

A KERNEL OF TRUTH
"how long have you been playing this trick" [VALL]

In 1922, Doyle himself wrote a Holmes parody.

Until that time, he had suffered at the hands of parodists who created versions of Holmes in stories, comics, plays and more.

But Doyle's story "How Watson Learned the Trick" was unique addition in that it was created specifically for Queen Mary's Dolls House—a project that called for top artists and craftsmen to contribute to the building of and possessions within a doll house for Queen Mary, wife of George V.

Doyle wrote the 503-word story, taking up 34 pages, which was bound into a tiny volume for a bookshelf, measuring 1.5 inches high by 1.25 inches wide.

The "trick" Watson supposedly learned was Holmes's methods of observation and inference, only to have Holmes bat down his every assumption.

Meanwhile, the boys of Baker Street Elementary demonstrate a much early trick Watson learned...

**WELL STAMFORD, I LEARNED A NEW
TRICK THIS SUMMER AT MY HOUSE.**

**OH? WHAT WAS
THAT, JOHN?**



POPPING CORN WITHOUT A LID IS MUCH MORE EXCITING.



**IT TOOK MY MOTHER ALL NIGHT TO
FIND ALL THOSE KERNELS. IT SEEMS
SOME EVEN MADE IT UPSTAIRS.**



WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
YOU LOOK DISAPPOINTED?

WHY DIDN'T I
THINK OF THAT ?

