



# The Pleasant Places of Florida



(Vide "The Five Orange Pips")


# 37.

A Corresponding Scion Society of the BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

## 12th Night Reflections



... For those within the viewing area of WEDU Ch.3, Tampa, be sure to tune in Sunday, Feb. 19th at 6pm for a ½-hour program on the Master with Andy Peck and this Recorder..... The Winter Gathering of the P.P. of F. at the Green Pepper was a great success - thanks to the efforts of Carloine Everett..... Andrew Jay Peck (on loan to the Pleasant Places) has just published Vol.1 No.2 of his new series of The Commonplace Book. This publication is a must on your Holmesian bookshelf. (\$8 per annum - 2974 Perry Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10458)..... This Recorder was recently presented a brevet Field Commission in the Afghanistan Perceivers by Staff Davis, of Tulsa. This historic event took place on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, but a short distance from HQ on HOLMES Beach... We welcome as Non-Resident Members of the PP of F, Mason Phelps of Concord, Mass, Bill Dudley of Las Vegas, & Bruce Harris of Myrtle Beach, SC.....

..... Peter Blau, of the , has informed us of the 8th running of the Silver Blaze scheduled for May 13th at Pimlico. In the wake of Isaac Asimov's wonderful book of S'ian limericks, Peter has laid this one on us (see left).....

A noble young bastard named Jim  
Laid plans with both vigor and vim.  
Herr Heidegger's days  
Were ended by Hayes,  
Whom Holmes brought to justice most grim.

... Our thanks to all those who sent in items of interest, especially Harold Niver, Jim Syszynski, Howard Lachtman, Ann Byerly, Rick Burton & Wanda Butts. Kevin John sent in a program of "An Evening With Sherlock Holmes", 3 one-act plays put on by the local Salt Lake City Repertory Theatre.... Another play, "Sherlock Holmes & the Affair of the Amorous Regent" was put on in Colorado, Ron Dewaal sent on the program and local news clippings.....

.... Correspondence has been received from J.Randolph Cox, of the Birdy Edwards Society, Northfield, Minn., and Terry Klesch of the Naval Treaty, of St. Louis, Mo.. I'm sure I've omitted someone - mea culpa! .....

... Good people of the Pleasant Places - please mark you calendar and save SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd (11:30am - 2pm) for the 3rd ANNUAL GATHERING at HOLMES Beach. An unusual & interesting program is being planned. Please plan to bring items for display - the media will be present. All will receive details in March. Speaking of media - this Recorder did a 2-min. spot on Ch. 10's 6 o'clock news recently. It was filmed at HQ (HOLMES Beach) and told of activities of the Pleasant Places.....

*Don't forget...*

Spring Gathering  
at HOLMES Beach.



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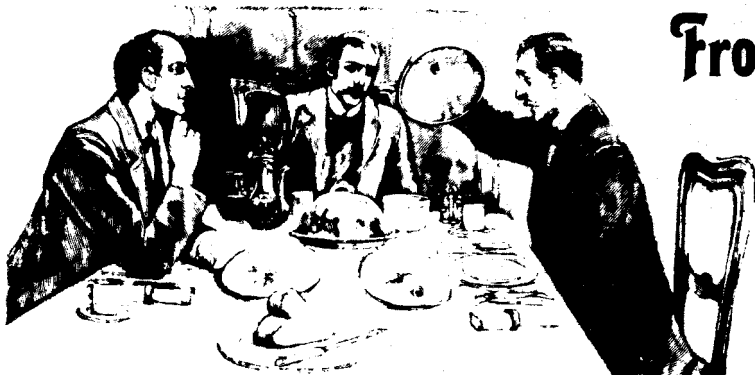
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# SHERLOCKIANA



A Universal Dictionary of  
Sherlock Holmes and his Biographer  
John H. Watson, M.D.

## JACK TRACY



# From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

## RATATOUILLE a'la CAROLINE

(This gourmet delight was consumed by the celebrated violinist, Sarasate before the concert in St. James Hall attended by Mr. Holmes and Dr. Watson (vide Red Headed League).

In a large skillet sauté a chopped onion and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a green pepper stripped. Add fresh mushrooms, a small skinned chopped eggplant, 2 sliced zucchini and a small can of tomatoes (or fresh). Simmer until vegetables soften, adding salt, pepper and oregano. Serve with a slotted spoon and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

To make a main dish add  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. ground beef and a bayleaf, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of shrimp at sautéing stage. (Submitted by Caroline Everett, PPoff)

# Agony Column

We ask readers to send in items for this column.

