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## of Florida

Communication #62.

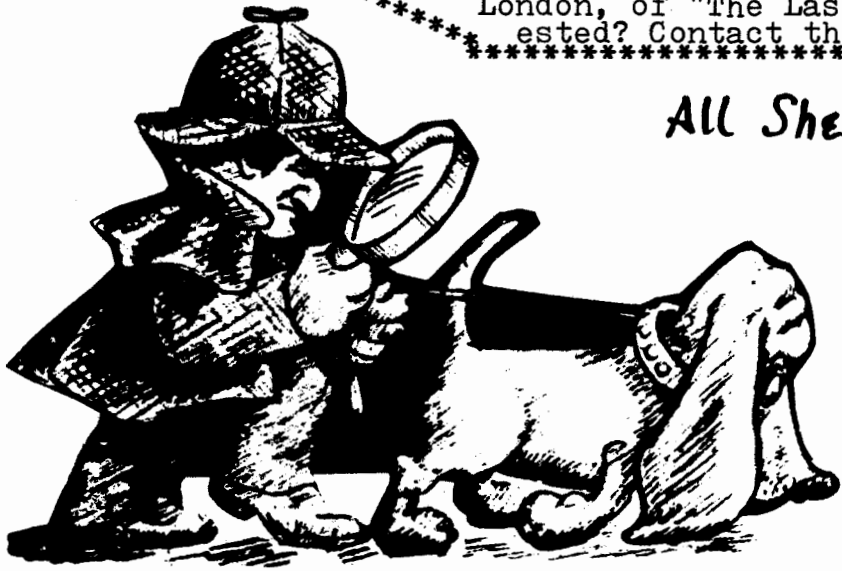
(Suggested in The Five Orange Pips)

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### 12th Night Reflections

.... Simply delighted, and honored, to receive "A Sherlockian Songbook" from Harold & Teddie Niver. Honored because I received Copy #1. A fine opus, replete with tunes, words & illustrations. ....Also pleased to hear that Eve Titus, chronicler of that master of rodent ratiocination, Basil (of Baker Street), has published a new adventure, "Basil in the Wild West", published by McGraw-Hill. .... Many thanks, as perusual, to all who corresponded with this Recorder since #61, especially those who sent in items. To Courtney Anderson, Wanda Butts, Mike Carroll, Rick Smith, Ely Liebow, Paul Gunning, Roy Kerr, Ron DeWaal, John Shaw, Gary Heiselberg, Newt Williams, and Peter Blau - merci! .... For Holmesian pipe-smokers there appears a plethora of mixtures from the Persian Slipper offered by a bevy of intrepid tobacconists. Sovereign (54 New Dorp Plaza, Staten Is., NY 10306) offers "221B" & "Sherlock's Shag". BriarHaven (12330 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141) has "Baker St." Also in the "Gateway City", the Baker St. Smokeshop (343 West Port Plaza, St. Louis 63141) labels all their blends with Canonical monikers. Why you can even clean your meerschaum with a "Watson/Holmes" pipe-tool from Fortuna Co. (Box 38533, Germantown, TENN 38138) for a mere £5.50 (that's \$15US) postpaid. .... For all of you secular gentlemen who wear cravats, Warren Ltd. (Berkshire Common, Pittsfield, MASS 01201) vends a S.H. necktie w/deerstalker & pipe for \$15.85ppd. Say - maybe I ought to get one! .... This Recorder continues to receive some very fine Scion publications. "Naval Signals", newsletter for Altamont's Agents is especially good, as is "Wheelwrightings" by The Hansoms of John Clayton. "Moulton's Sluice-Box" is a dandy from Moulton's Prospectors in Arizona. Another - "The Quarterly Statement" by Cox & Co. of New England. ... We have just come by a 1902 Souvenir Edition, George Newnes, Ltd, London, of "The Last Adventure of S.H.". Anyone interested? Contact the Recorder

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Holmes  
Beach



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successfully concluded The Adventure  
of the Second Stain.)

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... or "Stamping Around  
with Sherlock Holmes"

...Great Britain's  
1983 Christmas issue  
will honor Sherlock Holmes' birthday with  
a 26p stamp commemorating 12th Night, or  
the Feast of the Epiphany - January 6th.  
(See illustration below)... Later in  
'83 the U.S. will put out a Ballooning



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us of that no-  
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tiche, "The Ad-  
venture of the  
Solitary Ball-  
oonist."

## From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

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



### QUEEN VICTORIA'S SOUP

(Suggested to PPoffers as a fitting re-  
past for May 24th - the Queen's Birth-  
day. It was frequently served when she  
stayed at Balmoral Castle.)

- 1 chicken (3-5 lbs.), cut up
- 8 cups Chicken Stock
- 1 bunch parsley
- 3 cups fresh breadcrumbs
- 4 cups heavy cream
- 3 hard-boiled egg yolks, minced

Put the chicken in a large saucepan.  
Cover with the stock & parsley. Bring  
to a boil, cover & simmer for 1 hour.  
Lift chicken & parsley out of saucepan.  
Skin & bone the chicken and cut meat  
into small pieces.

