



The Pleasant Places of Florida

[Suggested in The Five Orange Pips]

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Steet Irregulars

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12th Night Reflections



... First - the above salutation! ... Pictured at left, a wedding photo of our two PPOFF Sherlockians, Wanda (nee Butts) and Jeffery Dow, with your amiable & simple-minded S'ian splicer. Wanda was one of the late Leslie Marshall's 5 original pips.... The BSI weekend bash in NYC was another smashing success. The PPOFF was represented by "Major" Bill Ward, Joan Wood, and your Recorder. "Wiggins" Tom Stix was our new

skipper at the helm, and he sailed straight & true. With no slight to the other worthies, we were all especially pleased with the Investiture of Kiyoshi Tanaka, of Japan, into the BSI. On Saturday, a wonderful tribute was paid to our beloved Commissionaire, Julian Wolff, and his charming wife, Eleanor. Carmel Tullis became the first paid-up canine member of the PPOFF, and was duly invested as "Toby".... Elliott Black tells us of Scotland Yard Books, Ltd. (556 Green Bay Rd. Winnetka, IL 60093) offering a plethora of Holmesiana... Alan Olding sent along a nifty booklet, "The Australian Connection" depicting all stamps from "down under" with S'ian connotation.... I trust all have noted the super Sherlockian article which appeared in the Dec. '86 issue of "Smithsonian", and, of course, the numerous articles on the centenary of "Beeton's Christmas Annual" of 1887.... Space doesn't permit thanking all who corresponded with your Recorder since #86, but I thank ya kindly. Watch for new publication in #88!

Rex Stout once accounted for the popularity of Sherlock Holmes this way: "You have the answer as soon as you reflect not on what man is, but on what he likes to think he is. . . not the virtuous animal, or the passionate animal, or the handsome animal, or the just or merciful animal, but the *reasoning* animal."

Isn't man his own greatest puzzle? He may never solve it, but he is profoundly committed to the attempt.

If man were not a puzzle there would be no rationale for the detective story. Or for that matter, for getting up in the morning. ■



Holmes Beach

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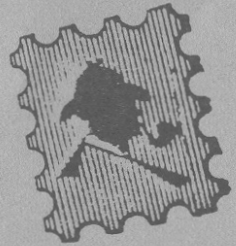
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["Twas on this day in 1891, that Moriarty snarled at Holmes,"On the 23rd, you incommoded me..." (FINA)]



Philatelic Philandering

.... or "Stamping Around" with SHERLOCK HOLMES.

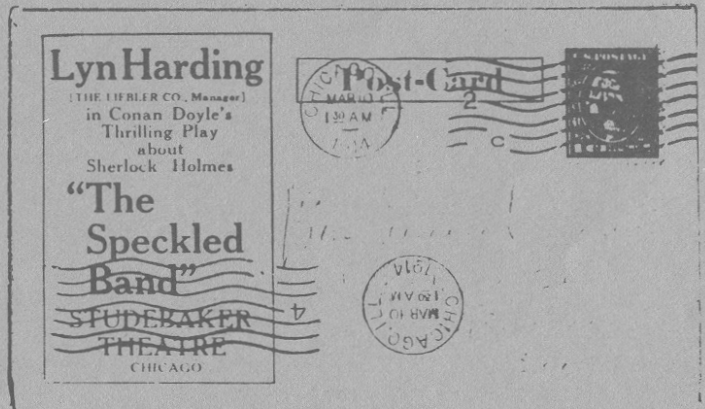


Enid Stoner tells Holmes and Watson of the strange bell-pull



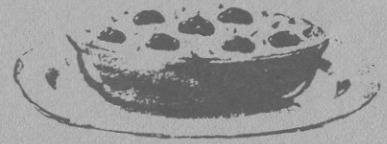
Do not miss "The Speckled Band"! It is all the critics called it—a bully show! Harding's acting will stir you!

This fascinating bit of postal history was sent in by John Taylor, of Midlothian, TX, depicting one of a set of 4 postcards advertising "The Speckled Band" at the Studebaker Theatre in Chicago in March of 1914, with Lyn Harding playing the villian, Royslott. I'll send you a photocopy of the set of 4 only \$1.00. Many thanks, John, for this super philatelic phind!