## What's Answer? It's Elementary

I have a solution to the Watson Island dilemma. Let's dredge up another island adjacent to Watson, connect them with a causeway and name the new property Sherlock Island.

On the new island we can build a housing project. On the old island we'll build a school for young children.

Then we'll have Sherlock Homes and Watson Elementary ... Imagine the boon to the tourist industry.

JAMES E. RYAN

Miami Herald 1/16/78

Items sent in by  
Herman "Pat" Herst

## Elementary, My Dear Watson



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# Holmes Will Teach Watercolor Workshop

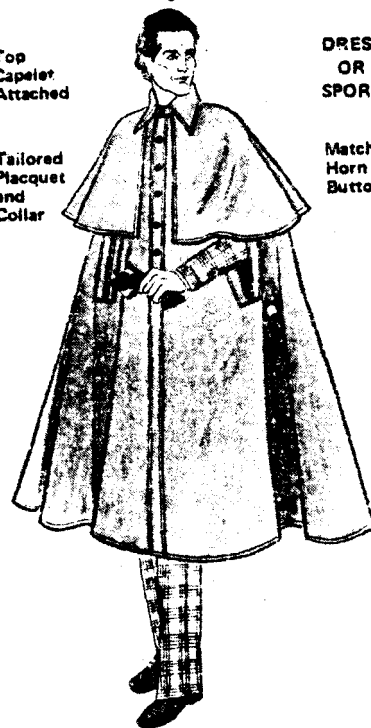
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# Sherlockian Group Observes Birthday Of Great Detective

By DAN CHISZAR

AURORA, Colo. (UPI) — Smoke from curved calabash pipes rose to the ceiling and wine glasses were lifted high in a toast to the master detective: It was the 124th birthday of Sherlock Holmes.

A small society of Sherlockians — called Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients, many in deerstalker caps and capes — toasted Holmes and his companion Saturday night.

Ronald De Waal, "chief surgeon" of the society, said Holmes' birthday had been celebrated earlier this month by at least two other groups: the Baker Street Irregulars in New York and the Sherlock Holmes Society of London.

De Waal, humanities librarian at Colorado Society University in Fort Collins, Colo., organized his Colorado group of about 110 members four years ago.

He is a member of the Baker Street Irregulars and the author of "The World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson," a list of everything ever published about the pair.

Holmes' birthday was determined to be Jan. 6, 1854, by the late William S. Baring-Gould, a Sherlockian scholar who published "The Annotated Sherlock Holmes" and "Sherlock Holmes of Baker Street."

"Sheer speculation," De Waal admitted on the subject of Holmes' birth. "A bunch of Sherlockians got together and decided it would be as good as any other. We found it more convenient to celebrate it this weekend, but the Baker Street Irregulars held their dinner on Jan. 6 in New York."

The Neglected Patients, who take their name from the occasional, somewhat disorganized, medical practice of Dr. John H. Watson in the Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, celebrated the event with a weekend of Sherlock Holmes movies and a banquet at a hotel in Aurora.

The word "fiction" was not mentioned at the affair. "We like to think Holmes is still alive, retired, and keeping bees at his country home in Sussex, England, said De Waal.

At one point in the evening, the chief surgeon read a cablegram to the roomful of Sherlockians. The wire ended: "I am gratified that my birthday is so handsomely celebrated."

The wire was signed:

Faithfully yours,  
Sherlock Holmes, Sussex, England.

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from St. Petersburg  
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I'd like to know if there is a chapter of the Baker Street Irregulars here and if so, whom I should contact to get into it. Scott Hamilton

Sherlock Holmes buffs cannot simply "join" the Irregulars anymore than a soccer fannie can play with the Rowdies. For membership requirements, contact Florida recorder Rev. Dr. Ben Wood, who lives — appropriately — at Holmes Beach. Street address is

SU AND STAFFORD Davis have had another Sherlockian adventure. On the Thanksgiving holidays they flew to St. Petersburg, Fla., to show off son Larry to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford W. Davis. And he stayed with them while his parents drove to Holmes Beach near Sarasota, to visit the head of the Baker Street Irregulars there, the Rev. Dr. Benton Wood, rector of the Episcopal Church on tiny Anna Maria Island. Dr. Wood and Stafford's friendship began during a John Bennet Shaw seminar last summer at Notre Dame. At that time they discovered both were Northwestern University alumni, and each heads a Sherlockian group. Shaw is a former Tulsa and now teaches in Santa Fe where he keeps up his vast library and collection of books and memorabilia on Sherlock Holmes.

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