



# The Pleasant Places of Florida

(Suggested in The Five Orange Pips)

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

## 12th Night Reflections

Night - the Master's 131st birthday.... Shortly I shall shed all faculties of reason, don my woolies & deerstalker, and venture to the northern climes (not always so "charming" or pleasant) for the Baker Street Irregular dinner, et al. It has become increasingly evident that that august band of rascally lascars is in need of an annual visitation from their Chaplain. I don my purple stole (to match Holmes's smoking jacket) and prepare to get thoroughly straightened out by the faithful - what a refreshing change!....Many thanks for all the holiday greetings received from hither & yon. Kiyoshi Tanaka sent a beautiful hand-made card from Japan. His new book, "Sherlock Holmes is Alive" is available for \$11

...From this amiable, but simple-minded Recorder, to the 400 plus readers of this Communication, my "Compliments of the Season!" May you all revel in 12th Night - the Master's 131st birthday....  
It even makes mention of the PPoff!.....Kiyoshi is putting on a S.H. exhibition at Sanseido bookstore in Tokyo, Feb.11-20, and needs items to display. How about sending him your S'ian calling card or Scion membership card. Let's help him out. ....I have just rec'd a cassette, The Friends of Bogie's at Baker Street, a well done & very humorous Holmseian parody by Paul Singleton and his talented friends. It's only \$9 (and well worth it) from ZPPR PRODUCTIONS, 34 Ganesvoort St., NYC 10014....The fanciest catalogue to come across this desk in many a moon is Sherlock in L.A.'s No.3. It offers some very nice S'ian material(2712 Scott Rd., Burbank, Calif.91504.... "Sherlockian Enterprises"(Frank Hoffmann,

is ready with their 1985 S.H.Calendar. Elegantly done, it can be obtained from Frank for \$9ppd....This Recorder recently rec'd from Henry Lauritzen,BSI, from Denmark, a copy of his "The Philatelic Holmes". It's a dandy, beautifully printed, and humorous. The second phantastic philatelic phind, of course, came from Alan Olding, of the S.H.Society of Australia. See the column "Philatelic Philandering" on p.2 for details. ....Would you like a S.H. Letter Opener?- or perhaps a S.H. Napkin Ring? Well Steve Franklin has 'em.

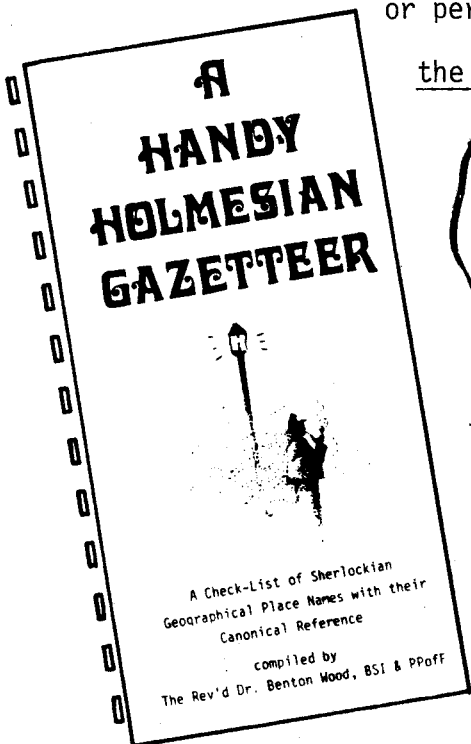
Ask him for No.1 of "The Return of the Montana Times"- it has all the details - and then some.....  
"Til #74, thanks & God bless!

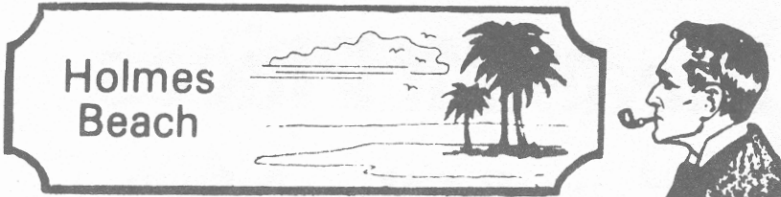
*I say, Watson, a most fitting birthday tribute from that amiable, but simple-minded cleric!*



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## Philatelic Philandering

... or "Stamping Around with Sherlock Holmes"

Amazing! Simply astounding! Alan Olding, a Non-

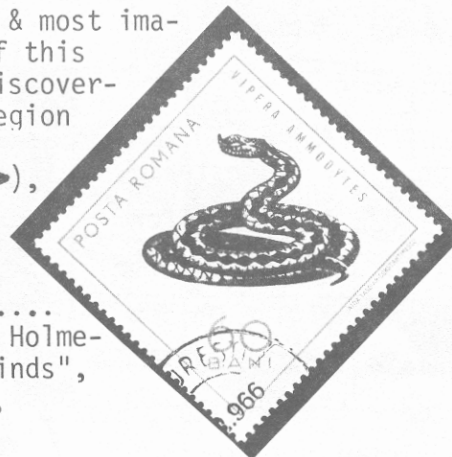


Resident member of the P.P. of F., sends on to this humble Recorder a new Sherlockian philatelic item commemorating the Dancing Men. (see at left). Alan is a member of The Sherlock Holmes Society of Australia, residing in Stirling, South Australia. PP of F will award

a prize to the best & most imaginative decoding of this message which was discovered in the outback region of New South Wales.

At the right (→), is a Roumanian stamp commemorating Holmes' "Adv. of the Speckled Band".....

If you discover any Holmesian philatelic "phinds", please pass them on.



