

Out With the Old *"Her idea of cuisine is a little limited" [NAVA]*

One of the most remembered quotes about Mrs. Hudson and her culinary abilities comes from "The Naval Treaty," in which Holmes, Watson, and Percy Phelps sit down for breakfast a la Hudson.

*"Mrs. Hudson has risen to the occasion," said Holmes, uncovering a dish of curried chicken. "Her cuisine is a little limited, but she has as good an idea of breakfast as a Scotch-woman. What have you here, Watson?"
"Ham and eggs," I answered.*

We know that what Mr. Phelps uncovers is entirely inedible, but we'll leave the spoilers

out of it for now.

Could it be that Mrs. Hudson tired of cooking for the Baker Street boys after so many years?

After all, she must have taken possession of 221B Baker Street after her husband's death and being a landlady to one of the worst tenants in London likely took a toll on her.

In "The Problem of Thor Bridge," we're told that there is a new cook:

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"Her idea of cuisine is a little limited" [NAVA] (continued)

"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."

Thus, the "old" cook was likely to have been Mrs. Hudson.

Either she required a holiday from cooking or Holmes (in his uniquely straightforward way) intimated that he had had enough of her cooking.

She had a little more variety when it came to her duties in the dining hall at Baker Street Elementary...

WHAT INTERESTING
MENU HAS MRS.
HUDSON PREPARED
FOR US TODAY ?

IT'S NEW YEAR'S DAY...
WE ARE GETTING A
BUFFET OF GOOD LUCK
FOODS...



**THERE ARE GOOD LUCK
FOODS ?**

**WHY HAVE I NOT KNOWN
ABOUT THIS BEFORE ?**



**SURE... IN ITALY,
THEY EAT FRIED
PASTRIES TO
GUARANTEE A
SWEET YEAR...**

**IN SPAIN, YOU EAT
12 GRAPES AT
MIDNIGHT FOR
GOOD LUCK...**



**IN PENNSYLVANIA,
PORK AND
SAUERKRAUT
BRIGHTENS THE
NEW YEAR...**

**AND IN THE
SOUTHERN UNITED
STATES, BLACK-EYED
PEAS ATTRACT A
FINANCIAL WINDFALL...**



**GERMAN FOLKLORE
REQUIRES EATING
HERRING AT
MIDNIGHT FOR
GOOD LUCK...**

**... AND PICKLED
HERRING IN
POLAND DOES THE
TRICK...**



**IN GREECE,
POMEGRANATES ARE
SUPPOSED TO
IMPROVE FERTILITY
ON THIS DAY...**

**PRETTY SURE I
DON'T WANT
THAT THIS YEAR...**



**ASIAN CULTURES
BELIEVE EATING
ORANGES AND
HONEY WILL BRING
YOU FORTUNE AND
WEALTH...**

**... AND MANY FEEL
THAT EATING PORK
IS LUCKY, AS PIGS
PUSH FORWARD AS
THEY EAT...**



**WILL EATING
ALL THAT
MAKE ME FEEL
LIKE AN
ADULT ?**



**NO, YOU WILL
FEEL LIKE AN
ADULT WHEN YOU
EAT TOO MUCH
FOR LUNCH, AND
FEEL DROWSY ALL
AFTERNOON...**

**BUT IF YOU EAT
TOO MUCH FOR
DINNER, YOU STAY
AWAKE ALL NIGHT...**

