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By T.J.
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The careful examination of this issue of the Medical Bulletin will enable the scientific reasoner to arrive at many important deductions, among which are:

1. The Annual Dinner celebrating the birthday of Sherlock Holmes is approaching, and promises to be a particularly enjoyable event. (Please plan on attending.)

2. DWNP has continued to sponsor more events than in previous years. This increase in activity has been possible because of an increase in the number of persons volunteering to help with the planning of; the making arrangements for; and the actual carrying out of the events. The positive responses to the events, and

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SHERLOCK HOLMES MEETS
DR. FU MANCHU
A Literary Comparison
By Dennis Hogarth

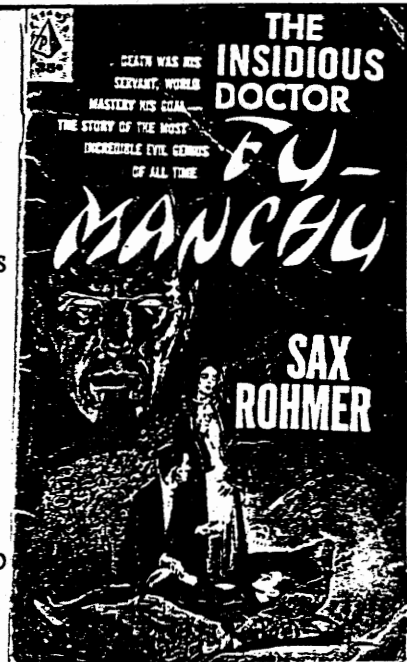
Like Sherlock Holmes, Tarzan and Dracula, the name Fu Manchu is one of the most recognizable names in English language fiction. Who has not heard of the "Fu Manchu moustache?" Fu Manchu is arguably the most famous continuing villain of the mystery genre, yet many mystery enthusiasts are neither aware of the origin nor the adventures of British agent Sir Denis Nayland Smith who battles Fu Manchu and his criminal agents.

English author Sax Rohmer serialized the first Fu Manchu stories for publication in *Collier's Weekly* between 1913 and 1917. Shortly thereafter, these stories were published in book form to constitute the first three books of the Fu Manchu saga—*The Insidious Dr. Fu Manchu* (1913), *The Return of Fu Manchu* (1916), and *The Hand of Fu Manchu* (1917). The final Fu Manchu story was published in 1959 and the whole "Nayland Smith versus Fu Manchu" collection consists of 13 novels, 3 short stories and 1 novelette.

The Fu Manchu stories contain some striking similarities to the Sherlock Holmes mysteries. In the early stories, Sir Denis Nayland Smith, assisted by Dr. Petrie rush about attempting to undermine the nefarious plots of Fu Manchu and the international criminal organization Si Fan which seek world domination. The characters of Nayland Smith, Dr. Petri and Fu Manchu are very similar to Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson and Professor Moriarty.

The main protagonist in the Fu Manchu series is Nayland Smith, a colonial police officer of unspecified authority, who bears a striking resemblance to Sherlock Holmes. Smith is "a tall, lean man, with his square-cut, clean-shaven face. . ." Throughout the stories he is constantly loading his pipe or

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SHERLOCKIANS MOURN JEREMY BRETT'S DEATH

Jeremy Brett, who brought the Master Detective Sherlock Holmes to life on PBS's *Mystery!*, died September 13th at the age of 59. Mr. Brett died in his sleep of heart failure at his London home.

Brett starred in 41 episodes of the Sherlock Holmes series. The final 6 *Mystery!* episodes, starring the late Jeremy Brett will air in December and January. Two episodes, "The Cardboard Bos" and "The Dying Detective," were shown on KRMA Channel Six on December 7th, 1995.

When interviewed by the *Evening Star* in 1988, Brett acknowledged, "The hardest thing in the world is to play someone who is almost an ancient monument." When asked by the

Associated Press about fears of being typecast, Mr. Brett replied, "What a part to be typecast in. I can't tell you the difference it's made; it's lovely."

