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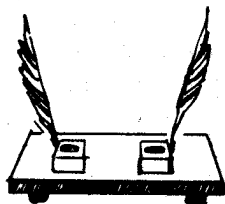


[Suggested in The Five Orange Pips]

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars



## Musings from the Major...



At last!! The Great (Communication) Hiatus is ended!!! We were fortunate enough to find a sponsor for the printing of this issue, and the SIRATA BEACH RESORT management has agreed to pay the postage! Throughout the years, Dr. Ben and Leslie Marshall pretty much supported the publication themselves. Your present recorder cannot afford to do that, and I strongly feel that a society such as ours must support itself. To that end, and with discussion with those who attended our last two gatherings, effective with this issue, our dues are now raised to 2.21 Victorian pounds per annum (\$11.50). These funds will be used by the scion to support six issues

of the Communication per year (at least), A newly instituted annual literary award, the "Leslie Marshall/Benton Wood Award", and other such scion activities as are deemed worthy. It must be noted that our dues have not been raised since the founding of the scion!!! Unfortunately, we must now keep pace with both rising production costs and the United States Postal Service. Please! Don't shoot the messenger! We will continue to try to find sponsors for our various activities, but simply cannot depend upon that as a source of revenue. Hopefully, we will be able to continue in the tradition of quality publications that has been begun. We now have over 450 on our mailing list, including exchange publications. I must ask that those who paid for lifetime subscriptions consider these for the life of Ben Wood's recordership. (Continued on page two)



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## Holmes Hype Begins

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# Headquarters:



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\*(On this day in 1894, Mr Sherlock Holmes [much like this Communication] returned from his great hiatus!!!)

Each issue is dedicated with affectionate respect to our founder, Leslie Marshall, BSI; and, our long-time editor and Pip, the first, RECORDER EMERITUS!, The Reverend Dr. Benton Wood, BSI.

Believe me, this has not been an easy decision to make, nor communication to write. I view Ben and Leslie's efforts with great admiration, but now we must all share the responsibility.

There have been countless letters since the last communication, far too numerous to name them all here. Please accept my thanks with this expression.

Our prior two gatherings, spring and winter, were both extremely well attended with many new faces. Our special thanks to Mike and Mary Carroll for hosting the winter gathering at their house.

This January, Ben and Joan Wood, Mike Carroll and your recorder made the annual trek to NYC for the BSI dinner. 11" of snow on Friday did not dampen our spirits, as we had made sure to imbibe them already. The high point of the dinner was the presence of Tsukasa Kobayashi, founder with his wife of the Sherlock Holmes Club of Japan. Great man with much to say on the erection of the statue to the Master this fall in Japan. The low point was the absence of both Julian Wolff and John Shaw. A spark was certainly lacking!

In March, Mike Carroll, Joan and Ben Wood, David McCallister and I attended the luncheon of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the English Speaking Union. Mike gave an excellent presentation of Jon Lellenberg's paper on the connection between Doyle and the Oxford English Dictionary. You'll all have a chance to hear that at the Spring gathering! Don't miss it! Also, don't miss Paul Singleton's article on "Without a Clue!" in the latest BSJ. PS, a list of investitures will be available at the gathering, so that you may see which are still available. I'll see you at the beach!!!

# From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen



## MINT SAUCE

½-Cup Chopped Mint Leaves  
¾-Cup Vinegar

2 Tablespoons Powdered Sugar  
Few Grains of Salt

Heat vinegar to boiling. Add remaining ingredients. Cool.

## RAISIN CURRENT SAUCE

1 Cup Seedless Raisins  
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1 Tablespoon Minced Orange Peel  
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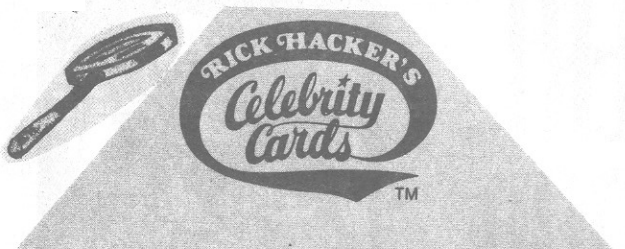


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# Philatelic Philandering

... or Stamping around with  
**SHERLOCK HOLMES**  
by Ben Wood, BSI, PPOF, etc....



"Tis a good 'n' proper thing that we get this column back on track, if you follow my train of thought. At left a new issue commemorates an author who had a dickens of a time trying to solve the mystery of Edwin Drood. ... Someone suggested I write a monograph on the varieties of adhesive or gum used on stamps in Holmes era, but I'm sure the Master has already done it, and I'd best stick to something less technical - like passing on an interesting article, of passing Holmesian interest,

which appeared in the Ottawa Citizen a while back

## Stamps Ralph Mitchener

Perhaps the ghost of Moriarty is warning me not to write about Sherlock Holmes. After two typos in the Aug. 8 column, the first spelling of "Holmes" in the Aug. 22 column was "Homes".

I'll try to get even. The use of the word "home" can be related to Holmes and to stamps. Holmes's home address was 221B Baker St. in London.

Mention was made in the Aug. 8 column that the reason there is no number 221 in the Scott catalogue listing of British stamps seemed to be that a sixpenny photogravure King George V stamp was not issued in the mid-1930s to replace a typographed stamp of that value that first appeared in 1924.

