





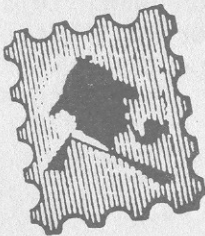
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(This auspicious date marks the 134th anniversary of the nascency of Mr. Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest consulting detective. January 6th, in merrie olde England is 12th Day, the Feast of the Epiphany. That even, the 12th Night Revels, marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas.)



## Philatelic Philandering

... or Stamping around  
with SHERLOCK HOLMES



STAMPS  
November 21, 1987

### Use of Penny Blacks



In your 5/2/87 issue you printed my letter alerting readers to the use of Penny Blacks on mail in two Sherlock Holmes episodes broadcast on public television.

Your 8/22/87 issue carried a rejoinder by C.C.M. Pawson to the effect that

because Queen Victoria postage was not demonetized until 1924, it was possible for Penny Blacks to be used in the Sherlock Holmes era. Mr. Pawson stated further that almost 70,000,000 were printed, so there was a very real possibility that Penny Blacks would be used for postage in the late nineteenth century.

Since then, there has been a rather lively correspondence between several collectors and the British Post Office.

Letters from Richard S. Fell of the National Postal Museum, London indicate that it was unlikely for

Penny Blacks to be used at the turn of the century, because there was an active philatelic market and unused Penny Blacks were worth about two pounds. Those that were used were generally damaged or of poor quality. It's my guess that most of those that were used were philatelically used, e.g., by dealers.

The issue is not clearly settled, but it appears that using Penny Blacks in the Sherlock Holmes era would be an unusual event.

Robert Boos  
Plainview, NY

# Happy birthday Holmes



From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen <sup>(3)</sup>



### TEA-TIME SCONES

Nothing quite 'hits the spot' like a cup of hot tea and a batch of Martha 'Udson's tasty tea-time scones after trodding the streets of London town on a cold & foggy January afternoon.

|                          |                           |                                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12 oz. self-rising flour | 2 teaspoons baking powder |                                     |
| 1 teaspoon salt          | 2 tablespoons sugar       |                                     |
| 3 oz. butter             | 6 oz. milk                | 5 oz. fresh double cream (whipping) |

Sift together the flour, salt and baking powder into a bowl and add the sugar and butter. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Gradually mix in the milk to form a dough. Knead the dough on slightly floured work surface until smooth. Roll out the dough to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick, then cut out 2-inch rounds with a plain or fluted cutter, kneading and re-rolling the dough until it is all used up. Arrange scones on baking sheets, then brush tops with milk. Bake in the oven at 450° for 10-12 minutes. Whip the fresh cream until stiff. Then split the scones and fill with butter, strawberry jam and fresh cream.

Makes 18 to 24 scones.

(Mrs. Hudson's special advice: There are secrets to making and enjoying scones. Handle the mixture as little as possible and put the uncooked scones on a pre-heated baking sheet. Take them out of the oven and wrap in a clean tea towel. Split and spread the butter while they are still warm. Plain scones are especially good with crumbly Cheshire cheese!)

Holmes  
a novice

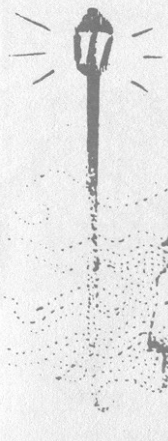


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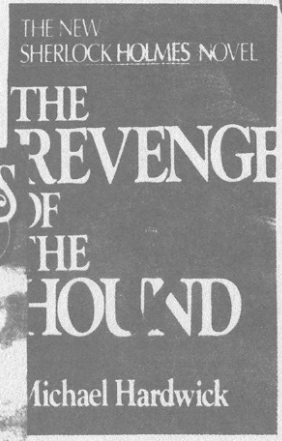
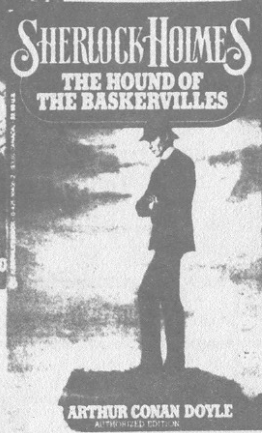
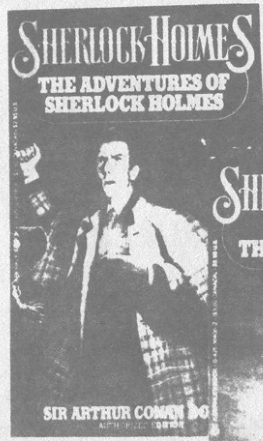




