



The Pleasant Places of Florida

#57.

(Suggested in "The Five Orange Pips")

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars



12th Night Reflections

...The clarion call is out to all PPoffers to attend the Annual Fall Gathering to be held at SHERLOCK'S RESTAURANT, Friday, OCTOBER 23rd. Toasts to the Queen, et al, will commence at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:30. We are planning a Sherlock Sing-A-Long, there'll be a Limerick Contest, and the PPoff Investitures will be announced. No reservations needed - just be there!.... Speaking of Holmesian eateries, another "Sherlocks" is operating in Waterbury,



Waterbury, Connecticut

Conn.(see cut at left)....Thanks to the efforts of PPoff, Mike Bryan, we are putting on a special Sherlock Holmes program at the Manatee Public Library, Bradenton, from 2-4, Saturday, January 16th. Please contact the Recorder if you have any suggestions or contributions.....Just received Vol.1, No.2 of the "Baker Street Chronicle" put out by Jeffrey Michelman and Pattie Brunner,

It contained a T-whistling write-up on the Pleasant Places. Merci!.....Publishers Weekly informs us that all four "Basil of Baker Street" books by Eve Titus, all featuring a mouse detective that learned its trade at the feet of Sherlock Holmes, have been acquired by Disney as a springboard for a TV series. Included in the package is the forthcoming "Basil in the Wild West".....

...Also received from Arlyn Katims a dandy color spread on the Sherlockian Society of Miami which appeared in the Miami Herald..... Alla Ford, a non-resident member of PPoff has a list of Sherlockian items for sale

.....Also, non-resident Stephanie Rapp, proprietress of "The Bookcase" in Wilmette, Ill., reports that Sherlockian records are among their best-sellers.....George Skornickel, Jr.(1009½ Nesbit Ave., Brackenridge, PA 15014) has just released Vol.IV of "Three Pipe Problems" \$8.75 postpaid. He tells us the first 3 are still available....Rec'd a most interesting chapbook from Jim Suszynski

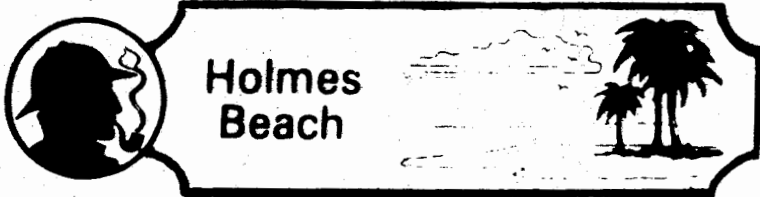
containing repos of assorted greeting cards with a S'ian theme. Well done!..... Doubleday & Co. have recently published "The Sherlock Holmes Puzzle Book" by Dale Copps, who's no stranger to this field of Holmesiana..... Our own Herman "Pat" Herst, Jr. received a full-page tribute in Linn's Stamp News, in which it was mentioned he was a BSI. This prolific philatelic writer had an article entitled: "Philatelic Detective" in the London edition of STAMPS, July, '81..

.....As always, my thanks to all who corresponded with this Recorder since the last Communication. See y'all at "Sherlock's", Tuesday, the 23rd!.....



Quickly, Watson! Let's make tracks to Sherlock's on Treasure Island. There's not a moment to lose!





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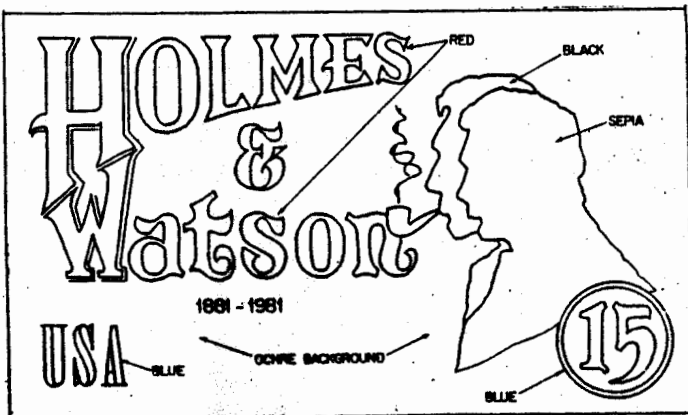
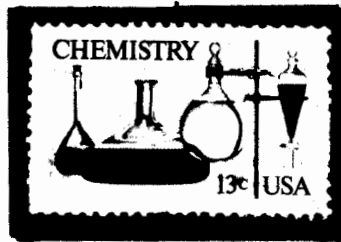


