



# The Pleasant Places of Florida

(Suggested in The Five Orange Pips)

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

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## 12th Night Reflections

ciously good spread for the faithful. Merci!....There are a few copies of the Souvenir Program of the Fall Gathering - 2 22¢ stamps to this Recorder will get you one...On Dec. 1st, the PPOF went to see "Sherlock's Last Case", put on at the Ybor City Playhouse. Dave and Cele McCallister hosted High Tea following the performance. Great! .... The "Terrible Triumvirate" [depicted at right] will all be trekking north for the BSI bash, along with our ASHy PPOFFer, MARSHA POLLAK. ... Frank Hoffmann's 1986 SH Calendar may be had for a mere \$9ppd[S'ian Enterprises, 734 Richmond Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222] - best you order before he gets snowed in!....Gary Hargis

... The 10th Annual Fall Gathering (Oct.26th) at St.Pete was a T-Whistling good affair. M & M [Mike & Mary Carroll, that is] laid out a bodacious



is PPOFF's unHoly Trinity: Bill Ward, Ben Wood & Mike Carroll

offering a batch of S'ian items for sale. ....If you didn't catch Roy Nuhn's "Sherlock Holmes of 221-B Baker

Street" article in the Oct.'85 issue of HOBBIES, I'll send you a Xerox for 2 22¢ stamps. ..If you are into "THUG AIMS OF HOOT! - Juneau Mammoth Hods Juice Them! then you'll love Bill Ward's Canonical List of Phonetic Phoolishness. Yes - 2 22¢ stamps will get you a copy. Bill did these in dispair after the Bucs went 0-9! ..... At left is our PPOFF Holiday Contest. Send me a list of the 30 S'ian references in Paul Smedegaard's Word-Find and I'll send you a Humongus Holmesian Prize! - Yes I will!.....Thanks to all who have corresponded with this amiable, but simple-minded Recorder since #77 - John Fought, Stephanie Rapp, Julian Wolff, 'Pat' Herst, Ron Lies. John B. Shaw Bill Goodrich, Peter Blau, John Kalajian, A. Van Nostrand, David Greeney[of Auckland,N.Z.], Jim Duval, Phil Sherman, Mike Kaylor, Mark Alberstat[of Halifax,N.S.], Mike Carroll, Wanda Butts, Carolin Everett, and any others I may have committed the sin of omission thereunto. Mea Culpa. ...By the b Dick Lesh has a few Maiwand medals & Souvenir Sheets left. A word to the wise, etc, etc..... "Mrs.'Udson", a.k.a. - Joan Wood, is debuting [is that really a word, Isaac?] a new needlepoint creation at the BSI soiree. Fantastic!..Details later.

**An Holmesian**

**Holiday Word Search**

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by Paul Smedegaard, BSI



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[\* - "Twas on this very day in 1887, when  
Holmes cried in delirium: "Shall the world  
by overrun by oysters?" (The Dying Detec-  
tive)

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From

Mrs.  
Hudson's  
Kitchen



POTTED BEEF

(As promised in #76, we now pass on this delecta-  
ble pâté hors d'oeuvre which goes well with Oat-  
cakes. It will keep for several weeks if refrig-  
erated so long as its seal of clarified butter is  
not broken.)

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 lb. boneless steak                    | 2 cups white wine     |
| 1 cup <u>Meat Stock</u> [see #67]       | 3 cloves              |
| ¼ teaspoon mace                         | Freshly ground pepper |
| 1 teaspoon <u>Worchestershire sauce</u> | Salt                  |
| 2 tablespoons brandy                    | 6 ounces butter       |

Cut the beef into 1" cubes & put them in a shallow  
oven-proof dish. Cover with wine, stock, cloves,  
mace, W-Sauce, and a little salt & pepper. Cover  
with lid or piece of foil and cook for 2 hours  
at 250°.

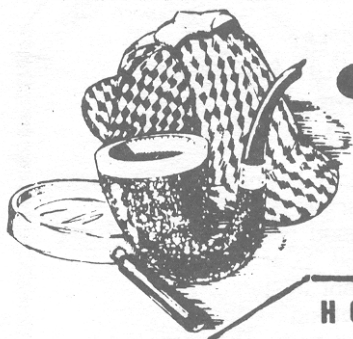
Remove the meat and grind to a paste in a food  
processor or blender. Discard the cloves and boil  
the juice until it is reduced to 3 tablespoons.  
Add this, the brandy, and 2 oz. of butter to the  
meat and put the mixture in 2 small pots.

Melt the remaining butter in a heavy saucepan over  
low heat. When it has fully melted, skim the foam  
off the top & spoon out the clear butter, leaving  
any residue on the bottom.

Pour the clear [clarified] butter over the meat &  
chill for several hours before serving.

Makes approximately two cups.