# Agony Column

The New Adventures of **SHERLOCK HOLMES**  
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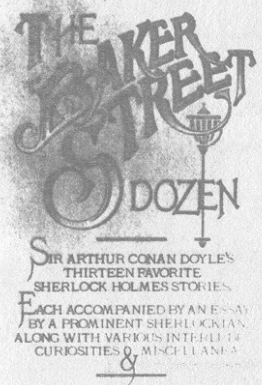
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**The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: Original Stories by Eminent Mystery Writers**  
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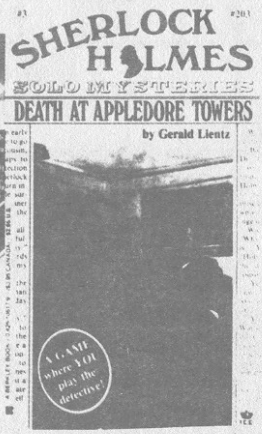
Today's leading mystery writers give us their supplements to the Holmes legend, and the results look as if they are as much fun for the authors as for the readers! Even more interestingly, the contributors are drawn from the whole range of contemporary crime fiction, from classic private eye to psychological suspense. An introduction by Dame Jean Conan Doyle, A. Conan Doyle's daughter and heir, sets the proper context, and then we're off, with contributions from Stephen King, John Lutz, Stuart Kaminsky, Joyce Harrington, Michael Gilbert, Dorothy B. Hughes, and eight other stars of mystery and suspense. A good bit of the fun comes in the deliberate connections of these new tales to the details of the original "canon." Veteran Holmes fans will have plenty of fun tracking down some of the in jokes here.

**Death at Appledore Towers**  
*A Sherlock Holmes Solo Mystery*  
*by Gerald Lientz*

The classic detective story is often compared to a game; now, you play the detective.  
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Edited by P. Dick and L. W. McDermid



## "The Canon" and More

**The Baker Street Dozen**  
*Ed. Doyle and McDiarmid*

Here's a true feast for Holmes fans: A. Conan Doyle's favorite dozen of his stories, plus a thirteenth so wonderful nobody could bear to leave it out. Each story is accompanied by an essay by an eminent Holmesian, from the prolific Dr. Isaac Asimov to John Bennet Shaw, the world's leading collector of Holmesiana. (His collection runs to 12,000 items!) Even better, there are a dozen portraits of the Great Detective from the hands of different artists and lists of Holmes' best films and radio shows (and humorous dissections of the worst!). Dame Jean Conan Doyle contributes her insights on her father's work, and a Directory of Sherlock Holmes Societies should interest readers who'd like to share their enjoyment of Holmes with others of like taste and discernment.



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# 'HOLMESIANA': 'CUE' CROSSWORD / By Maura B. Jacobson

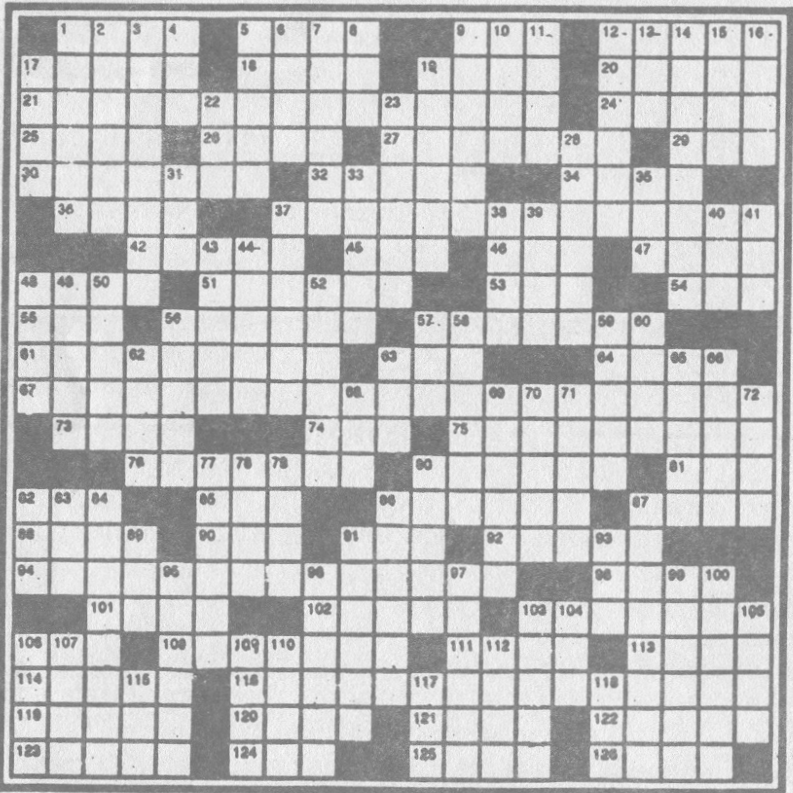
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Depicted, at left, is the third in a series of Gt. Britain stamp booklet covers of Sherlock Holmes. This one is SPEC. The 4th and last of the set is due in January, 1988.