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RASPBERRY TRIFLE

This delightful (and very caloric) English dessert was a great favourite of Mrs. Hudson. It was her *piece de resistance* after a succulent fare of roast beef.

2/3 cups day-old cake, crumbled 3/4 cup sherry or sweet white wine
1 quart raspberries 3 tablespoons sugar 2 cups custard
1 cup heavy cream

Quantities for trifle (long i) are always approximate; a little more or less of any ingredient shant matter. Put the cake into the bottom of a deep bowl. Sprinkle the sherry over it and stir well so that all the cake is moistened. Use extra sherry, if necessary, to achieve this. Put half the raspberries in a saucepan with the sugar. Cover & simmer over a low heat for a minute or two 'til the raspberries are juicy. Remove from the heat & stir in half the remaining raspberries, reserving the rest for decoration. Pour the raspberries over the cake. Cover with the custard & allow to cool. Whip the cream & spread it over the trifle. Decorate with the reserved raspberries. Strawberries, ripe peaches or other soft summer fruit may be used instead of raspberries, which are often hard to come by, and when available are sold for a "king's ransom". Frozen raspberries or strawberries, their juice thickened with a tablespoon of cornstarch, are also good substitutes during winter. Enjoy!

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Holmes tapes not elementary

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FAST 'N' FUN

S'IAN PUZZLES

QUOTATION PUZZLE

Unscramble & fill in this Canonical Quotation using the letters below, The letters are, however, in their proper column. The four boxes in the lower-right designate the source of the quote. Go get 'em!



TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1987 • USA TODAY

MYSTERY MEAL: How does the Sherlock Holmes Society celebrate its namesake's 100th birthday today? Elementary: with a dinner tonight in London's House of Commons. Special guest: Dame Jean Conan Doyle, 73, the only surviving child of Sir Arthur, who died in 1930 at age 71. At precisely 9:30 p.m., 180 society members will kick off a year of international tributes to the world's most popular fictional sleuth. On Thursday, the Baker Street Irregulars will salute the detective in New York.

SHERLOCK HOLMES: "What can you say about a mystery buff with an incomplete collection of Agatha Christie?"
 Watson: "I don't know."
 Holmes: "He hasn't got all his Marples."

Holmes' Judges Won't Talk

Sherlock Holmes Fans Gather

for Tribute

Sarasota Herald
Jan. 6, 1987



The famous Baker Street Irregulars unites the most passionate Sherlock Holmes buffs. Founded in the U.S. by writer Christopher Morley in 1934, it is named after urchins in Holmes's neighborhood who fed him information. Members slyly perpetuate the legend that Sherlock Holmes is not a legend, but lives—

as they point out, no obituary has ever appeared in the *London Times*. In keeping with Victorian convention, women Sherlockians have a separate organization: the Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes. Both groups admit members who have made major contributions to Sherlockian affairs. Harold Niver, 47, owner of Sherlock's Music Co. in Hartford, Connecticut, who has assembled a collection of 4,000 items from first editions to pipes carved in Holmes's image, was elected to the Irregulars for founding a local offshoot called a scion. Sherlockians of either sex can join one or more of 184 scions; for information write Peter Blau, 3900 Tunlaw Road N.W., No. 119, Washington, D.C. 20007.

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LONDON (AP) - Sherlock Holmes is 100 years old and still gets many requests from real people to solve crimes. The stock reply is: "Mr. Holmes thanks you for your letter. At the moment he is in retirement in Sussex, keeping bees."

Britain will begin a year of international tribute to history's greatest fictional sleuth with a dinner today in the House of Commons.

"He is still incredibly popular," said Capt. William Michell, secretary of the 800-member Sherlock Holmes Society in Britain. "The Victorian age had its share of crime and unhappiness, but... it was a settled age and people like to be reminded of that. Call it nostalgia or what you like."

At precisely 9:30 p.m., 180 members of the society will raise their glasses in the members' dining room of the Commons in a toast "to the immortal memory of Sherlock Holmes."

Students of Holmes have declared Jan. 6 to be the birthday of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's greatest creation - the point at which the brilliant, sharp-featured detective began his crusade against Dr. Moriarty and other villains with the aid of his friend and foil, Dr. John Watson.

