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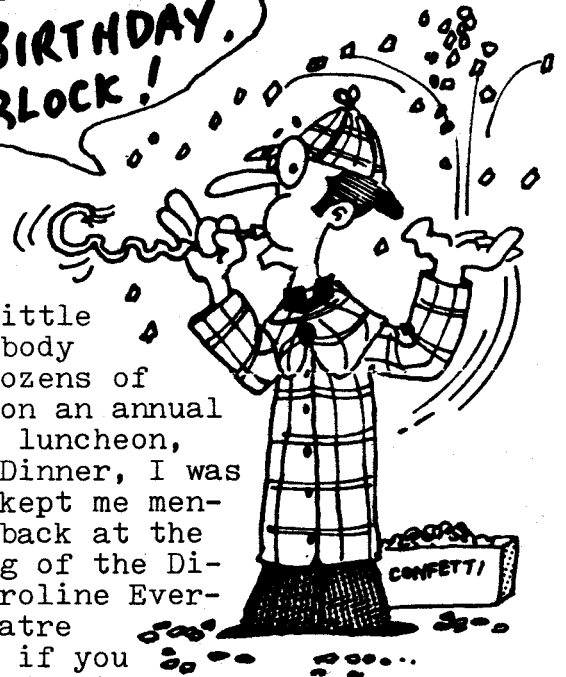
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A Corresponding Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

12th Night Reflections

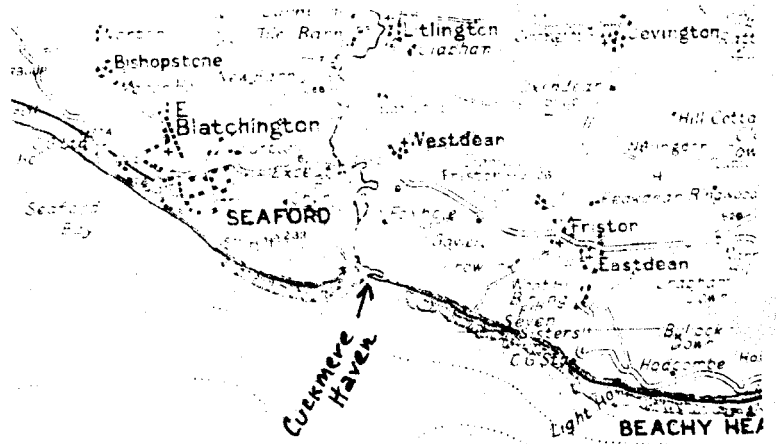
.... The 1983 BSI Dinner at the Regency in NYC was a corking-good affair. The illustration (at right) is a reasonable likeness of your Recorder who performed his duties as the new BSI Chaplain in true Marshallian fashion. As usual, Isaac Asimov was at his humorous best. He did a parody on an Australian ballad, which had little to nothing to do with Holmes, but it was so funny nobody cared. Evanescent greetings were exchanged with dozens of Sherlockians with whom I correspond but see only on an annual basis. PPOffer, Marsha Pollak was at the Gillette luncheon, where we shared a preprandial libation. At the BSI Dinner, I was seated with John Bennett Shaw and Tom Stix which kept me mentally alert throughout the evening.... Meanwhile, back at the "Pleasant Places", George Edwards hosted a meeting of the Diogenes Club, where a good time was had by all. Caroline Everett has offered to coordinate a trip to Asolo Theatre to see Gillette's "Sherlock Holmes". Let her know if you are interested.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHERLOCK!



.... Courtney Anderson, one of our young PPOFF members, has researched the location where Homes is keeping bees in retirement. Below is the map showing Cuckmere Haven in Sussex...

J.B.S. will conduct a Workshop in Illinois June 3-5... Baskerville Holmes now is a star cager for Memphis State, and "Elementary Watson" won the 3rd Race at Aqueduct 11/26/82!...
Bob Simpson



has a fine list of SH tapes.

.... I am fast running out of space and I have so many to thank for sending letters, clips & articles which make this commonplace Communication possible. Merci to y'all!...

ISAY WATSON is There's an "X" in this box, best you send your \$2.21 pronto, or you'll stricken from the P.P. of F MAILING LIST.

P.P. of F SPRING GATHERING AT HOLMES BEACH SATURDAY, APRIL 16th. (DETAILS FORTHCOMING)



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Philatelic Philandering

... or "Stamping Around with Sherlock Holmes"

Peter Blau's hand-out at the BSI Dinner told of a little-known, but fascinating bit of philately depicted at left. It is a "cinderella" (not an official postage stamp) honoring Conan Doyle, issued in 1934 at a Spiritualist Congress in Barcelona, Spain. It was printed in green on white paper.



From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen



DEVILED CHICKEN LEGS

(An economical meal often prepared by dutiful Martha Hudson. In England "deviled" means marinated. This is one of the tastiest from 221B.)