Add breadcrumbs & cut-up chicken to the  
broth. Mix in the cream & minced yolks.  
Adjust the seasoning to your taste. Re-  
heat, being careful not to boil, and  
serve. (Serves 8.)

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

# Holmes Bemoans Use Of 'Politics'

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Thursday

## British win

# Agony Column



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

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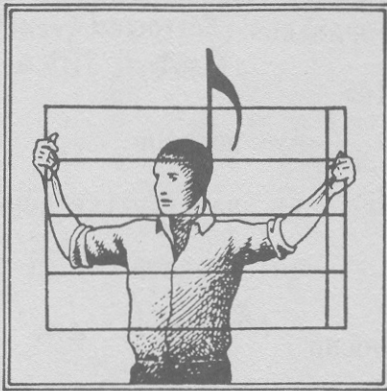
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### Scotland Yard inspector visits

Chief Inspector Kenneth McNamara of Scotland Yard was a summer visitor at the Church of the Annunciation in Holmes Beach. "What a bit of serendipity for me," exclaimed Dr. Benton Wood, rector and member of the Baker Street Irregulars.

July 15, 1982

# blowing Watson's way

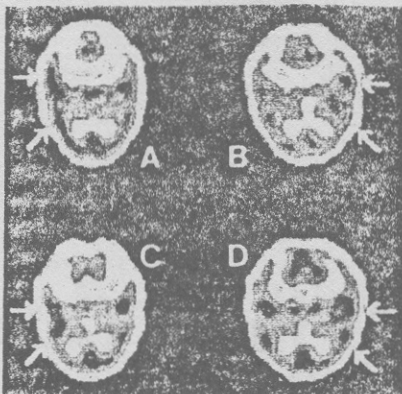


Perception  
**Watching the Brain Listen**

There is now graphic evidence that some individuals—such as computer scientists and musicians—use their brains differently in listening to notes or chords than do most other people.

The information comes via Positron Emission Tomography, developed by biophysicist Michael Phelps, now at the UCLA Medical School, and several colleagues. PET scans produce cross-sectional images of the brain's responses to stimuli by tracing the rate at which various brain regions utilize minute amounts of radioactive glucose that are injected into the bloodstream.

In a soon-to-be-published study, Phelps and neurologist John Mazziotta had volunteers listen to a reading of a Sherlock Holmes mystery. As the PET image of a typical subject's brain shows (figure A), processing this verbal material activated the left half of the brain more than the right. Next, other volunteers listened to pairs of musical chords and were asked whether the pairs were identical. This time, the right hemisphere was somewhat more active (figure B). This result is consistent with other studies showing that patients whose right temporal lobes have been surgically removed have trouble identifying similar sequences of chords.



**THE JOCKEYS**  
C. Green, P. Gold, W. Silver, M. Brown, S. Black

**THE HORSES**  
"Wearing Silver", "Black's Stallion", "Carrying Green", "Gold's Pony", "Brown's Mount"

**THE COLORS**  
black, silver, brown, gold, green

**THE TIPS**  
"Black's stallion has just enough to nose out the horse wearing silver, but not enough to beat Black's Stallion, who'll catch and pass him at the wire."  
"Listen, pal, the pony carrying Green, and Brown's mount, won't be Brown's Mount. You can bet on that. Brown's mount won't be Carrying Green. In fact, Brown's mount won't even be carrying brown."  
"Gold's pony and that horse carrying Green won't be Gold's Pony or Black's Stallion or that horse, Carrying Green. Believe me. All I know for sure is that one of the two will be wearing silver, so the other must be carrying green."  
"Brown's mount will probably finish right behind that horse, Wearing Silver, but just ahead of the nag with gold on his back, who'll beat Black's stallion by at least a length, and Brown's Mount by more than two."

POSITION	HORSE	JOCKEY	COLORS
First	_____	_____	_____
Second	_____	_____	_____
Third	_____	_____	_____
Fourth	_____	_____	_____
Fifth	_____	_____	_____

**NOTE**  
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Unhappily, the famous Silver Blaze Stakes at Belmont Park was cancelled this year. In its stead we ran an imitation version down here at The Pleasant Places. See if you can use your Holmesian powers to determine the results.

The most striking findings emerged when sequences of three, four, or five notes were played in one ear of people with varying degrees of what the researchers called "analytical" sophistication. The notes were followed a short time later by a second sequence, and the subjects were asked whether the sequences were identical. PET scans showed that regardless of which ear they were using, listeners without analytical training had strongly activated right hemispheres (figure D), like the people who had listened to the chord pairs. Most of these people later said that they used no particular strategy for solving the sequence problem; a few said they simply "resang the notes" to themselves before answering.

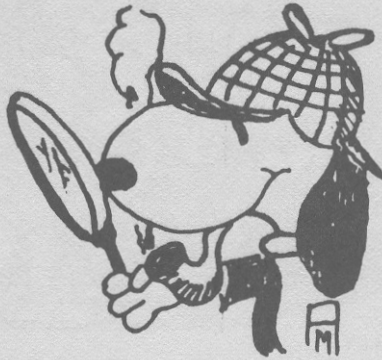
Other subjects included computer scientists and a professional guitarist and singer. They used analytical listening strategies: "I saw the notes on a musical scale" or "I made mental graphs of the note frequencies." These listeners showed significant left-hemisphere activity (figure C), like the subjects who had heard the Sherlock Holmes story.