It is fun to suggest that Moriarty or his descendants tried to abort the new printing of a stamp that might have been harder to clean than the typographed version.

There have been many pastiches of Conan Doyle's annals of Holmes and Dr. Watson. Perhaps we can look forward to "The Mystery of the Fugitive Ink" or "The Failure of the Photogravure Trials."

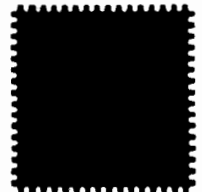
The 1924 version of the stamp was printed in shades of mauve, purple or violet. Another title could be "The Mystery of the Missing Mauve."

Another mysterious British stamp is the well-known Stock Exchange forgery of the one shilling stamp that was first issued in 1865 and which appeared with a different watermark in 1867. It was discovered in 1898 that many forged examples of the 1867 stamp - without a watermark - had been used on telegraph forms.

Holmes might have identified the culprit, even after that length of time. Was the villain a youthful Moriarty?

Some of the forgeries had corner letters that did not appear on the genuine stamps. I'd enjoy reading "The Mystery of the Spurious Letters" or "Substitution at the Stock Exchange."

At right a detailed depiction of Black Peter working in his darkroom. This is a very rare stamp!



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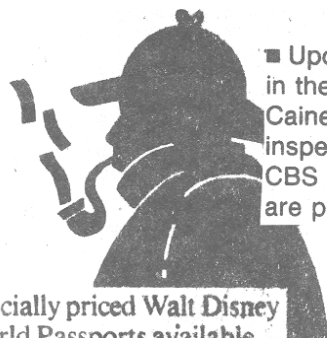
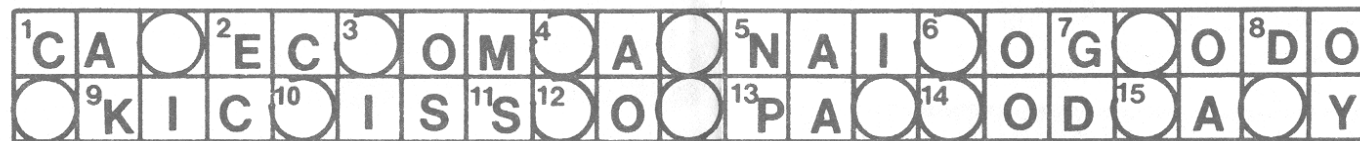


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## FINISH THE FOURS

by N.M. Meyer

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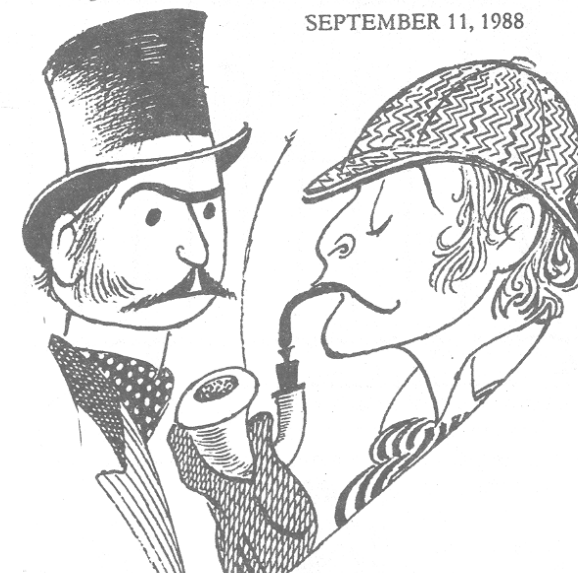


Figure 5. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, was trained in medicine. This 1980 stamp commemorating him is from the Comoro Islands.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1988 LINN'S STAMP NEWS

## The New York Times Magazine

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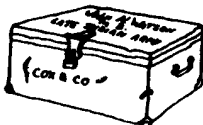
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At the annual dinner of the BSI on 6 January 1989, Irregular shillings and investitures were awarded to:

- Tsukasa Kobayashi - "Baritsu"
- Alvin Rodin - "Palmer"
- Jack D. Key - "Pritchard"
- Richard Caplan - "Dr. Jackson"
- Brad Keefauver - "Winwood Reade"
- Andrew Joffe - "Sir Charles Hallé"
- Kenneth McQuage - "Plumstead Marshes"

Karen L. Johnson was honored as "THE Woman" for the 1989 BSI Dinner.

At the annual Sherlockian cocktail party on 7 January 1989, the Irregulars' Queen Victoria Medal was conferred upon Edith Meiser.

On that same occasion, the first Commissionaire's Award for meritorious contributions to Sherlockiana was presented to Enola Stewart.

The annual cocktail party on 7 January 1989 brought together sixteen of "THE Women" of the BSI in a special honoring celebration.

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The Dr. Watson Fund, established recently, provides financial assistance to Sherlockians - male or female, investitured in the Irregulars or not - who otherwise would be unable to attend the annual Sherlockian convocation in New York City in January. The fund is administered by an anonymous "Dr. Watson," known only to (but who is not) Thomas L. Stix, Jr. Donations in the form of cheques made payable to The Dr. Watson Fund and sent to Mr. Stix will be forwarded to Dr. Watson.

(Information for "Honours" compiled from "The Baker Street Journal")

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