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Henry James once wrote, "Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." We hope you have been enjoying your summer, whatever adventures you may be having. We hope that this short diversion will be entertaining—certainly we can hardly hope to compare with your summer reading list, but do enjoy anyway.

*The Papers on the Sundial*

## A Perfect Trip

Cornelius Baynes opened his suitcase, stared at the brown striped lining. Rather than making several trips to his bureau, he simply pulled the top drawer out and laid it on the bed next to the suitcase. He was tempted to dump the contents into his bag and be done with it, but he could not bring himself to be so cavalier.

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Baynes did not want to go on this vacation. Yes, it had been a difficult year, but then again each of the last five had been difficult. First there was the incident of the kidnapping—and just before Christmas no less. The father had no business being there. **continued on page 2**

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**continued from page 1** He was not well—even Baynes could tell that when he spoke with him. He should have been watched more closely—hell, Baynes thought, he never should have been released from the hospital. Thank God they had found him and the boy before anyone got hurt. It was the uniformed officers who had made the capture, and they received the lion's share of the accolades—as they should have, Baynes had told himself. But Baynes had also been

praised for his tireless work and brilliant deductions in translating the evidence.

Then there was that Wisteria Lodge affair in March. That shrunken and withered thing still gave him the shivers sometimes. That a doctor could not even tell what it was upset him even more. And the bird in the sink. What devilry was involved he never had been able to say. It was a bizarre case, but he had matched even the great Sherlock Holmes himself.

“You have instinct and

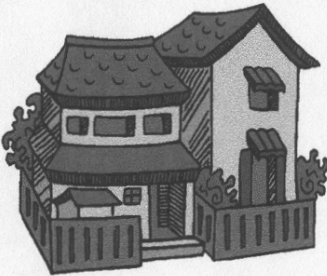
intuition,” Baynes remembered him saying.

May brought the farming incident. A husband had been run over by two horses and a wagon. It was an accident, the wife had claimed. But Baynes had examined not only the scene but the husband's body as well. The man's head had suffered trauma, especially around the temple. Everyone had said that it must have been the horse's hooves that caused it. But Baynes had taken casts of the

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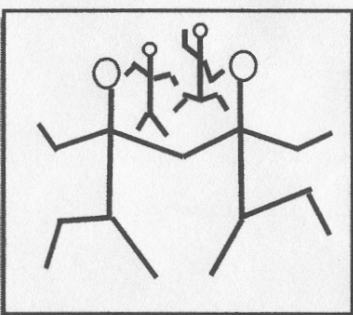
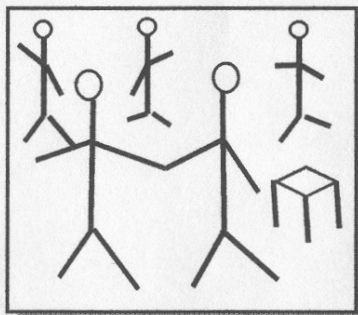
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wheel ruts and drawn diagrams of the scene. He showed conclusively that the horses were too far to the left of the man's head to have inflicted the wound. This was so convincing that it prompted the wife to confess to hitting her husband on the side of the head with a frying pan and

dragging his body outside and running over it with the wagon. She then showed the bruises and cigarette burns that she had received from her late husband's mistreatment.

June brought Constable Walters' retirement—forced retirement, Baynes had to remind himself. He was sent on vacation, just as they were sending Baynes on one.

When he got back, they forced him off the Surrey wagon. They praised his eighteen years of loyal service, said he was an asset they hated to see leave. But Baynes had heard that the officials were afraid that Walters had been bothered by nightmares ever since the Wisteria Lodge case. His  
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# The AAA Tour Guide

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One of the world's most famous cities. With a history stretching back thousands of years, there is a multitude of things to do and see in and around London. Everyone visits the Tower of London, and London Bridge (at least the one in Arizona), but there are many out-of-the-way places that should be explored.

**MoriartyWorld**, 1.5 miles from Whitehall. Take a wild ride down Mt. Moran, bungee jump off Reichenbach Falls, outwit Arnie the Asteroid and save the earth. MoriartyLand boasts 50 rides and no waiting in line with the famous "alpine-stock pass." Plenty of fun for the children, plus Mierengen Island offers nightclubs and restaurants. Allow 8 hours minimum. Daily 9-9.

**The Priory School**, on High Road, .5 miles from

the Red Bull Inn. The best and most select prep school in the area. A twice daily bicycle tour to Holderness Hall is held to view the paintings of the many historical luminaries who were alumni. Walk the stately grounds and look for bread-crumbs. On your way out, don't forget the delightful and historic Fighting Cock Inn. Allow 4 hours minimum. Daily, except Mondays 10-5.

**Thor Bridge**, Winchester. The bridge made famous by Neil Gibson when he had it guided. Walk across a real avenue of gold and take a peek over the edge. Children who can fish out one of the many revolvers get a box of Ferguson Chocolates. Allow 2 hours minimum. Weekdays 9-5.

**Woodman's Lee**, 5 miles from the impenetrable weald. Test your strength at the harpoon range, play the stock market, pick locks and pilot radio-controlled ships at this hands-on historical museum for young and old

alike. Allow 4 hours minimum. Saturday through Thursday 10-6.