- 4 chicken legs and thighs (2 1/2 lbs.)
2 tblsps Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons red wine (Burgundy)
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

With a sharp knife separate legs from thighs; place in a 13x9x2-inch pan in a single layer. Combine Worcestershire sauce, oil, wine, mustard, salt & nutmeg; mix well. Pour over chicken; turn to coat all sides. Marinate 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°F. Bake, uncovered, until chicken is cooked & golden, 35-40 min. Yields 4 portions. Serve with rice (wild, white or combo) and a salad, and suitable wine.

Moriarty goes bananas

Watson enjoys his born-again life

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Holmes Named Boxer of Year

Agony Column


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

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A rule of thumb problem-solving strategy like this one is called a **heuristic**. Although heuristics do not guarantee success they frequently pay off with very speedy solutions. This is why we tend to use them so often. In the "Adventure of the Dancing Men," Sherlock Holmes, the consummate expert in deductive problem solving, employed a heuristic strategy to decode the puzzling set of hieroglyphics shown in Figure 7.7. Knowing that each man represents a letter, what heuristics would you use to decipher this cryptic five-part message?

The heuristics used for solving anagrams (scrambled word problems) or coded messages are very specific to these particular tasks, but there are also a number of very general heuristics that people commonly use in problem solving of all kinds

Match your skill against that consummate expert in deductive problem solving, Sherlock Homes. The case of Hilton and Elsie Cubitt began when client Hilton handed Sherlock the first hieroglyphic fragment. Several days later Sherlock received three more samples; shortly afterward the last example came. Sherlock rushed into action after seeing the last fragments and realizing that they were addressed to Elsie. Why? What message did these last figures contain? How would you solve this puzzle of the "dancing men"? What heuristics, or rules of thumb, might be helpful?



Figure 7.7

IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS WITH YOUR VAST KNOWLEDGE

HERE ARE A FEW THINGS we'll bet you didn't know about the movies. Whether you want to know these things or not is another question, but for the sake of interesting discussion, we'll assume you do.

Have any idea which fictional character has been portrayed most often? It's Sherlock Holmes, which, depending on how much you know about the Holmes movies, may or may not come as a surprise to you. There has been a total of 175 Holmes movies made from 1900 to 1980.

The first Holmes film was made in 1900, a silent (naturally) with Maurice Costello playing Holmes. Since that time, a total of 61 different actors have portrayed Holmes in several different countries throughout the world.

Many people nowadays recognize Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes, but German film buffs probably would pick Viggo Larsen as the man best representing the sleuth of Baker Street. Larsen made 10 Holmes films, beginning in 1908 with "Sherlock Holmes I Livsfare." William Gillette was the first actor to portray Holmes on stage, and he quickly took his characterization to the movies. Gillette appeared as Holmes in only one motion picture, but many Holmes scholars feel his characterization was the best.

Eille Norwood, an English actor, virtually made a career of playing Holmes. Beginning in 1921, Norwood made 46 Holmes movies. Rathbone, known as one of England's best character actors and a splendid swordsman, made 15 Holmes pictures, beginning in 1939 with "The Hound of the Baskervilles." He even appeared in a cameo role (under the name of Basil Radford) in the American picture "Crazy House," produced in 1943. Rathbone also played Holmes on numerous radio shows.

Several actors known for other roles have portrayed Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's favorite character. George C. Scott played Holmes in "They Might be Giants," (1972), Roger Moore—believe it or not—played Holmes in "Sherlock Holmes in New York" (1976) and Stewart Granger appeared as Holmes in "The Hound of the Baskervilles" in 1972. Two actors noted for their horror movie roles, Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee, had a try at playing Holmes, Cushing in the "The Hound of the Baskervilles" in 1959 and Lee in a West German film, "Sherlock Holmes und das Halsband des Todes" (1962). Noted Shakespearean actor Nicol Williamson played Holmes in "The Seven Per-Cent Solution" (1977) and Christopher Plummer was Holmes in "Murder by Decree" (1979).

There are several oddities connected with the Holmes character. The detective has been played by a black actor, Sam Robinson, and by a pronoun star, Harry Reems (of "Deep Throat" fame) in a 1975 adult version of the Holmes tale. Reginald Owens gets a special nod, having been the only actor to portray both Holmes and his faithful sidekick Dr. John Watson. Keith McConnell played Holmes in the comedy "Murder by Death," but even people who saw the film may not have seen McConnell. His part was dropped from "Murder by Death" in several versions.

And wouldn't you know it—the Russians have even gotten into the act. In 1980, Aljgis Masjulis played Holmes in the Soviet production of "The Blue Carbuncle." The next thing you know, they'll be telling us Holmes actually came from Stalingrad!

By the way, after Holmes, the character most often played in movies is Count Dracula (133 films), Frankenstein's monster (91 films) and Tarzan (83 films).

