

see "Five Orange Peeps"

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THE PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA

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The Order of Transit being now so familiar to all of us
Members' names and addresses are here omitted.

It is not too early in the progress of our affairs to be giving some quite preliminary consideration to the date and hour of our first annual dinner and program. Holmes Beach is of course the place. BSI Mr Reesor has agreed to scout the situation there at his first opportunity, for a report in our next Communication. In the meantime, the Recorder suggest that each member write briefly on the back hereof her and his reaction to the idea, proposal as to date (day of wk.) etc. *For return to Recorder.*

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1. In #5 we commented upon the occasional allegation, from certain ex-postulants, that there is a certain familiarity between the purely imaginary crime stories of Edgar Allen Poe and that of the famous cases solved by the Benefactor of the Race. Noting this, BSI Mr Reesor informs us of the interesting fact that his twin sister resides in Baltimore not far from the place of interment of aforesaid E.A. Poe.
 2. It has been known to Sherlockian researchers that Alexander Graham Bell's first words, over his first completed telephone, were "Mr. (Dr., that is) Watson come here, I want you." But it is your Scion Group which is first in the world, we modestly claim, to reveal a photograph of said daddy of all 'phones. This is appended.
 3. More than one aspirant to the portrayal of the Founder of the Science of deduction may have been "up a tree" with his efforts, but the clipping attached, submitted by Librarian R.L. Hall, BSA, undoubtedly is the first to depict a portrayer, Geo. C. Scott, "up a signpost" in Times Square.
 4. Through the generosity of W. Butts, BSA, there now is our loan library, "The Great Adventures of Sherlock Holmes." The 12 cases are more than familiar, but the book is noted for a supplement containing several seldom seen photographs related to the Saga, together with a brief biography of notable persons alluded to in the cases, plus an enlightening section "What the critics say (of the Sacred Writings.)"
 5. To learn of a book and a film on "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" may first develop a squeam or two, but a perusal of both will result in a better feeling. The authors have been careful with particulars of the Master's professional affairs, and have introduced a not impossible character who might well be regarded as a runner-up for The Woman. This is Ilse Von Hoffmanstall, an under-cover (nothing indelicate intended) agent whose illicit activities for a foreign power are of course revealed by the Nemesis of Crime, but who, despite his utter unemotionalism, was not altogether disregarding of Ilse's charms. (See another comment at #11)
 6. Our indefatigable researcher M. Norton, BSI, presents several vastly interesting articles as numbered 6, 7, 8, appended.
 9. "The Twelve Best." Article in one of the first issues of the BS. See if you'd choose the same twelve?
 10. Can you solve this? 11. Mr Reesor's comment on #5 above and note his challenge in the last paragraph thereof.

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A suggestion has been made to establish a postage fund. As mainly it would be for the transit of books from our Loan Library, if such a fund is agreeable contributions to it could be sent to the Librarian and Curator R.L. Hall, BSA.

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