



# 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 12th Annual Gathering at HOLMES Beach was a grand affair.... The latest PPoFF Round/Robin pastiche is now available. Order from **Baker St. Designs**, please[see below]..... Ron DeWaal graced us with his presence during spring training.... **Justin Havee** of the Tropical Deerstalkers[Miami], sent on Vol.1 of "The News Afoot", their new publication. Editor is: Judy Waifsohn



.... **Bob Gellerstedt** created the interesting "cinderella" stamp [see left] on his computer - well done! ...**Eddie Mitchell**, ppOffer, is arranging with the British Tourist Board to have the PPoFF put up some sort of Commemorative plaque somewhere in London (or elsewhere in England) Suggestions of place & subject for commemoration are wanted. Send them to this Recorder.... **Sherlock's Home** (4137 E. Anaheim St. Long Beach, CA 90804, and **Wm. Berner Books** (P.O. Box 31175, S.F., CA 94131, both have put out new lists of some most interesting Holmesiana.... **David Hammer** says Gasogene

Press (Box 1041, Dubuque, Iowa 52004) has Michael Harrison's new books..... As always my thanks to all who have corresponded since #89: **Wanda Butts, Kate Hawks, Elliot**

**Black, Bill Ward, Milt Halpert, Jim Suszynski, Sue Webb, Tom Stix, Ron Lies, Mike Carroll, Betty Pierce, "Tyke" Niver, Edwin Vander Flaes, Arnold Korotkin, John Shaw, Charles Henry, Jack Kerr, CJ Wenger, Marsha Pollak, Luci Zahray, John Taylor, Stephanie Rapp, Geo. Edwards, Mark McGovern, Howard Lachtman, Rock Gray, Mark Alberstat, Ake Runquist, Richard Allen, Jeff Decker, Phyllis Van Antwerp, Stanley Mackenzie & Sherlock Holmes, D.D. ... Thanks.**

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['Twas on this very day in the year of our Lord, 1891, that Dr. Watson's account of "A Scandal in Bohemia" appeared in THE STRAND MAGAZINE.]

## Philatelic Philandering



... or Stamping around with **SHERLOCK HOLMES**



The Holmesian philatelic scene recently has been teeming with conanical connections. **Below** is depicted the cover of the new G.B. £1 booklet of stamps, with direct reference to **STUD**. This is only the first in a series commemorating the SH Centennary. .... **BIG PHILATELIC NEWS** ... The PPofF will conduct a **MAIL BID SALE** in August, of phantastic philatelic Holmesiana. Request prospectus of Lots to be offered from your **Recorder**. .....

### What Do You Make of That, Watson?

Thanks to President F. Burton Sellers for his satisfying remarks on Sherlock Holmes, and for his review of Sherlock Holmes on stamps ("Other Anniversaries," March 1987 *AP*, Page 251).

Stamp collectors who are Conan Doyle readers are, certainly, members of two rich domains. I believe many will relish an article from bygone days, "Was Sherlock Holmes a Stamp Collector?" by Arthur Pierce. It appeared in *The Philatelist* (Page 340, September 1947) and also as a chapter in the book, *Approaches to Philately*, by G.B. Erskine.

I cannot resist a quotation from the closing words of Mr. Pierce's article:

Tourists visiting London often demand to be taken to 221 Baker Street (the B presumably was the upper apartment). Only then do they discover there is no 221 Baker Street!

Now turn to Great Britain in that U.S. philatelist's bible, the Scott catalogue. Look for stamp No. 221. Right! *(Cont. on p. 6)*

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# From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen 3



As a bit of change of pace, our Mrs. 'Udson gives us not a recipe but rather a tip of a new English cookbook just on the market. It comes from the April/May '87, issue of **British Heritage**, which was a special issue of menus & recipes.

