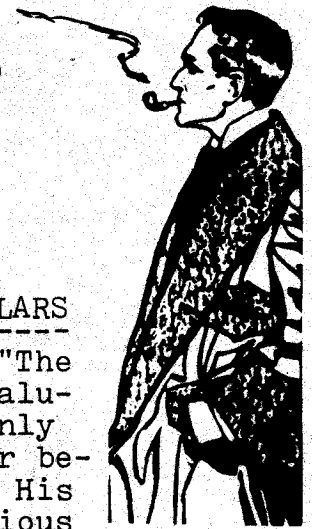




The Pleasant Places of Florida



(Suggested in "The Five Orange Pips")

A Corresponding Scion Society of the BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

12th Night Reflections

know how to use it." Dick Bothwell, a long-time friend of our beloved, Leslie Marshall, and the PPOFF, used it well, indeed! His sudden death left us all a bit empty in the wake of the glorious occasion of the Grand Opening of Sherlock's Restaurant on Treasure Island. Dick's last column was devoted to that gala (see p.4). We will miss this wonderful man of words & wit.....Now for the Errata Dept. - It's not Ted Schulz's

S'ian Wkshp, rather it is sponsored by Stanford Univ. & the Scowrsers & Molly Maguires. Direct inquiries to Dr. Bruce Parker,

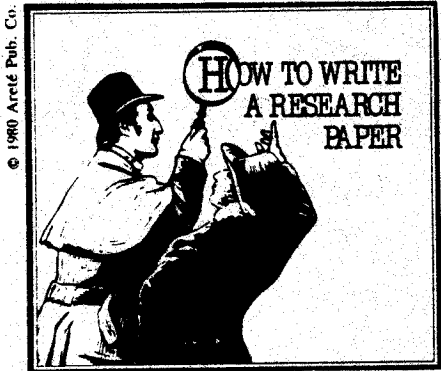
Mea culpa!... and...Gary Heiselberg (and 37 others) reminded me that the foreign airmail rate is now 40¢, not 31¢. By the time you get this, it will likely go up again!...S'ian poster (left) for 50¢ & a SASE(28¢) sent to Areté Publ.Co., 101 College Rd.East,Princeton,N.J., 08540....Rec'd many communications from near & far - my thanks to all. The PPOFF rec'd kind words in "The Red Herring" & "The Scandal Sheet"- we 'preciate!.... Bob Thomalen, of the 3 Garridebs, reports the opening of

the Baker Street Inn, an eatery on Long Island...George Skornickel tells us of the publishing of "Three Pipe Problems, Vol.III(\$8 + .65pstg)&"Canonical Couplets"(\$4 + .28pstg). Write George at 2411 Lincoln St.,Natrona Hgts, PA, 15065.....Carl Brown & Diane Cole reported on the 'Sherlockon' in LA, sending on a program of exciting events.... The weightiest mail received was Carey Cummings prodigious work on S'ian Biorhythms. It was the 1st of 5 volumes!... We forgot to thank Caroline Everett for her donation of many stamps which helps with our PPOFF mailouts.... Also appreciate hearing from Paul Herbert, JohnFought, Ken Lanza, Stephanie Rapp, R.A.Stephson(of Queensland, Australia), Dwight McDonald, Peter Blau, Brian MacDonald, Dennis Keiser, Paul Singleton, Jim Duval, Lucy Green, Jerry Margolin, Tom Dandrew, Ely Leibow, Bill Goodrich, Frank Hoffman, Dick Lesh, George Edwards & Mike Carroll. Please forgive any omissions....The Hansoms of John Clayton made mention of the PPOFF in their January newsletter, "Plug & Dottles"- merci.....John Fought(

, requests correspondence on the subject of Jack the Ripper....."Variety", show-biz mullet wrapper tells of forthcoming series of 26 ninety minutes shows in pre-production entitled: "The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes". They are to be shot in London(where else?).

...If you haven't done so - be sure to order your copy of "The Case of the 3 Merry Debs", a new R/R Pastiche.

SHERLOCK SAYS . . . Be sure you send in your \$2.21B "lubricant for the wheels" to ensure that you remain on the PPOFF Mailing List. If you remit by Mar.15th you will receive, at no cost, a copy of "Holmesian Limericks & A Sherlock Sing-A-Long". Only exemptions are Exchange Scions & impecunious students. If the box at the right is marked "X", your "lubricant" for 1981 is due. Final day of reckoning: April 15th.



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(*- Note: On St. Valentine's Day, 1891,
Prof. Moriarty bemoaned, "...by the mid-
dle of February I was seriously incon-
venienced by you (Holmes)..") (FINA)

P.P. of F.



