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One of these days, you'll be organizing your collection of Communications and you'll suddenly realize that when you have them in number order, the volume and number order don't match. Or vice versa. Sorry about that. Jeff & I work on the Communications independently. I (Wanda) usually do the regular newsletters and Jeff produces the special issues. Some time in 2000, we didn't release the Communications in the planned order, resulting in chaos to the numbering system. We have it all set up in the computer for the year, but we forgot to go back and change our numbers when one of us got done before the other. At any rate, with this issue, any missing numbers should be covered (but the # won't be in the same order as the Vol. & No. order).

The Papers on the Sundial



Educational Themes in The Return

by David R. McCallister

Several of the adventures in the canon have themes running through them. There are, of course, adventures in educational settings or which refer in some way to the universe of academe. In COPP, Violet Hunter starts as a governess, and ends up as head of a private school in Walsall. SILV mentions Board Schools. In CREE the antagonist is Professor Presbury. In LION, the cramming institution, The Gables, provides the victim. Of course, Professor Moriarty himself has been booted from some provincial university.

It has often been remarked that there is a theme in the canon regarding marriage and connubial bliss or the lack thereof, that seems to parallel A.C. Doyle's developing preoccupations on the subject. But particularly in the adventures of "The Return of Sherlock Holmes," there is a mini-theme at work regarding the customary divisions of pedagogy.

The curious factor is that in each subsequent treatment, there is a progressive movement up the educational ladder from primary level to post graduate. In SOLI, Violet Smith was hired by Carruthers to be a musical tutor to his daughter, age 10, at the almost Copper Beeches salary of L100 per year). Presumably she was also a governess of sorts.

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE 2000

November 18

25th Annual Fall Gathering

Palm Harbor

Hosts: Carl & Sandie Heifetz

Case: The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter

Paul & Janet Gunning send greetings from Sun City West, AZ where they have moved and already discovered a great mystery bookstore, The Poisoned Pen Bookstore. Anyone desiring to wish them well can reach them at 20607 Natchez Drive, zip code 85375.

WRITERS TAKE NOTE!

The theme of the 2000 *Beeman's Christmas Annual* will be "Flora and Fauna in the Canon." Send in submissions not later than November 15 to *Camden House Journal*, PO Box 21, Zeigler, IL 62999.

PUBLISHED PPOFERS

Carl Heifetz's paper, *Sherlock Holmes, Master of Espionage*, appeared in Joe Coppola's "Occasionally the British Government," August, 2000 issue.

Don't forget to let us know when you get published!

He's Everywhere . . .

Sent in by Tom Takach, some pages from The New York Public Library's Mystery Lover's Calendar: March 17 - Can you name three killers in the Sherlock Holmes stories who are not human? April 11 - Sherlock Holmes was often considered the most egotistical detective ever, but these were not his words: "I have a habit of always being right - but I do not boast of it." Who *did* say this? (answers elsewhere) ... BBC Productions, PO Box 158, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-0158 is offering two videos of interest: *Sherlock Holmes - The Early 1920's*, including *Holmes Baffled* and *Sherlock Holmes - The Later Who Disappeared* and episode *Singular Case of the Plural Green* \$14.95 each, \$4 for shipping 1 Author William C. Paxton writes *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* Community Press, Inc. in plus \$5 shipping. You can contact Terrace, Independence, MO us of a quiz he gave his fellow Arthur Conan Doyle's birthday. in a phone booth tin of english HOUND. Thanks for keeping the you deduced that the mutt pictured If so, you are wrong! He was spotted by Jeff Dow in an ad for a local (Dunedin, FL) pizza place called *Marco's* ... It is reported that in the new, improved, redesigned *Daily Telegraph* there is now a special crime page, complete with a crime and police diary section. And what is the name of the diarist? Lestrade!



Years which has films of the and the AC Doyle interview, *Years* which contains *The Man* one of Ronald Howard's *The Mustache* among others. Cost is video, \$6.50 for 2 or more ... of his latest release, *The Hidden* which is available from Chillicothe, MO. \$25.00 US him at 12907 E. 36th Street 64055 ... Tom Takach also tells employees in honor of Sir The winner took home a Bobby candy, as well as a copy of memory alive, Tom! Have above is advertising *Taco Bell*?

