



The Pleasant Places of Florida



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(Vide "The Five Orange Pips")

A Corresponding Scion Society of the BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

12th Night Reflections



...A small, informal gathering of a few PPoFF members was recently held at the Island Inn, Treasure Island, to bid farewell to Andy Peck, who returns to NYC after a year's stay in St. Pete. We will miss you, Andy - come back and see us often...Plans were set for a late-Fall Gathering, Sat., Nov.11th, in St. Pete. Details will follow....Another Round-Robin pastiche has been started: "The Adventure of the Florid Ians"-ouch!(Blame Bill Ward for that one.) When completed it will be incorporated in an anthology of previous round-robin efforts by PPoFF, along with reprints of Leslie Marshall's published articles. This hardcover edition will be dedicated to our late Mentor and will be available to all for purchase

...Since Communication #39, this Recorder has received a passel of S'ian material. Thanks to all, especially "Pat" Herst, Harold Niver, Ted Schulz, Al Rosenblatt, Paul Gunning, John Fought, Andy Malec, Rick Burton, Alyssa Eisenacher, Alfred Curtis, Norman Schatell, Wanda Butts, Don Yates, Gerry Stone, Dick Botelho, Pat Pierce, Mason Phelps, and Stephanie Rapp. Merci! (Please forgive any omission).....

This Recorder had the pleasure of a luncheon date with Peter Blau, in Wash. DC, but missed chance to meet Eve Titus by one day - Rats! Special thanx to Mike Senuta who sent an autographed copy of his new "Puzzling Over Sherlock"- a dandy booklet of crostics based on several Adventures. Dick Bothwell of the St.Pete Times, wrote a flattering article on the Pleasant Places. Copies may be requested from this Recorder for two 15¢ stamps for P & P(printing and postage). Also available: copy of score of song: "Sherlock Holmes"; recipes of Specialty Drinks served at S. Holmes, Esq., S.F. - 2 stamps for each wanted, please. Joan Wood is still making her needlepoint Sherlockian coasters (\$6), and still some copies of "The Curious Affair of the Witch's Brougham"(\$1.50).....

Received Price Lists of S'ian offerings from Pendragon Books(Box 155A, Rahway, NJ 07005) and Cal Witt both excellent! Fantastic pewter figures of Holmes & Watson available from Shirley Pewter, Williamsburg, Va.... From J.B.Shaw, received program of 8th Annual Col. Sebastian Moran Trap Shoot. He held Workshops at Buffalo, NY and Baltimore. Plans are being laid for a Workshop at U of Miami in January.... "Sherlock Holmes Tour" by SAS, October 5-21 (17 Days) is available. Contact Ms.Dawson at , if interested..... Thanks to all the Scions who sent on their publications - too numerous to make singular mention - all are appreciated. Will make special mention of all next time....DON'T FORGET TO SAVE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th FOR THE NEXT GATHERING OF THE P.P. of FLORIDA!



HOLMES BEACH, FLA.

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* - On this very day in the year 1893, Mr. Holmes returned from his 2-year hiatus in Tibet, under the alias of Sigerson.

New 'Sherlock Holmes' play is scheduled on Broadway

By BARBARA CROSETTE
© New York Times

NEW YORK — A new play about Sherlock Holmes is getting ready to open on Broadway, and everything about it — from who wrote it to whodunit — is going to be a surprise.

The Crucifer of Blood, now in rehearsal at the Helen Hayes Theater, is the first play by a young musician-actor-director named Paul Giovanni. It was first performed last winter at Buffalo's Studio Arena Theater. It so impressed Broadway producer Lester Osterman that he decided not only to back it, but also to put it in his own theater, where it will open Sept. 28 after previews starting Sept. 14.

Giovanni got his inspiration for the play from the Arthur Conan Doyle story *The Sign of the Four*. "But the story didn't really have a mystery in it," Giovanni said. "There were only a couple of things — the paper, a chest of jewels. . . So in the end all I used of Conan Doyle were the names of Holmes and Watson. What I've done is given the Holmes story an Agatha Christie twist without in any way disrupting or being unfaithful to his world."

The Holmes and Watson of Giovanni's play are young men. "It is 1887, and they are Victorian," Giovanni said. "It's an experiment to show them at 33 — five years out of Cambridge, with all the great cases to come. No one's ever seen them in the right clothes. They will wear frock coats and stovepipe hats. People are used to seeing them as older men — usually dressed in a vaguely Edwardian to 1920s style."

