



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



....The 4th Annual Spring Gathering at HOLMES Beach should be a must for all Resident Members and others who can make it. Stafford Davis, the "True Perceiver" of the Afghanistan Perceivers of Tulsa, will be our special "imported" guest. He will speak on the subject: "Everything you always wanted your Scion to do, but were afraid to try," or "They are an Irregular group, aren't they, Watson?" Also a special film showing of The Musgrave Ritual. Be sure to return the enclosed card today indicating your eye or nay. (They cost us 10¢ each, so don't just keep them or forget about it, please!)....The P.P. of F's John Bennett Shaw Workshop is now scheduled for January 18-20, 1980, following the BSI Dinner in NYC the 11th. Details will be forthcoming....."A Tribute to Leslie Marshall" is expected to be ready for distribution at the Spring Gathering at HQ, April 28th. Non-Resident Members of PPF may order one (\$1.50ppd)....Rebecca Hall sent on a snapshot of her explorations to Basketville, FL in search of a hound...Notice was rec'd of the JBS Wkshop at Wayne St. Univ., Detroit, May 18-20....Paul Sorenson reports of the advent of a new Scion, "West Bend Horror" in Wisconsin...PPoff Pat Herst is on the mend, and in true Sherlockian fashion is daily taking "the needle". As always, the Recorder's thanks and appreciation to all directed cor-

respondance and/or items to HQ.: Mason Phelps, Wanda Butts, Harold Niver, Mike Carroll, Jim Susynski, Dennis Keiser, Joseph Eckrich, Paul Herbert, Brian MacDonald, Peter Blau, Alfred Curtis III, Caroline Everett, Howard Lachtman, Irving Jaffee, Julian Wolff, Jerry Margolin, & Paul Singleton, who reminded us that Richard Ayers

carries a sizable inventory of S'ian reels. Willie Gomez has started up the "Resident Patients of Baker Street" in Miami, Florida. We wish them the best.....Another Workshop, this one July 6-8, Colby College, Waterville, Maine is available....."The Dossier of Solar Pons" has been recently published. Basil Cooper carries on the tradition of August Der-

leth at 7B Praed Steet..... Still available: PPoff's latest Round-Robin Pastiche - "The Adv. of the Florid Ians" \$1.50 postpaid from Recorder. See y'all Saturday the 28th!

It's quite Elementary.... HOLMES Beach is the place to be SAT., APRIL 28th.. Don't MISS IT!



4th Annual
Spring Gathering at HQ.
SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Holmes Beach



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(* - Note: On this very day in 1890, the Master brought to conclusion the Adventure of Wisteria Lodge.)



Collectors' Voice

Stamp Collector, February 10, 1979

Was Holmes a stamp collector?

Sir:

Were some of those great scrap-books at 221B Baker St. actually stamp albums? Dr. A.A. Delaney in "Stamped for death" (*Stamp Collector*, Nov. 4, 1978) said: "There are several references among Dr. Watson's notes to indicate that Sherlock Holmes was a stamp collector."

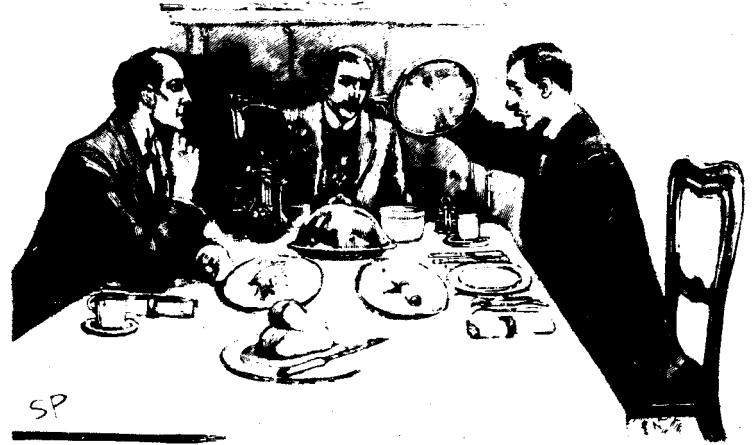
Failing to find philately anywhere in the printed writings of the great sleuth's Boswell, I asked Dr. Delaney if he had had access to unprinted items from the famous dispatch box once in the vaults of Cox's Bank at Charing Cross. From his reply it appears he had not.

