

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL
"did you say you wished to travel?" [3GAB]

The genre of science fiction owes its beginnings to a handful of writers. Jules Verne (1828 -1905) is perhaps one of the best known and the earliest.

But H.G. Wells (1866 -1946) was another, and he was a contemporary of Conan Doyle.

Naturally, there's an intersection between Wells and Sherlock Holmes, and it comes partly through the artifice of Manly Wade Wellman, BSI ("Wisteria Lodge") and his son.

Manly Wade Wellman (not wanly made) was a science fiction writer of note whose association with Sherlock Holmes goes back to the early days of the BSI.

*Ellery Queen included one of Wellman's stories in *The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes*, which was published and celebrated at the famed Trilogy Dinner in March 1944.*

*And later on, together with his son, Wellman birthed **Sherlock Holmes's War of the Worlds**.*

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"did you say you wished to travel?" [3GAB] (continued)

*Here, Peter Blau, BSI ("Black Peter") remembers Wellman in Vol. 36, No. 3 of **The Baker Street Journal**:*

*Manly Wade Wellman, who died on April 1986, was a fine writer in the worlds of mystery, science fiction, and fantasy, and in ours. His 1941 pastiche "But Our Hero Was Not Dead" was chosen by Ellery Queen for reprinting in **The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes**, and his contributions to the Journal ranged from tales-in-verse to*

*an article suggesting that Bertie Wooster's valet Jeeves was Sherlock Holmes's son. In 1975 he and his son Wade Wellman combined all of his enthusiasm in **Sherlock Holmes's War of the Worlds**, pitting Holmes, Watson, and Challenger against the invading Martians. The loss of his varied talents is sad indeed.*

Now let's take a Time Machine back to Baker Street Elementary...

GOOD DAY, MASTERS HOLMES AND WATSON...

**GOOD DAY TO YOU... HOW
GOES THE STORY
CREATING THESE DAYS?**



I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A LITTLE
CONFUSED... DO WE ADDRESS YOU
AS 'HERBERT' OR 'GEORGE'?

ACTUALLY, MY FAMILY REFERS
TO ME AS 'BERTIE'... I HAD A
VERY INTERESTING DREAM
LAST NIGHT THAT COULD
LEAD TO A VERY GOOD YARN.



**I HAD CREATED A
'CONTRAPTION' THAT WOULD
DELIVER ME EITHER FORWARD
OR BACKWARD IN TIME...**



**THAT WOULD BE A WONDEROUS
MACHINE. WOULD YOU WANT TO
VISIT THE PAST OR THE FUTURE ?**

**I THINK I WOULD
START WITH THE PAST...**



**WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO RIGHT
WRONGS THAT YOU OR OTHERS
HAD PERPETRATED IN THE PAST ?**

**WOULD I HAVE TO
RE-TAKE ALL MY
SCHOOL TESTS ?**



**YOU WOULD NEED TO BE CAREFUL
TINKERING WITH THE PAST...**



WE MIGHT END UP WITH A
WORLD WHERE DINOSAURS
RULE, AND WE ARE THEIR PETS.



**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SIMPLY
GOING BY YOUR INITIALS ?**