# From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen



*Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season*

### BAKER STREET HOLIDAY RUM CAKE

Before you start, sample the rum and check for quality. Jolly good, eh? Now proceed.

Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc., and check that rum again for bouquet! It must be just right. So far - so good!

With an electric beater, beat 1 cup butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon sugar and beat again. Meanwhile make certain the rum is of the quest ballity.

Add 2 large eggs & 2 cups of baking powder, add a pinch of rum, and a cup of pepper or maybe salt. Anyway, don't fret - just test the rum again. Wheeee!

Next, sift in a 1/2 pint of lemon juice, fold in chopped buttermilk & add strained nuts. Then rip a bit of sum for good measure.

Add 1 babblespoon scrown tugar or whatever color is around! Mix well. Grease oven & turn on cakepan to 350°. Now pour the whole mixture into the oven and oooops!

On second thought (third & fourth, also) forget the cake. Check out the remainder of the rum and go to bed.





# Agony Column

Readers are requested to send in items for this Column. Thank you.

I say, Watson, all the below will send you their list of nifty Holmesian Holiday gift ideas.



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# Watson's Swinging

Did Holmes  
Get a Lift?

Holmes  
used illegal substance

Holmes  
expires

Holmes not  
sharp, but  
wins

Adler Can't

Aging Holmes promises he'll be the Holmes  
of old

Holmes to skip

Watson loses 'feel

Adler Might

Watson's Chance

Holmes, stunned by toast to the wily detective,

Moriarty mapping  
Central City revival

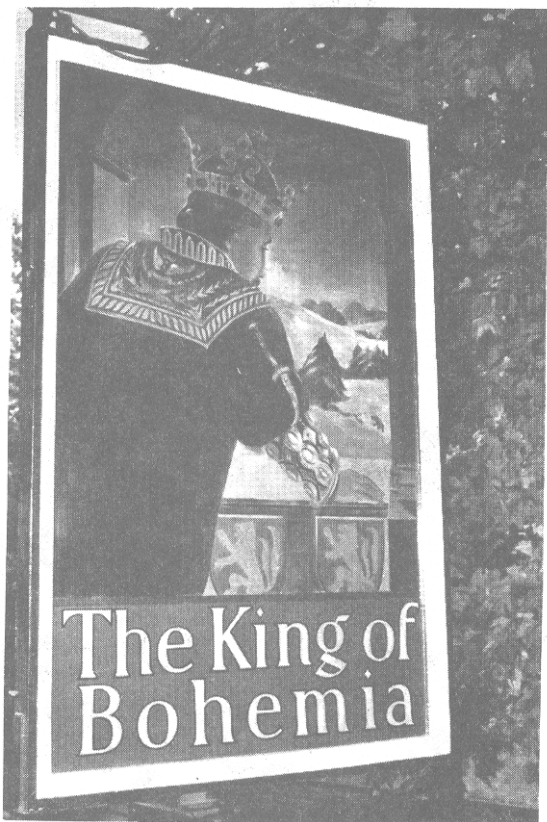
Sherlock fans will gather to toast to the wily detective,  
Holmes Tough

Watson Leads

Hound of the Baskervilles revives

Perth Ambøy Dry Dock, at the foot of Commerce Street, not only has what may be the biggest wisteria vine in the city, it also is one of the oldest ship repair outfits in the Metropolitan area in continuous service. It was organized Jan. 10, 1887. Grover Cleveland was president of the United States and Sherlock Holmes made his first appearance in print in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "A Study in Scarlet" in the same memorable year.

"BRING ME BREAD AND BRING ME WINE, BRING ME PINE LOGS HITHER" - so runs one of the most popular of all English carols, and here, on the sign which hangs outside "The King of Bohemia" tavern in Hampstead High Street, London, is a picture of the "Good King Wenceslas" of the carol.



*Calligraphy and Original Toast*  
By Carol Jackson, Ash

*A child will delight with Nancy Drew  
For those a bit older Miss Marple will do  
But for a masterful mind like yours & mine  
Sherlock & Watson are an intellectual find  
So lift up your beer, wine, or vermouth  
And raise up a toast to a marvelous sleuth  
And alas if your glass be empty by then  
Then fill it again with scotch, burbon, or gin  
And sing his praises to all that can hear  
To Watson & Sherlock a generous cheer*

(An excerpt from *The Sourdough Wars*, a mystery by Julie Smith. Published by Walker & Co., 1984.)

The previous Friday night, Chris and I had gone to the Town Theater with Mickey and my friend Rob Burns, to see Alan play Milo Tindle in *Sleuth*. Andrew Wyke, the wronged husband bent on revenge, was played by the elegant Peter Martinelli, scion of a once-great sourdough dynasty. Afterward, Alan and Peter joined us for drinks.

The play put us in the mood for S. Holmes, Esq. (or "the Sherlock Holmes pub," as it's usually known). This is an odd watering hole at the top of the Holiday Inn at Sutter and Stockton, but it's not nearly so odd as the hotel's doorman. Or, rather, as his appearance. He's a heavysset, elderly black man wearing an Inverness cape and deerstalker cap.

The pub itself features deep plush chairs and sofas, dozens of large-bowled meerschaum pipes in display cases, and a very good replica of the great sleuth's Baker Street digs. Despite its delightful appointments, it's hardly ever crowded, though it isn't *that* hard to figure out why: S. Holmes, Esq., is insanely expensive. Of course Kruzick suggested it, and of course he knew we'd have to treat him to celebrate his triumph on the boards. That's Kruzick for you.

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