From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

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



Mrs. Hudson would often embellish her table d'hote with these tasty muffins:

CRUSTY CHEESE BEER MUFFINS

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| 3 cups unsifted self-rising flour. | 3 Tbls sugar |
| 1½ cups shredded Cheddar Cheese | 2/3 cup of shredded Summer Sausage |
| | 1 can (12oz) beer |

Blend together flour & sugar; add cheese and Summer Sausage and toss to coat with dry mixture. Stir in beer; mix only until dry ingredients are moistened. Divide the batter between 20-24 well-greased muffin-pan cups, filling each 2/3 full. Bake in preheated oven at 350° for 20 to 25 min. or until crust is hard & slightly brown. Serve warm w/butter. Makes 20-24 muffins.

Giovanni has moved his characters out of the drawing room and on to "location" — in this case no less than five sets done by the noted designer John Wulp (who is also among the producers of the play).

The Crucifer of Blood centers on two former officers in the British Army in India during the Mutiny of 1875 who have made a pact with a third British soldier over the sharing of a chest of jewels. The pact is broken and 30 years later it appears that primitive revenge has been taken on the two officers. The plot is complete with savages and poison darts and an orphaned and penniless young woman of genteel upbringing with whom Watson falls in love.

Sent in by
Caroline Everett
A.P.O.F.

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Alimentary, My Dear Watson

SIRS: "The Epicurean Holmes" by David E. Wojack (December, 1977) was excellent. Students of Holmesian literature always like to see articles about the life of the master, and Mr. Wojack did a commendable job of describing the gastronomic habits and preferences of Holmes and Watson.


E. L. LIPPERT
 TOLEDO, OHIO *



from Phila. Bulletin 4/26/78
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Hear ye! Hear ye!

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Recorder*

Captain R. H. Brown
U.S. Army Element, SHAPE
PANDA
APO New York 09055

4 August 1978

The Pleasant Places of Florida
c/o Rev. Dr. Benton Wood

Dear Rev. Dr. Wood,

I wish to enlist your society's support for my efforts to bring about the issue of a special postage stamp commemorating the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Sherlock Holmes. A proposal for such a stamp has been presented to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. The proposal was accompanied by a recommended design, a copy of which is enclosed.

In preparing the design many factors were considered, not the least of which was simplicity. It would be extremely easy to incorporate numerous symbols of the many cases Holmes has encountered. However, the goal of the stamp is to honor the man, not to provide a visual listing of his many accomplishments. For this reason, as well as that of clarity of design, the silhouette is employed with a gas lamp and swirling fog as background.

If your society or any of its members wish to support this endeavor, correspondence may be addressed to:

Chairman
Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp Development Branch
Washington, D.C. 20260

Thank you for your time with this letter and any assistance you may give.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Brown
ROBERT H. BROWN
Captain, U.S. Army

Sherlock Holmes honor

A special stamp has been proposed to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the birth of Sherlock Holmes.

Holmes is, indeed, worthy of such an honor. The cases and adventures chronicled by Dr. Watson have brought enjoyment, excitement and amazement to millions of readers the world over. How many of the past subjects of commemoratives can say the same?