**Philatelic
Philandering**

... or "Stamping Around
with Sherlock Holmes"

Several years ago, the US Post Office commemorated Sherlock Holmes' extraordinary talents with stamp depicted at right.

Below is a recent stamp design submitted to the USPS to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the meeting of the Master & his Boswell, to no avail.



From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

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



LANCASHIRE HOT POT

(One of Martha Hudson's nourishing repasts served to Holmes & Watson after setting things aright in foggy London.)

- 3 tablsps butter 2 med. Onions, sliced
- 2 lbs sliced lamb neck - salt & pepper to taste.
- ½ lb sliced mushrooms 1 tsp sugar
- 3 lamb kidneys, sliced
- 2 lbs potatoes, peeled & cut into ½ inch slices
- 3 tblsps all-purpose flour
- ½ cups stock or bullion

Melt the butter in a skillet. Brown the meat slices in it. Sprinkle with salt & pepper. Transfer meat to heavy casserole or baking dish with a tight cover. Use a casserole that can be brought to the table for serving. Brown the sliced onions in the same skillet that you used to brown the meat. Put them in a layer on top of the lamb. Add a layer of mushrooms & a layer of sliced kidneys. Arrange the sliced potatoes on top of the kidneys, overlapping the slices and placing them in a neat spiral pattern.

Add the flour to the skillet in which you browned the meat. Blend it with the pan juices. Slowly stir in heated stock. Cook, stirring constantly, 'til thickened and smooth. Blend in sugar. Pour broth over the contents of the casserole and cover tightly. Bake in pre-heated oven (350°F) for 2 hrs. Remove cover for the last 15-20 minutes to brown spuds. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Agony Column

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

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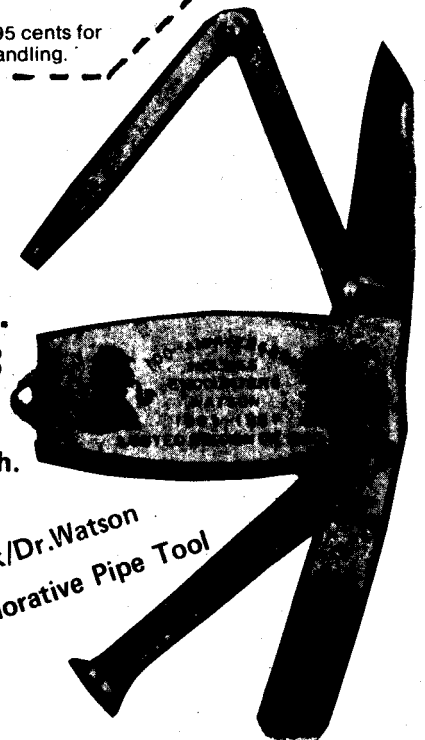
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Headlines from here & there

HESTON TO SHOOT UP FOR HOLMES

Holmes says Smith offered bagful of cash



HOLLYWOOD STUDIO Magazine

FILM/TV/VIDEO & WHO'S WHERE?