Edward Hardwicke, who co-starred as Dr. Watson, was quoted by the AP, "I am totally saddened by Jeremy's death. He was a great friend and a really remarkable actor."

Another tribute recounted in the AP release was from Rebecca Eaton, executive producer of *Mystery!* and *Masterpiece Theater*. "He was an actor of immense talent who has given us the defining characterization of Sherlock Holmes for years to come."

Sally Head, Granada's controller of drama, also honored Brett's Sherlock in the AP story. "A finer Sherlock Holmes has never, and will never, exist."

Born Peter Jeremy Huggins, Brett's father asked him to change his name when he took up acting. He had movie roles in *Nicholas and Alexandra* and *My Fair Lady*. His TV roles included Max de Winter in *Rebecca* and Robert Browning in *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*.

Jeremy Brett is survived by a son from his first marriage to actress Anna Massey, which ended in divorce in 1963. When his second wife Joan Wilson, producer of *Masterpiece Theater* and *Mystery!*, died of cancer in 1985, Brett suffered from severe depression culminating in hospitalization in 1994.

Jeremy Brett brought to life for all mystery lovers, the Master Detective Sherlock Holmes. For many Sherlockians, Jeremy Brett's passing was a shock and a great personal loss. Sherlockians around the world consider his portrayal as one of the most definitive.

FROM THE TRANSCRIBER'S BLACK DISPATCH BOX



Recently, a surprised member asked, "Who is responsible for this resurgence of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients?" The answer is, "A lot of hard-working Medical Board members and DWNP volunteers going back over six years, and led by Chief Surgeons John Stephenson, Steve Robinson and Terry Teis." Rebuilding has been a slow process requiring vision, great patience and a lot of very hard work. Literally 1000s of hours were spent by these people on your behalf.

Over the past three years, the membership has reaped the benefit—bookmarks, posters, the anniversary mug, a membership certificate with an official seal, membership cards, the Silent Auction at the Annual Dinner, advanced event schedules and a new member packet to orientate incoming members. Coming in 1996, are name tags, laminated bookmarks, a new poster, a new membership pin, official non-profit status and a sales tax exemption. Coming in 1997, the new DWNP Handbook (suggested by Pat Cowan) which is now being compiled by a special committee of Board and non-Board members.

Since January, 1994, over 40 new members have been added to the DWNP roster. The Board has also sought to de-mystify DWNP by opening up of Board activities to the membership. Members have been invited to attend Board meetings and participate. The response has been tremendous.

Terry Teis also suggested in the Fall of 1994 that the minutes of the Board meetings be sent to the entire membership. The concept was expanded to include notices of upcoming events, membership roster changes/additions and DWNP news of immediate interest. Thus the Medical Board Update was born and was positively received by the membership. As Staff Surgeon Sam Neumeyer says, "It always nice to receive something in the mail from the Neglected Patients."

Not only have DWNP events more than doubled, but the Medical Board has been meeting virtually every month at Pints Pub, a central location for the Board and members with convenient parking. Because there was so much business, the meetings were lasting about 2 1/2 hours. Pints Pub was made an honorary member for allowing us (at no rental charge) to hold there our Board meetings, film nights and special lectures.

In 1994 the Board also recognized that Larry Feldman, the Editor of The Medical Bulletin had been putting out the biannual publication virtually alone, writing most of the contents himself. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to the Bulletin with Board

members jumping in with administrative/clerical help and written articles. Most of the previous two Bulletins and this issue were written by people other than Larry, who was allowed to act as a true editor. Keep those articles pouring into Larry!

Besides The Medical Bulletin, the Board has further reinforced its commitment to Sherlockian Scholarship with the Free Spring "Introduction of Sherlock Holmes" and the Fall "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" Seminars taught at the Downtown Tattered Cover. Bill Dorn needs to be thanked for the concept of doing the seminars. A special thanks to all the instructors who did such a professional job. I hope that more of the longtime DWNP members will follow Bill's lead and teach at one of these seminars. Just call Terry Teis, if you want to share your Sherlockian knowledge. Because the Tattered Cover and staff were so accommodating, the Tattered Cover was also made an honorary member.