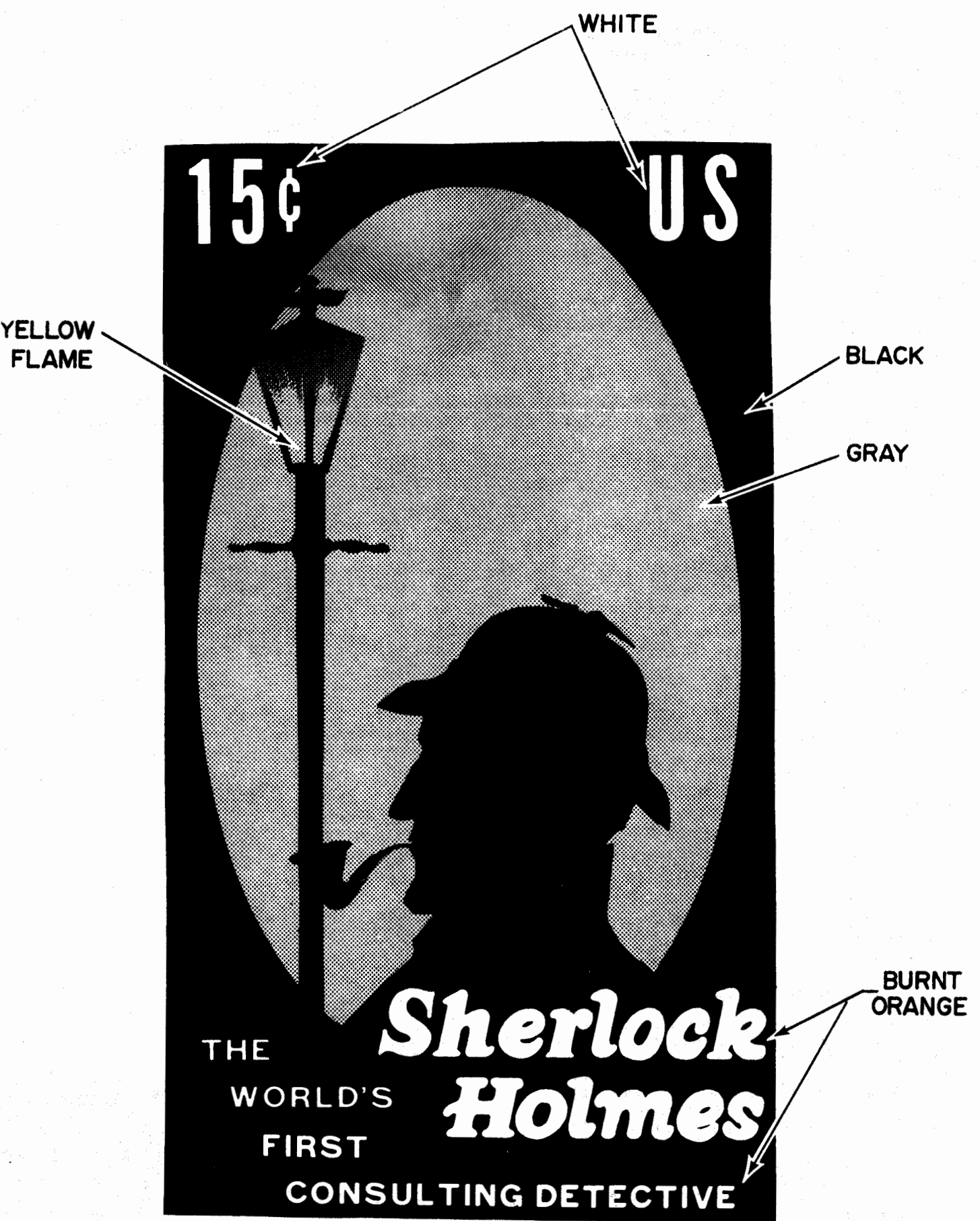
I, therefore, call upon all those who have read and enjoyed Holmes' adventures to write the advisory committee in support of a Sherlock Holmes commemorative issue.

Robert H. Brown
APO New York

*This item appeared
in Linn's Stamp News
9/4/78*



To date only regular postage stamp of Master - an airmail of Nicaragua. Story of Holmes on back of stamp in Spanish, of course.



DESIGNED BY R.H. BROWN & J.L. WATKINS 19/7/78

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Research Paper
Will you help her?

→ Profile of a Sherlockian

Return to: VIRGINIA LOU SEAY

1. At what age did you first become interested in Sherlock Holmes?
2. Under what circumstances?
3. What characteristic(s) do you admire the most in Holmes?
4. Which of the stories in the Canon do you personally like the best? the least? Why?
5. How old are you now?
6. What is(was) your occupation? your parents' occupation?
7. Were (are) you a good, average, or poor student?
8. What were (are) your best subjects? your favorite subjects?
9. What other hobbies or interests (besides Sherlock Holmes) do you have?
10. In what way does your hobby and/or occupation influence your study of Sherlock Holmes?
11. Do you like to read? If so, what types of books (other than Sherlock Holmes) ? Who are your favorite authors?

12. Do you prefer British or American literature?
13. Do you enjoy writing?
14. Have you ever attempted to write a Holmes parody or pastiche?
15. Are you interested in British history?
16. Do you enjoy music? If so, what kind(s)? Do you play an instrument?
17. Would you consider yourself to be more of an introvert or an extrovert?
18. Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the state of the world today?
19. As a child, were you read aloud to?
seldom _____
frequently _____
not at all _____
20. Who is your favorite Holmes illustrator?
21. Of all the actors that you have seen impersonate Holmes on the stage and screen, which do you like the best? Why?
22. Any other comments that you would like to make.

