



# 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** ... The "Pleasant Places were graced by visits from **RON deWAAL** and **FRED ZENSEN** in March.. **John Shaw's** Stanford Workshop is scheduled for Aug.19-23. Details: **Ted Schulz**

... Holmes VCR tapes abound - Video Specialists(182 Jackson St., Dallas, PA 18612, (717)675-0227) has the Ron Howard set(17) for only \$19.95@ ..SIGNALS(Box 70870, St. Paul, Minn, 55170 -(612)293-3709) offers the Brett PBS 1st series(6) for \$39.95@ - ouch!(PPoF once offered the complete set(13) for only \$20!).... "Aphorisms of S.H." by Key & Rodin from Key Rod Enterprises(3041 Maginn Dr., Beaver creek, Ohio 45385) - \$7.95ppd. ... 221"A" Baker St. Assoc.(Box 351453, L.A., CA 90035) has just released a 2-record album of old Rathbone radio shows hitherto unavailable.\$27.50ppd - ugh!(Methinks I'll wait for the cassettes, thank you)...Centenary articles proliferate. I was delighted with APS prexy, **Burton Sellers'** article in The American Philatelist.

Also the March Atlantic Monthly has a fine Sherlockian spread....Kate Hawks(artist at left) offers a number of superb Holmesian art items(Box 50453, Knoxville, Tenn 37950) ... **Ken Nail & Ed Kach** have formed up a Scion - "**The Musgrave Story Society**" in honor of the astronaut. Contact Ed(P.O.Box 5, Merritt Island, FL 32954) Their "liftoff" was smooth and all "systems" go! ... In no wise can I list everyone who has been so good to correspond with this commonplace Recorder since #88, but I shall single out just a few with special thanks: Mark Alberstat, John Stephenson, Fred Mende, Kyle Richeson, John Shaw & Milt Halpert..... 10-4.



**Quick, Watson - the game's afoot at HOLMES Beach!**  
P.P.of F's 12th Annual SPRING GATHERING  
**SAT., MAY 2ND, 11:30AM. LET MRS. 'Udson know if you're coming.**



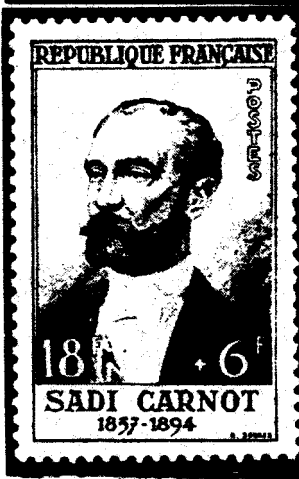
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[\*- 'Twas on this very day, in 1889, Dr. John H. Watson, wed the former Miss Mary Morsten at St. Mark's Church, Camberwell.]



# Philatelic Philandering

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

French stamp [at left] depicts  
President Carnot (1837-1894).

The famous Smith-Mortimer  
succession case comes within this period, as well as the  
tracking and arrest of Huret, the Boulevard assassin -  
an exploit which won for **Holmes** an autograph letter of  
thanks from the French President and the Order of the  
Legion of Honour. [GOLD]



THE GLOBE AND MAIL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1987

## City officials propose 7% solution

OH, NO!

# Holmes takes 'back to basics' route

ELEMENTARY! ↗

## Holmes protests his loss

### Sherlock just can't retire

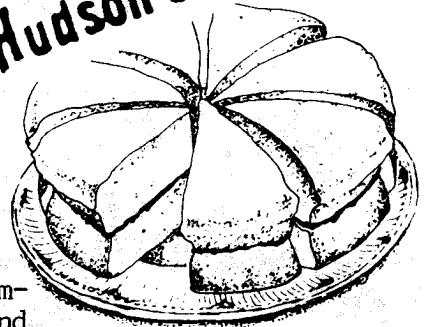
**Sherlock Celebrates A Happy 100th Birthday**

Daily Mail, Wednesday, January 7, 1987



# From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen 3

## GUINNESS CAKE

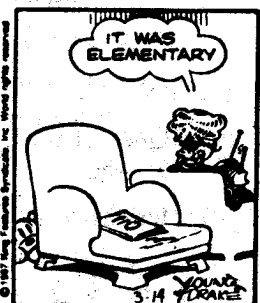


Although less familiar than cakes and ale, ale in cake is, however, an addition that results in an astonishingly moist and delicious dessert. It was one of Mycroft's favourites - after all, he was a stout man!