Organizationally, the Board has done a lot of tedious, one-time-only administrative work that will make the future operation of Board easier and reduce the number and length of the meetings. Computerized mailing lists, clarifications of duties, close working relationships among the officers, Board Meeting agendas, new membership applications accompanied by a description of the group and events, etc., have all made DWNP more efficient and responsive.

Besides all the work done by the Board Members, past and present, a number of non-Board Members need to be thanked. Charlie Schlaufman is commended for his efforts to set up a mystery party evening. We are grateful to Bill Dorn for the tremendous job he did making the seminars a success and his contributions to the 1996 Silent Auction. Marty Ernteen receives thanks all the work that he did arranging for the seminar location at the Tattered Cover, the post-seminar lunches, publicity for events, drafting the Lee Whiteway proclamation, researching Annual Dinner locations, helping with the final arrangements with the Warwick and setting up the Dr. Watson Birthday picnic.

I will complete my term as Transcriber at the 1996 Annual Dinner and let another assume the duties of Transcriber. There are some very qualified and excited members who will soon be joining the Board. The 1996 Board will find it a very exciting and rewarding time. Their job will be much easier, because of all the hard work done by prior Board Members. See you at the Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner!!

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Hogarth, Transcriber



ANNUAL SHERLOCK HOLMES BIRTHDAY DINNER JANUARY 6TH

The 1996 Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner is scheduled for January 6th, 1996, at the Warwick Hotel in Denver. January 6th is the officially recognized birthday of the World's First Consulting Detective. Robert N. Miller, former U. S. Attorney and co-author of Death Roads: The Story of the Donut Shop Murders, has graciously consented to be our guest speaker. The Donut Shop Murders recounts a nationally famous Colorado murder case Bob prosecuted as the District Attorney in Greeley. A reservation form for the Annual Dinner is included in this Update for your convenience. You will note that on the form you can also renew your membership for 1996, order the new membership pin, order a set of 10 Sherlock Holmes bookmarks, and contribute to the "John H. Watson Fund." **THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR RESERVATION AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM.**

ANNUAL DINNER WARWICK HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

Since this year's Annual Dinner is being held at the Warwick Hotel, those wishing to spend the night may make reservations at the Warwick by calling 861-2000. The price for the room is \$88.32 with tax and includes a continental breakfast plus hot and cold cereals. The check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 1:00 p.m. Please indicate if you want a "smoking" or a "non-smoking room."

DEATH ROADS: THE STORY OF THE DONUT SHOP MURDERS

Guest speaker Bob Miller, former Weld County District Attorney, and Lakewood Police investigator Joseph A. Fanciulli collaborated with author Orvel Trainer to write Death Roads: The Story of the Donut Shop Murders. The book accounts the investigation, prosecution by Bob Miller and the conviction of the outlaw McCrary-Taylor family who had been on a national murder spree, killing from seven to twenty people.

One of their victims was Leeora Rose Looney, an employee of a Lakewood Mister Donut who was robbed, kidnapped, raped and murdered on the evening of August 20th, 1971. Her body was found in the isolated grasslands of rural Weld

County near the Wyoming border. The McCrary-Taylor family was apprehended for the robbery of a supermarket in Santa Barbara, California, and the near fatal wounding of a policeman during that robbery.

The family was brought to Colorado to be prosecuted by Bob Miller, in Weld County, because Colorado then still had the death penalty and Colorado had the strongest case against the family. The book covers what happened during the investigation, the trial and the ultimate disposition of the case. For those wishing to obtain a copy of the book, look for Trainer, Orvel, Death Roads, Pruett, 1979. Both Robert N. Miller and Joseph A Fanciulli are listed as joint authors according to Library of Congress cataloging. Hopefully, Bob will have some extra copies available for sale at the Annual Dinner.

