

A Good Egg *"two empty egg-shells" [RETI]*

We've talked about Humpty Dumpty in these parts previously, with the connection between annotated editions.

This time around, let's focus on the edible aspects of the ovicular.

To put it plainly, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson frequently enjoyed eggs for breakfast.

In The Sign of Four, we find them sitting down to ham and eggs:

When I came down to our room, I found the breakfast laid and Holmes pouring out the coffee.

"Here it is," said he, laughing, and pointing to an open newspaper.

"The energetic Jones and the ubiquitous reporter have fixed it up between them. But you have had enough of the case. Better have your

ham and eggs first."

When Watson brought Victor Hatherley to Baker Street in "The Engineer's Thumb," Holmes welcomed them with and joined them for breakfast:

Sherlock Holmes was, as I expected, lounging about his sitting-room in his dressing-gown, reading the agony column of The Times and smoking his before-breakfast pipe, which was composed of all the plugs and dottles left from his smokes of the day before, all carefully dried and collected on the corner of the mantelpiece. He received us in his quietly genial fashion, ordered fresh rashers and eggs, and joined us in a hearty meal.

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Of course, that famous scene at the conclusion of "The Naval Treaty" found Mrs. Hudson rising to the occasion with curried chicken, ham and eggs.

*"Good! What are you going to take, Mr. Phelps—curried fowl or eggs, or will you help yourself?"...
Sherlock Holmes swallowed a cup of coffee and turned his attention to the ham and eggs.*

Breakfast was interrupted by the capture of Patrick Cairns in "Black Peter":

"I must really apologize, Hopkins," said Sherlock Holmes; "I fear that the scrambled eggs are cold. However, you will enjoy the rest of your breakfast all the better, will you not, for the thought that you have brought your case to a triumphant conclusion."

And what should have been soft-boiled eggs in "The Problem of Thor Bridge" became another offering, due to an absent-minded cook:

"There is little to share, but we may discuss it when you have consumed the two hard-boiled eggs with which our new cook has favoured us. Their condition may not be unconnected with the copy of the Family Herald which I observed yesterday upon the hall-table. Even so trivial a matter as cooking an egg demands an attention which is conscious of the passage of time and incompatible with the love romance in that excellent periodical."

Meanwhile, the boys at Baker Street Elementary are considering the implications of a large fractured egg...

*...COULDN'T PUT HUMPTY
TOGETHER AGAIN*



**MA'AM... I DO HAVE
ONE QUESTION ON
OUR LESSON
TODAY...**

**YOUR QUESTIONS
ARE VERY SIMILAR
TO ARGUMENTS...**



**COULD HUMPTY SUE THE
KING'S MEN FOR MEDICAL
MALPRACTICE ?**

**CAN'T CRY OVER
SPILLED EGGS...**



**OR POSSIBLY GET A JUDGEMENT AGAINST THE
KINGDOM FOR BUILDING A DEFECTIVE WALL ?**

**I WONDER HOW
BIG AN OMLETTE
HUMPTY MADE ?**



**AND YOU TWO WONDER WHY I STICK TO
MATH AND SCIENCES... ?**

**SEEMS WE WERE LEFT WITH A
RHYME, BUT NO REASON...**