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|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8 oz. butter                              | 1 1/2 cups dark brown sugar | 4 eggs, lightly beaten     |
| 2 3/4 cups flour                          | 2 teaspoons allspice        | 1/2 cup candied fruit peel |
| 8 oz. raisin                              | 8 oz. white raisins         | 4 oz. chopped walnuts      |
| 1 bottle (6 1/2 fluid oz.) Guinness Stout |                             |                            |

Preheat the oven to 325°. Cream the butter & sugar together in a mixing bowl until light. Gradually beat in the eggs. Sift the flour and allspice and gradually fold them into the butter & sugar mixture. Add the raisins, candied fruit peel and walnuts. Mix well and stir in 4 tablespoons of Guinness. Pour the mixture into a greased 7" round cake pan that is at least 3" high. Bake in oven for 1 hr. at 325°, then reduce heat to 300° and continue to bake for an additional 1 1/2 hrs. Remove the cake from the oven and allow to cool. Take it out of the cake pan & turn it upside-down. Prick the base of the cake in many places with a skewer and spoon in about 8 tablespoons of Guinness. Keep the cake upside-down in an airtight containing for 1 week before eating. During this period, pour more stout over it from time to time until you have used up the whole bottle. [No nips allowed, if you please] Serve right side up.

**Blondie**

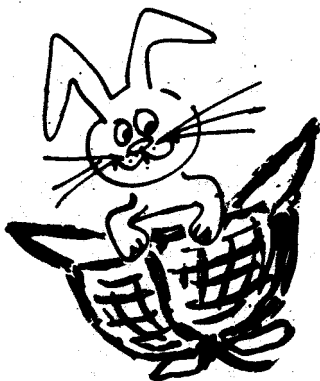


YOUNG DRANE  
3-14

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Find an anagram for the word in each box. The anagram will answer one of the clues. Put the number of that clue into the small square and write the anagram on the dash. The numbers in each row and column will add up to 65. Write the first letter of each anagram on the correspondingly numbered dash at the bottom of the page; and, presto!, the Anagram Magic saying will appear.

# MAGIC ANAGRAM SQUARE



NOTE □ _____	SWINGIG □ _____	WASH □ _____	SWARDED □ _____	BABYE □ _____	= 65
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ROTH □ _____	NODLON □ _____	FORDEY □ _____	AINTS □ _____	AIDIN □ _____	= 65
TCOST □ _____	FAUF □ _____	GARA □ _____	TOYLOR □ _____	TEAGIRE □ _____	= 65
LEBRAT □ _____	KERGE □ _____	LURLESS □ _____	NOGAY □ _____	LEON □ _____	= 65
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|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Tom Stix              | 9. Second _____        | 18. Naval Base        |
| 2. The _____ House       | 10. _____ the Elm      | 19. College or Jacket |
| 3. _____ Column          | 11. _____ Treasure     | 20. _____ Interpreter |
| 4. _____ Squires         | 12. The _____ Star     | 21. Hooded Cape       |
| 5. Dr. Becher's Town     | 13. _____ Bridge       | 22. Holmes' milieu    |
| 6. Dock or Hall          | 14. Mycroft            | 23. _____ Grange      |
| 7. Hans Sloane of My Age | 15. Birdy              | 24. _____ Square      |
| 8. Mysterious Island     | 16. Jewel of the Crown | 25. Gloria _____      |
|                          | 17. Grimsby            |                       |

