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From the Editors: Along with the newsletter itself, we are attaching another pastiche written by Jack Brazos III and provided to us by his literary agent, Marland Henderson, titled THE CABMAN MURDER. In this month, we will also provide information on a PBS Special, an article on the games of Sherlock Holmes, as well as the Fortescue Scholarship Program.

Don, Steve, & Joe

November, 2013 Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3rd, at McFadden's in Addison.

Following Baring-Gould's **Chronology of the Canon, "The Adventure of the Resident Patient,"** will be discussed. A quiz on the reading will be conducted at the beginning of the meeting.

Each monthly meeting will also include appropriate toasts as well as general business, introductions, and general fellowship.

Remember to bring books you no longer want for the book exchange !!

October, 2013 Meeting

The last meeting was held on October 8, with 24 members in attendance (**a record turn-out !!**). The opening toast was presented by Don Hobbs, who was somehow able to honor Dr. Roylott, the villain of "The Speckled Band," (see page 3 for a transcript of the toast).

Joe Fay gave a detailed, objective history of the Mormon religion, including their move westward and their basic tenets.

Tim Kline provided an extensive look at his inventory of Sherlockian Games, which include board games, card games, and even electronic arts.

The monthly quiz covered the story of the month, "The Adventure of the Speckled Band." Walter Pieper and Sharon Lowry (two in a row) tied for first place on the quiz.

Brenda Hutchinson gave a splendid reading for the final toast, a sonnet given by James Hylott in July, 1947 (see page 3 for a transcript of the toast).



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How Sherlock Holmes Changed the World

From Deduction to Forensics, PBS Special Tells How Sherlock Changed the World
'Sherlock Holmes is the grandfather of forensic science,' states top forensic scientist Dr. Henry Lee.

Modern methods of crime fighting owe much to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional 'World's first consulting detective,' Sherlock Holmes. From his method of deduction to his use of blood spatter, fingerprints and studies of such things as the types of cigar and cigarette smoke, Holmes inspired methods now used around the world in the pursuit of criminals.

This fall, the PBS special, How Sherlock Changed the World will trace the path from Doyle's fictional detective to the modern forensics labs of Scotland Yard and the FBI. PBS announced the premiere of HOW SHERLOCK CHANGED THE WORLD, a two-hour special about the world's most legendary fictional detective — Sherlock Holmes. The special will reveal for the first time the impact that Holmes has had on the development of real criminal investigation and forensic techniques. The program is slated to premiere in fall 2013 on PBS.

Sherlock Holmes is, without doubt, the most famous fictional detective the world has ever known. HOW SHERLOCK CHANGED THE WORLD will show that Conan Doyle's hero not only revolutionized the world of fiction, but also changed the real world in more ways than many realize. Holmes was a scientist who used chemistry, fingerprints and bloodstains to catch an offender in an era when eyewitness reports and "smoking gun" evidence were needed to convict criminals, and police incompetence meant that Jack the Ripper stalked the streets freely.



In many ways, the modern detective can be seen as a direct extension of Conan Doyle's literary genius. 'We are delighted to bring this exclusive special about Sherlock Holmes to PBS,' said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. 'HOW SHERLOCK CHANGED THE WORLD takes Conan Doyle's creation from fiction to reality, revealing the real-life importance of Holmes as a revolutionary crime fighter.' 'It is clear, especially of late, the lasting impact that Holmes has had, both nationally and internationally,' added Trish Powell,

Executive Producer at Love Productions, the studio behind the special. 'The worldwide success of the BBC drama on MASTERPIECE MYSTERY! and recent box-office hits. Sherlock Holmes and Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows have proven Holmes to be a timeless source of entertainment. With this recent resurgence of interest, it is a perfect time to present this Sherlock Holmes special that demonstrates how the character was a catalyst for meaningful advancement and change in the field of criminal investigation and forensic science.'



Through the use of compelling archival material and reconstruction, HOW SHERLOCK CHANGED THE WORLD tells the true stories of the scientists, detectives and even criminals who were inspired or influenced by the legend of Holmes. The program explores real crimes that were solved thanks to a piece of equipment Holmes used, a technique he popularized or invented, or even his method of reasoning. The special will also assess the history of Holmes' techniques from the 1880s to the present, showing how the scientific techniques Holmes introduced to the world have evolved into the stunning CSI-style forensic labs of Scotland Yard and the FBI.