"Data! data! data!...
.. I can't make bricks
without clay!" (COPP)

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From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

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



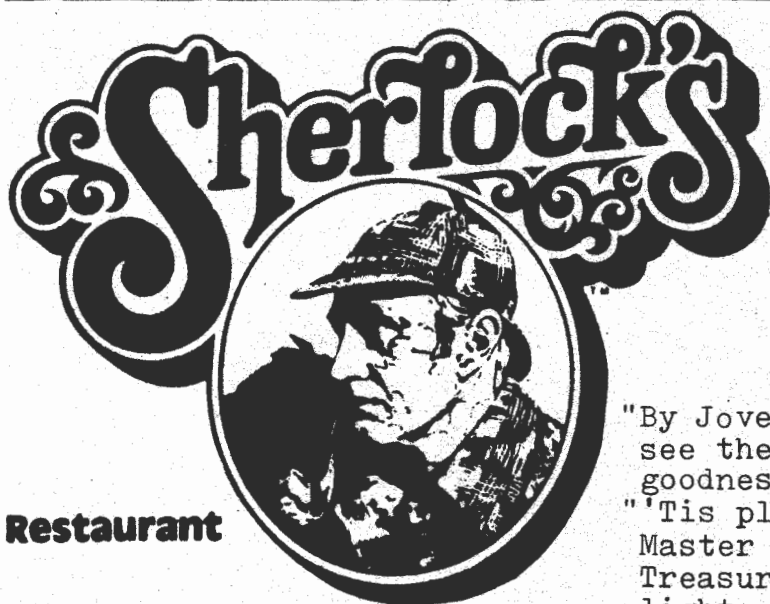
BRIONY LODGE BACON & EGG PIE

(This tasty English repast was often
served at Irene Adler's residence, at
St. John's Wood. (SCAN))

Pastry for 2-crust 9" pie, unbaked
6 slices of bacon, partly cooked
6 eggs Salt and pepper to taste
 3 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 egg beaten with 2 tablespoons water

Line 9-inch pie with pastry. Arr-
ange bacon on bottom; sprinkle with
parsley. Break eggs on top, keeping
yolks whole. Sprinkle with salt and
pepper. Cover with top crust, cutt-
ing an air hole in top. Brush with
egg and water mixture. Bake in a pre-
heated very hot oven (450°F.) for 10
minutes. Reduce heat to moderate tem-
perature (350°) and bake until crust
is nicely browned. Serve hot or cold.
When cold, it makes an excellent pic-
nic dish. Should be accompanied by a
well-chilled Pouilly Fuisse. Makes
6-8 servings.

(Submitted by Joan Wood, PPofF)



Restaurant

10650 Gulf Blvd.
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"By Jove, Holmes," Watson exclaimed excitedly, "I
see the Pleasant Places now has an honest-to-
goodness Sherlockian eatery!"

"'Tis plain as a pikestaff, my dear Watson," the
Master replied. "Just proceed to The Bilmar on
Treasure Island to partake of the culinary de-
lights of SHERLOCK's - a Holmesian haunt fit
of the King of Bohemia if ever I saw one!"

Agony Column

(Readers are asked to submit items for this Column. Thank you.)

(All items sent post haste & post-paid!)

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Holmes' Fans Observe Centennial

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Sherlock Holmes fans can almost always hunt up some occasion to honor the Master Sleuth.

The latest was the centennial of that dark and stormy night in London when Holmes first met Dr. John Watson in a cluttered chemical laboratory in London.

"The centennial is particularly important because ... this was the beginning of their careers," society member Donald Henderson said at a Saturday night celebration in this Los Angeles suburb. "Had Holmes and Watson not met, we'd never have heard of Holmes, for Watson sat down what little we know of Holmes. He was his Boswell."

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1981-



Whodunit? Asks Vanguard: Sherlock or His Brother?

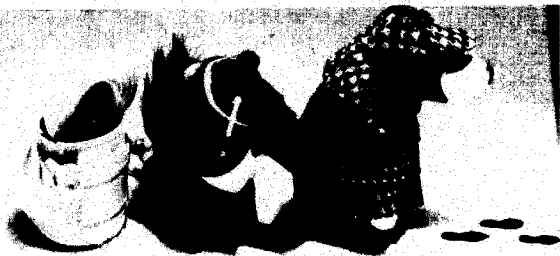
Three murder mysteries first published in the 1940s—"A Taste for Honey," "Reply Paid" and "The Notched Hairpin"—will be reissued in one volume by Vanguard Press this month. "The Amazing Mycroft Mysteries" (\$15.95) by H. F. Heard feature the deductive abilities of a "Mr. Mycroft" whose talents strongly resemble those of Sherlock Holmes.

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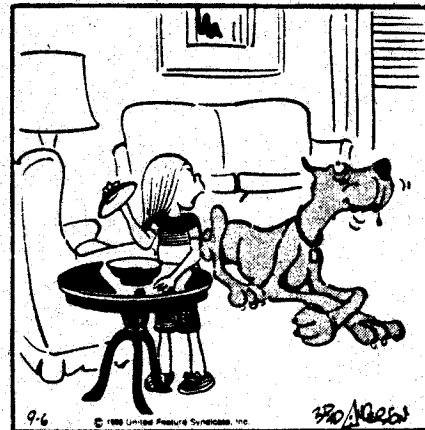
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MARMADUKE

By Anderson and Leeming



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"It doesn't take Sherlock Holmes to know who can empty a full candy dish with one lick of the tongue!"

