



# The Pleasant Places of Florida



#38.

(Vide "The Five Orange Pips")

A Corresponding Scion Society of the BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

## 12th Night Reflections



..... PPOFF member, Caroline Everett, put out an excellent display of Holmesiana at the St. Pete Public Library. Subsequently she reported that a break-in had occurred at the Library, but, as Irregular Everett noted, "the thieves missed the real gold!"...

..... This Recorder got a tremendous response to the TV program he and Andy Peck did on PBS's Channel 3. Over 50 inquiries were received by area people asking about The Pleasant Places. A most intriguing letter was received from Miss Marian Greene, of Sarasota.

She related: "that some time ago when she was Librarian at Ft. Benj. Harrison, Indiana, a Capt. named his son Wm. Sherlock, to the puzzled annoyance of his pretty Oriental wife who wanted to know who Sherlock was. An announcement of the birth, with Sherlock Holmes of London listed as the baby boy's godfather, appeared. I was promptly visited by two of his superior officers wanting to know what this meant. I had a time convincing them that no, the Captain was not mad, just a Holmes fan, and might be expected to do a few unusual things connected with his idol. That there were actually societies dedicated to the perpetuation of his name simply astounded them. Then they weren't so sure that I wasn't in the same class as the Captain - suspected! It was quite a time." .....

..... Thanks to Ted Schulz for a plethora of Holmesian material, including a full-page spread on the Master in the San Francisco Examiner. Also passed on the sad news of Luther Norris' death. We shall miss him. ....

..... Received a card from Chuck & Peggy Henry, of Willoughby Hills, Ohio, who sent Holmesian greetings from Australia. Their bus driver was a member of the Deerstalkers of New Zealand! .... Kevin John sent a copy of the 1977 The Country of the Saints Annual - well done. .... Thanks for items sent in by Harold Niver, Paul Gunning, Gordon Prend, Mike Bryan, Peter Blau, Al Rosenblatt, Caroline Everett, Wanda Butts & John Bennett Shaw, who,

by the by, has scheduled a S'ian Workshop in Buffalo, June 23-4.

... Herman "Pat" Herst, Jr., BSI & PPOFF, has reprinted his fascinating "Stories to Collect Stamps By", which contains a wonderful pastiche, "Dirty Pool". ....

At last - the latest Round-Robin pastiche - "The Curious Affair of the Witch's Brougham" - has finally made its rounds and is now being printed. All Resident and

Non-Resident members of The Pleasant Places will receive a copy when ready - hopefully for the Annual Spring Gathering at HQ.....

*"I deduce that all sagacious and perspicacious ratiocinationists will be at HOLMES Beach on Saturday, April 22nd."*





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\* - On this very day in 1894,  
Holmes & Watson captured Col.  
Sebastian Moran, signalling  
the Master's triumphant re-  
turn from the Grand Hiatus.  
(Adv. of the Empty House)

The obverse and reverse  
sides of Player's Cigarette  
card #21.

Submitted by Ted Schulz



# From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

Readers are requested to submit their  
Sherlockian recipes for this column.



During his visit to 221B Baker Street,  
Mr. Melas, the Greek Interpreter, imparted  
to Mrs. Hudson his recipe for the famous  
delicacy of Greece: Moussaka (accent on the  
first syllable). Later, Holmes learned of  
this tasty Turkish touch from the Sultan of  
Turkey during the case of the Blanked Sol-  
dier in 1903. Thus Moussaka à la Turque.

## Moussaka à la Turque

Moussaka, the famous ground meat  
and eggplant casserole of Greece, is  
traditionally topped with a béchamel  
sauce, giving a fallen custard effect. My  
way is to top it with a mixture of yogurt  
and beaten eggs, which produces a  
lighter and tarter dish.

Yogurt is one of the essential Medi-  
terranean ingredients, especially in food  
from the eastern end of the sea. It origi-  
nated in Turkey, so its presence in a  
recipe suggests that the dish was influ-  
enced by the Ottoman cuisine. Yogurt  
is marvelous as a cooking medium, a  
sauce thickener, a cooling agent and a  
drink. Used in my recipe for mous-  
saka, it gives the dish a Turkish touch  
and turns it into a Mediterranean addi-  
tion to *cuisine minceur*.

Serves 6-8.

- 2 lbs. eggplant
- 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
- 5 tbsp. butter
- 1 onion, grated and drained
- 1 cup tomato purée or 6 red ripe  
tomatoes, peeled, seeded and  
chopped
- 2-3 tbsp. chopped parsley
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pinches of ground cinnamon
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups unflavored yogurt, beaten  
until smooth
- about 3/4 cup grated cheese such as  
Kefalotiri or Parmesan or Gruyère
- grated nutmeg

Peel the eggplants and cut into 1/2-1-  
inch rounds. Salt them and leave to  
drain in a colander 30 minutes.

Brown the meat in 4 tbsp. butter with  
the onion. Add the tomato purée, pars-  
ley, salt and pepper to taste, and the  
cinnamon. Simmer gently until all the  
liquid evaporates. Allow to cool; skim  
off the fat.