'Holmes is the grandfather of forensic science,' states top forensic scientist Dr. Henry Lee. 'Today when I go to a crime scene I use his logic, his method of deduction. That's how we do it today, solving cases based on Holmes' logic.' HOW SHERLOCK CHANGED THE WORLD will demonstrate how the legacy of Holmes, as the first crime profiler, was not solely a reservoir of brilliant stories and wonderfully drawn characters, but that it has saved lives and led to the capture of some of the worst criminals in modern history.

HOW SHERLOCK CHANGED THE WORLD
Tuesdays, November 19 and 26, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET

Toast for Dr. Roylott



In doing research for this toast, I discovered that The Speckled Band was not Mötley Crüe nor was it Robbie Robinson, Rick Danko, or Levi Helm performing with acne on their faces, nor any other form of blemishes related to musical groups.

It is the fourth Sherlock Holmes short story and when published in New York, in the New World, it was titled The Spotted Band. Doyle said it was his favorite Sherlock Holmes story but to me, it is the one that makes the least sense. The Speckled Band was a snake and just not any old snake but an extraordinary snake. A one-of-a-kind snake – one that could hear and heed a whistle! One that was venomous and drank milk! One that bit the head that fed it and no telling where it bit poor Julie Stoner.



The evil person behind all of this is Helen and Julie Stoner's step-father. A man with an uncontrollable temper – a Bengali butler beater, who may or may not have said Cheetahs never win unless they are racing winners who never Cheetah. Don't get your fire-pokers all bend out of shape, but I might have been a little Stoner when I wrote this toast so I hope no one here plans a Baboon Boycott when I raise my glass to toast Grimsley Roylott, evil genius indeed!
Don Hobbs, BSI

Sonnet for a Dinner

written by James Hyslop – July, 1947

We have two honored guests with us tonight;
Each in our hearts reserves for them a chair;



One, tall, beak-nosed, keen-eyed and spare;
The other broad, full-faced and of a medium height –
Two men to whom the world owes much delight.

"The game's afoot," we hear the taller one declare;
Let us adjourn with that immortal pair,
To where a London gas-lamp sheds a feeble light;

Let's join Inspectors Gregson and Lestrade
In paying tribute to our famous host;

Let's sample tantalus and gasogene,
Discussing crimes that tantalized the Yard,
And these two men, in memory ever green;

To Holmes and Watson, gentlemen, a toast!



Meeting Schedule for our Sister Scion Societies

Austin

Second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for dinner
La Madeleine, 9828 Great Hills Trail, Suite 650, Austin 78759
<http://www.sherlockholmessocietyaustin.org/>

Tulsa

Brown Bagatelle Club: Third Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m.
Red Lobster at 4525 E. 51st Street, Tulsa, OK
Central Press Syndicate: Fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
<http://www.angelfire.com/ok5/perceivers/Index.html>

Houston

Second Sunday every other month at 5pm
Black Labrador, 4100 Montrose Blvd #8
Houston, TX 77006
<http://www.johnopenshaw.org/>



GAME OF HOLMES

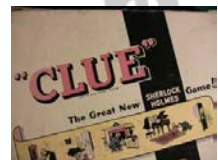
BY
Tim Kline

The Game of Holmes where it is always 1895 and the mists of London roll in off the Thames with murder and crime in the air surrounding an unknowing public. Or in our case 1904, in which the first Sherlock Holmes card game is published by the Parker Brothers company. The Game: Sherlock Holmes was so popular even after the initial 1904 printing that it was printed with many various colors on the box covers and slight color variations on the cards themselves for many years.



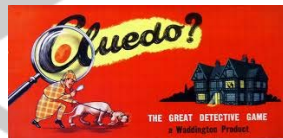
Bringing Sherlock Home was a read the story, find the clues and solve the crime produced by Heyday House in 1935. Puzzling Pastimes games also followed this format but was on a single card about the size of 2 playing cards published in the 1930's by a British company G. Delgado, Ltd.

Following these games evidence is thin as to the next actual game that came into existence that would take us into the gaming world of Sherlock Holmes which might be a direct result of the Great Depression and World War II.



recently hit the market in 1948 with the tag line of The Great New Sherlock Holmes Game.

Cluedo became popular the world over and led to a variation named Murder at Tudor Close with great cover art of Sherlock and Toby the crime dog tugging at a leash on both the Waddington's British version and German printings.



Clue has taken many forms over the years and Sherlock finally was awarded his own characters' version last year thanks to the BBC TV series SHERLOCK.