... Good news for Sherlock Holmes buffs. Bob Shayne is writing and producing a 90 minute pilot called the Return of Sherlock Holmes to be broadcast over ABC

From: Dell Puzzle Magazine

7. ABOUT SHERLOCK HOLMES

Example: Dr. Watson

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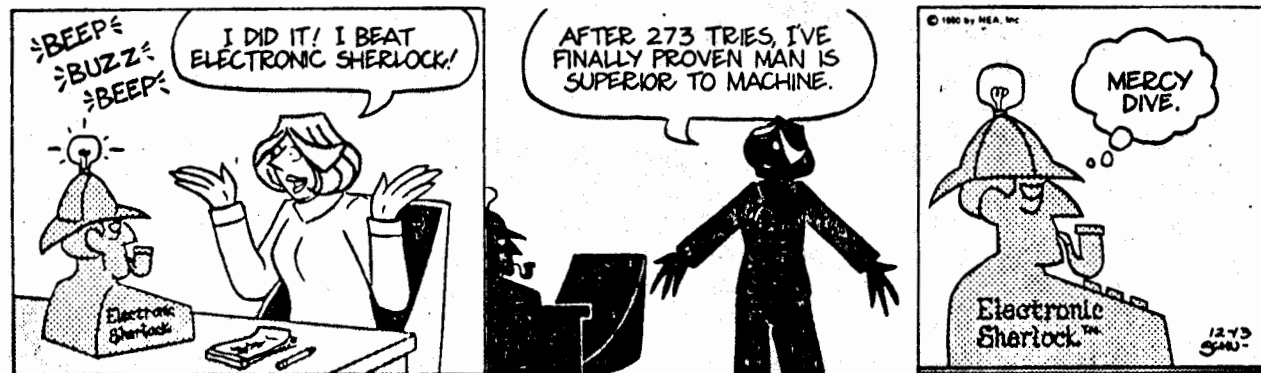
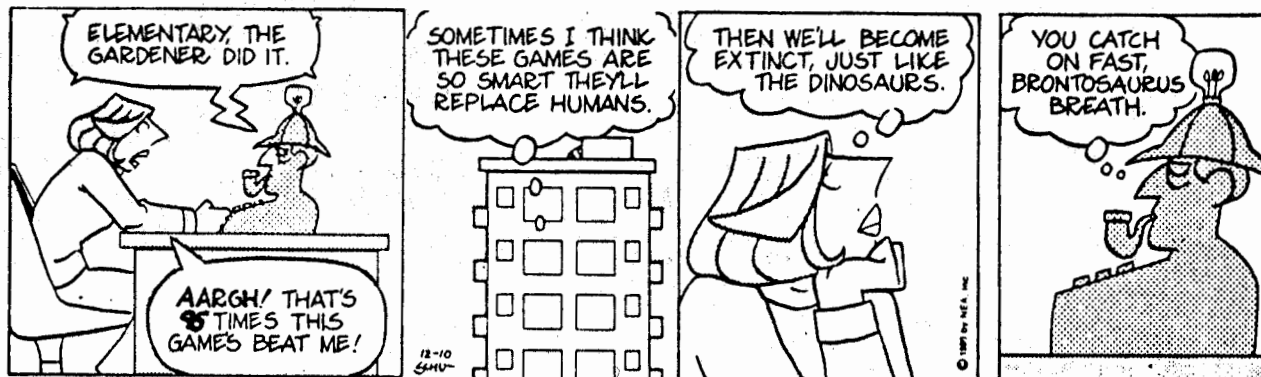
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LINN'S STAMP NEWS, MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1981

Stirling still active

Out of the dim past of Linn's, Nov. 4, 1963, I copied an address from a yellowed series of fascinating articles, "Some Curious Weeds," by David Stirling of Scotland.

Having just brought forth my own design to the cinderella pantheon (I prefer to call it an Irenella after Irene Adler, Sherlock Holmes' only lady friend), I was hopeful that I still might be able to correspond with Stirling.

My letter must have been forwarded by the G.P.O. all over Scotland, but within two weeks I had my reply. Yes, Stirling was alive and well in Scotland and still conducting an exchange pool for cinderella material, exhibition labels, day-week-month seals, forgeries, phantoms and the like.

Interested cinderella collectors can find Stirling at 28 Ingleston Ave., Dunipace, Deny, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

Richard D. Lesh
Maiwand Jezails Scion Society
Wayne, Neb.

