

YOU'RE GOOSE IS COOKED "a collector of fairy tales" [HOUN]

*If you ask the average person (and let's face it: readers of **I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere** are above average people) about Humpty Dumpty, they'll inevitably conjure up an image of a giant humanoid egg, sitting on a wall.*

The nursery rhyme had its origin in 1797, but doesn't make mention of an egg:

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Cannot put Humpty together again.*

*However, it was the fanciful illustrations for Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass* by John Tenniel in 1872 that popularized the ovoid version of Humpty Dumpty.*

There are many suppositions attached to the origin of the rhyme, including a more modern myth that it referred to a cannon.

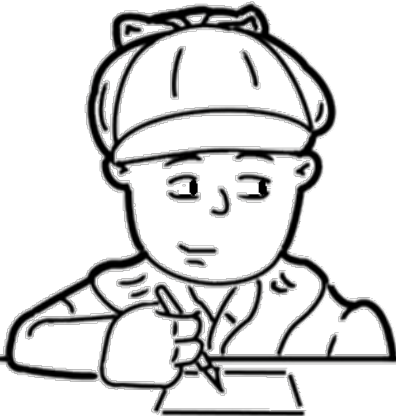
*To bring it back to Sherlock Holmes, the legendary William S. Baring-Gould, BSI ("The Gloria Scott"), author of *The Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, also wrote a similar tome: **The Annotated Mother Goose**.*

It is listed as "Fascinating footnotes to the common and less common rhymes, telling of each rhyme's origin in the days when "children's" literature did not exist."

Meanwhile, at Baker Street Elementary, the study of literature goes on...

... **COULDN'T PUT HUMPTY TOGETHER
AGAIN... ANY QUESTIONS ?**

I HAVE SEVERAL...



WHAT KIND OF
EGG WAS HUMPTY
DUMPTY ?

THE NURSERY
RHYME DOES
NOT SAY...

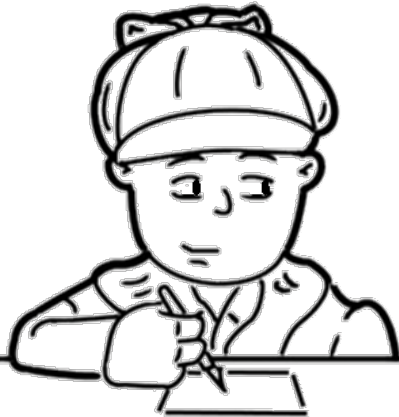


I AM GOING WITH A GOOSE EGG...

**HE WAS PRETTY LARGE...
I WOULD WAGER HE WAS
FROM AN OSTRICH...**



**I BELIEVE HE WAS
FROM THE CHICKEN
WHO CROSSED THE
ROAD...**



**BOTH OF THEM ARE ALWAYS
SEEKING THRILLS, AND HAVE
A PENCHANT FOR DANGEROUS
SITUATIONS...**



**I HOPE HE HAD A GOOD
ATTORNEY... THAT WALL
SOUNDS VERY DANGEROUS...**



**I BELIEVE WE WILL SKIP 'LITTLE MISS
MUFFET' TOMORROW...**

**EVEN MORE QUESTIONS
FOR THAT ONE...**