The gaming world again seems to take a break from the Master Detective and finally makes a resurgence in the early 1970's with several games, 221B Baker Street becoming the spark that would turn into a

flame and burn the longest. The game combined mysteries to solve with a board and game play similar to Clue. It was made into a VHS/TV version which never took off in the world of gaming. The Master



Detective version of the game 221B Baker Street had mini plastic Sherlock busts in 6 different colors. The games' final incarnation was a 1996 version with 20 new mysteries to tackle with the premise of 1896 as being the "Missing Year" in which H.G. Wells had created a Time Machine and issued a challenge for Sherlock to take it and solve the greatest crimes of the 20th Century including The Black Dahlia, The Lindbergh baby kidnapping, JFK assassination, the Zodiac killer, and even the exit of the King, Elvis.



The 1967 board game Murder on the Orient Express is one of the enigma's of the gaming world in that it did not stop the Ideal toy company from making a game with this name and title attributed to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in big bold letters on the front cover and even adds the tagline A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY GAME in big bold letters too. It is better described as a logic problem disguised as a game. It certainly requires a good deal of thought to play. The rule book is 14 pages in length; 6 pages of rules, 3 pages showing how to fill out the tracking forms and 5 pages giving an example of one eight turn play sequence. A deceptively complex game. Even more interesting are the figures for "Sherlock Holmes" and "Doctor Watson". It is obvious from a casual glance that they look nothing like Holmes and Watson. On closer inspection they are recognizable, but as Dr. No and Auric Goldfinger from the James Bond movies Dr. No and Goldfinger! I think the "mystery" of this game is deeper than it seems. As Holmes would say "The game's afoot!".

SUSPICION which has a beautiful Sherlock Holmes drawing on the cover and the paper board is full of many of London's famous district's such as Hyde Park, Kensington, Soho and Battersea. What makes this game so suspicious is that it has no manufacturer listed anywhere on the box,



nor does it have any artist credited for the incredible artwork on this game.

The 1970's had Board games with the title Sherlock Holmes that took on many styles of play with versions similar to Monopoly, a magnetic Battleship type game and even a cribbage type format in the name of the game Deduction! Deduction brings another connection to James Bond as the box top has a drawing of Roger Moore in Deerstalker, cape, smoking a pipe sitting in a throne room chair.

Making a debut at this time was also Sleuth and the biggest one Consulting Detective.

The Consulting Detective game is a role playing game where the imagination was used to help create the London of 1895 and provide hours of fantasy fun. The game includes a large map of London, facsimile newspapers of the era with crimes to solve within its stories. This game sparked versions in many different countries of which are American, British, Swedish, French, German and Italian.



Posters, T-shirts, and lapel pins were made to originally promote the game when it was issued. The game was so popular it went on to be one of the first computer games that was made for the CD-ROM computer format and included into the new emerging gaming



systems of Nintendo and Sega. The best news is that now the box game version has been reissued with all new graphics, posters, and even a T-shirt.

I hear of Sherlock everywhere and see him too with the Robert Downey Jr. movies and 2 television series now being shown has given rise to an internet explosion with printable Playing cards, 2 Tarot decks designed by fans and numerous online games that include Sherlock Holmes as the main character. This newest form of printable cards has only featured Benedict Cumberbatch and the characters from the BBC TV series. The last category of games I will discuss are computer /video games.



Frogwares is the company that has now made Sherlock Holmes a computer household name and established him firmly in the realm of the ether net with titles such as Mystery of the Mummy, Sherlock Holmes vs Arsene Lupin who was a French criminal on the intelligence level of Moriarty.



The Awakened which brings Sherlock into the



world of H.P. Lovecraft, and of course Jack the Ripper vs Sherlock Holmes where you can see if your Holmes can solve the real identity of this fiend.

Frogwares upcoming game Crimes and Punishments has a cutting edge technology titled Un-Real Engine 3, which is quite interesting seeing as how we all know Sherlock Holmes was real.

Sherlock Holmes has not been limited to Board Games and Computer games and has infiltrated itself into the realm of Chess Sets, marbles, Dart Board Cabinets, Puzzles and game books.



Tim Kline has been collecting Sherlock Games seriously since 1997 and has been a Sherlockian since the age of 7.

I am a member of The Crew of the Barque Lone Star of Dallas, Texas and the Waterloo Station of Austin, Texas. My Facebook pages that are Sherlock related are Sherlock Games, Steampunk Sherlock and Sherlock Movie Posters.

I have written 3 books on this subject which are housed in the Library Congress and also at the University of Minnesota Sherlock Holmes collection. I have written several articles on this subject for the Canadian, German and French society newsletters.