ANNUAL DINNER DOOR PRIZES

At this year's Annual Dinner the table decorations at each table will be given as door prizes. Terry Teis and Dennis Hogarth have put together some unique table decorations. The decorations utilize color reproductions of the original Strand magazine covers which contained Sherlock Holmes stories. In addition, a collage of Sherlockian illustrations and pictures are also used, many of which are unusual or rare. Making the table decorations door prizes was done to give everyone attending an equal chance to take home a decoration. The door prize procedure will be announced at the Annual Dinner.

1996 MEDICAL BOARD ELECTIONS

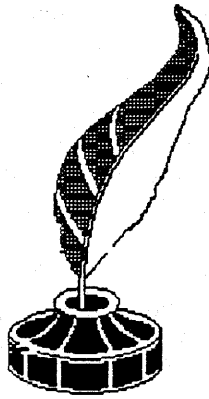
The Election Committee has nominated the following members for upcoming vacancies to the Medical Board:

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| Fran Hogarth | Staff Surgeon |
| Margie Schlaufman | Transcriber |
| Mark Langston | Intern |
| Priscilla Licht | Intern |

Also to be elected at the Annual Dinner are two members to the Election Committee, chaired by the Staff Surgeon. Members also wishing to be nominated for any of these Medical Board positions or the Election Committee should call Sam Neumeyer at 840-9628 or Terry Teis at 455-6006. New Board Members and the two Election Committee members will be elected at the Annual Dinner.

EDITORS NOTES
by Larry Feldman

How like Dennis Hogarth, in his "Dispatch Box" on the previous page, to acknowledge everyone who had a hand in in our recent "resurgence" except for himself. Denny has played a large part over the past term in the increased activity and participation in this organization, contributing many ideas, personal time, as well as his computer and graphic skills toward such items as the wonderful membership certificate that you all should have received, as well as various events. Dennis also made a real difference in the on-going publication of THE MEDICAL BULLETIN, not only with written work, but in technical preparation as well. As you will see, this very issue has several examples of his work. We are all very grateful for his and Fran's participation over the last months, and wish them well in all future endeavors. As editor, we would like to dedicate this issue to both of them.



We do not regret that we have only one scholarly article to present you with this time around, because it is a particularly fine piece on Sherlock Holmes and Fu Manchu by our already acknowledged transcriber. We also have much in the way of club news and information, so you will have plenty to read and ponder over as you sit down to peruse this issue. Also, we have several missives of interest to share with you.

The first two are reactions to Mr. Licht's article last issue ("The Case Against Ms. Holmes"), disputing the assertions of William A.S. Sargeant, co-author of the book Ms Holmes of Baker Street, a book which sought to "prove" the theory that the Master Detective was actually a woman. The first letter is by Mr. Sargeant himself, the second from, (yes, again), Dennis Hogarth. I present them here for your enjoyment and edification.

Dear Mr. Licht,

You have courteously forwarded to me, on the behalf of a certain lady styling herself Mo Pro Mo and claiming to be the relict of the late, dare I say unlamented Professor Moriarty, a document purporting to represent a legal decision concerning the femininity of Ms. Charlotte Holmes, trading under the name "Sherlock Holmes". We agree, of course, that Charlotte was always intending to be considered a man, indeed masquerading under this guise for professional purposes, and in that particular we cannot contest the judgement [sic]. We are surprised, however, by that first phrase "must be". Why so, we wonder, especially in this present age when women have gained (or are seeking) all privileges hitherto reserved for males, while at the same time retaining all their own particular privileges? As for the third phrase "always was"—this is unacceptable, since we believe that our joint work Ms. Holmes of Baker Street has demonstrated otherwise, beyond all reasonable doubt. We freely agree, of course, with the demonstration by A. P. Herbert (in the work you cite and in others) that legal decisions are not governed by reason, but even the law cannot ignore facts!