S. F. Sunday Examiner & Chronicle, World, Sunday, July 16, 1978. Courtesy T.G.Schulz



from Sarasota Herald-Tribune

GORY ROAD

By Lenore Glen Offord, B.S.I.

Elementary! Holmes Lives Up To A Name



The Last of Sherlock Holmes

By Michael Dibdin. Pantheon; \$7.95.

DIBDIN'S novel is mentioned here only as a warning to Sherlockians, who will find its conclusions both silly and offensive.

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SHERLOCK HOLMES vs. DRACULA, or The Adventure of the Sanguinary Count by John H. Watson, M.D. as edited by Loren D. Estleman. Doubleday, \$7.95. Aside from the mild amusement to be derived from Mr. Estleman's imitation of Watson's style (it would be unthinkable to refer to it as Doyle's style), there is small excuse for this nonsense. What next Holmes vs. the Wolf Man, King Kong, the Creature from the Black Lagoon?

Atlantic, August 1978, Courtesy of Ted Schulz

Sent in by Harold Niver

The Courant TV Week, Sunday, July 16, 1978

OLYMPIAK, Wash. (AP) — With deerstalker cap and deep-bowled pipe, Sherlock Holmes keeps an eye on the Legislature.

Holmes, 56, is a senior examiner in the state auditor's office, and he led the team that audited the Legislature the last time.

"My dad wanted to call me Sherlock, but my mother wanted Oliver Wendell," said Holmes, who until he was 17 thought his name was Gordon.

He learned his real name when he read his birth certificate. His parents said they wanted to save him from school teasing, so they used his middle name.

Once he learned he was Sherlock Holmes, though, he launched into a career of investigations.

Holmes dabbled in fingerprinting and studied criminology. During World War II, he spent a few weeks with the military police classifying fingerprints.

Sometimes he playfully assumes the role of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional detective, donning the distinctive cap and bringing out the long, curved pipe. He has a complete collection of Sherlock Holmes novels, many mailed to him by people who have read of him.

Sound Waves

Sherlock Holmes Debuts on WWUH

Beginning today and each Wednesday hereafter, WWUH 91.3 FM at 8:30 p.m. will telecast "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" produced by the BBC. Tonight's premiere episode

will be "The Case of Silver Blaze." The disappearance of the favorite in the renowned horse race the Wesssex Cup brings Sherlock Holmes on the case after the horse's trainer is murdered.

The logical candidate

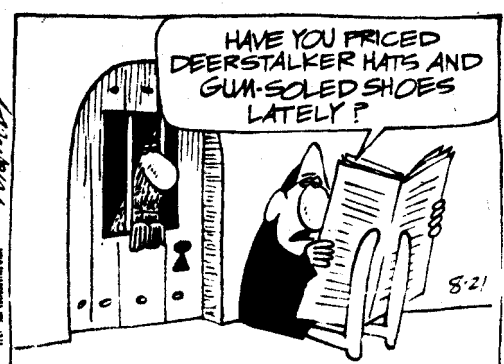
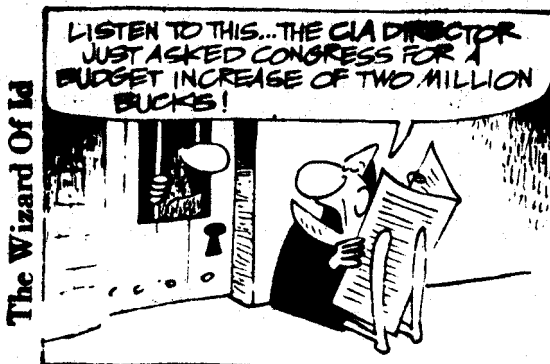
California Gov. Jerry Brown has a new rival for his job: Sherlock Holmes. The Non-Canonical Calabashes of Los Angeles — an offshoot of the Baker Street Irregulars, a scattered group of Holmes fans — are planning to announce the sleuth's write-in candidacy for "gov'nor." The group brushed off Holmes's major handicap, that he is a fictitious character. In his campaign literature, Holmes describes himself as "the logical candidate" and calls for restoring British spelling and reviving the school of criminology at the University of California.



Thanks to Gerry Stone. from: Bergen, N.J. "RECORD"

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