**The Diogenes Club**, .25 miles from Regent's Circus. The official unofficial place where anyone who is important can be found. Newspapers from around the world. The rooms are so quiet it is rumored that you can hear obese men breathing. Allow 30 minutes minimum. 4:45-7:40.

**The Copper Beeches**, 5 miles from Winchester. The sprawling former estate of Jephro Rucastle, founder of women's fashion empire Violet's Promise. See his early dress and wig designs as you tour the huge mansion. Allow 5 hours minimum. Daily 8-8.

**Ronder's Circus**, 1422 South Brixton Road. Thrill to the Strong Man, the Clown, the Bearded Berkshire Constabulary. and the world-famous Veiled Dancers. Allow four hours minimum. Performances daily except Sunday, 9-5.

—WHERE TO STAY—

The Northumberland

◆◆◆ All Year 1P: \$75-\$95 2P: \$100-\$110  
Hotel Location: Charing Cross. Facility: 75 rooms. Bath on each floor.  
Dining: Lunch only. Leisure Activities: Newspaper letter trimming.  
Special Amenities: Cleaning, boot-blackening, boot-stealing.

Wisteria Lodge

◆◆◆◆ All Year 1P: \$90-\$100 2P: \$120-\$130  
Hotel Location: Between Esher and Oxshott. Facility: 22 small but well-  
equipped rooms, most with sitting-rooms. Bath on each floor.  
Dining: Voodoo Chicken flambe is a house specialty. Leisure Activities:  
Extensive library of Spanish books. Special Amenities: Guests encouraged to  
sleep in.

Hotel National

◆ All Year 1P: \$110-120 2P: \$110-120  
Hotel Location: Lausanne Facility: 123 extremely small rooms. Dining:  
Sardines with mushrooms is a specialty. Special Amenities: One  
way transportation is arranged for all guests.

—WHERE TO DINE—

Von Bork's

◆◆ Lunch: \$12-\$17 Dinner: \$22-\$35  
Location: North of Harwich. Hours: 7pm-2am. Reservations: Not  
required; maitre-d can slip you in at any time. Features: Braised  
German pigeon with Imperial Tokay is the house specialty; cigar-room.

Simpson's Dining Rooms

◆◆◆ Breakfast: \$6-\$9 Lunch: \$8-\$12 Dinner: \$20-28  
Location: The Strand Hours: 8-10 Reservations: None required  
Features: The Hungryman's Special, Winter's Surprise Cake.  
English

Criterion Bar

◆◆◆◆ Lunch: \$6-\$8 Dinner: \$12-\$17  
Location: Regent Circus, Piccadilly. Hours: 11-10.  
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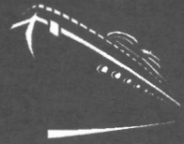
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continued from page 3 wife complained that he was not sleeping well. Indeed, Walters had not been feeling well. So they got rid of him—at full pension, of course.

And now they were sending *him* on vacation. A few weeks on the continent would do him good. He knew what that meant

Again he had heard—it was Constable Downing

who had told him—that it was his latest case that caused the powers that be to lose faith in him.

A man claimed that he had shot another man who had broken into his house. The owner claimed that he had shot the intruder from the top of the stairwell. But Baynes had taken measurements and made sketches and was convinced that the man was shot at

close range. He had even sent his notes to Mr. Holmes.

There was a knock at the door, bringing Baynes out of his reverie. He walked downstairs, opened the door to see Constable Downing staring at a letter he held.

“Inspector Baynes, sir,” Downing said looking up. “This letter came from Baker Street. Your vacation has been cancelled.”

## WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT

- See the Vicious Giant Rat of Sumatra
- See Vigor, the Hammersmith Wonder
- See the Incredible Creeping Man
- See the deadly air rifle
- See the Coffin with Two Bodies
- See the Oldacre House with the invisible room
- See the Murderous Devil's Foot
- See the Mysterious Beryl Coronet

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Come one! Come all! Please fill in the reservation form below if you are planning on attending Birthday Celebration #5 of the Pleasant Places of Florida on **January 19**. We gather at 6:00pm at **Jesse's Seafood House** in Dunedin, Florida. Dinner at 6:30pm.

Our cause this time is the Sirens of the 60, or the Ladies of the Canon. Please be sure to prepare a (mandatory) poem, limerick or song about one of the members of the fairer sex that you can find in the cases of Sherlock Holmes.

Cost is \$5 per person to cover the costs of programme and wine for toasts. Supper will be from the menu. You may also enclose a donation to the Marshall/Wood Fund in the same check if you so desire. We are requesting volunteers for additional presentations as well as toasts, your choice. Please mark the appropriate lines on your reservation form.

Count me in for the Fifth on the Nineteenth! I'll be there at 6:00pm, ready to digest a delicious repast and recite my ditty about a femme fatale!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to volunteer for a toast. (Even if you don't, you may be assigned one.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Besides the mandatory poem/limerick/song, I desire to make an additional presentation on \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that you'll be sending me details on how to get to the meeting place and will let me know if I have an assigned toast.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

I've also enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a donation to the Marshall/Wood Fund.

Mail reservations to: **Wanda Dow**,



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