We must also call into question the matter of whether any U.S. court is properly empowered to rule on any matter concerning the law of England, though concurring that, in any matter concerning Englishmen, no lesser legal code can be fitly consulted.

The question of the femininity of the person Holmes would, of course, be readily resolvable on the basis of a physical examination, since the International Olympic Committee has developed excellent means for doing this unequivocally. However, we recognize that the high level of international interest in "Sherlock Holmes" would make this an ordeal to which Holmes would be unwilling to submit—especially since we have no doubt whatsoever that the result would cause a world-wide sensation, in these days when even the private doings by the British Royal Family are no longer permitted to be veiled from view, let alone from publicity.

However, you will properly respond that (unlike our book) the Council of Neglected Patients was concerned, in its Declaration Judgement [sic], with the legal status and not with the truth.

We note that only the second author of the work cited above was named as plaintiff. Since this may open the way to a follow-up legal action, we are asking our solicitors, Messrs. Fiddle, Faddle and Finangle of Sarjeants Inn, London, to advise.

I write on the behalf of both the seekers of truth in the regard of Ms. Holmes: viz., C. Alan Bradley, citizen of the British Empire--yes, a mere colonial, but still so very much better than what the poet Gilbert so properly styles "the lesser breeds without the Law"--and the undersigned, truly a proud Englishman.

Yours faithfully,
(Dr.) William A.S. Sarjeant
a.k.a ANTHONY SWITHINN
Copy: C.A. Bradley

What follows is, actually, Denny's reaction to the previous letter, which he got to read (obviously) in advance of its publication here.

December 5, 1995

William A.S. Sarjeant
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RE: Your letter response to John Licht's
Declaratory Judgment

Dear Mr. Sarjeant:

I was delighted when you accepted the invitation of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients to speak in Denver, Colorado and outlined C.A. Bradley's and your argument contained in Ms Holmes of Baker Street that Sherlock Holmes was a woman.

I was further amused with John Licht's "The Case Against Ms Holmes" prepared on behalf of the Denver Council of Neglected Patients in the form of a Declaratory Judgment. I read and enjoyed your letter response to Mr. Licht, until I read the last paragraph, which I quote as follows:

I write on the behalf of both the seekers of truth in the regard of Ms. Holmes: viz., C. Alan Bradley, citizen of the British Empire--yes, a mere colonial, but still so very much better than what the poet Gilbert so properly styles "the lesser breeds without the Law"--and the

undersigned, truly a proud Englishman.
[Emphasis Supplied.]

After repeatedly reading this paragraph, I conclude that you imply that John Licht, The Board and membership of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients and Americans in general are "lesser breeds without the Law." In the continued spirit of a good humored exchange of views, I should point out that Gilbert is not a proper authority to cite in a discussion between Sherlockians on this subject. Canonically speaking, where does Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson or Sir Arthur Conan Doyle conclude that Americans in general are not only lawless, but a lesser class than the English? I await your offer of proof.

Canonically,

Dennis Hogarth, Transcriber
Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients
805 Agate St.
Broomfield, CO 80020

A while back, as part of our role in the greater Sherlockian community, the board voted to bestow honorary membership on certain noted rather famous (or, infamous) Sherlockians from around the world. The following are two gracious notes from two of those who clearly appreciate the honor. They are; Thomas Stix, "Wiggins" (read "boss") of the "Baker Street Irregulars (BSI)", our parent organization and inspiration, and the equally formidable Ms. Evelyn Herzog, head and co-founder of "The Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes (ASH)". I publish their addresses, and I know that they would both welcome correspondence from our membership. However, I should warn you that if you are thinking of requesting "membership information" regarding each of their organizations, unlike DWNP, membership in the BSI or ASH is strictly by invitation only. However, both organizations publish journals that are considered standard setters in the Sherlockian world and are well worth inquiring after. You'll note that Mr. Stix's letter to us acknowledges the MEDICAL BOARD UPDATE, while Ms. Herzog's letter acknowledges our new certificate, both of which are the work of (you guessed it) our own Mr. Hogarth.

