

Something a Little Recherche *"Ah, naughty, naughty" [SIGN]*

When we get children together of a certain age, there's a certain kind of humor that inevitably makes its way to the fore.

At the utterance of a double entendre or a scatological reference, furtive glances lead to smirks that lead to outbursts of laughter.

Did Holmes and Watson experience such instances as schoolboys?

Almost certainly. And what about in the Canon itself?

Well, the great Sherlockian John Bennett Shaw delivered a paper at a dinner in 1971 along those lines.

It was so racy that the editor of The Baker Street Journal (who was also the head of the BSI, and was still incensed from the talk at the dinner) refused to publish it.

It was called "a most amusing talk...showing evidence of much research and truly specialized knowledge, but, unfortunately, unpublishable."

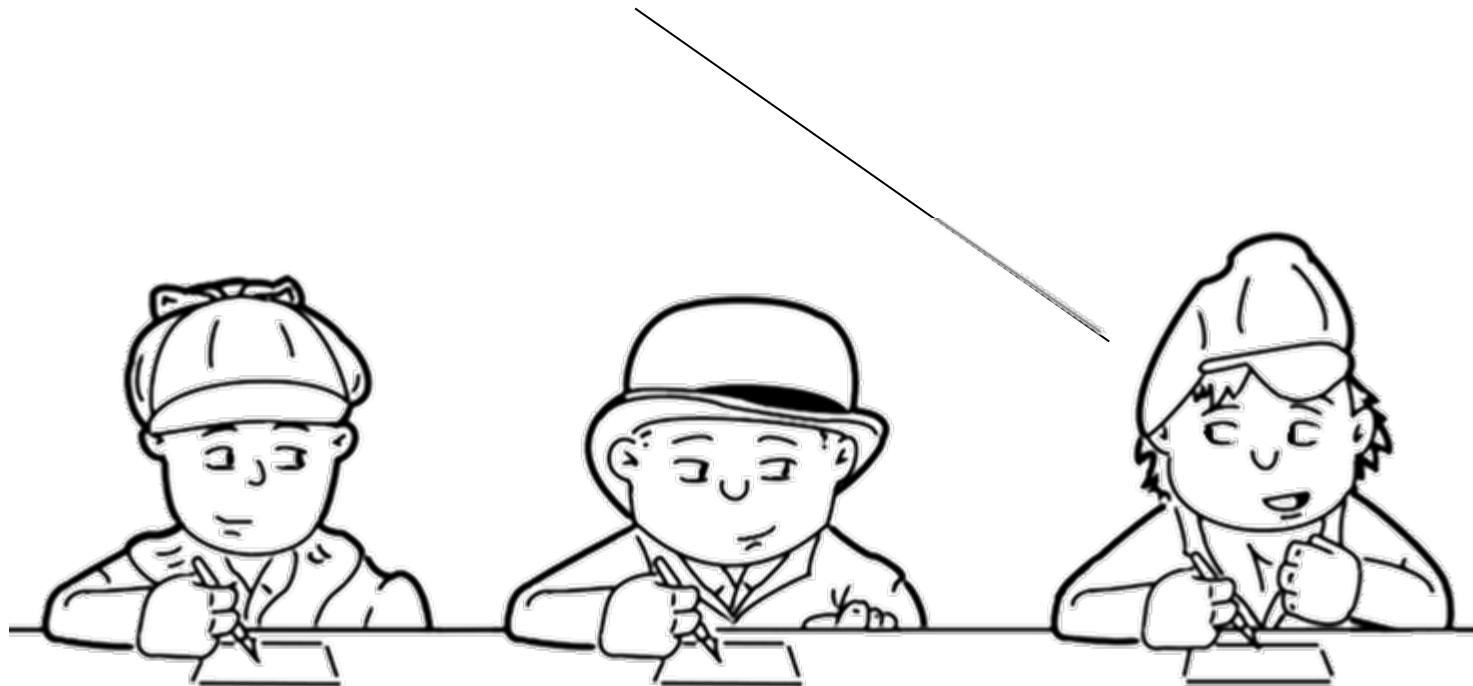
At least by the BSJ. But it did appear later that year in Bruce Kennedy's Shades of Sherlock.

Meanwhile, we'll see what the boys are snickering about at Baker Street Elementary...

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FAY, MASON & MASON

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT HUMOUR
WILL BE LIKE IN 150 YEARS OR SO ?**



THE FIRST ADVENTURES OF HOLMES AND WATSON

**I AM GUESSING IT WILL BE KNOWN AS
'TOILET HUMOUR'**

WHAT'S A TOILET ?

**OK... MAYBE 'POTTY
HUMOUR'**



AND WHAT CONSTITUTES 'POTTY HUMOUR' ?

**IT WILL BE LACED WITH
OFFENSIVE WORDS...**



**THE 'NAUGHTY' WORDS YOU REFER TO
AREN'T REALLY THAT BAD...**



**THEY ARE JUST ANOTHER ARRANGEMENT OF
VOWELS AND CONSONANTS... THEY ARE
ONLY OFFENSIVE IF THE LISTENER DECIDES
THEY ARE OFFENSIVE...**



**SO, IN REALITY, USING OFFENSIVE WORDS
IS GIVING UP CONTROL, WHICH IN A
WEIRD WAY, IS THE OPPOSITE OF
OFFENSIVE...**



**WELL, SHE JUST TOOK THE
FUN OUT OF LEARNING MORE
WORDS ON THE PLAYGROUND...**



**I CAN ONLY IMAGINE MY FUTURE
DISAPPOINTMENTS WILL BE MORE
FRUSTRATING IF I DON'T HAVE SWEAR
WORDS TO YELL OUT...**