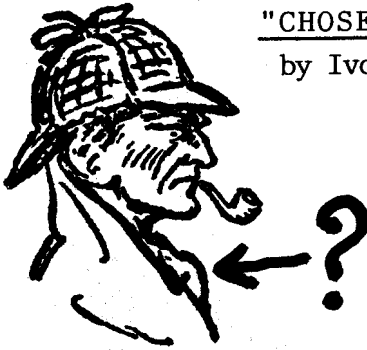
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"CHOSEN WORDS"

by Ivor Brown

CRAVAT



THE Cravate was originally a piece of Croatian neckware, sometimes of lace. I would think of it, more recently, as a large, showy kind of neck-tie, but to Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes it was a muffler. 'It was a wild tempestuous night towards the close of November. Outside the wind howled down Baker Street while the rain beat fiercely against the windows.' The inevitable cab came down the empty street. Enter 'that promising young detective', Stanley Hopkins, to whom Holmes showed a sympathy rarely

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LADDERGRAM

First, write the word that fits the first definition into space 1. Then drop one letter and rearrange the remaining letters to form the answer to definition 2. Drop one more letter, rearrange, and get the answer to definition 3. Put the first dropped letter into the box to the left of space 1 and the other dropped letter into the box next to space 3. When you have correctly solved the puzzle, the dropped letters in the boxes on the left and right, when read down, will spell out related words.



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	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	
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	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	

DEFINITIONS

- 1. Aft or Stern
- 2. Lease or Tear
- 3. Soak
- 4. Dung Beetle
- 5. Bedouins
- 6. Teasdale
- 7. Farewell in Maui
- 8. Aura or Crown
- 9. Holbrook or Prince
- 10. UN Head, U \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11. Preposition \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12. Tit for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. Working Hummer
- 14. Julian Wolff
- 15. Actor Prexy
- 16. Tittlelate
- 17. One of Nine
- 18. Utilize
- 19. "Luffly" Boat
- 20. Salary Increment
- 21. Greek Mars
- 22. Juarez Nap
- 23. Fanny Places
- 24. Hardy Heroine

Holmes may scoop Murdoch

Money helps Holmes' concentration

HOLMES IS A MUSICAL CUTUP

⑥ (Continued from p. 8)

"You have to be a member of law enforcement to get in to see the Black Museum," Wood said. "The mayor of Holmes Beach appointed me chaplain of the Holmes Beach Police Department for one week to give me the credentials that I need."

Wood also visited White Chapel Bell Foundry in London, where the bronze bell that calls people to worship at Church of the Annunciation was cast. He traveled to Epping and walked the fields where his ancestors lived.

"I love to visit England," he said. "Besides getting a wonderful history lesson, I get to talk with other Sherlockians about our favorite hero in the local pubs."

One popular meeting place with Scotland Yard police and local clientele is the Sherlock Holmes, a pub located just off Northumberland Avenue near Trafalgar Square.

Inside, visitors find the Baker Street Museum and Mrs. Hudson's Pantry, a room named after Holmes' housekeeper. In the days when the place was known as the Northumberland Arms, it was mentioned in "The Hound of the Baskervilles."

