



The Pleasant Places of Florida



(Vide "The Five Orange Pips")

#41.

A Corresponding Scion Society of the BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

12th Night Reflections



.. If you had been employing even a modicum of your Sherlockian powers of ratiocination and observation, you would have noted that Communication #40 bore the postmark, left, and that each envelope carried very unusual franking (fancy stamps). This philatelic luxury has been provided by the St. Alban's Stamp Mission, Anna Maria, FL.

In the light of escalating costs, we are experimenting with this issue, the route of non-profit permit (a scant 2.7¢ per). But it must be remembered that this Recorder must have your correct address or 'twill end up in Moriarty's sack at the PO... By the by, although no PPoff dues are required, your draught for \$2.21B will ensure your receiving all our material throughout 1979..... "The Adventure of the Florid Ians" is very much "in the mill". More details on its publication and availability later - including a JBshaw surprise!.....

..... As always, many thanks to all who have been good & proper corresponding members of PPoff, especially to Peter Blau, Ted Schulz, Alfred Curtis, Howard Lachtman (who sent in article, "Case of the Canonical Collector - yes, about stamps - from The Armchair Detective, Vol. 11, No. 3, July '78 - copy for 2 15¢ stamps, please), Nina Stanford, of HOLMES Bch, who sent a card from Lausanne, Switzerland, where she visited the Château de Lucens, which contains a S'ian Museum with a replica of the sitting room at 221B, "Pat" Herst, who informed me he had discovered a village on Grand Bahama Island - HOLMES!, Dr. Chas. Goodman, of the Diogenes Club, NYC, David Maxfield, Charles O'Boyle of Hollis, NH, and Louis Hosch, of Clearwater, FL. Herb Tinning sent in a plethora of material as did Harold Niver..... Also thanks to Tom Dandrew, Pat Pierce and others whom I cannot remember.....

Received a notice from Ron Jordan, who is publishing a new fly of hitherto unpublished S'ian scholarship - Great!... Also received No. 15 of Baker St. Miscellanea (\$4, per annum, from Sciolist Press, Box 2579, Chicago 60690), and from our own Andrew Jay Peck, Esq., Vol. I No. 4 of The Commonplace Book,

.... "Mycroft's Messenger" (we just rec'd #8, Aug. '78) may be procured from Dwight McDonald,

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Mark your calendar now - for the

FALL GATHERING of the PLEASANT PLACES of FLA.

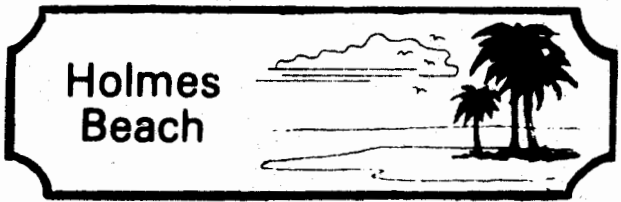
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Irregulars gather at 11:30am. Luncheon and meeting to follow

Resident Members: Please return CARD saying AYE or NAY.



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Holmes Beach

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OCTOBER 19, 1978*(see below)

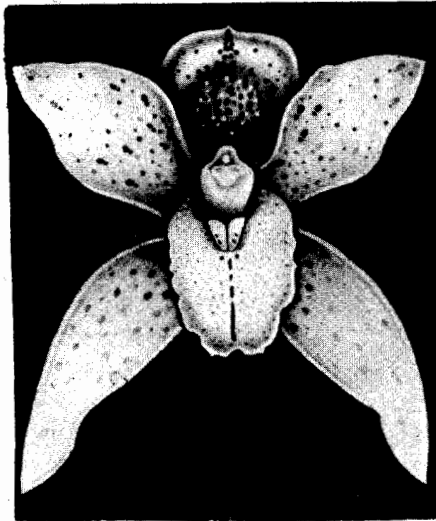
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* - It was on the 19th of October in 1889, that Holmes began the Case of the Red-Headed League. He solved it the next day.



35th Street Regulars

"Even an incipient Sherlockian knows about the Baker Street Irregulars," says Carol Brener of Murder Ink. "But Wolfe people haven't even realized that other people knew about that whole household." Now they'll have a chance to. Thanks to Carol, the Nero Wolfe banquet she threw last year (featuring dishes from the detective's own kitchen), and the passion it inspired, there is to be a Nero Wolfe club: the Wolfe Pack. For \$10 annual dues, members will receive a quarterly journal and a place at the annual banquet. Satisfactory. THE WOLFE PACK/Write to Ellen Krieger/28 West 69th Street/New York, New York 10023

From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

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



"PHELPS RAISED THE COVER.