Skill and training, the researchers conclude, may alter the way a person's brain approaches a task. In the future, Phelps and Mazziotta think, similar uses of PET scans are likely to reveal "previously inaccessible information about how the brain is organized and solves tasks," as well as information about brain disorders.

—Jack C. Horn

THE CASE OF THE "CUR"-IOUS CRYPTOGRAM

"I have a serious thought of writing a small monograph upon the uses of dogs in the work of the detective." So said Holmes, and what's more appropriate than a quiz on dogs during the "DOG" days of summer! Match the dog with its owner.



- 1) SHOSCOMBE SPANIELS (Borrowed from "The Quarterly Statement")
- 2) BULL-TERRIER
- 3) TOBY
- 4) AIREDALE
- 5) ROY
- 6) "NAUGHT"-HOUND
- 7) MASTIFF
- 8) BULLPUP
- 9) BASKERVILLE HOUND
- 10) TERRIER

↑ match 'em ↓

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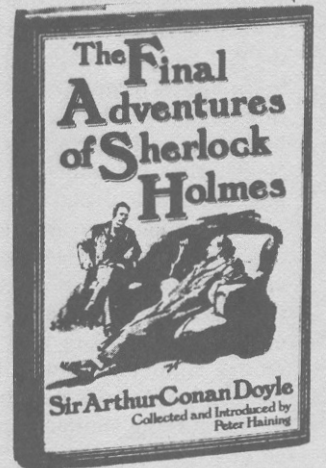
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# Plymouth Was Once Home Of Holmes Academy

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Plymouth is the home of Plymouth State College. But one of the early institutions of learning in Plymouth, the Holmes Plymouth Academy, established in 1808, was its forerunner. Academies like this one were private secondary schools dependent on the tuition received from the pupils.

Holmes Plymouth Academy was the thirteenth academy established in New Hampshire "to promote religion, virtue, and literature, and more especially for teaching and instructing youth in English, Latin, and Greek languages, in writing, music and the art of speaking, in geography, logic, mathematics, history, and agriculture and such other branches of science as opportunity may permit."

This academy was named for Col. Samuel Holmes of Campton who donated the first \$500 toward the formation of the school in Plymouth. He was one of the incorporators of the original academy and president of the board of trustees until his death in 1823.

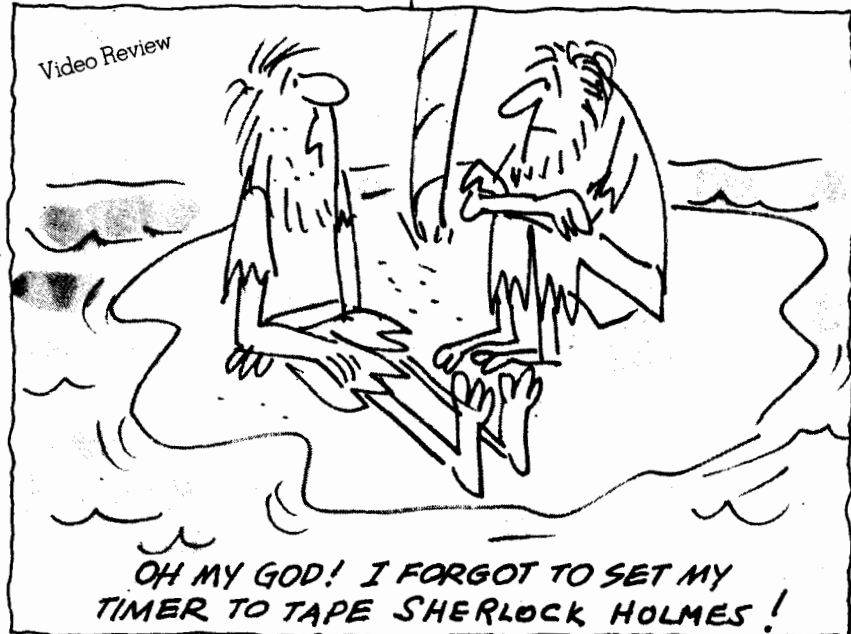
Col. Holmes was not a N.H. native. His birthplace was Hadlyme, Conn., and he settled in Campton in 1722 when he was 22 years of age. Through hard work, he acquired a sizable estate in that town.

Holmes gave land for a parsonage in

Campton and was noted for liberal contributions for the support of religion as well as his donation for the academy. A Revolutionary soldier, Holmes also was a colonel in the militia, a town officer, and a state representative.

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**ANSWER TO SHIRLEY HOLMES MYSTERY:** Shirley figured that Rod had no reason to rob himself since the insurance policy had run out. The other two would have been recognized by their voice, hair, or face. But since their fingerprints would have been all over the room anyway, only one had reason to wear gloves—Brett, to cover the freckles on his hands!



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