## DEATH AT APPLIEDORE TOWERS

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tive in the game book based on the original Sherlock Holmes stories. The story begins when London's most notorious blackmailer, Charles Augustus Milverton, is found shot to death. Charred papers are found in the fireplace, and eyewitnesses have spotted two men running from his estate, Appledore Towers. But the police can make nothing of the clues, and Sherlock Holmes is busy elsewhere; desperate. Inspector Lestrade asks your help! You'll have to interview Milverton's blackmail victims, all of whom have more than enough motive to have killed him. From their testimony, you must make your own deductions and decisions, find the killer — and solve a case the Great Detective himself turned down!

### The Revenge of the Hound

Michael Hardwick

It is 1901; Sherlock Holmes has begun to think about leaving the detective field to younger men. Watson is getting married again, and much of the encyclopedic knowledge on which Holmes' success was based is becoming obsolete. But his old rival, Inspector Lestrade, brings news that stirs Holmes from his lethargy; a giant hound is loose on Hampstead Heath. It has already claimed one victim. Can this be the hound the Great Detective confronted once before? More importantly, can he stop it before it strikes again? The game's afoot, and Sherlock Holmes is on the trail—with Watson close behind! The adventure leads them to murder, to a revolutionary conspiracy to overthrow the government, and a threat to the very crown of England. Add to that eight black-and-white illustrations by award-winning illustrator Steranko, a style and tone that will delight the hard-core Sherlockian as well as the new fan, and you've got a book that everybody will be talking about!

Holmes to visit Halifax

# Holmes now a multi-millionaire

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'He can't remember where he's supposed to be or what he's supposed to be doing, because he's too drunk most of the time.'

'I hope that the British public take to the film in the spirit that is meant. . . I trust the British won't be too upset to see Holmes not quite as the best detective in the world.'

## Delight

Caine sees the role of a bumbling inept Holmes as a chance to break the mould of his acting career.

'As you grow older, you don't take yourself so seriously,' he said.

'You tend to look funnier. I certainly do. It's a chance to fall apart gracefully.'

'I can't remember a time when I've enjoyed myself so much. America welcomed me, but England is where I belong.'

'Working with Ben Kingsley — a fine, fine actor — has been a delight. I didn't know him before this movie but we are becoming firm friends now. It is a comedy, but Ben and I have been able to make the Holmes/Watson relationship a touching one in many ways.'

For Kingsley, fresh from his part as Lenin in *The Train*, *Sherlock And Me* presents the chance to dovetail his talents for comic acting and drama.

He said: 'The film is a perfect vehicle for both of us. I've always admired Michael's acting style. He is wonderful in this part, extremely funny.'

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'I'm sure the audiences will accept what we are doing with the Holmes/Watson legend. It is a very clever device to turn the tables on Holmes. The British have a long tradition of appreciating satire and this film is firmly in that tradition.'

'After all, you can't go on making yet another straight Sherlock film. We British don't mind having our legends turned around once in a while.'

## Dream

The film, which also stars Peter Cook, Nigel Davenport and the beautiful Lysette Anthony, has given a dream of a chance to 15-year-old actor Mathew Savage whose credits already include *West End* shows such as *Les Misérables*. He plays a street-wise urchin who helps Holmes and Watson.

*Sherlock And Me*, which is being made in the centenary year of the Conan Doyle classic, will not be the only chance the public will get to see Caine in Victorian guise.

As soon as filming finishes in the New Year he starts shooting Thames Television's *Jack The Ripper* — his first TV role for 20 years.

'All I need now,' said Caine, 'is to play Jekyll and Hyde and I've cornered the Victorian market. Now I've got to go and get into that bleeding' cape again. Scuse me.'

With that the man who has become one of Britain's best-loved actors was ushered away, to continue filming a dockside scene with Kingsley which had the film crew falling around with laughter, despite the fact that they had done it ten times before that morning.

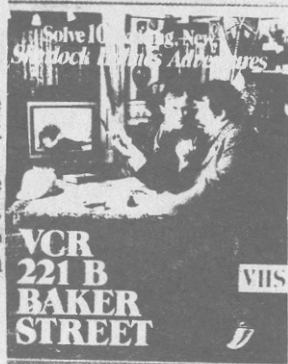
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# What shall we do with the drunken Sherlock?

THE legend of Sherlock Holmes, as the world's greatest detective is set to be shot to pieces in a major new movie starring Michael Caine.