THE GREEK INTERPRETER'S OMELET

- 1 diced tomato 8 greek peppers diced
3 eggs (or more to taste)
1/2 cup cheddar cheese 1/2 cup diced onion
1 tsp butter



Melt butter in small frying pan, teflon if possible. Beat eggs together with fork, add in 1 greek pepper diced, 1/8 cup cheddar cheese, 1/4 diced tomato and 1/8 diced onion. Pour mixture into pan and cook, turning when bottom-side is reasonably done. Put remainder of ingredients on one half of the egg circle, flipping the other half over to cover. When bottom half is browned, gently turn to cook thoroughly the top half. Remove from pan and devour! The taste is so delicious it will take your breath away, but not in the manner of the Case.

(Submitted by Wanda Butts, PPoffF)

20 Tuesday, June 13, 1978 Stockton (Calif.) Record

Watson Will Practice Self-Control in Open



"The adventures of who?"



Agony Column

We ask readers to send in items for this column.

The case of the two-faced professor

It began last December with the appearance of a mysterious article in *Veritas*, UM's faculty newspaper. "Moriarty's Math Paper Is Found," the headline screamed. Above it was a photograph of a smiling, suspicious-looking man identified as Dr. Richard Goodman, wearing a deerstayer's hat and writing on the blackboard.

The story reported that Goodman had unearthed a "Treatise on the Binomial Theorem" by one Professor Moriarty, purported to be the evil fictional arch-rival of Sherlock Holmes. According to Goodman, math professor Moriarty had been 50 years ahead of his time in his research and had anticipated today's computer revolution.

Needless to say, the article piqued our curiosity. Sure, it could be true, but there were just too many loose ends, too many pieces that didn't fit. Maybe Moriarty had really discovered holes in the binomial theorem, as the article stated, but if so, why didn't he use his knowledge of computers for evil purposes? And why hadn't such novel mathematical research been discovered earlier?

The *Veritas* article directed us to another possible source of information: the *Devon County Chronicle*, a periodical devoted to Holmesian studies. It was a murky path, but one which we anxiously followed in pursuit of the truth. We sleuthed out December's issue of the *Chronicle*, which included an article written by Professor Goodman. In it, Goodman tried to answer our questions. Moriarty's research hadn't been discovered because he had downplayed its importance and published it in an obscure British journal. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's bad guy didn't want the information to

get out at all, Goodman hypothesized, but had to print it somewhere because of a "publish or perish" rule at his university.

A neat explanation, but it didn't wash. When we learned that Goodman himself was a principle investigator in a National Science Foundation research project studying computer accuracy, we finally put a-squared and b-squared together. We decided to confront the professor by phone.

"Isn't it true that this paper of Moriarty's is very similar to work that you've been doing?"

"Yes," he laughed nervously. "It's an amazing coincidence."

We pressed on. "Don't you belong to an Association of Sherlock Holmes fans based out of Holmes Beach, Fla.?"

"I don't remember," he swore. "I'm still on their mailing list."

We asked him how his UM colleagues reacted to his article in the *Devon County Chronicle*. "Most mathematicians would prefer to sweep Moriarty under the rug, since he was an evil person and they don't want to be associated with him. But I've gotten a few chuckles," Goodman said, issuing a few of his own.

He was trapped now; his deeds had worn a path to his door, and their scent was unmistakable. "Wasn't it you who did this mathematical research and fabricated Professor Moriarty's involvement to advance your own Sherlockian habit?"

"I won't say," he countered, "but it was."



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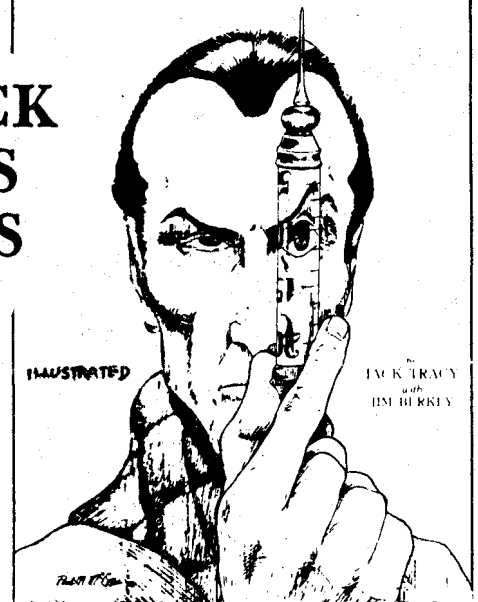
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HOLMES
ADDICTS
AND
COCAINE
BUFFS



Subcutaneously, My Dear Watson is a detailed study of the use of cocaine in the Sherlock Holmes stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. This book provides an insight into the attitudes prevalent in the late nineteenth century toward the use of and addiction to cocaine. The authors trace the effects of Holmes's cocaine habit on his career as a detective and on his relationship with Dr. Watson. The concise and interesting style is enhanced by numerous illustrations giving graphic historical perspective to the narrative. The book is a must for the Holmes buff and an informative work for those interested in early Anglo-American beliefs and attitudes about cocaine.