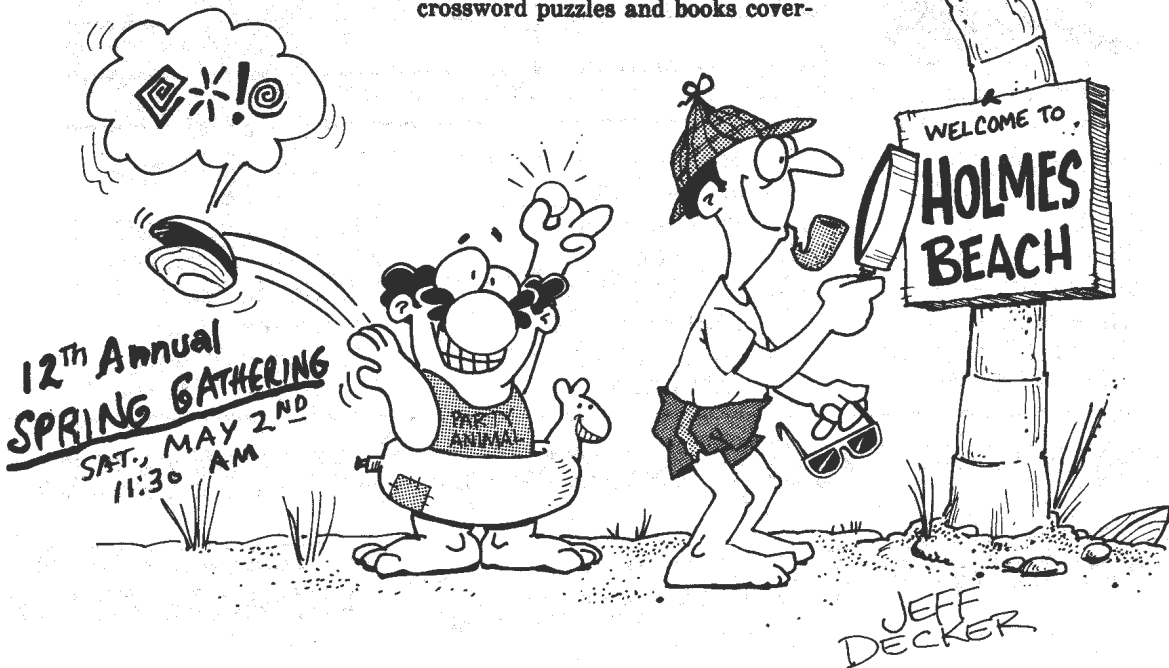
Wood's enthusiasm for Holmesiana is shared worldwide. More than 2,000 letters addressed to the solver of unsolvable crimes arrive each year at 221 Baker St. in London, site of the modern Abbey National Building Society and residence of Sherlock Holmes. The letters, invitations and requests for help are answered by a secretary and carry the standard reply that Holmes cannot respond himself as he has retired to the country where he keeps bees.

In honor of Holmes' 100th birthday, Britain began a year of international tribute with a dinner in the House of Commons. Among the guests invited was Dame Jean Conan Doyle, 78, the only surviving child of Sir Arthur, who died in 1930 at age 71.

Japanese Sherlockians have scheduled an anniversary party in February. Switzerland fans plan to stage a pageant in May. Travel agents are running centennial tours to Holmes shrines in England and Europe. A series of Sherlock Holmes adventures begins this month on public television.

"It's endless," Wood's said of all the commotion. "There are cookbooks with Sherlock Holmes recipes, commemorative stamps, crossword puzzles and books cover-

ing every aspect of the life of Sherlock Holmes. In this age of rock 'n' roll and superstars, the Victorian stories of Sherlock Holmes are as popular as ever. I don't think the fascination will ever end."



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granted to others of Scotland Yard. Hopkins was introducing the case of *The Golden Pince-nez*. 'My poor Watson,' cried Holmes, scenting immediate work on the pince-nez trail, 'we want overcoats and cravats and goloshes.'

Fifty years later the Cravat of this kind has been much on view, worn without overcoat or goloshes by the Student Class. To wear a school, club, or college scarf or muffler, thrown about the neck is, I suppose, economy's bow to foppery. The 'fancy vest' has made a brief reappearance, chiefly in buff; but those who want to 'peacock it a bit' find that ties and mufflers - the Holmesian cravats - are the easiest and cheapest means with which to show one's colours. They are sported without relevance to weather. On the coldest days I have seen undergraduates at large and even watching football matches with no overcoat; they only wreathe the throat with what some of our fathers called, as well as a cravat, a comforter. This same garment is also visibly favoured in days of considerable warmth. The muffler now is a ubiquitous and an all-weather decoration as well as a thoracic defence. But does anybody call it a cravat?

Holmes was fond of writing monographs on this or that obscure topic - indeed, he was unravelling a palimpsest when Hopkins came in from the hurricane and the deluge - and many a monograph has been written upon him. Has any such treatise been written on his use of the English language? His conversational prose was formal and orotund; he loved a cliché as dearly as he loved tobacco and once, alas, cocaine. (But his creator cured him of the last.) How many a case did he describe 'as not entirely devoid of interest'! How often did he say to one of his more distressed clients, 'Pray compose yourself', and even to his lifelong ally and companion - can the solid Victorian Watson be called a 'buddy'? - 'Pray, continue'! Indeed, it is with something of a shock that we find the latest Holmes of all - him of *The Retired Colourman* - suddenly snapping at Watson, with no 'pray' at all, 'Cut out the poetry!' Watson's poetry had been no more than the description of a garden-wall in Lewisham as 'sun-baked, mottled with lichens, and topped with moss'. But that was too much for Holmes. Yet the Master continually set an example of periphrastic verbosity. When there was every need to be up and away upon the heels of villainy he would prose away to Watson like this: 'I admit to you that the case, which seemed to me so absurdly simple as to be hardly worth my notice, is rapidly assuming a very different aspect. It is true that, though in your mission you have missed everything of importance, yet even those things which obtruded themselves upon your notice give rise to serious thought'. Suggested translation: 'I thought it was too simple a case for me, but it isn't. You missed what mattered at Lewisham, but what you did manage to see was something important.'