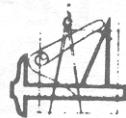
**Holmes resigns  
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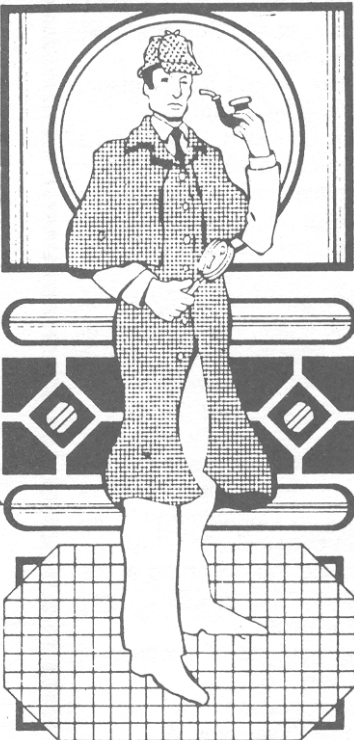
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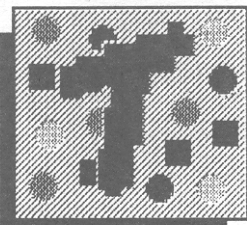
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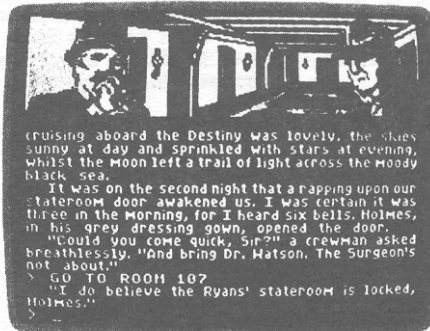


These days there's a new sound to electronic game playing: silence. In the early 1980s, during the brief

reign of the video game machine, action games such as Space Invaders and Asteroids produced an ear-popping fortissimo of blasts and screeches. Today the home computer is the entertainment hardware of choice, and often the only audible indication that a game is being played is the pianissimo clicking of a keyboard.

Although action games are better than ever, they're no longer first in popularity. The new stars of the monitor screen are adventure games, strategy games, and other forms of electronic recreation that require calm deliberation rather than hair-trigger reflexes—the kinds of software that computers were made for but that are far beyond the capabilities of video game machines.

## Steinberg Says Holmes on Hold



Sherlock Holmes in "Another Bow"

### SHERLOCK HOLMES IN "ANOTHER BOW"

Bantam, by Peter Golden; Apple II, IBM, Macintosh \$40, C-64 \$35

While sailing aboard a luxury cruise ship just after World War I, Holmes must solve six baffling cases by interviewing such luminaries as Edison, Picasso, Henry Ford, Baron de Rothschild, Louis Armstrong, Gertrude Stein, Lady Astor, and, of course, his trusted friend John Watson, M.D.

This is a parser-driven (keyboard-entry) mystery adventure with original and extremely effective graphics. Drawn like period-style woodcuts, the illustrations give the game a uniquely appropriate and believable setting for the world's greatest detective and his forensic miracles. Watson's comments to Holmes, even when the detective (i.e., the player) is being obtuse, are remarkable in capturing the distinctive flavor of the Conan Doyle stories.

Holmes' brother suffers

## Longevity Will Be Tough for Holmes

Slumping Watson Easton Honors Holmes ready to rebound

# Will Holmes' career all end tonight?

Watson Picked for Skins History favors Holmes

Fantasy Turns to Reality

# Holmes wins

Mystery Solved: Holmes Assassination Inquiry Over

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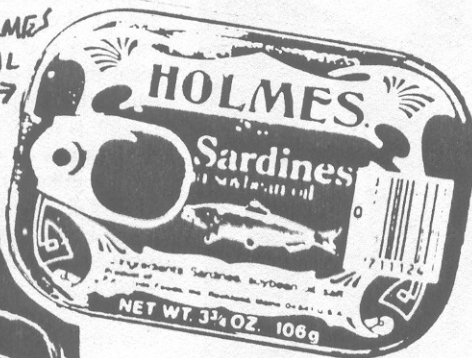
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# You Are Where You Eat

In New York it's "21,"  
in Paris it's Tour d'Argent,  
in London it's Simpson's

BY GEORGE LANG

## Simpson's-in-the-Strand

The English character rejects novelty for its own sake and likes to construct life out of familiar situations and objects. Yet the results are often anything but mundane, as can be seen in the history of Simpson's.

The Saxons popularized roast beef (whether cooked on a spit or on a grid-iron), and in 1848, when Simpson's Divan and Tavern opened its door at the Strand, the dish was so popular that London even had a society, with many important citizens as members, whose motto was "Beef and Liberty." John Simpson, a caterer, based the menu of his new restaurant on roast beef and saddles of mutton and began the custom of wheeling the hot roast joint, set on a specially designed wagon, directly to the guests' tables. This revolutionary way of serving the traditional English beef could only have happened in London, where circumspect liberties are taken with some of the less serious aspects of the country's customs and traditions.

In England, tradition is a jail guard, while in London, it's just a friendly guide. Nothing, however, has changed at Simpson's. Even today, while you are drinking your semidry sherry or "half a bitter" from a silver goblet, the *chef de rang* (equivalent to a captain in the United States), dressed in tails, will offer you a menu so you can leisurely choose your meal and will usher you into the baronial, paneled dining room when the chef de cuisine is ready for you.