WORDY GURDY

BY TRICKY BECKY KANE

1. Money for "After Six" (1)

2. Heavens, Mr. Harrison! (1)

3. Foffler's laws (1)

4. The facts, Sherlock (1)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

Alimentary, dear Watson

A WELCOME watering hole in bustling Baker Street, with wines we're sure would have met with Sherlock Holmes's approval, is *Chez Louissette*. This cosy - it's in a small basement - wine bar is cheap: house wines at £3 a bottle and half-price between 5.30-6.30pm, or 60p by the glass, *plat du jour* (steak and salad the day I went) is around £2.25; generous portions of pâté, quiche or cheese with salad, £1.50. Convenient for a snack if you're off to Madame Tussauds, *Chez Louissette* is at 102 Baker Street, London W1, tel. 01-935 2529. Open Mon-Fri, 11.30am-3pm, 5.30-11pm; Sat, 11.30am-3pm, 7-11pm.

From: *In Britain*
MAGAZINE

Sherlock Holmes may have been in the forefront of cancer research

-Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Thurs., July 30, 1981

By PAUL RAEBURN St. Pete Times - Aug. 30, 1981
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — Sherlock Holmes apparently was a brilliant chemist as well as a master detective, and may have "discovered" a cancer-causing chemical decades before it was reported in scientific journals, a Rutgers University professor said Tuesday.

Robert Moss, a chemist and a Sherlockian, told a meeting of the American Chemical Society that Holmes isolated the chemical 3,4 benzpyrene in 1893 after spending "some months in a research into the coal-tar derivatives . . . conducted in a laboratory at Montpellier, in the south of France."

That description, from *The Adventure of the Empty House*, was the only mention of Holmes' coal-tar derivatives research in any Sherlock Holmes story.

Nevertheless, in a feat of deduction rivaling the efforts of the pipe-smoking detective himself, Moss concluded that Holmes had isolated the chemical.

"Unfortunately, he did not publish his work, so that the chemical world had to wait until 1933 before an open account of the isolation appeared," Moss said, with a hint of a smile.

"IN THIS WORK, as in many other endeavors, Holmes was far ahead of his time," Moss said.

Moss is a member of the Baker Street Irregulars, devotees of Holmes and his faithful assistant and chronicler Dr. Watson. The Irregulars practice their own form of sleuthing, using hints scattered throughout Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories to deduce presumptions about such things as Holmes' early life, his methods of detection and his cocaine habit.

"You start with an absurd premise and you reach an absurd conclusion, but all the steps along the way are right," said Moss, describing the work of the Irregulars.

Moss made his tongue-in-cheek case by combining history with evidence from the stories.

FIRST, COAL-TAR derivatives were a popular object of research in the late 19th century. Second, Holmes probably was trying to isolate the chemicals in coal-tar, Moss speculated, because that's what many other chemists were doing in the 1890s. And third, the de-

ASK ANDY



Andy sends the Star Wars Question and Answer Book About Space to Georgia Jennings, age 13, of Biloxi, Miss., for her question:

WAS SHERLOCK HOLMES A REAL PERSON?

Sherlock Holmes is perhaps the most famous detective in the world. But he is strictly a character of fiction and never was a real person.

Holmes was the creation of British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Holmes could solve every baffling mystery with his brilliant powers of analysis and observation.

Doyle introduced Holmes in a novel called "A Study in Scarlet" in 1887. Holmes then turned up in three additional novels and in 56 short stories.

Holmes had a friend and assistant named Dr. John Watson. In most of the Sherlock Holmes adventures, Dr. Watson narrates the details.

Some say that Doyle supposedly based Holmes on Joseph Bell, a Scottish physician.

That shows how much "Andy" knows about it!

etective also probably was intrigued by the discovery, made hundreds of years before, that soot caused cancer in chimney sweeps.

It is now known that a certain class of chemicals in coal-tar is a potent cancer-causing agent.

"I think it likely that Holmes had anticipated this conclusion by 1893, and focused his attention on the isolation of these dangerous substances," Moss said.

Holmes probably was interested in job-related cancer because he was very interested in how people's jobs affected their appearance, "a matter of great practical importance to the scientific detective," Moss said.