According to *Sherlock And Me*, created by two Americans and being filmed under intense secrecy at locations all over Britain, the super-sleuth who has thrilled generations never got the chance to utter the legendary line: 'Elementary, my dear Watson.'

He was usually too drunk.

And to add insult to injury, Watson had to scour the brothels of London's East End in order to get his so-called master back on the path of the evil Professor Moriarty and his henchmen.

The ten million dollar film, due for release next summer, has turned the relationship between the famous crime-busting duo of Victorian England upside down.

And Caine and his co-star Ben Kingsley are keeping their fingers crossed that millions of Holmes fans will accept the irreverent look at their hero.

Caine plays an unemployed actor in the film who is hired by Dr Watson to assume the invented role of Holmes. So it is Watson, played by Ben Kingsley of Gandhi and Lenin fame, who is the real super-sleuth.

The devastating 'secret' revealed by the tongue-in-cheek movie is that Watson created the national hero to conceal the fact that it was he, not Holmes, who masterminded the downfall of London's criminal fraternity.

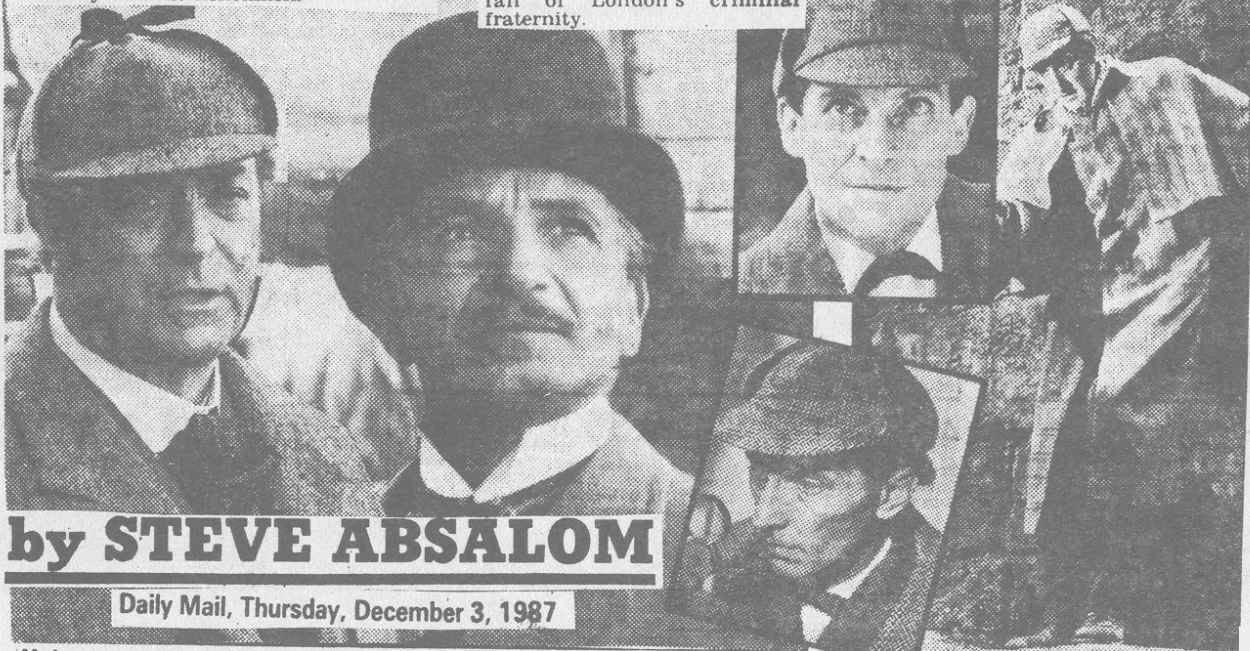
On location in the docks area of Gloucester where the star stunned locals by stealing through the narrow streets in the famous deerstalker and cape — Caine gave the Daily Mail an exclusive glimpse of the film which marks his return to England for good.

During a break from filming, Caine said: 'I'm absolutely delighted to be given the chance to play a part like this. I would never have done a straight Sherlock Holmes, but when I was given this script to read I jumped at it after just a couple of pages.'

'It is hilarious. If the audiences have as good a time as we're having, then I will be a very happy man.'

'My Holmes is a bum. It's Watson who works out all the clues and you continually see Holmes turning to Watson for guidance as to what to do and say next.'

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by **STEVE ABSALOM**

Daily Mail, Thursday, December 3, 1987

Holmes, sweet Holmes ... will fans of the Baker Street super-sleuth, previously played by Basil Rathbone (right), Peter Cushing (inset, below) and Jeremy Brett (top), accept the bumbling duo of Caine (left) and Kingsley?