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(Vide "The Five Orange Pips")

#29

A Corresponding Scion Society of the BAKER STREET IRREGULARS



12th Night Reflections

..... On January 6th, 1977, (Twelfth Night), the Irregular world paused for a moment to toast the 123rd Anniversary of the birth of the Master, Mr. Sherlock Holmes. Thus the name of this feature of our commonplace newsletter, reflecting items of interest sent in to the Recorder.....

..... Season greetings, in the form of a unique card, were received from Norman Schatell, of Cliffside Park, N. J. (a non-resident member of the PPOFF). Circular in shape, one can dial Sherlockian remarks for all occasions. A-1 idea!

..... The Nov. 25, 1976, St. Petersburg Independent headline emblazoned its front page: "SHERLOCK WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD". The story told of some detective work done by a 37 year old housewife, which led to the incarceration of a Pinellas County man. The Master is still the yardstick in 1976!.....

.... A St. Petersburg cinema gave its showing of "The Seven Per Cent Solution" full treatment both in advertising and publicity, bolstering the latter with material, from the library of our own Leslie Marshall, which was on display in the lobby of the theatre.....

..... Another interesting and totally unique Holiday greeting was received from Donald Redmond, 178 Barrie St., Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7L 3K1. It contained two scholarly pieces and a delightful verse. Perhaps he has a few extra copies - it would make a great addition to your Sherlockian file....

.... I'm sure all philatelists noticed the ad of a San Francisco auctioneer who used the Master's profile and well-known phrase, "Elementary, my dear Watson -", in Linn's and other philatelic publications.....

..... A most fascinating program of the November gathering of the Brothers Three of Moriarty, in Moriarty, New Mexico, was received. An Un-Happy Birthday was celebrated in honor of the Nemesis of All Evil. Included in the program was a Litany, which is recited at each gathering of this Scion Society. Perhaps we might borrow it once. A handsome write-up of the 3 Bros. and their activities appeared in the Torrence County Citizen.....

... A clipping from the Washington Post (UPI wire) told of a meeting of the Afghanistan Perceivers Social Club, the only Scion Society in Oklahoma.....

..... The "7 Per Cent Solution" was nominated for the Golden Scroll Award of Merit by the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Films. Most Holmesian purists feel the film ought to walk away with the prize - - for

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the similarity to Holmes was "pure fiction", a total "fantasy" - in fact, a real "horror" by comparison to the true Canon.....

..... An informative epistle was received from Franklin Hoffman, a non-resident member of PPOF F. Enclosed were the first two issues of Covet Notes from the Irish Secret Society of Buffalo, a recently organized Scion Society.....

A program from the Summer Meeting of "The Master's Class of Philadelphia" was received. This Scion Society, from the City of Brotherly Love, met in conjunction with the arrival of H.R.M., Queen Elizabeth II, and featured a picnic, with such Sherlockian shenanigans as a scavenger hunt, Dr. Watson's Egg-Spoon Roll, a Priory School Tug-of-War, a Solitary Cyclist Bicycle Race, and a Scotland Yard Pentathlon.....

..... The Nov. 22nd New Yorker had an excellent blurb on the Master. A copy of same was kindly forwarded by PPOF member, Miss Caroline Everett. Irregular Everett earned her "Queen's Shilling" by relating an exciting adventure & observation in the wake of her conveyance's battery trouble. She was rescued, no less, by an authorized AAA

station, which sent to her rescue a wrecker, named "SHERLOCK". To top off this tantalizing tale, her neighbor was rescued, some days later, by another wrecker, entitled "HOLMES". She gives due plaudits to Rick Burton, for his detective work, (an obvious example of ratiocination) in finding a copy of "Sherlock Holmes File" in the St. Pete Library.....

..... Further reported by Irregular Everett, was a bumper sticker "SHERLOCK HOLMES IS ALIVE AND WELL", a gift from John Bennett Shaw. Under Caroline's tree, this past Yuletide, was a copy of "dining with Sherlock Holmes", along with a copy of the "Hound" (Chien) in French - tres bon! She further states "This P.M. was able finally to catch '7% Solution' - not for purists!, but then, I am a purist and enjoyed it thoroughly (willing suspension of disbelief, e.g.). The ending is the one added to the English edition, rather than our American one - N.M. too late to change after it went to press.".....

..... In the Dec. '76 edition of the Saturday Evening Post was an interesting article "Holmes, Sweet Holmes", by a Thomas Satrom - a critique on Meyer's, "Seven Per Cent Solution".....

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From 12/6/76
New Yorker

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DOYLE, SIR ARTHUR CONAN (cont.)
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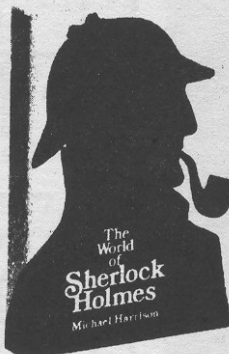
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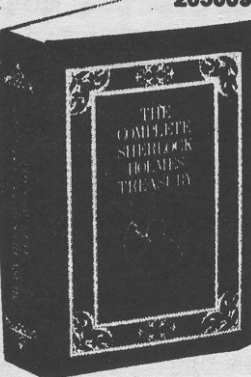
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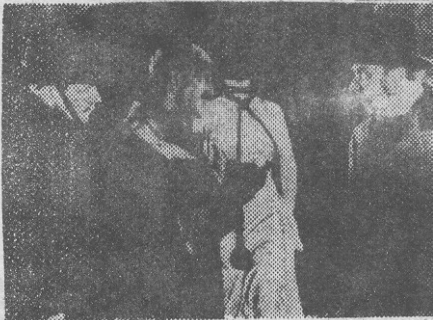
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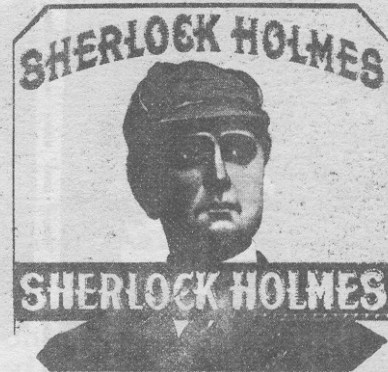
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