrived for Colonel Openshaw (FIVE).

16th, 1897 - Mr. Roundhay and Mr. Mortimer Tregennis abruptly entered the sitting room of Holmes & Watson (DEVI).

20th, 1888 - Watson was seized with a keen desire to see Holmes (SCAN); John

Swain cleared. (FIVE).

30th, 1894 - death came to The Honourable Ronald Adair (EMPT)

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1st, 1972 - The Pleasant Places of Florida is formed by Leslie Marshall. The first Communication is sent out.

10th, 1980 - Inaugural of Diogenes Club held in St. Petersburg at Mike Carroll's.

5th, 1987 - Comm. #88 reports that Ben Wood gives guest lecture on S.H. at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. Member Reggie Hudson teaches course, "The Art of Scientific Deduction." *Sonnets by the Major* by Bill Ward published.

1989 - Members Mike Carroll, Joan & Ben Wood, David McCallister & Bill Ward attend Southwest Florida Chapter of English Speaking Union. Mike Carroll gives presentation on the connection between Doyle and the Oxford English Dictionary.

1991 - Member Reggie Hudson teaches course on "Scientific Methods & S.H." Guest speaker Ben Wood gives talk on the Sherlockian Cult; photo essay of the First Annual Wessex Cup is published.

7th, 1998 - Diogenes lunch & viewing of Fla. Int'l. Museum's exhibit of the *TITANIC*.



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If you have a red check on the back page, your club membership is up for renewal. Please check the information below to insure that you are listed in the club records as you wish to be listed.

Return this section to CARL HEIFETZ, \_\_\_\_\_, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CARL HEIFETZ. Membership is \$10.00 US/CAN and \$12.00 INT'L. (as of 1/1/98) If you have more than one member living at the same address and require only one Communication, you may pay only \$10.00. If you wish a Communication for each person residing at the address, you must pay \$10.00 each.

### SPRING GATHERING

The 23rd Annual Spring Gathering of the Pleasant Places of Florida has been set for May 2, 1998 at 11:30. The setting will be the St. Petersburg home of our host, Dr. Charles Michael Carroll, the infamous Count Negretto Sylvius himself! The adventure is (of course) The Mazarin Stone. Bring items for display or sale. Newsletter exchanges will be available for perusal or borrowing. Lunch will be \$7.00 per person. If you intend to come, please fill out the registration coupon below and get it back to Dr. Mike NO LATER THAN APRIL 20, 1998. Registrants will receive driving directions from the Count. Contact Mike Carroll at \_\_\_\_\_, phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Yes! I definitely want to attend the 23rd Spring Gathering of the Pleasant Places of Florida! Count me in and send me directions!*

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Anyone interested in receiving a copy of a cartoon, and a list of books for sale concerning Sherlock Holmes and the *Titanic*, please send your request and a business-sized SASE to Carl Heifetz,

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by Leslie Marshall (dec.)*

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**Jeff & Wanda Dow**, The Papers on the Sundial,

**Carl L. Heifetz**, Representative both with the Servants and with the Tradespeople.

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