The dinner at the House of Commons is held annually, but Michell said that today "is very special because it's the centenary year."

Among the guests will be Dame Jean Conan Doyle, 73, the only surviving child of Sir Arthur, who died in 1930 at age 71.

On Thursday, the Baker Street Irregulars will toast the sleuth in New York. Japanese Holmesians will have an anniversary party in February. A pageant is scheduled for early May in Switzerland and other events are planned in the United States, Australia and elsewhere.



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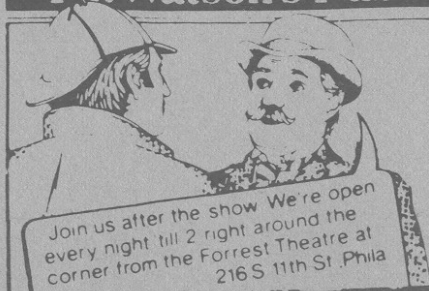
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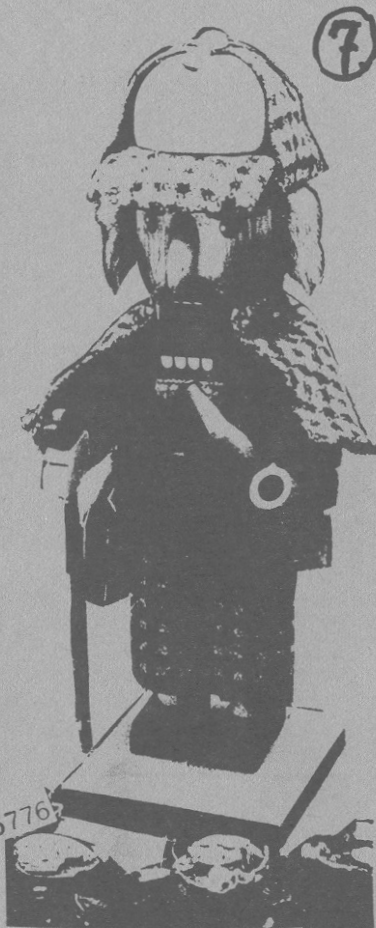


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8. Sherlock Holmes expert honored

Vincent Starrett, who spent his life tracking Sherlock Holmes, rested in an unmarked grave from 1974 until last week when Holmes' fans throughout the nation gathered at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago to honor the famous mystery writer.

"He was just one of those people that everybody liked," said Wilmette Village Attorney Robert Mangler, who helped organize a worldwide drive that allowed Starrett's admirers to purchase a \$6,000 monument for the unmarked grave.

"He was a friend of practically everybody in American literature for 50 years," said Mangler, a diehard member of the "Hounds of the Baskerville" club that Starrett founded in 1943.

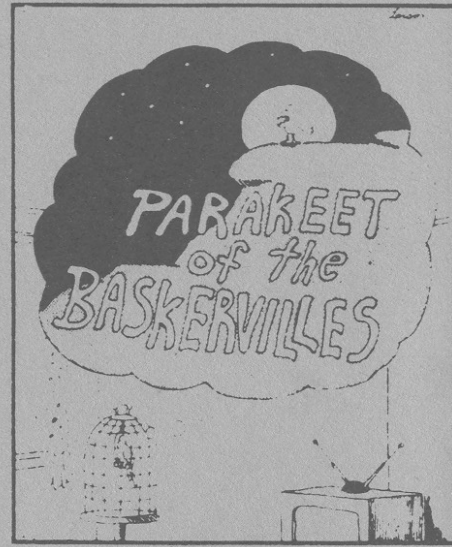
Sherlock Holmes fans from across the nation and foreign countries, including Australia, Japan and Denmark, chipped in donations to mark the resting place of Starrett, who was an authority on Arthur Conan Doyle's super sleuth.

"A lot of Sherlockian people

from all over organized a drive to raise funds to properly mark his grave," he said. "We started a fund-raising campaign through book collectors and book devotees around the country, as well as Sherlock Holmes groups around the world. The response was tremendous."

Starrett began his career as a Chicago newspaperman, working for the Chicago Daily News and the Chicago Tribune before turning his full attention toward his favorite hobby, pursuing Sherlock Holmes.

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