**FROM THE TABLES OF BRITAIN. EXPLORING THE EXCITING NEW ENGLISH CUISINE: 250 CONTEMPORARY RECIPES**, by *Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz*. (M. Evans and Company, Inc., 216 East 49th Street, New York, NY 10017, 1986. \$19.95)

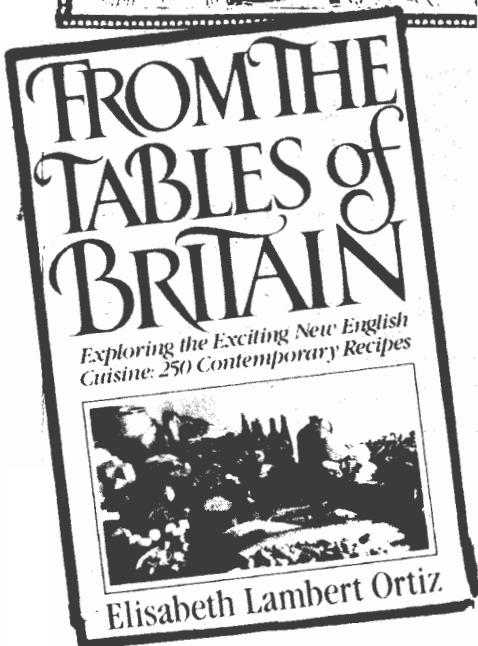
ingredients are not always easy to find, as the author admits in the recipe for Venison Liver with Orange and Juniper Berry Sauce, 'the creation of chef John McGeever of Congham Hall in Grimston, near King's Lynn, Norfolk, who has a special gift for using local produce to its best advantage'.

Among some of the more unusual dishes are Beef Fan with Roquefort Cheese, Iced Cranberry Soufflé, Cabbage and Oyster Soup with Saffron, Salmon and Prawn Terrine, Pasta with Mixed Mushrooms and Fennel, and Green Bell Pepper Soup.

This cookery book opens up great possibilities for adventurous cooks who long to try something different yet tasty. Over and over, the author and her 'colleagues' emphasize quality and freshness for the ingredients and following these recipes will be an education in haute cuisine.

A transplanted Briton living in America, the author spent two years talking to chefs at restaurants throughout Britain, gathering not only recipes but their comments and suggestions about cookery and food.

These are not the traditional British dishes, though they are included, but variations on old themes and innovations that show imaginative combinations of ingredients. Some



**4** FAST 'N' FUN

**S'IAN PUZZLES**

**QUOTATION PUZZLE #11.**



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!

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SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE/

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1987

**Costumes Not Elementary  
At Sherlock Holmes Bash**

GENEVA (AP) - About 100 people arrived Thursday from London in Victorian costumes. They are the vanguard of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts coming to Switzerland for the 100th anniversary of the book that introduced the celebrated sleuth.

The detective series devotees are members of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London. They dressed variously as Holmes; Moriarty; Dr. Watson, the Holmes companion and narrator; and assorted Victorians, including police of the period.

***Cryptoquip***

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CUJB AUEPNJUA XNJWPZ,  
"CBPWUL SL XCUJU QCU  
CUNJQ SL."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: C equals H

The Cryptoquip is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe can give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

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**Holmes may come out of retirement**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1987\*

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Stafford G. Davis is founder and leader of the Afghanistan Perceivers of Oklahoma, a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars. \* He is one of three Baker Street Irregulars in the state, a frequent contributor to Sherlockian publications and a student of Victoriana.

Sherlock Holmes is looking for Dr. Watson. Frank Langella, who is both the star and co-producer of "Sherlock's Last Case," has almost everything lined up for the production's scheduled arrival on Broadway in late July or August — except his estimable, if sometimes self-deprecating, sidekick. The \$1 million show, which is being co-produced by the Kennedy Center-Roger L. Stevens and the Landmark Entertainment Company of Los Angeles, will be directed by the Tony Award-winner A. J. Antoon and, according to Mr. Langella and Charles Marowitz, the playwright, it's an exploration of ego and envy, as well as a thriller.

## The course Watson would rather not take Sherlock Fascinates Americans

San Francisco Examiner ★★ Friday, January 30, 1987

### Kaiser denies concealing his Moriarty dealings

# Holmes, Mulready parody share Doyle ancestor



Grandfather of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, John Doyle produced this caricature of the Mulready envelope in 1840.

By Charles Hahn

It is the centennial of the "birth" of that famous detective Sherlock Holmes of 221-B Baker St., London.

It has been noted with regret by some that for all Holmes' accomplishments, he never undertook to solve a philatelic mystery as did so many literary detectives who followed him.

But Holmes does have a philatelic linkage in his lineage!

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's, grandfather was John Doyle (1794-1868), famous as "HB," the artist, lithographer and caricaturist.