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE 25TH FALL GATHERING OF THE PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA!!

FILL OUT THE SIGN-UP SHEET (INSERT) AND MAIL IT IN TODAY! FESTIVITIES TO TAKE PLACE IN PALM HARBOR AT THE HOME OF REPRESENTATIVE CARL

HEIFETZ!

Sherlockian Newsletters

Newsletters received since last publication are:

The Whaling News - Two Double Issues. One with articles "Some Observances Upon The Disappearance of The Lady," and "The Dying Detective: A Watsonian Tale," the other with articles "Did Doyle (the Literary Agent) Sail with Patrick Cairns?" by John T. Foster and "Out of the Mouths of Guns" by Michael Bragg. Contact The Harpooners of the Sea Unicorn,

The District Messenger - with info on new Sherlockian publications, the BBC and various scions. Contact Roger Johnson,

The Camden House Journal - reporting on monthly meeting of The Occupants of the Empty House. July issue, "One Trifling Question Presented by Watson's Narrative of CROO" by William Cochran, BSI. August issue, "An Oxshott Rogues Gallery or WIST by Wist" by Michelle Wist. September issue, "The Dyeing Detective" by Patricia King. Contact

The Baker Street Dispatch - articles on BLAN, "Murder Rooms: The Dark Beginnings of S.H., S.H. - The Last Act!" and "A Study in Celluloid" Inquire BSD, Box 5503, Toledo, OH 43613

The Uncrumpled Morning Paper

from The Goose Club of the Alpha Inn of Burlington, VT. Vol 1 No. 1 addresses the question of whether or not Bob Schultz is a BSI, a report on Fox TV's *Sherlock Holmes in the 22nd Century*, a finger shaking for Holmes' behavior in *ILL* and the first part of a Goose Club series. Vol. 1 No. 2 has a report on the 2nd Bimetallic Colloquium, part two of the G.C. series, a mystery to solve and a description of a Sherlockian Quilt and Set of Blocks. They accept articles. Deadline is the end of the 2nd week of each month. Mark Conrad,

Also available as email

The Deerstalker - newsletter of the Miami based Tropical Deerstalkers, reports on a future meeting, renewal updates and Sherlockian videos. Contact *The Deerstalker*,

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The next adventure, PRIO, has a much more obvious connection with secondary education. The client is the headmaster. The murder victim is a teacher, the kidnapping victim a student. A basis of the plot is the night-time routine of the school.

Two adventures later, Doyle returns to the educational theme in 3STU. This time, the milieu is St. Luke's college, Camford. Not only is this at the collegiate level, but the plot involves an examination for further preferment. There is a sidelight into sports with the track and its asphalt clue.

Next door is the adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez. Professor Coram is an international scholar working independently on a scholarly tome. Willoughby Smith is from Uppingham and Cambridge. He is revealed as actually from a Russian university - but Anna will not give the place or his real surname.

Finally, in MISS, we have an adventure immersed in extracurricular activities, to wit: sport and specifically Rugby. Here the adventure is definitively set in Cambridge. Much of the action is set at the university, although the big match is in London.

The result is the recognition of this thematic development is that there can be other themes besides marriage throughout the canon, and which are there for the looking.

A STUDY GUIDE TO SHERLOCK HOLMES

This guide by William S. Dorn, with a foreword by Julia Carlson Rosenblatt contains all four novels and the 23 short stories in the Adventures and the Memoirs. For each story there is an exercise in finding the date of the adventure, a list of Victorian words and phrases, some perplexing questions and three

multiple choice quizzes of varying difficulty. A bibliography and index are also included. Illustrations by Philip Carnell. Cost is \$19.95 (includes shipping & handling). Send to Pencil Productions, Ltd., 2045 S. Monroe Street, Denver, CO 80210-3734. Or you can visit their website and see what other Sherlockian products they have. <<http://www.TheSherlockStore.com>>

