



The Medical Bulletin

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Annual Birthday Banquet

The annual dinner celebrating Sherlock Holmes' Birthday will be held January 24 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select in Cherry Creek at 455 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver, Colorado. Terry Teis will be Master of Ceremonies. Festivities will include a social hour prior to dinner followed by the usual frivolities, including the Doctor's Oath, traditional (and perhaps some non-traditional) toasts and trivia contests. A silent auction of Sherlock Holmes memorabilia will be held during the Social Hour with the winners notified by Bill Dorn after dinner.

This year's program will feature a live performance of the "Adventure of the Six Napoleons."

Bartitsu was the martial art developed in the late 19th century in England by E.W. Barton-Wright. It was in part based on the Japanese art of Ju-Jitsu but was intended as a suitable method of defense by English gentlemen and ladies using hands, feet, and commonly available items such as walking sticks and umbrellas. Barton-Wright named the art "Bartitsu" after himself but one t was

omitted when **The Adventure of the Empty House** was published.

Dressed in Victorian attire, the Asgard stunt team will be performing a play demonstrating how Bartitsu could be put to practical use.

Jointly owned by Trygve Lode and Mark Steven Grove, Asgard Entertainment is a Colorado-based stunt and special effects team which has been featured in a number of movies and television programs as well as live performances such as the Viking Festival at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Mark is well-versed in several Japanese martial arts and teaches Ninjutsu, Bushijutsu and other arts at Warrior Quest International in Denver. Trygve is an actor and stunt performer who owns a number of local entertainment and technology based businesses in Colorado.

Registration materials for the annual dinner are included in this issue.

The Practical, But Limited Geologists

By Peter E. Blau, BSI

The **Practical, But Limited, Geologists** (aka The Friends of Sherlock Holmes) met for dinner in honor of the world's first forensic geologist at Dixon's Downtown Grill in Denver on October 31 at the end of the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, offering an opportunity for visiting geologists and local Sherlockians to mingle.

The GSA annual meeting was especially interesting this year, with two technical sessions and a public forum devoted to forensic geology, at which due attention was paid to Sherlock Holmes, science, and "war stories" about some of the more interesting cases geology has helped solve.

Geologists do solve mysteries. One of the visitors who attended the dinner was Sarah Andrews, a geologist and author of a long series of novels about geologist/detective Em Hansen. Sarah's latest novel is "In Cold Pursuit" (about a murder mystery in the Antarctic).

The Practical, But Limited, Geologists will be meeting next in San Antonio and Houston in 2008. They will be back in Denver for the annual meeting of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and hold a dinner on June 10, 2009.

Sherlock Holmes for the Holidays

The only canonical Sherlock Holmes adventure definitely known to have occurred during the holidays is **The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle**, which begins: "I had called upon my friend Sherlock Holmes upon the second morning after Christmas with the intention of wishing him the compliments of the season."

Featuring a misplaced Christmas goose, Holmes' brilliant deductions from an old battered hat, the theft of a jewel of great value, and a nighttime investigation in the bitter cold, **The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle** is an excellent introduction to Sherlock Holmes. So, some dark winter evening when the wind is crying in the chimney, turn off the television and the computer, gather up the children and grandchildren, and read aloud **The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle**.



From the History of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients:

Mary Ake wrote: "The 124th [1978] celebration of Holmes' birthday was a two day occasion: A play at Bon Fils, an English breakfast the following morning... and films and a buffet lunch... followed by the dinner, toasts, and among other delights a demonstration of the Master's skill as a swordsman by Brande Collins and Charlene Schnelker. Sherlock Holmes sent a telegram: 'I am gratified that my birthday is so handsomely celebrated.'"



The Sherlock Store

Bill Dorn will be closing his online store at www.thesherlockstore.com soon. In preparation for that he has placed everything in the store, except the 2008 calendars, on sale at 50% off.

Donations to the Auction

If you wish to donate items to the silent auction at the annual dinner, please contact Bill Dorn by phone or e-mail at billdorn@mac.com or 303-756-1097. Bill needs to receive all donations by January 19th, 2008.



Contributions to the Medical Bulletin are Encouraged!

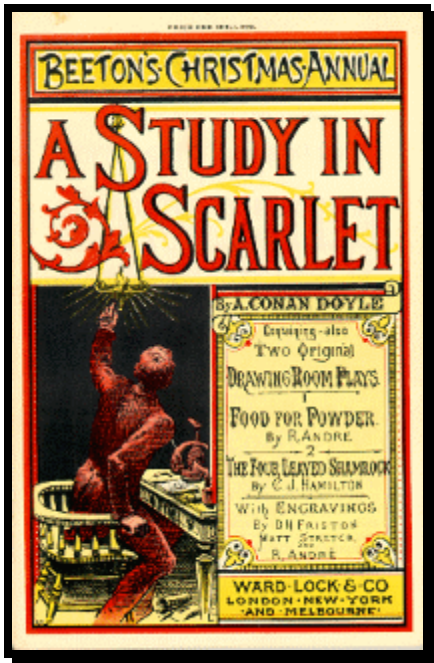
If you don't submit anything to the Medical Bulletin, then you are going to be condemned to read my babble.

If you have an announcement, or you have created some original Sherlockian essays, jokes or cartoons which you would like to see memorialized on these pages, send them to me (Darlene Cypser) by February 28, 2008 at Foolscap & Quill, LLC, P.O. Box 1018, Morrison, CO 80465 or scribe@foolscap-quill.com

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The 120th Anniversary of “A Study in Scarlet”

November 2007 marks the 120th anniversary of the publication of *A Study in Scarlet* in *Beeton's Christmas Annual* (cover below) in 1887. The tale was written in March 1886 and twice rejected by publishers before finding a home with Beeton's. We should all pause this month and thank the foresightful publisher who helped give us the first book of the Canon written by Dr. John H. Watson, without which we would never have known of the exploits of Sherlock Holmes.

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