Did Doyle give Holmes this kind of fireside style as part of a literary convention? Or did gentlemen of the nineties really talk like that? At any rate, Holmes rarely, if ever, described a criminal as 'getting away'; he was always 'effecting his escape'. But I deviate from cravats.

(1953)

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# FLORIDA WEST PEOPLE

## Rector Treats Master Detective With Reverence

By MARJORIE FRITZ  
Staff Writer

**T**he license tag on the car is 221-B, the address of the master detective who lived at 221 Baker St. in London.

The owner of the car is often seen behind the wheel with a Calabash pipe clenched between his teeth and a plaid, deer-stalker cap pulled low over his brow. When people stop to take a second look, the Rev. Benton Wood smiles and waves a friendly greeting.

The rector of Church of the Annunciation on Holmes Beach enjoys the attention he creates, especially in this, the centennial year of the legendary Sherlock Holmes.

The first of the 60 Sherlock Holmes adventures, "A Study in Scarlet," was published in 1887 and will appear as an anniversary edition this year.

"It's always 1895," Wood said of his predilection for things Victorian and his admiration for Sherlock Holmes. "Call it nostalgia, or a craving for scholarly pursuits or a romantic bent. It's all of those things. Being a Sherlockian is also a heck of a lot of fun."

Since 1979, Wood's parishioners have encouraged his outside activities and enjoyed his celebrity status. The rector is chaplain of the Baker Street Irregulars, a prestigious national organization dedicated to preserving the legend of the most famous detective in English literature.

Wood is also the recorder for The Pleasant Places of Florida, an organization of loyal Sherlock Holmes fans based in Holmes Beach and one of nearly 200 societies in the United States.

The 59-year-old former prep school headmaster has met England's royal family, held a service in the queen's chapel and entertained Queen Elizabeth's chaplain. He has appeared in local theater productions based on Sherlock Holmes. He has put Holmes Beach on the Sherlockian map.

"I like to think that Holmes Beach was named after Sherlock Holmes and not that other fellow, John Holmes, that people talk about around here," Wood said during a conversation in his office where shelves filled with Sherlock Holmes memorabilia share space with church business.

"Holmes probably visited Florida on one of his cases and took a fancy to the area," he said. "The name of our society (The Pleasant Places of Florida) comes from one of the detective's adventures called 'The Five Orange Pips.' It all ties in rather nicely, I think."

Each year Wood travels to New York for a week of meetings and dinners with The Baker Street Irregulars. The group was founded in 1934 by author Christopher Morley and named after the street urchins of London who ran errands for the fictional Sherlock Holmes and fed him information. Its 180 members meet for dinners and speeches and insist to outsiders that Sherlock Holmes is still alive and well and raising bees in Sussex. To be a BSI is to believe that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was the literary agent for Dr. John Watson, Holmes' constant companion and chronicler of his adventures.

"We have a good time," said Wood, whose duties as chaplain include leading the prayer that opens



the convention. "The membership is an interesting mix of professions and people. The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a member, as was Harry S. Truman. Present members include writers Isaac Asimov and Rex Stout.

**O**ne of the members is John Bennett Shaw, famous for his Sherlockian library begun in 1937. The library is to be merged with the University of Minnesota's collection to create the world's leading Holmes center.

Each year Wood travels to England where he visits locations described in Sherlock Holmes' adventures. He also researches his own family history and visits other Sherlockians. He has friends in Scotland Yard and once toured the Black Museum that houses artifacts from English crimes.

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