Thus I am forced to conclude that his only "authority" must be the forgery of a Watson manuscript that appears in Sherlockian Herman Herst's volume *Stories to Collect Stamps By* (New York, 1968, pp. 9-16).

David K. Maxfield
Ann Arbor, Mich.

From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

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



CHICKEN MAGNIFIQUE

(Mrs. Hudson would often prepare this delicacy on very special occasions.)

4 Chicken Breasts 2 t. butter
1 c. sliced mushrooms
1 can Campbell's Cream of Chicken soup
1/8 t. minced garlic 1/2 c. light cream

1. Brown chicken in butter; remove. Saute mushrooms 'til browned.
2. Stir in soup, garlic & seasonings; add chicken.
3. Cover and simmer over low heat for 45 min. Stir occasionally.
4. Blend in cream; heat slowly. Serve with wild rice. Garnish with toasted slivered almonds. Serve with a delicate Chablis or Rhine Wine.
(Serves 4)

Incorrect deduction

Sir:

David K. Maxfield has deduced incorrectly ("Collectors' Voice," Feb. 10) the source for my reference to Sherlock Holmes being a stamp collector. My authority was not the Holmes pastiche contained in Herman Herst's *Stories to Collect Stamps By*, but rather an obituary of Arthur D. Pierce that appeared in *Western Stamp Collector* on Jan. 6, 1968.

Pierce, in addition to having been an outstanding philatelic writer, was active in the Baker Street Irregulars, an organization for Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts.

According to the WSC article, Pierce came to the conclusion that Sherlock Holmes was a stamp collector. His study outlining the basis for this theory ("Was Sherlock Holmes a Stamp Collector?") appears in G.B. Erskine's *Approaches to Philately* (London, 1950).

Arthur A. Delaney
Address omitted by request

Stamp Collector, March 10, 1979

Date? Sat. April 28th
Time? 11:30 am
Place? HOLMES Beach
(where else?)



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Agony Column

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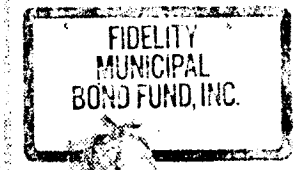
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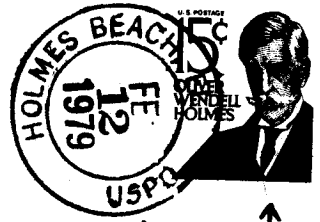
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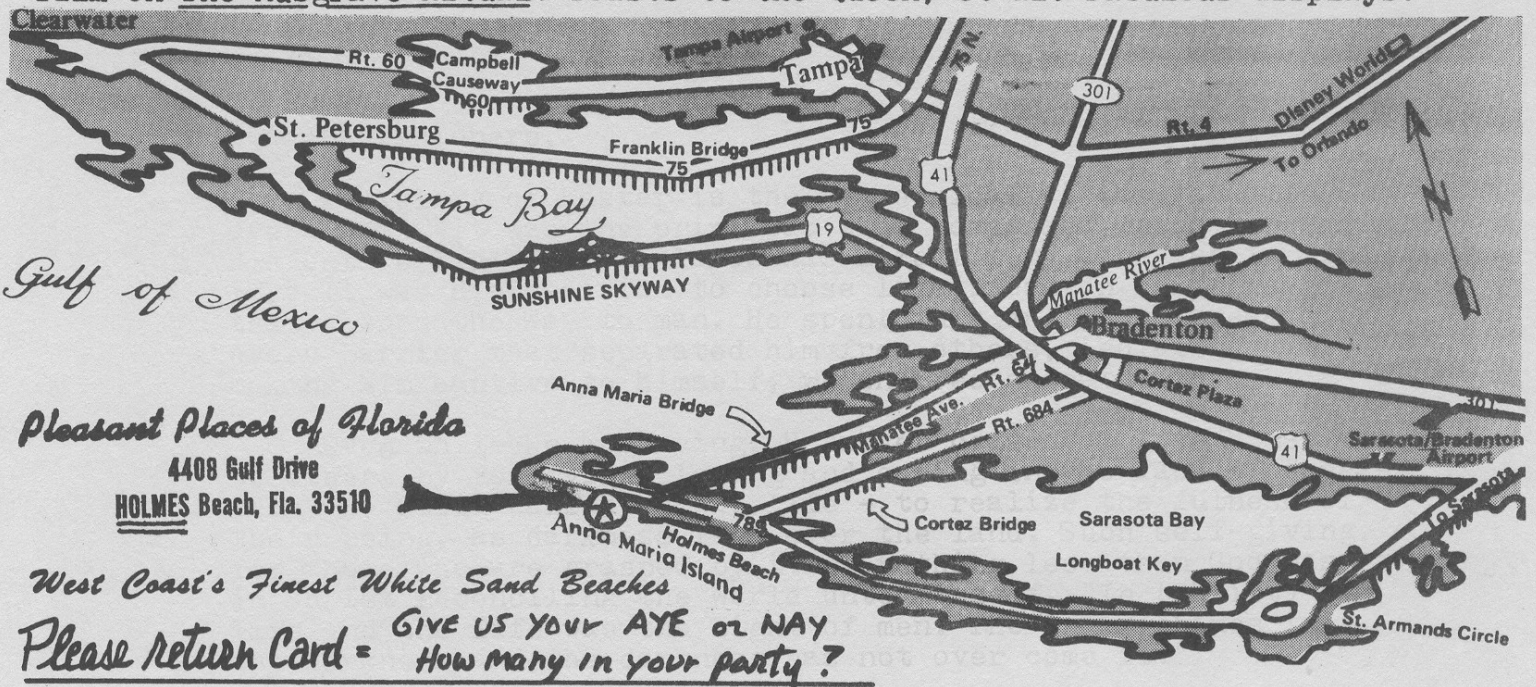
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at HOLMES Beach!