Thomas L. Stix, Jr.
34 Pierson Avenue
Norwood, N.M. 07648

September 3, 1995

Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients
c/o Dennis Hogarth
805 Agate Street
Broomfield, CO 80020

Dear Fellow Sherlockians,

I want to thank you for making me an honorary member of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients. I apologize for taking so long to acknowledge this honor, but I was unable to deduce an address to send this acknowledgement to due to the fact that the certificate and the June 10th Medical Board Update became separated from their envelope. The problem was solved with the arrival of the August 19th Update.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for sending me the Medical Board Update. It is wonderful to be able to get an insight into what Sherlockian societies are doing around the country.

Again, although belatedly, many thanks to Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients who have not really been neglected by Wiggins.

Canonically, Thomas L. Stix, Jr.

Ms Evelyn A. Herzog
360 W. 21st St. #5A
New York, N.Y. 10011-3310

July 13, 1995

Dr. Mr. Hogarth,

Thank you very much for the most handsome membership certificate. Your artistry and the group's thoughtfulness are much appreciated. Continued Success to you all!

Sincerely,
Evelyn Herzog

Well, that's it for this time. Meanwhile, I will remind you to send any inquiry re: club business or membership to:

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c/o Terry Teis
2251 Hooker Street
Denver, CO 80221

In the meantime, any letters about this publication or our organization, as well as any scholarly or creative piece relating to Sherlock Holmes that you wish to be considered for publication, should be sent to:

THE MEDICAL BULLETIN
c/o Larry Feldman
533 Jackson Street
Denver, CO 80206



THE "GIANT RAT OF SUMATRA?"

The following article was forwarded to your Chief Surgeon Terry Teis, by the eminent Denver Sherlockian, Robert St. John, whose researches in newspaper archives rescued the following item from undeserved obscurity.

Two Chinese soldiers captured a huge rat-like creature weighing 8 pounds, with "paws like a cat and a tail as thick as a man's thumb," the Xinhua news agency reported. Members of the Beijing paramilitary armed police found the toothy rodent while on patrol in their barracks on the outskirts of the capital. Police asked experts to identify the 24-inch-long animal before they decide its fate.

Could this be the "Giant Rat of Sumatra?"



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the new members who have joined DWNP because of the events are deeply appreciated.

3. Several energetic members of the Medical Board have completed their terms of office, and are taking well-deserved breaks from their duties. Several other talented persons have allowed themselves to be nominated for vacant offices, but more new Board members are essential to the continuation of DWNP's re-vitalization.

4. New membership pins have been designed, and are in production. The pins are being made out-of-state as a limited edition special item. The emphasis is on quality of production, rather than the speed of fabrication—although I hope the pins will be ready for and available at the 6 January Annual Dinner.

5. I cannot adequately thank all those DWNP members who have made 1995 so enjoyable a year for me as Chief Surgeon – but I intend to try to do so, at the Annual Dinner.



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dropping an unlit match he was going to use to light the pipe. He is a man of enormous energy constantly rushing about, speaking in clipped sentences or phrases. Smith is usually called in to handle cases beyond the skill and depth of Scotland Yard. Smith describes himself as "a servant of the British Government, lately stationed in Burma . . . and I bear credentials from the very highest sources." Like Sherlock, Smith often used disguises to obtain information and infiltrate the enemy camp.

In the first three books, Nayland Smith is accompanied on his investigations by Dr. Petrie because his "professional duties were not onerous." As one critic said, "Dr. Petrie was as faceless and as heartily bumbling as the good Watson." Like Watson, Dr. Petrie meets his future wife Karameneh while working on a case with Smith. Like Dr. Watson, Dr. Petrie was the narrator of the story, but in later books, was succeeded as Smith's assistant and narrator (in order) by Shan Grenville, Alan Sterling, Mark Hepburn, Bart Kerrigan, Dr. Morris Craig, Brian Merrick and Tony McKay.

