



The Pleasant Places of Florida



(Vide "The Five Orange Pips")

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A Corresponding Scion Society of the BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

12th Night Reflections



..... A momentous happening occurred recently at PPOFF's Headquarters when this Recorder baptised no less than two(2) HOLMES children! Local media covered this historic event (sorry - the names were Hugh & Jessica, not Sherlock & Shirley as I'd hoped.)

.... The Fall Gathering (Oct.22nd) of the Pleasant Places was a great success. Hosted by Joy & Tom Mitchell, an elegant luncheon was served with a stimulating program which included a treasure hunt (why not? - the Mitchells live on Treasure Island). Three BSIs were present: Herman "Pat" Herst (who gave a trifling, albeit humorous, monograph); Svend Petersen, punster supreme, from Altamonte Springs; and Andrew Jay Peck, who just published his first revival of The Commonplace Book (Write Jay at 5020D Beach Dr., SE, St.Pete, FL 33705 \$8/annum).... The hit of the gathering was young Ricky Saunders. He has already earned and received his "Queen's Shilling",...

... Andy Peck & Caroline Everett are planning a Winter Gathering (dinner meeting) in St.Pete.

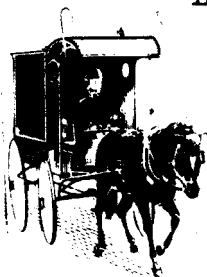
Mrs. Hudson baked biscuits, to eat
With honey from Sussex. Conceit
Led the Doctor to say,
"For this treat I will play".
And "Toot" went. He won Baker's treat.

..... Thanks to Irregulars far & near sending in items Sherlockian, especially Tom Reesor for the limerick (above), Harold Niver, Tom Mitchell, Paul Gunning, Frank Reilly, Jim Suszynski, Mike Bryan, some of whose items appear in this Communication. Also received many newsletters and incunabula from other Scions, but the most interesting were the publications from Chas. O'Boyle and his "Young Sherlockians" of Hollis, New Hampshire. Keep up the good work, gang!

.... Welcome 3 new Non-Resident members of the P.P.of F.: Jerry Margolin of Milwaukie, Ore.; G. Heiselberg of Turnersville, NJ; and Brian MacDonald of Fairland, Indiana. Your request, accompanied by \$2.21B, will do the same... The Oct.'77 edition of Notre Dame Magazine had a nice write-up on John Bennet (Class of '37) Shaw's Workshop.... Peter Blau sent an article on Holmesian eateries which appeared in a recent Playboy mag. Somehow I missed that, Peter - thanks for passing it on. The World of Sherlock Holmes Mystery Magazine has recently hit the newsstands. It's published monthly by Stories, Layouts & Press, Inc., 257 Park Ave. South, NYC 10010 (\$9.75/annum)

.... Sorry, PPOFF pastiches Foreign Cabman, Lost £'s, & 2nd Stein "sold out". Have some Solitary Balloonist. Note new RR Pastiche.

In the making... "The Curious Affair of the Witches' Brougham"
Another exciting Round-Robin Pastiche by P.P.of Fla.