O.A.T. — OF ALL THINGS

**DICK
BOTHWELL****Where to find an
Irregular meal?
Elementary, my
dear Watson**

Sherlock Holmes himself couldn't find the most mysterious new restaurant on the Gulf Beaches. Why? Because it has no sign outside.

Yet this Olde English eatery is named in honor of the Great Sleuth.

And Thursday night, Sherlock's Restaurant was formally dedicated by the Suncoast branch of the famed Baker Street Irregulars, the Pleasant Places of Florida. Headquarters, naturally, is in Holmes Beach (PO Box 978, Anna Maria, Fla. 33501).

To end the suspense, let me say that the inn is part of the Bilmar Beach Resort, 10650 Gulf Blvd., Treasure Island. Drive straight out Central Avenue and there you are. Elementary, my dear Watson. (Holmes never, ever said that, but everybody believes he did.)

Rick and Bonnie Walter, Dave and Chris Horgath, the two attractive young couples behind the venture, have a sign, all right. But at present they can't erect it because of city ordinances.

NO MATTER. Sherlock's is a delightful place with a tasty, reasonably priced menu and atmosphere galore.

Go inside and you find pecky cypress walls, brass lamps, diamond-shaped windowpanes. The walls display framed pictures of the Holmes era, even stained-glass portraits of Holmes, Watson, Irene Adler and that arch fiend, Professor Moriarty, done by Sarasota artist Virginia Hoffman.

The menu, which resembles an English newspaper, lists such items as "The Scotland Yard" — a crock of baked French onion soup, large spinach salad with hot bacon dressing. Or you might prefer Baked Stuffed Mushrooms Moriarty?

Now, in the sleuth game, the first thing you do is look for a motive. So why the Holmes theme?

Winding through the crowd of Irregulars,



Sherlock's smoking ruined his appetite and poor Watson's as well.

some in deerstalker caps with calabash pipes clenched between their teeth, I located Rick Walter.

SHERLOCK-TALL and lean, he wore the uniform, a swooping plaid Inverness cape made by his wife. And he clutched the basic pipe, although he doesn't smoke.

Although the partners are young (Rick is 27, Dave 29) they've had several years of experience in Wisconsin, where Rick was regional manager of a five-restaurant chain and Dave was executive chef.

The two couples came to this area about a year ago, decided on a Sherlock theme restaurant and began planning last July.

"There are other such restaurants," Rick said. "Up north there's a chain called Sherlock's Home, and in Los Angeles, Holmes Esquire. There's a Dr. Watson's in Miami, but it's a strip joint.

"Ours is the only Sherlock's Restaurant in Florida."

I SAW AN OLD friend at a nearby table, surrounded by official documents — the Recorder of Pleasant Places, burly, black-haired Dr. Benton Wood, pastor of the Church of Annunciation, Anna Maria.

Naturally, he and the 40 active members of the Suncoast society are delighted with the restaurant. We talked about how much the late Rev. Leslie F. Marshall of St. Petersburg would have enjoyed it.

For many years Marshall, who died in 1977, was the great booster of Sherlockiana on the Suncoast. After all, he'd been born and raised in London, where he read his first Sherlock stories

in *Strand Magazine* before coming to the United States at 17 on a cattle ship.

When famed writer Christopher Morley organized the Baker Street Irregulars in New York, Marshall promptly joined up and was named The Simple-Minded Clergyman, after a character in the Sacred Writings.

After Marshall, a pastor of the Swedenborgian Church of New Jerusalem, came here in 1954, he organized Pleasant Places of Florida, this state's only active scion (chapter).

ONE THING ABOUT the Sherlockians, they will never give an inch when it comes to defending their hero's reputation. They even find ways to excuse all his vices.

For example, Holmes smoked black shag tobacco so strong it could knock you down just to look at it. He must have polluted poor Dr. Watson's atmosphere something terrible, but Watson never complained.

I will bet that Mrs. Hudson hated the odor too, but she never said a word, just kept on cooking without a word of thanks.

Face it, Holmes was something of a male chauvinist pig. "Women are never to be trusted," he said. But try to tell the Baker Street gang that!

No, Holmes never went steady with girls. He took cocaine. He kept everybody awake at night with his violin playing. He never went to church. He had bad moods and kept counting everything he saw.

Even so, he founded the Sherlock Holmes industry, including the Gulf Beaches' mystery restaurant. So deerstalkers off to the Great Detective, I say. Because of him, the game is still afoot.

**Philatelic
Philandering**

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