Among John Doyle's notable creations is the rare and beautiful Mulready "Broadsheet" caricature.

A colored representation of this prominent postal stationery parody may be seen in *The Pictorial Envelopes of the 19th Century*, available postpaid for \$65 from the Collector's Club of Chicago, 1029 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60610.

Sherlock Holmes had other collateral forefathers as well.

Richard and James Doyle, sons of "HB" and Sir Arthur's uncles, were artists of all but one of the Fores' national series of Mulready caricatures, popularly identified as the Coaching, Racing, Dancing, Country, Musical, Civic, Military and Christmas envelopes.

John Doyle may also be called the "father of the Christmas card," as his 1840 envelopes record the first printed Christmas greeting.

The Sherlock Holmes connection was not known by the authors of *The Pictorial Envelope of the 19th Century* at the time they wrote the book.

However, the collaboration has continued as the genealogical connection was researched in England by Ritchie Bodily based on my hunch.

Chris Jarvis did the research on the Fores' series for the book, in which many other delightful true stories of the artists and publishers of Mulready caricatures as well as their colored and black and white illustrations are to be found. ■

## For Sherlock Holmes Fans

Those readers who are Sherlock Holmes fans may be interested in learning that in two episodes recently shown on public television, a philatelic blunder was committed.

The Holmes novels take place in the late nineteenth century, yet mail inspected or received by Holmes bears a Penny Black. Apparently, the person in charge of props was not careful in selecting the type of stamp that would likely be used.

Sincerely,  
Robert Boos  
May 2, 1987 Plainview, NY

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Holmes a  
Standard

Holmes Fitness Debated  
Gets Careless With The Woman

Help my government find out where the millions of dollars from NEWSWEEK, the Iran arms deal went." Letter from a Texan, addressed to SHERLOCK HOLMES, 221B Baker Street, London  
JANUARY 26, 1987

There is no No. 221. *(COPY FROM P.2)*  
We can almost hear Holmes' mocking voice: "What do you make of that, my dear Watson?"

There is now, apparently, a 221B Baker Street, as described in *Letters to Sherlock Holmes* (Penguin Books, Richard L. Green, editor, 1985), although there may not have existed such an address when Mr. Pierce wrote the words above. Mr. Green's book states: "Letters to Sherlock Holmes have been answered by the staff of the Abbey National Building Society for over fifty years. . . ."

Mr. Holmes himself is, as we all know, keeping bees in Sussex.

But what happened to Scott's Great Britain No. 221?

Dr. Manuel Cooper  
Seattle, Washington

The American Philatelist /May 1987

# Agony Column

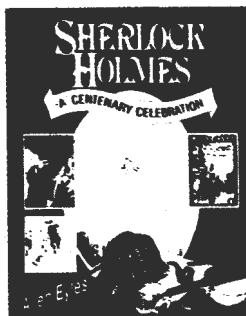
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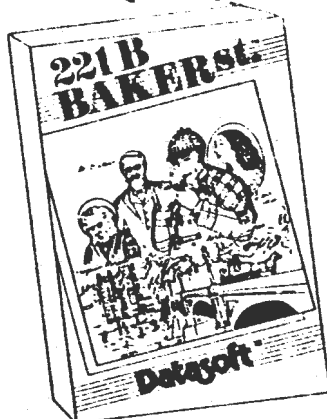
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## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**PRINCESS NINA CONAN DOYLE**, whose father-in-law created Sherlock Holmes, died Tuesday in London. The last of the royal Georgian clan of Mdivanis, she was thought to be in her late 80s. She was the sister of the three princes Mdivani who came from the province of Georgia in Imperial Russia and wed American heiresses. Since Denis Conan Doyle's death in the 1940s, his widow had lived alternately in the United States and Europe after selling off her claims to the estate of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes' creator, according to her longtime friend Florence Feyler.



# How do you revive a sleuth's legend? Why, it's elementary

MEIRINGEN, Switzerland—It takes less than Holmesian deduction to determine why Sir Arthur Conan Doyle chose the Reichenbach Falls above this Swiss village as a "worthy tomb" for his legendary detective. It is indeed, as Sir Arthur wrote in "The Final Problem," a "fearful place."

Its "torrent, swollen by the melting snow" in the Rosenlaur Valley, plunges into a "tremendous abyss . . . of incalculable depth."