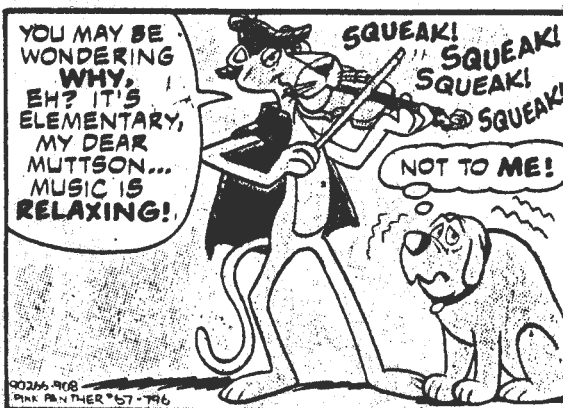
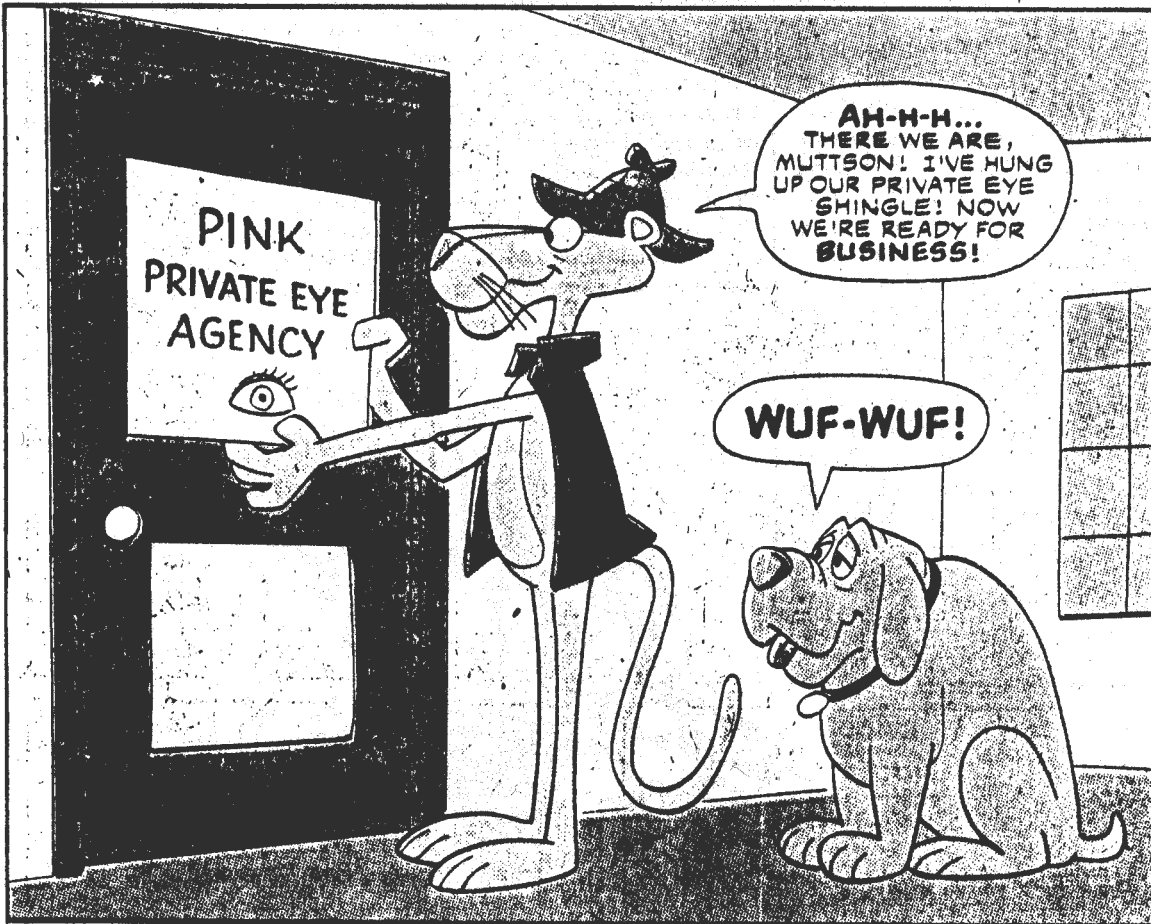


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Glue Helps Lawmen Make 'Charges Stick'

By **RUSS NUGENT**
Herald-Tribune Reporter

Dr. Watson: I say, Holmes, it looks as though the thief has fled without a trace.

Sherlock Holmes: Not to worry, my dear Watson, we'll soon bring the scoundrel to justice.

Watson: But how, Holmes? He hasn't left a clue.

Holmes: Elementary, Watson. Just hand me the Super Glue.

Super Glue is a space-age substance not found in Holmes' Victorian England, but modern-day crimefighters are discovering the stuff that works wonders in the repair of broken

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china, plastic and other items also is helpful in lifting previously undiscoverable fingerprints to be used as evidence against crooks.

"It will give us prints where we weren't getting them before," said Sgt. Ed Whitehead, who is in charge of the criminalistics laboratory at the Sarasota Police Department.

"We've had cases in the past where we used powder and didn't get anything." In the department's lab the piece of evidence is placed in a large aquarium which is then sealed. A piece of cotton lying on the bottom of the tank has been saturated with the glue and a few drops of 2-percent sodium hydroxide is placed on the glue. A few hours later fingerprints are clearly exposed which can then be "lifted" for investigation.