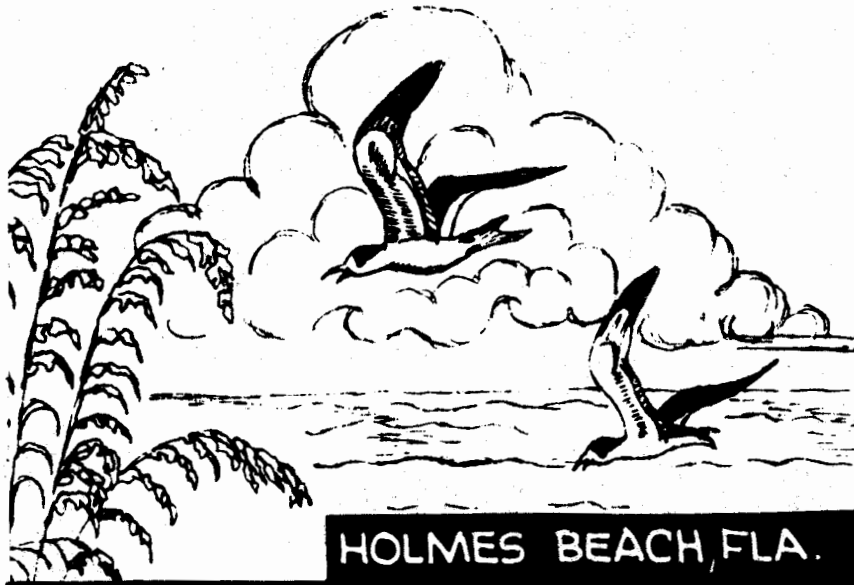


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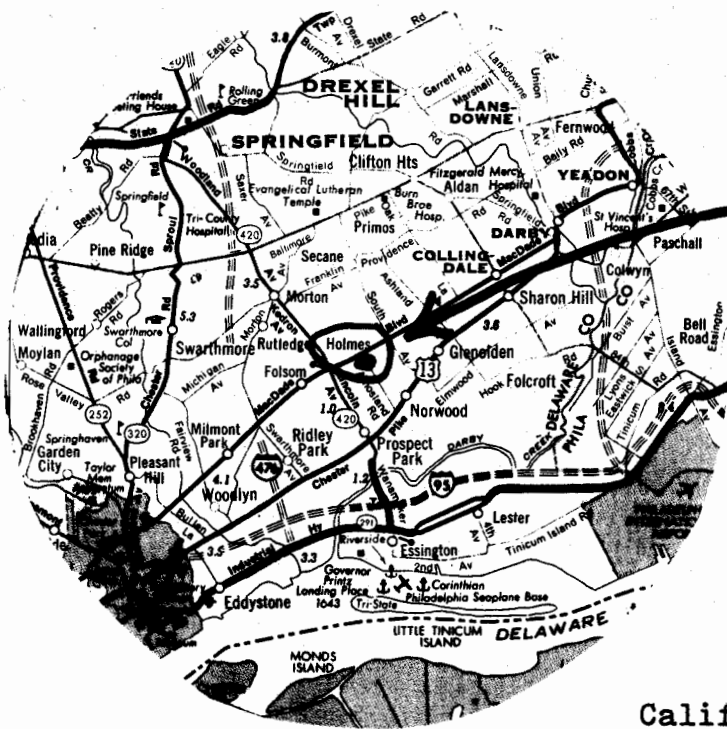
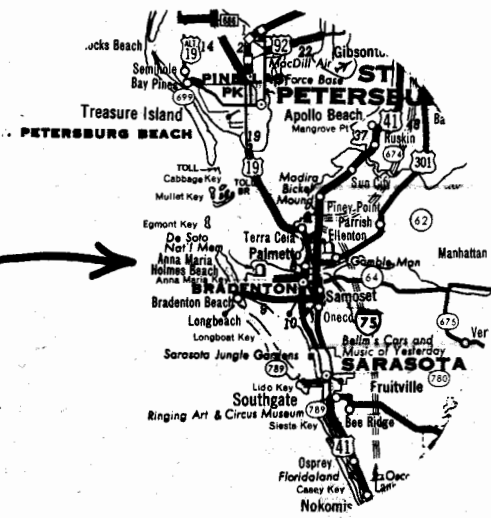
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* - It was on St. Andrew's Day in 1895 the Adv. of the Bruce-Partridge Plans was concluded.

A S'ian *No. 2* Mini-Quiz

Here's the location of Headquarters
of the PLEASANT PLACES of FLORIDA



But where is the only town
named HOLMES located?

Ans: _____

By the by, it might be of
interest that our research-
ers discovered HOLMES Count-
ies in Fla., Miss., & Ohio.

There is a HUDSON County in
New Jersey. If you peruse the
Rand-McNally Atlas you will dis-
cover WATSON, Ala., and Ark., a
WATSONtown, Pa., and a WATSONville,
Calif. And there's HUDSON, Colo., Ill.,
Iowa, Mass., Mich., N.H., N.Y., N.Car.,

Ohio, S.Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. HUDSON Lake, Indiana, HUDSONville,
Michigan, and HUDSON Falls, New York. And, of course, nefarious MORIARTY,
New Mexico. Oh, yes - how about HUDSON, Quebec, HUDSON Bay and WATSON in
Saskatchewan? Did we miss any? Let us know if we did!



From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

CHAMPIGNONS FARCIS

(This delicacy was discovered by The Master while in Montpellier investigating the disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax in 1893.)

12-14 large mushrooms
2 T. butter
½ pkg. dry onion soup mix
1 T. dry bread crumbs
1½ T. grated Parmesan cheese

450° oven for 7 min. Remove from oven and turn mushrooms over. Chop mushroom stems & saute in butter until golden. Then add onion soup mix, bread crumbs and grated Parmesan. Fill and heap mushroom caps with mixture. Bake 15min. at 350°.