Rinse the eggplant slices, squeeze  
gently, and pat dry with paper towels.  
Heat the oil in a skillet and fry the egg-  
plant slices until brown on both sides.  
Drain and set aside.

Thoroughly beat the eggs. Slowly stir  
in the yogurt. Mix in the cheese. Season  
with salt, pepper and grated nutmeg.

Preheat the oven to 375°.  
Arrange half the eggplant slices in  
one layer on the bottom of a buttered  
10 x 14 x 2-inch baking dish. Cover with  
a layer of cooked meat and a final layer  
of eggplant. Pour the sauce over the top  
and dot with butter. Set in the oven to  
bake 3/4 hour until the top is swollen  
and golden brown.

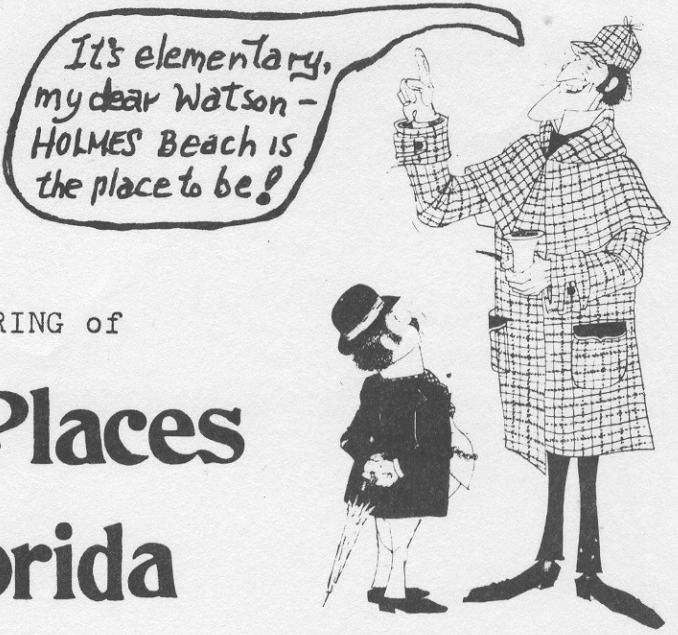
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No. 21  
**SHERLOCK HOLMES.**  
*Holmes remained in lodgings in Baker St.,  
lived among his old books, and alternating  
between cocaine and ambition, the drowsi-  
ness of the drug, and the fierce energy of his  
own keen nature. He was deeply attracted  
by the study of crime, and occupied his im-  
mense faculties and extraordinary powers  
of observation in following out those clues  
and clearing up those mysteries which had  
been abandoned as hopeless.*  
In *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*  
(1891), a great popular success, was achieved  
by Dr. (afterwards Sir) Arthur Conan Doyle  
(1859-1930). The imperishable Holmes had  
previously figured in *A Study in Scarlet*  
(1887) and *The Sign of Four* (1889), while his  
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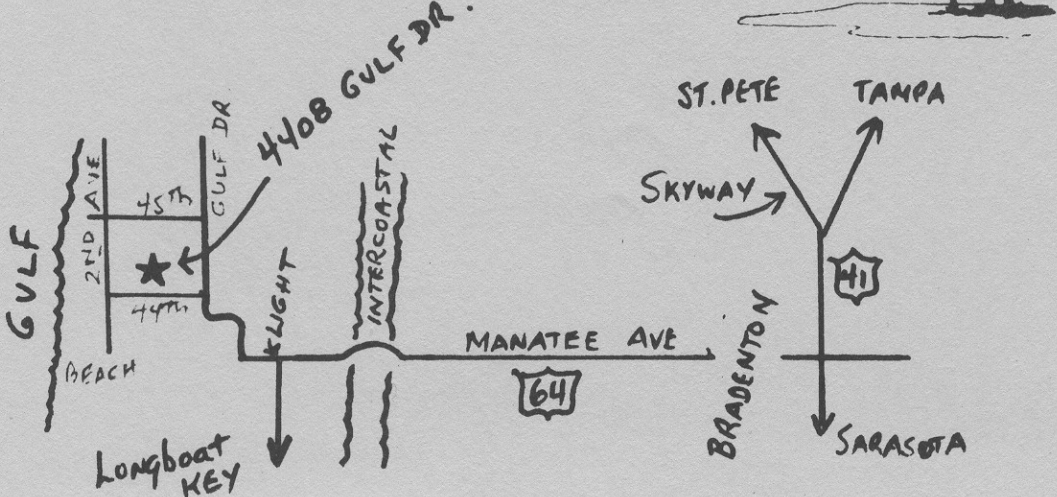
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SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1978 - 11:30am

PLEASE MAIL CARD TODAY - AYE or NAY  
(Don't forget to bring Sherlockian  
items to display and share.)

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<u>Schedule of Events</u>																			
+	11:30am - Gathering of Irregulars																		+
+	Exhibits & Displays																		+
+	12:15pm - Mrs. Hudson's Luncheon																		+
+	1 to 2pm - Program - - along with																		+
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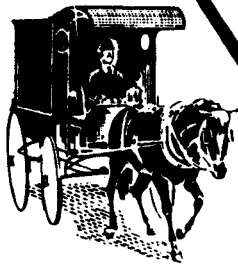


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### Farley