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Saturday, April 28, 1979 11:30a.m. Featuring: Luncheon from Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen. Program includes Staff Davis of the Afghanistan Perceivers. Special film on The Musgrave Ritual. Toasts to the Queen, et al. Fabulous displays.



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St. Petersburg Times

Saturday, February 24, 1979



WE ARE ALL GREAT EXPERTS AT FINDING FAULT

If we had no faults of our own, we would not take so much pleasure in noticing those of others.

—Francois, Duc de la Rochefoucauld

"Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

—Matthew 7:3

The talents of human beings are many and varied, but in at least one respect we are all born detectives. Nothing in this world is easier for us to find than the faults of others. Perhaps the reason this has become such an attractive pursuit is that it turns our attention away from the unpleasant subject of our own shortcomings! If this has been one of your favorite pastimes, then what you should look for is some time to spend at the Church of your choice, where you will learn to see the good things about the other person instead of the faults, which are probably no worse than your own anyway. In fact, this will automatically correct one of yours, and will put you in a much happier frame of mind in the process.



Sherlock Holmes

TONIGHT AT 10:30
 "SHERLOCK HOLMES IN WASHINGTON"
 FOLLOWED BY
 "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE SPIDER WOMAN"



Why is Holmes the Greatest?

by Dwight J. McDonald

The deerstalker, curved-stem pipe, magnifying glass, even the Inverness cape or hypodermic needle — the world over, these things call to mind Sherlock Holmes, recognized as the master of all detectives. Truly he holds the position with respect to his so-called "rivals" that the sun does to the planets. What makes Sherlock so superior to all other detectives, real or fictional, and in fact to almost all other men? Today, one hundred twenty-five years after his birth, he is the subject of more writings than any other topic except the Bible, and of the largest fan club in the world, the Baker Street Irregulars and its scions.

MENSA BULLETIN — MARCH 1979

(Submitted by Charlie Hanman)

THE LIFE INSURANCE CONSPIRACY MADE ELEMENTARY BY SHERLOCK HOLMES

Peter Spielmann and Aaron Zelman. A Fireside Book/Simon & Schuster, \$4.95 ISBN 0-671-24377-2

Spielmann, a writer, and Zelman, an independent insurance agent, open their book with an entertaining skit. A life insurance salesman appears at Baker Street to sell a cash-value policy to Dr. Watson. Sherlock Holmes immediately spots the deceptions in the agent's sales pitch and the fallacies of the policy and takes it upon himself to investigate the life insurance racket. He is the mouthpiece for the authors' conclusions: cash value (or whole-life) insurance, the most frequently purchased type of policy in this country, is the most expensive and wasteful. Spielmann and Zelman suggest an alternative, term life insurance, which they feel is more advantageous to the purchaser, though less advantageous to the agent, who receives a lower commission. The authors write simply and succeed in presenting a convincing argument for avoiding cash-value life insurance and guarding against manipulative, commission-greedy salespersons.

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