Now you can have a set of water glasses just like those used at the Sunshine State Sherlockian Scion Symposium II. 5 1/2 inches tall, 3 inches in diameter. Black logo and print on clear glass. Set of 4 glasses US\$25.00. Includes shipping in US. All others additional US\$5. Send orders to Wanda Dow,



ROSTER 2000 CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Add:

Hudson, Reggie - Professor of Chemistry, Nom: a dabbler in science
Hudson, Dorothy - HomeMaker, Nom: Julia Stoner
Hudson, Ian - Student, Nom: The Hound
Hudson, Daniel - child, Nom: dear little romper

Mavroides, Chris - MD, Nom: not yet chosen

Change:

Whelan, Michael BSI
Head of BSI

Wachs, Gerald N. , BSI
212-496-0005

Dr. Hirayama Yuichi should be Dr. Yuichi Hirayama

Sherlock Holmes Collections
Suite 111, Elmer L. Andersen Library, 222 21st Avenue South,
Minneapolis, MN 55455
612-624-3552
Tim Johnson is Curator of Special Collections & Rare Books

ROSTER ADDENDUM

For those of you who would like to make note of all the BSIs who are members of the PPOF, the following is a listing sent to us by ever-observant Recorder Emeritus, Dr. Benton Wood:

Steven Rothman
Donald Novorsky
Jon Lellenberg
Roger Johnson
Ron DeWaal
Tom Dandrew
Catherine Cooke
Peter Blau
Yuichi Hirayama
Gerald Wachs
Dan Thomas
Brad Keefauver
Evelyn Herzog
Dorothy Stix

As an added historical note, our founder, Leslie Marshall was the 1st Chaplain and the 1st SCAN of the BSI, both titles being passed on to Dr. Wood who notes that he is now Chaplain Emeritus of the BSI.

Calendar Sherlockiana

November 18 - 25th Annual Fall Gathering of the Pleasant Places of Florida. Contact Carl Heifetz,

November 20 - 50th Anniversary Dinner of The Red Circle, at the National Press Club. rsvp: Peter Blau,

2001 Events

March 23-25 - Step Back in Time conference (romance, history & crime) will include a workshop on criminology. Send a SASE to Virginia Romance Writers, 13

Woodlawn Terrace, Fredericksburg, VA 22405 <www.geocities.com/SoHo/Museum/2164>

August - A 12-day cruise to the Baltic for *The Sherlock Holmes Society of London Golden Jubilee*. Details available from Arena Travel, Freeport 1H 1037, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 7BR, England or <holmes@arena-travel.com>

October 27 - 29 - Magna Cum Murder VII Weekend at Ball State University in Muncie, IN. Contact Kathryn Kennison, Ball State U., Muncie, IN 47306 for info on one of the midwest's finest mystery author con-

ferences.

November 1-4 - Bouchercon World Mystery Convention. Hyatt Regency Crystal City Washington, D.C. The granddaddy of all mystery conventions, Bouchercon offers four days of varied programming including a pre-convention Halloween party, Nick and Nora Charles Martini Happy Hour, gala Anthony Awards Banquet and guided mystery tours of Washington, among other special events. Cost: \$135 (thru 9/1) <bouchercon2001.com> or Bouchercon 2001, P.O. Box 11700, Washington, DC 20008.



Found at <www.northeast.railfan.net/images/gatx904.jpg> Free window decal to the member who sends in the best explanation of where this Petri Wine is going!

Answers to calendar questions: March -A snake SPEC, dog HOUN and jellyfish LION Can you think of others? We can. A free club decal to anyone sending in more answers. April - Hercule Poirot.

The Pleasant Places of Florida

*Founded: 1972
by Leslie Marshall (dec.)*

Recorder Emeritus: Dr. Benton Wood

For the record:

THE LAST COURT OF APPEALS

David McCallister, Master of the House,

Jeff & Wanda Dow, The Papers on the Sundial,

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

Mike Bryan, The Unopened Newspaper,

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