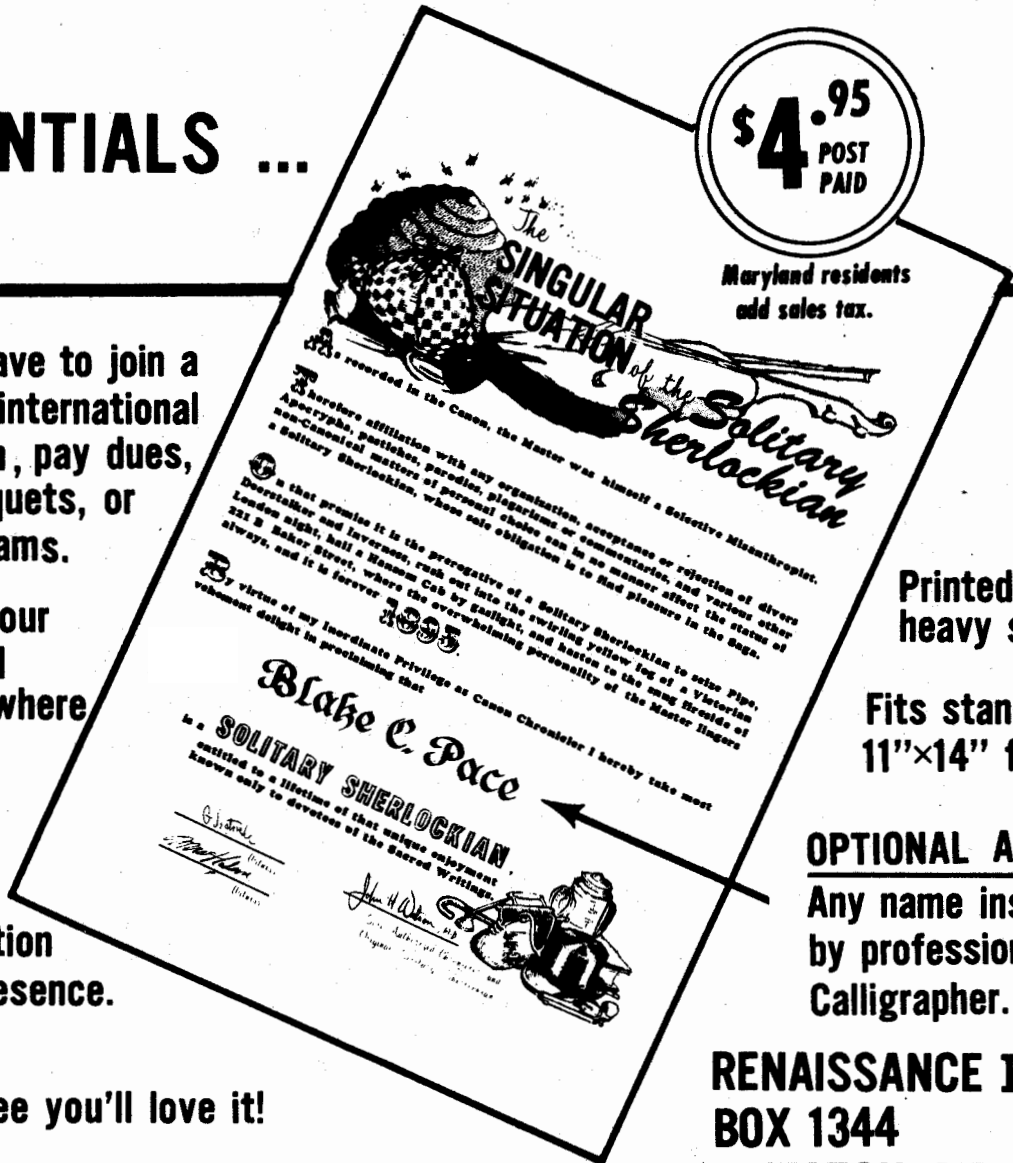
Jack Tracy is a member of the Baker Street Irregulars, the national society of Sherlock Holmes addicts, and has received an "Edgar" award nomination from the Mystery Writers of America for his book *The Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana* (Doubleday, 1977), and he is the compiler of Doubleday's annual *Sherlock Holmes Calendar*.

