



The Pleasant Places of Florida



(Suggested in The Five Orange Pips)

COMMUNICATION #72

A Corresponding Scion of THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS



12th Night Reflections

....I am sorry to inform you of the

demise of "SHERLOCK'S" Restaurant on St.Pete Beach. It was fun while it lasted. ...I have been informed of a new Sherlockian eatery to open soon in New Port Richey. I'll keep you posted on this one.On Nov. 10th, 29 dutiful PPoffers gathered at "Charlie Brown's" in Bradenton for a smashing-good Gathering.

Our super-special guest was Queen Elizabeth's Chaplain, Canon Edwyn Young, who proffered a genuine "Toast to the Queen" (QE II's great, great, great grandmama). Other special guests were Dee Snyder, of the Mini-Tonga Scion, and Sean Milks, founder of Florida's newest Scion - "Worthington Bank Gang" of Naples. Their virgin publication, "Bricks without Clay" is available for a mere \$3.50ppd from Sean

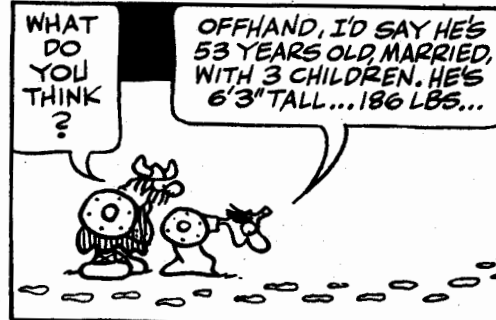
- and it's a corker! This Recorder, and his Mrs. 'udson, recently journeyed back to the Mother Country. We made our annual obeisance to our good friend, Joe Curley, Master Cook of Simpson's-in-the-Strand. In his cozy retreat, in the bowels of Simpson's, we enjoyed a "Wee Deoch an' Doris" as we traded monstrous tales and humors. I'm still trying to seduce the "man with the black hat" (worn by only 2 Master Cooks in the Queen's realm) to visit the "pleasant places" this next year - after all, Joe is a non-Resident member of the PPoff. ... Our other S'ian stop was the Bow Street Runner pub in Hove on the southern Sussex coast, which we found, to our great delight, is the favourite watering-hole of Michael Harrison, who has been regaling workshops over here in the "Colonies" at a great rate ... If you would like a copy of the Souvenir Program of the 1984 PPoff Fall Gathering, just let me know, along with two 20¢ stamps, s'il vous plait.



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



Canon Edwyn Young
Queen's Chaplain



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Holmes Beach



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(*- On this very day in 1894, which was a Thursday, by the by, during the Golden Pince-Nez adventure, Holmes said: "I dropped the ASH all over...". Now really, Holmes, we do need our ladies most desparately, you know!)

Philatelic Philandering

... or "Stamping Around with Sherlock Holmes"

"He drew out a lens ..."

Philatelic Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

By Arnie Matanky

What to exhibit? Elementary, my dear! As a member of Hugo's Companions, a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars, what else was there but stamps illustrating the story of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes". Three stamps picture Sherlock Holmes: Nicaragua C812, Comoro Islands 236 (Illustrated), and San Marino 953.

How can stamps tell the stories of Holmes? As one example, "The Sign of the Four" is told using stamps showing a hypodermic syringe (Australia 441), a box and pearls (Czechoslovakia 736), a genuine Corot (France painting 1517), a queer mongrel (Austria 763), Goethe (France 863), diamonds of the first water (Belgium 581), and a streamer named Aurora (USSR 3752).

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Similarly I illustrated "The Adventures of the Mazarine Stone," "A Study in Scarlet," "The Red-Headed League," and "The Boscombe Valley Mystery" which included the U.S. 8c "Stamp Collecting" stamp, #1474, for the caption, "He drew out a lense."

Imagine my surprise when I found another stamp sleuth tracking The Adventures. This was one Henry Lauritzen of the Baker Street Irregulars, who wrote a booklet, "The Philatelic Holmes," which gave me much guidance.