A Sighting of Arthur Conan Doyle

Read this in "The Father of Forensics" by Colin Evans (Penguin 2006) p. 179.

Mr. Thorne was a chicken farmer, living in Crowborough.

His girlfriend pestered him to name the wedding day.

Finally she said, "I'm pregnant. Marry me."

Thorne replied that there was another woman in his life.

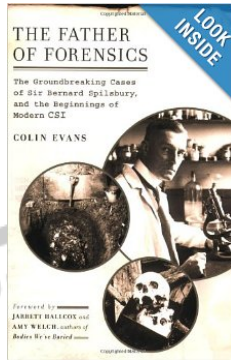
His defense was that she hung herself from a beam in his hut while he went to the village to buy groceries.

He had cut her down and tried to revive her.

Then, panicked that the police would arrest him for murder, he cut off her head and buried her bits and pieces in his chicken run.

The defense's pathologist testified that there were ligature marks on her neck.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the Home pathologist, testified the woman was killed by a blow to the head, and that he saw no ligature marks on the neck.



It was Spilsbury who, together with personnel from Scotland Yard, was responsible for devising the so-called Murder bag, the kit containing plastic gloves, tweezers, evidence bags etc. that detectives attending the

Thanks to Marilyn Penner, Toronto Library

scene of a suspicious death are equipped with. The beam of the cabin was tested by the police, who said that there were no gouges on it that could have been made by a rope dangling a weight equal to that of the woman.

The quote :

"The Thorne verdict was a bitter disappointment for Bronte [the pathologist for the defence].

"Nothing, it seemed, other than an utter courtroom demolition of Spilsbury's evidence could shake his impregnable position.

"Others felt similarly. A campaign to save Thorne's life gathered pace, so did the anti-Spilsbury backlash.

"Outraged letters appeared in the press questioning his pontifical status in the English courtroom.

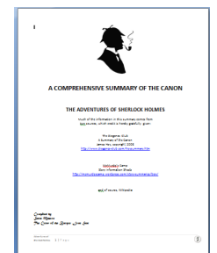
"Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of fiction's greatest detective, Sherlock Holmes, and himself a Crowborough resident, was only the most famous of several notables who expressed concern about the medical evidence in Thorne's trial, arguing that for a man to forfeit his life on the basis of such contradictory testimony was grotesque in the extreme."



Thorne was hanged on April 22, 1925.

Summaries of the Canon

I am always looking for some tidbit (when was a story published, when did it occur, who were the villains, which police were in the story, etc). I was able to find a few outstanding sources (James Hoy, the Diogenes Club; the McMurdo Camp; Wikipedia; and other minor sources.



I have consolidated these sources into a summary of the canon, which is attached in the email. Save these to your hard drive, and they will be always available for you. We will also post them to our website.

The Fortescue Scholarship Honours Program

The Fortescue Scholarship Honours Program was designed by the late Robert W. Hahn, BSI, for the edification and delight of those Sherlockians who have a scholarly interest in the Canon.



The Fortescue Scholarship is the basis for the story "The Adventure of the Three Students." Each of the three students are expected to take several exams to qualify for the scholarship, including Greek, which is administered by Mr. Hilton Soames.

The program is administered by the Watsonians, a Chicago based scion of the Baker Street Irregulars, whose primary mission is to foster an increased appreciation of Dr. John H. Watson and his writings.

In conjunction with the STUD Sherlockian Society, the Watsonians co-sponsor the STUD/Watsonian Weekend. The weekend's events include the annual STUD dinner, the oldest annually running Silver Blaze in the world, and the



Fortescue Scholarship Honours Brunch which recognizes those Sherlockians who have earned one or more degrees in the Fortescue Scholarship program during the past year.

The Honours Program is a three part endeavor, beginning with the Elementary Tripos.

Successful completion of this examination earns the applicant the B.S.S. degree—Baccalaureatus Scientia in Sherlockiana. The B.S.S. degree holder may then apply for the Advanced Tripos Examination.



Successful completion of this examination results in the A.M.S. degree—Artium Magister in Sherlockiana.



A.M.S. degree holders may either prepare a paper on any aspect of the Sacred Writings or complete a third examination. Upon approval of the paper by the Scholarship Board or successful completion of the examination, the applicant is granted his or her Doctorate in Sherlockiana—the Sh.D. degree.

The Board members are: Susan Z. Diamond, ASH, BSI, Chairperson; Allan T. Devitt, and Marilynne McKay, ASH, BSI.

