

## ***THIS POISONOUS ATMOSPHERE*** ***“a good medicine” [GOLD]***

*We've come across a few poisons in the Sherlock Holmes stories. From South American alkaloids to prussic acid to charcoal and more, there have been a handful of poisons that have caused irreparable damage or death to the victims.*

*But in most of these instances, there was one thing we lacked: an antidote.*

*Think about that for a moment: in each case where poison was concerned, there was no antidote for a lethal dose.*

*The victims all expired.*

*In the occasional instance of victims receiving a non-lethal dose, they either had the poison removed in some fashion (SUSS) or removed themselves from the environment before more damage could be done (DEVI).*

*However, Watson's medical bag wasn't completely devoid of solving harrowing cases.*

*He of course carried his universal specific everywhere.*

*That's right; brandy.*

## **THIS POISONOUS ATMOSPHERE "a good medicine" [GOLD] (continued)**

*[Incidentally, if you'd like to get a mug or a t-shirt honoring Watson's medical bag, check out the **I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere** store.]*

*Meanwhile, here's an interesting trivia question.*

*You might want to try this out at your next gathering:*

*There is only one antidote mentioned in the Canon. What is it and where did it appear? (Answer below.)*

*The poisonous atmosphere at Baker Street Elementary may provide some light on this kind of medicine...*

*\*Answer to the trivia question: the only antidote mentioned in the Canon is work.*

*When Holmes returned from his hiatus in "The Adventure of the Empty House" and learned of Watson's "own sad bereavement," he said, "Work is the best antidote to sorrow, my dear Watson."*

**WELL, I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS, AND RECEIVED EVERYTHING  
THEY ASKED FOR FROM SANTA.**



**I AM STILL CONFUSED... IF TODAY IS BOXING DAY, THEN IS YESTERDAY CONSIDERED CHRISTMAS OR BOXING DAY EVE ?**



MY PARENTS INTERCEPTED MY LETTER  
TO FATHER CHRISTMAS... SO ALL I  
RECEIVED WAS COAL IN MY STOCKING  
THIS YEAR...



**WHAT COULD YOU HAVE POSSIBLY SAID IN THE LETTER TO DESERVE PUNISHMENT ?**



**LET ME READ IT TO YOU:**

**DEAR FATHER CLAUS... I HAVE BEEN NAUGHTY  
THIS YEAR, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT...**

**LEAVE LOTS OF PRESENTS...**



**... OR I WON'T TELL YOU THE ANTIDOTE FOR  
THE POISON I PLACED IN THE GLASS OF MILK  
YOU JUST DRANK...**

**MY PARENTS DON'T APPRECIATE MY HUMOR...**

**I WOULD HAVE BEEN  
THRILLED TO GET  
COAL AFTER THAT.**