I know from having talked to Simpson's regulars that the quality of the food has not changed, either, during the last 75 years. Head chef Joseph Francis Curly, in a black toque—a sign of the highest distinction in England and worn by only three chefs—showed me the 30-pound, four-rib loins as they roasted in specially made ovens, six cooking simultaneously, exactly as they have for as long as Simpson's has existed. The cattle, which are chosen by Simpson's agents at auctions in eastern Scotland, graze for 16 months. After purchasing an animal, the restaurant puts its stamp on it, and four days later the meat arrives at the Hotel Savoy, which is under the same ownership as Simpson's. This Aberdeen Angus beef, which is aged for 17 days, is somewhat tougher than the best U.S. meat, but since it's thinly sliced (what we call English cut), it has a deeper flavor than we are used to.

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# Leonard Spooof of Sherlock

By **DESMOND RUSHE**

Special to The New York Times

DUBLIN, Oct. 7 — A new play by Hugh Leonard, "The Mask of Moriarty," a spoof on Sherlock Holmes, has opened at the Dublin Theater Festival to generally favorable reviews.

The play opened last week at the Dublin Gate Theater and stars Tom Baker, who played Doctor Who in the British television series, as Holmes. In the play, Holmes is again at the center of a murder mystery, but is also the target of the playwright's irreverence. So is Holmes's loyal friend and chronicler, Dr. Watson, who appears in drag in two scenes.

The Irish Independent found the

play "a devilishly clever piece of work." But it felt the spoof exceeded its limits and was too long.

The Irish Press said Mr. Leonard comes up with lines that would make Neil Simon envious, but thought the complexity of the plot interfered with the author's "fabulous comic talent."

The Irish Times considered the opening scenes the funniest that Mr. Leonard has written, but noted a falling off in the second act. "No doubt something can and will be done to bring comic life back to that long sag," it added. "If so, then Mr. Leonard will have a crazily comic and carefully written international hit on his hands."



**WORDPLAY**

"A Pun My Word, Holmes!"

Sherlock Holmes could stand the distraction no longer.

"Good heavens, Watson!" he barked. "Can't you stop that incessant muttering and newspaper rattling?"

"I'm sorry, dear fellow," said Watson. "But this blasted puzzle in today's Times has brought me to my wit's end."

"The first clue: 'Of or pertaining to the gastrointestinal system' is 'Alimentary,' of course. But what do you make of 'A salver full of citrus—two words?'"

"A lemon tray, my dear Watson. Come, come! Surely they're not all this simple!"

"Try this, then," said Watson. "Branch—five words."

Holmes chuckled. "A limb on a tree, my dear Watson."

At this the good doctor hurled the newspaper into the detective's lap and stormed from the room.

Holmes glanced briefly at the rest of the clues, wrote "My dear Watson" after each, and, with a sigh, returned to his violin.

Reprinted here are the rest of the clues, followed by Holmes's scrawled additions. As in the examples above, all the answers are plays on "Elementary." Can you fill in the blanks?

1. A limping thoroughbred at the post: A \_\_\_\_\_, my dear Watson.
2. A main course of chops with mint jelly: A \_\_\_\_\_, my dear Watson.
3. Syngman's eulogy: A \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, my dear Watson.
4. "The check is in the mail!" A \_\_\_\_\_, my dear Watson.
5. The contents of an athletic trainer's shelf: A \_\_\_\_\_, my dear Watson.

—C. J. Anderson

(Answer elsewhere on p.4)

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**Where You Eat**

The choices at Simpson's are not, however, limited to roast beef. Another dish that has not changed during this century, chef Curly said, is the roasted South Down mutton, from a yearling sheep that has grazed on grass for about 60 days. Simpson's is also the place to try potted shrimp served with lemon and the perverse English idea of room-temperature toast. And good Dover sole or turbot, supplied by the oldest English fishmonger, Manzi's, is a tradition here.

The deep-dish apple pie with ivory-colored Devonshire cream is another reason why people return here generation after generation. The same is true of Simpson's treacle roll—warm, sweet and comforting, and just as your nanny would have given it to you if you had been born into the right English family.

James Whitmore, the gray-haired, 39-year veteran of the cloak room, summed up Simpson's best: "I have served the Duke of Wellington, Mrs. Thatcher and thousands of others without titles. They all come here when they want to feel reassured that there will always be a London, because Simpson's is the best indication they've got." And so it is.

The cost of dinner for two without drinks is about \$60. Address: 100 Strand; 836-9112.



Your PPOff Recorder with Master Cook, Joe Curley, down in the bowels of Simpson's having a "Wee Doeche an' Doris" & exchanging jollifications. Holmes dined at Simpson's [ILLU & DYIN]

(Answer for last issue's Puzzle)

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Message: "There are many ciphers I read easily. Such crude devices amuse the intelligence without fatiguing it."—Sherlock Holmes

The diagonal, when deciphered, reads: CONGRATULATIONS.

"A Pun My Word, Holmes!"

1. A lame entry
2. A lamb entree
3. A lament to Rhee
4. A lie monetary
5. A limnet array



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