In each instance the successful candidate receives a handsome certificate attesting to his or her right to use the initials for the degree granted. The Tripos questions are not inordinately difficult, nor is the scoring rigid or pedantic.

Each Tripos is an open-book examination. The primary purpose of the program is to encourage increased familiarity with the Canon. Also there is no charge to participate in the program.

We encourage you to join this elite group of Sherlockian scholars. Please send your application to:

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From the Baker Street Journal, April, 1947:

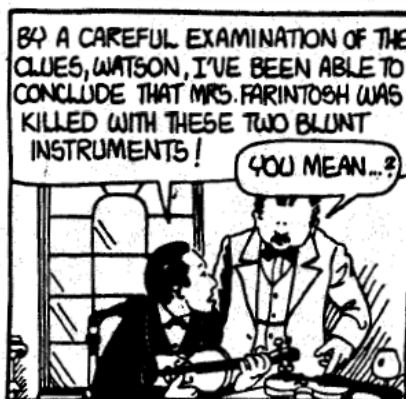
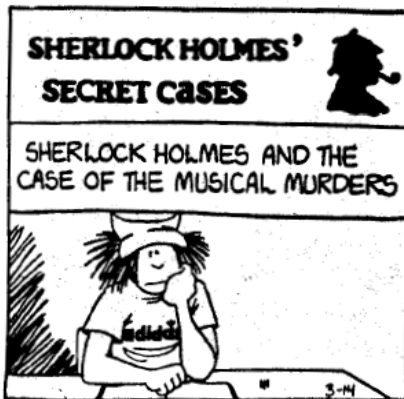
Businesses in the Sacred Writings

Listed below are certain businesses or professional firms which are to be found in the Writings. Match the type of enterprise in which these businesses engaged. Five points for each correct answer. 80 rates you as Sherlockian fan, 90 as Sherlockian scholar, 100 as Sherlockian savant.

	Business	Enterprise
1.	Allan Brothers	Solicitor Firm
2.	Mawson & Williams	Clothier (Manufacturer)
3.	Brickfall & Amberley	Stockbroker's Firm
4.	Dawson & Neligan	Dog Dealers
5.	Ferguson and Muirhead	Banking Firm
6.	Gelder & Company	Coal Owners
7.	Graham & McFarlane	Claret Importers
8.	Harding Brothers	House Agents
9.	Holder & Stevenson	West Country Bankers
10.	Holloway & Steele	Engineering Firm
11.	Madame Lesquier	Tea Brokers
12.	Marx & Co.	Land Agents
13.	Morton & Kennedy	Morticians
14.	Morrison, Morrison, & Dodd	Gift Shop
15.	Rae & Sturmash	Westminster Electricians
16.	Ross & Mangles	Artistic Materials Manufacturers
17.	Stimson & Company	Milliner (Hatmaker)
18.	Venner & Matheson	Machinery Assessors
19.	Westhouse & Marbank	Plaster Bust Manufacturer

Answers will be in next month's Newsletter...

FUNKY WINKERBEAN



Physicians and Surgeons -- Answers

(from the Baker Street Journal, January, 1955)

All you have to do is to match the doctor in each of the following cases:

1. This famous surgeon treated the Master for two scalp wounds and many bruises.	Dr. Percy Trevelyan	4
2. During a train journey, he was of great service to a young man who had suffered a fit in Waterloo Station.	Dr. Willows	10
3. This chess-playing doctor and a lady were locked in a small room and gassed.	Dr. James Mortimer	7
4. Having gone to the laboratory to bring medicine for a supposed cataleptic, he returned to his office to find the patient had disappeared.	Dr. Grimesby Roylott	8
5. He was head of the medical school of the University, and considered a thinker of European reputation in more than one branch of science	Sir James Saunders	9
6. Arriving at the murder scene after the crime had been committed, he remarked that the injuries made on the victim were some of the most horrible he had ever seen, since a terrible railway accident.	Dr. Ray Ernest	3
7. This house surgeon won a prize for writing an essay entitled "Is Disease a Reversion?"	Sir Leslie Oakshott	1
8. Once a skillful physician, he became the terror of his village, where residents would fly at his approach.	Dr. Leslie Armstrong	5
9. A specialist in tropical diseases, he brought welcome news to a distressed family.	Dr. Wood	6
10. He diagnosed the illness of a dying murderer as diabetes and a shattered nervous system.	Dr. Ferrier	2

Answers from last month's Newsletter Quiz...

Who dunnit:



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