

**HOLMES, I AM VERY IMPRESSED WITH
YOUR SOLVING OF THE MYSTERY
SURROUNDING THE ABERNETTY FAMILY.**



BUT I STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE DEPTH THE PARSLEY SANK INTO THE BUTTER COULD LEAD YOU TO THE SOLUTION OF THE TWIN'S ILLNESS IN THE DINING ROOM.



**THAT IS BECAUSE YOU SEE,
BUT DO NOT OBSERVE**

SO CLICHÉ...



**IT REALLY WAS QUITE SIMPLE.
TRY TO FOLLOW MY LOGIC.**



BUTTER IS CHURNED AT THE FARM OUTSIDE OF TOWN AND DELIVERED TO US EACH WEEK TO BE KEPT IN THE KITCHEN'S REFRIGERATORS...



LAST WEEK, YOU MAY REMEMBER OUR DEAR MRS. HUDSON WAS STRUCK ILL FOR A FEW DAYS. THE KINDLY, BUT NOT QUITE AS SHARP, MRS. TURNER AGREED TO SERVE THE MEALS DURING HER ABSENCE.



FOR BREAKFAST ON MONDAY, SHE SERVED BREAD, BUTTER AND JAMS. SADLY, SHE DID NOT REALIZE ONE DISH OF BUTTER HAD TURNED BAD AS IT SAT OUTSIDE ON THE COUNTER NEXT TO THE STOVE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.



THE SPRIG OF PARSLEY SANK INTO THE
SOFTENED DAIRY PRODUCT AS IT WENT BAD...
THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF THE
BUTTER HAD BEEN KEPT CHILLED ON ICE.



WHY DID NOT OTHER STUDENTS
AT THE TABLE GET SICK, JUST
THE ABERNETTY TWINS.



EASY... THE REST OF THE TABLE PARTOOK IN THYME-FLAVORED BUTTER, WHICH WAS STILL FIRM AND FRESH. ONLY THE TWINS DINED ON THE PARSLEY-LADEN BUTTER.



THE SCHOOL NURSE BELIEVES THE TWINS WILL BE FINE, BUT WILL NEED LOTS OF FRESH LAUNDRY EACH DAY.



THE HEADMASTER HAS NOT TAKEN KINDLY
TO MRS. TURNER'S ERROR, BUT MRS.
HUDSON, BEING THE MOST TOLERANT
PERSON ON EARTH, WILL CONTINUE TO USE
HER WHENEVER NECESSARY.