*Tis truly a superb companion to filet or sirloin steak. (by Joan Wood, PPOFF)

bridge

By Alfred Sheinwold

"This is the blackest crime of the century!" Sherlock Holmes exclaimed as he watched today's hand being played. Dr. Watson shook his head in bewilderment. "What's so black about a bad break in hearts?" the good doctor asked.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 4
♥ 9 7 6 4 3
♦ K 8 4
♣ A 7 4

WEST EAST

♠ K Q 10 9 7 ♦ 8 2
6 5

♥ Q J 5 ♥ None
♦ 9 5 ♦ Q J 10 6 2
♣ 10 ♣ K Q J 9 5 2

SOUTH

♠ J 3
♥ A K 10 8 2
♦ A 7 3
♣ 8 6 3

South West North East
1 ♥ 3 ♠ 4 ♥ All Pass
Opening lead - ♠ K

Declarer took the ace of spades and led a trump to the ace. When East discarded the nine of clubs South conceded a spade, a heart, two clubs and a diamond.

Watson followed the great detective out of the card room, eager to find out what crime had taken place. See if you can detect it for yourself before you read on.

RARE PLAY

South should make four hearts. He should take the top hearts, top diamonds and the ace of clubs. Then he should lead a spade, allowing West to take a spade and the queen of hearts.

Now West has only spades left. When West leads a spade, declarer discards a diamond from dummy and a club from his hand.

West continues spades, and dummy ruffs while South discards his last club. South can then ruff his last diamond in dummy.

"The double discard is the rarest play in bridge," Sherlock Holmes explained to Watson. "You might wait a hundred years for your chance to play a hand like this, and it's the blackest crime of the century to muff your chance."

A 221B Jumble ~

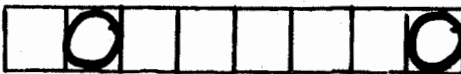
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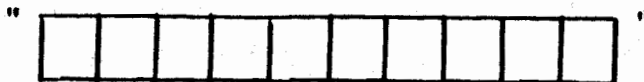
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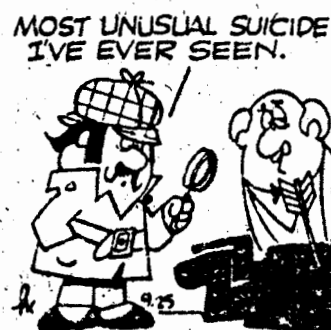
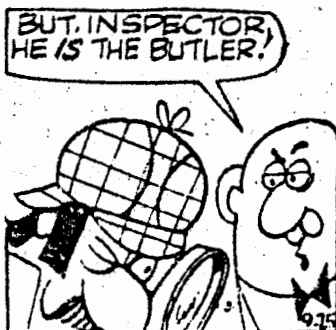


Directions: Arrange jumbled words in order, then arrange the circled letters for solution.
Submitted by Helen Swift, PPOFF.



SHORT RIBS

from ST. PETERSBURG TIMES 9/22/77



by Frank Hill

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TO: *Pleasant Places of Florida*

_____ Yes, I'll be there Jan.13th! Number in party:_____

Find enclosed check for \$_____ (\$5.50 per person)
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_____ Sorry, can't make it. Hope to be at Spring Gathering
at HOLMES Beach.

NAME: _____

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Please return this Form in stamped envelope by JANUARY 3, 1978

Note 1: Triscadecaphobia does not constitute acceptable excuse
for absence at Winter Gathering.

Note 2: It was on Friday, January 13, 1899, that Holmes & Watson
witnessed the murder of Charles Augustus Milverton by a
"regal and stately lady" while attempting to burgle his
home, "Appledore Towers".

Just what the Doctor ordered!
(Watson, that is)

WINTER GATHERING OF



The Pleasant Places of Florida

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th* - 7:00 P.M.

* - "Sir Henry has, I suppose, no superstitious fears in the matter?" (The Hound)

CELEBRATING (within the Octave) THE MASTER'S
124th BIRTHDAY

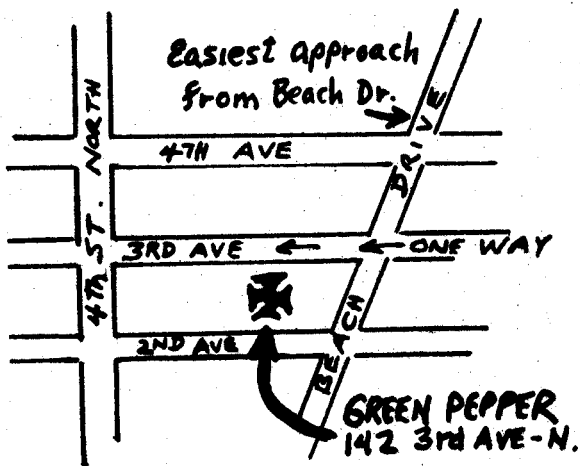
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