According to **Chandler's Half-Encyclopedia**, p. 1318, sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930), author of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," "more than anyone else . . . created the overwhelming popularity of detective stories." His have an "emphasis on keen observation and logical deductions."

And stamps add a visual pleasure to telling the adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen



"TOAD IN THE HOLE"

(Martha Hudson often served this light supper delicacy for Holmes and Watson after they returned from a strenuous day championing justice throughout London and environs.)

- 1 lb. small breakfast sausages
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs

Fry sausages until they are crisp & well-browned; drain. Pour enough of the remaining fat into a preheated baking dish to cover the bottom.

Put milk and eggs in a blender; cover & blend for 5 seconds. Add flour & salt, and blend for another 10 seconds.

Have fat in baking dish very hot, then add sausages and pour the batter on top.

Bake in pre-heated 450° oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° and bake 15 minutes longer until batter is well risen & golden brown. Do not open oven door while cooking.

Serve with a tossed green salad. Serves 4 nicely.



"What makes you think he's the store detective?"

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Class act for Holmes

The project has some mighty big names behind it — Steven Spielberg, *Gremlins'* screenwriter Chris Columbus and now British novelist Jeffrey Archer — and Paramount Studios seems determined to make sure everything gels for *Young Sherlock Holmes*, a special effects-laden look at an adolescent crossing paths between Holmes and John Watson. Although Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had the two meet as adults, Hollywood apparently sees money to be made in the teen-age market for a boarding school pairing. Early on, Paramount decided to take advantage of the expertise of pre-eminent U.S. Holmes scholar John Bennett Shaw and sent a draft of Columbus' script Shaw's Santa Fe, N.M. home. Paramount lawyers then flew to London to begin negotiations with Jean Conan Doyle, daughter of Holmes' creator, for her okay on the project. Paramount was being more than courteous: U.S. copyright law requires it. "There are a lot of things to work out, but it's all been very cordial," reports Saul Cohen, the lawyer representing Conan Doyle's interests in the United States. Among those doing the working out will be Archer, author of *Kane and Abel* and *First Among Equals* and the man chosen by Spielberg to Anglicize the script. "There was concern it might be too American," Archer told columnist Marilyn Beck. "It's my job to rewrite scenes so it won't have dialogue like, 'Run that by me again, Watson.'"

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— DAVID POLLAK, St Petersburg Times

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There's no mystery about it: Turks & Caicos honor Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

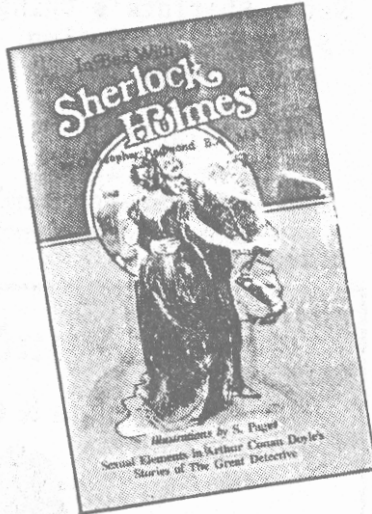
By SYD KRONISH
Associated Press

Stamp collectors who also are mystery buffs will welcome the latest issuance of stamps by the Turks & Caicos Islands.

Continuing their tribute to famous authors, The Turks & Caicos commemorates the 125th anniversary of the birth of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle — author and creator of the famed detective Sherlock Holmes. The four stamp designs depict scenes of Holmes' exciting cases. Each stamp also bears a circular portrait of Doyle and his signature.

The 25 cents shows a view from the *Second Stain* featuring Holmes and Dr. Watson meeting former Prime Minister Lord Bellinger and the Right Honorable Trelawney Hope. The 45 cents illustrates a scene from *The Final Problem* as Holmes pushes the evil Professor Moriarty into the abyss of Reichenbach Falls. The 70 cents depicts an episode of *The Empty House* where Holmes, Watson and Inspector Lestrade arrest the notorious Colonel Moran. The 85 cents has a segment from the *Greek Interpreter* featuring Holmes introducing Watson to Brother Mycroft. A souvenir sheet displays a portrait of Doyle and a border showing Holmes, Watson and a list of the works of the author.