This interesting ad was sent in by J.B.Shaw.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 11 - 11:30AM

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JUST WEST OF ST. PETER'S JR COLLEGE

NEWS ITEM - We have just received word from John Bennett Shaw, that the projected Workshop at the Univ. of Miami, in January, 1979, has been aborted..... Plans are now afoot for a Workshop in the St. Pete area for January of 1980, sponsored by the Pleasant Places of Florida. Elaboration will ensue between now and then.

MINIATURES - John Shaw sent on ad for a set of Sherlock Holmes Miniature figures in standard Collector's size - 2¼"(54mm), cast in French Pewter Alloy in 5 numbered sets of eight figures each. Figures include: Sherlock Holmes, in Deerstalker; Dr. John H. Watson, in bowler; Prof. James Moriarty, baldheaded in frock coat; Inspector LaStrade, in 'Trilby Hat'; Miss Irene Adler, The King of Bohemia; Dr. Royslott; and an London Bobby. Price of the set is \$25, and is obtainable from JVR MINIATURES, P.O.Box 581, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096.

Speaking of minitures Sherlockian, Jane Blasingame, of the Pleasant Places, passed on a list of available items, including a 7/8" x 5/8" 80 page edition of the Adv. of the Veiled Lodger - with illustration, no less! Price - \$14.50. Also all the miniature items to outfit the sitting room at 221B. All from: Jane Bernier, Borrower's Press, Rte.#1, Box 174, Winterport, Maine 04496. They put out a catalog of all sorts of small things.



Dennis, the rhythm guitarist. "Besides, none of us even likes to do reggae."

"Not only that," added Phil, the keyboard man, "Your latest stuff all stinks. You probably just set this whole thing up as an excuse for not finishing the album."

"That's a dirty lie!" cried Joe. "I'm going to finish it with you or without you — as soon as I find out which one of you is the thief!"

"I don't know if this album will ever be finished," said Shirley Holmes. "But it's obvious who stole the tape."

Whom does Shirley Holmes suspect and why?

"I don't know what to do," Joe Candle told Shirley Holmes. "The band and I have been trying for weeks to finish our new album, but we've had nothing but arguments and problems. Now, I'm afraid this is the last album Candle and the Flames will ever make together — if we even finish it."

"What do you mean?" asked Shirley Holmes.

"Well, we'd been having trouble agreeing on a final song for the 'B' side. So last night after the guys left, I wrote a hot new reggae tune. I taped it and locked the tape up in my office — but when I got here

this morning, it was gone. I don't want to go to the police — I just want to get the tape back. It's the greatest thing I've ever done and I can't remember all of it."

Shirley went with Joe to the rehearsal studio where the band was waiting. "Somebody stole the tape to my new song," he told them. "And only you three had the keys to my office."

"Hey, don't go accusing me!" said Paul, the drummer. "Why would I want to steal one of your tunes? I'm a much better songwriter than you are."

"That goes for all of us," said

ANSWER TO SHIRLEY HOLMES MYSTERY:

The suspect is Dennis, the rhythm guitarist. How could he have known the tune was reggae unless he had stolen and played the tape?

The Irregular
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The Stamp Detective

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COME
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OLD
FELLOW!

I'VE BEEN
SUSPENDED
FROM THE
FORCE, MR.
HOLMES.

DOUBTLESS
FOR
WARRANTLESS
INVESTIGA-
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LA PRADE?

AMAZING! HOW
DID YOU KNOW,
MR. HOLMES?

BY THE TWO WIRES EMANATING
FROM YOUR SLEEVES AND
THE MICROPHONE PEEKING
OUT OF YOUR COLLAR,
DEAR FELLOW.

I ACT ILLEGALLY
ONLY IN THE
PERFORMANCE
OF MY DUTY,
MR. HOLMES.

THE COMMISSION OF A
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IS PRECISELY THE DE-
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AS YOURS, LA PRADE.

WAIT TILL THEY
COME AFTER YOU
FOR BREAKING
AND ENTER-
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HOLMES.

MY ADVICE,
LA PRADE,
IS TO TAKE
THE OFFENSE.
APPEAR ON
TELEVISION.
OBSCURE THE
ISSUES.
DRAW A RED
HERRING
ACROSS
YOUR TRAIL.

INGENIOUS,
MR.
HOLMES!

QUICK, WATSON! BOLT
THE DOOR! DRAW
THE SHUTTERS!

BURN
THE
TAPES!

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