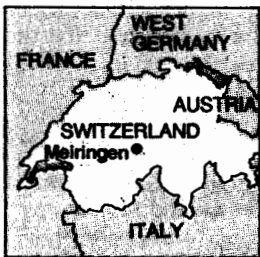
The winding path up to and around the edge of the waterfall is treacherous, providing little leeway for Holmes and his arch-enemy, Professor Moriarty, to fight their final fight without toppling into the raging froth.

Such a tomb, then, was the perfect way for Conan Doyle to end the career of the "foremost champion of the law" in a titanic struggle of good and evil with Moriarty, the "Napoleon of crime," on May 4, 1891—even if, as the author declared, "I bury my banking account along with him."

Bank accounts and Moriarty notwithstanding, public outcry eventually forced Sir Arthur to revive Sherlock Holmes in "The Return."

With a light heart and a heavy dose of nostalgia—and perhaps with an eye to their own bank accounts as well—the entrepreneurs of Meiringen and other Holmesian sites are trying to pump up the legend of the great detective this year, the 100th anniversary of his first case, "A Study in Scarlet."

Not that the Holmes legend ever really died. In May, the Sherlock Holmes Society of London is making its third pilgrimage to Meiringen since 1968.



Wearing Victorian costumes, 70 society members will come to this Swiss village by way of a nostalgic journey through the Swiss cities and villages of Geneva, Lausanne, Leukerbad and Kandersteg, the approximate route taken by Holmes and his faithful companion, Dr. Watson, during their fateful literary journey in "The Final Problem."

On the way, they will stop for a tour of the mecca of Holmesian memorabilia, the Chateau de Lucens near Lausanne. That is where Adrian Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur's son, rendered Holmes' consulting room at 221B Baker Street, complete with the writing desk of

Sir Arthur, a set of disguises supposedly worn by the great detective, faded editions of the Illustrated Police Gazette, and a Victorian corkscrew brush for opening dusty bottles of wine and "brushing away the occasional insect."

Though Adrian Conan Doyle died in 1970, the chateau museum remains a memento to his father's writing.

Pistols, daggers, harpoons, canes—all are carefully labeled and described as if they figured in real crimes instead of fantasies.

In the Baker Street study, the famous deerstalker cap hangs on a hook, and two teacups rest on stools beside the hearth. The sharp-eyed reader of Sherlock Holmes will see hanging on the wall an Alpine hiking pick of the type used by Holmes in his walk to the Reichenbach Falls. It's as if Holmes and Watson have just left for the torrent of Meiringen.

"We reached the little village of Meiringen, where we put up at the 'Englischer Hof,' then kept by Peter Steiler the elder," Watson wrote in "The Final Problem."

"Our landlord was an intelligent man and spoke excellent English, having served for three years as a waiter at the Grosvenor Hotel in London."

Hans Theoni, the proprietor of the Sporthotel, speaks excellent English as well. But Theoni, a native of this village of 4,000 about 30 miles east of Interlaken and 40 miles south of Lucerne, says the Englischer Hof "never existed."

"Everybody knows about Sherlock Holmes, and that 'The Final Problem' was here in Meiringen," said Theoni, who sells Sherlock Holmes T-shirts and caps and has built a Sherlock Holmes pub, complete with Baker Street sign and 221 number. "But we need to push it further, so that whenever you think about Sherlock Holmes you think about Meiringen, too."

To try to ensure that, Meiringen is playing enthusiastic host to the pilgrimage of the Sherlock Holmes Society from Thursday through May 9, and is setting up its own Sherlock Holmes museum in an abandoned English church.

The Meiringen Youth Brass Band is to play the funeral music after the society re-enacts the Holmes-Moriarty fight at the Reichenbach Falls on May 8; and Jean Conan Doyle, daughter of Sir Arthur, is to officiate at the laying of a foundation stone for the new museum for "one of the most revered names in England."

It is as if the fatal fall never happened. Indeed, in "The Adventure of the Empty House," Conan Doyle explains why, here and elsewhere, Sherlock Holmes is alive and well.

"Holmes!" Dr. Watson cries on seeing his friend return. "Is it really you? Can it indeed be that you are alive? Is it possible that you succeeded in climbing out of that awful abyss?"

Holmes replies: "Well, then, about that chasm. I had no serious difficulty in getting out of it, for the very simple reason that I never was in it."