The Turks & Caicos are located in the West Indies at the southern extremity of the Bahamas and are part of the British Commonwealth.



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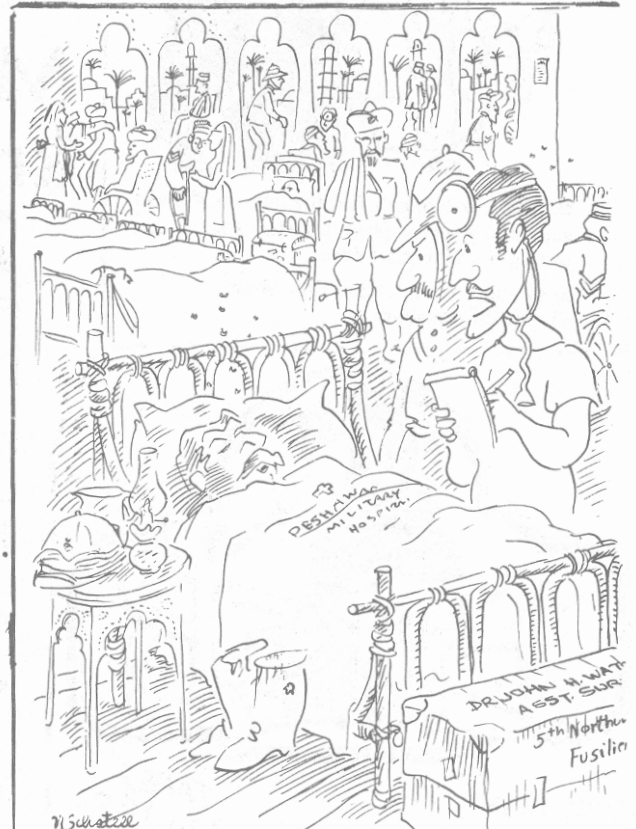
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"Poor chap's delirious—one minute it's his shoulder—next minute his leg."

Disney comes full circle: cartoon films in spotlight

By ALJEAN HARMETZ
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HOLLYWOOD — After nearly 30 years of throwing its energies into amusement parks and movies and television programs featuring live actors, the studio founded by Walt Disney is turning back to the brush strokes of its youth. Because of recent changes in the entertainment industry, including the arrival of video cassettes, animation has become a priority once more at the empire built by Mickey Mouse.

The Black Cauldron, the most complex and expensive animated feature ever produced by Walt Disney Studios, will be released next summer.

THE STUDIO is also at work on a Sherlock Holmes mystery played out by some mice who live in an apartment below the famous detective. This \$13-million movie, *Basil of Baker Street*, will follow *The Black Cauldron* into theaters in 1987.



9. Sherlock Holme's faithful sidekick Watson supposedly took a Jezail bullet in the _____ during his soldiering days:

- a) shoulder b) leg c) all of the above
- d) none of the above



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Eleven Men a-Dancing,
Ten Vampires biting,
Nine Cyclists pedaling,
Eight Manes a-Lion,
Seven Sherlock's Dying,
Six Lips a-Twisting,
Five Orange Pips.

Four Pince-nez,
Three Garridehs,
Two Speckled Bands
And a Beryl Coronet!



Scotland Yard

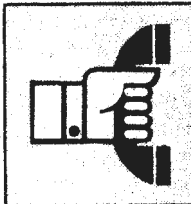
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A. Sherlock Holmes retired to the South Downs to study bee farming. He eventually wrote a practical handbook on bee culture.

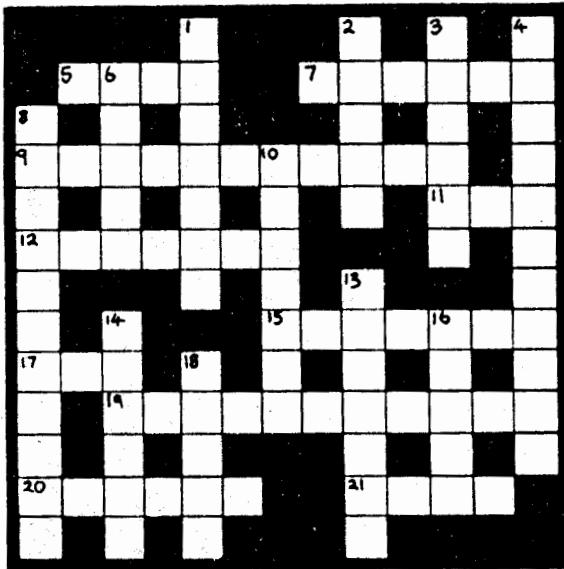
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Across

- 5 A Holmes investigation? (4)
- 7 At original location (anag. of UNIT IS) (2,4)
- 9 The cinema's 1959 Dr Watson (5,6)
- 11 Diamonds in the fridge? (3)
- 12 Tied (7)
- 15 Following a heavenly path? (2,5)
- 17 Trades vehicle (3)
- 19 Sherlock's hat (11)
- 20 Home to Holmes! (6)
- 21 Police informer (4)

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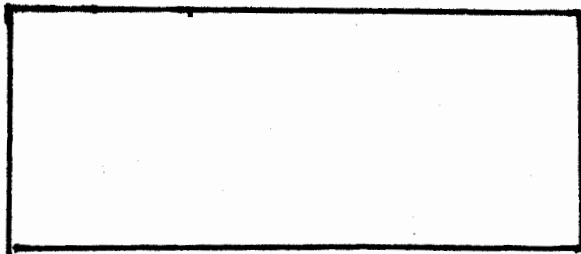
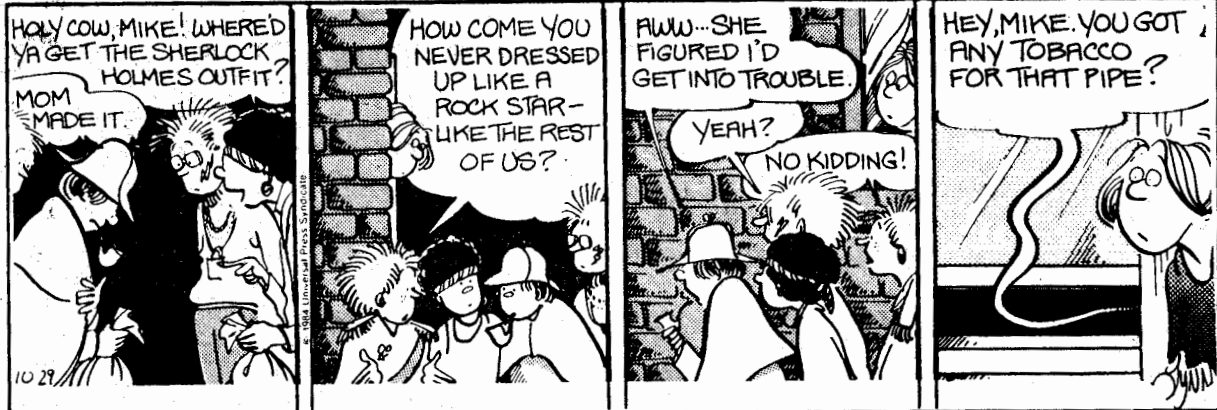
- 1 Discerns by sleuthing (7)
- 2 Deduce (5)
- 3 Instrument played by Holmes (6)
- 4 A typical Sherlock Holmes tale (6,5)
- 6 Acoustic equipment (5)
- 8 Hounded Doyle family! (11)
- 10 Accepts into the priesthood (7)
- 13 Drug taken by Holmes (7)
- 14 Disconnected, loose (6)
- 16 221B — Street (5)
- 18 County of the 8Down home (5)

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