Fu Manchu also shared many physical, personality and intellectual attributes given by Conan Doyle to Professor Moriarty. Fu Manchu was first described to the public in The Insidious Dr. Fu Manchu.

Imagine a person, tall, lean and feline, high-shouldered, with a brow like Shakespeare and a face like Satan, a close-shaven skull, and long, magnetic eyes of true cat-green. Invest him with all the cruel cunning of an entire Eastern race, accumulated in giant intellect, with all the resources, if you will, of a wealthy government Imagine that awful being, and you have a mental picture of Dr. Fu-Manchu, the yellow peril incarnate in one man.

Like Moriarty, Fu Manchu was a world recognized scientist with multiple doctorates, using his intellectual superiority for criminal purposes.

[Nayland Smith Speaking:] "This man, whether a fanatic or a duly appointed agent is unquestionably the most maligned and formidable personality existing in the known world today. He is a linguist who speaks with almost equal facility in any of the civilized languages and in most of the barbaric ones. He is adept in certain obscure arts and sciences which no university of today can teach. He

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has the brains of any three men of genius. . . . [H]e is a mental giant."

Moriarty had his own extensive criminal organization and Fu Manchu was a part of the international Chinese criminal organization Si-Fan of which he eventually became the leader.

Scotland Yard provided Sherlock with Lestrade and Gregson as a source of cases and a foil. The Yard gave Nayland Smith Inspector Weymouth and the Flying Squad. Although Rohmer makes it clear that many of the threats posed by Fu Manchu are usually beyond the abilities of Weymouth and Scotland Yard, Weymouth is portrayed as dependable, competent, solid and an invaluable ally to Smith, rather than an unimaginative, plodding Lestrade.

Smith also had his equivalent "love interest" in the form of the daughter of Fu Manchu, Fah Lo Suee. Unlike Holmes' Irene Adler, Fah Lo Suee was a deadly, sinister character who fell in love with Smith. Like Sherlock, Smith had no interest in women and his relationship with Fah Lo Suee was a deadly love and hate situation, with Fah Lo Suee either saving Smith's life or trying to take it. She had been educated by Fu Manchu to become the "Lady of the Si-Fan."

The actual event in Sax Rohmer's life which gave him the idea for Fu Manchu sounds like portions of Doyle's "The Man With The Twisted Lip." Elizabeth Sax Rohmer recounted the story in her biography of her husband. In 1911 Rohmer was hired by a magazine to write a story about the Chinese criminal element in London's Limehouse and, in particular, a certain "Mr. King," a drug dealer and the reputed head of the Chinese underground. For six months he sought information, often roaming the Limehouse Chinatown at night, returning early in the morning to his wife's relief. As the length of his absences increased, his wife became more and more concerned and began to try to locate where he had gone, but to no avail.

One evening when a friend informed Elizabeth that she had seen Sax at the docks walking with a Chinese girl with a baby, Elizabeth with her seaman neighbor, went to the Limehouse district to search for Rohmer. Among the tiny Chinatown shops, they finally found him in the company of the shop owner Fong Wah. Elizabeth recreated her conversation with her husband shortly after they left Fong Wah.

[Sax Rohmer speaking:] . . . "After all these months, he made up his mind to trust me, to give me the chance I needed. And so, thanks to old Fong Wah, at last--I've seen him!" "Seen whom?" Elizabeth asked, puzzled. Then, as memory returned and comprehension dawned, she gasped. "My God! You mean--Mr. King?" For a long moment, Sax did not answer. Again he seemed to be staring fixedly into space. And then, when he spoke, his reply was unexpected. "I have seen . . . Dr. Fu Manchu."

Fu Manchu was to have many of the characteristic of Fong Wah, who was dignified and unusually tall. Like Fong Wah, Fu Manchu would also have a pet mongoose. Although never proven, Fong Wah was a part of the Chinese underground and may have been the elusive Mr. King that Rohmer sought.

The capturing of their respective periods by Doyle and Rohmer were equally successful. As one critic noted, "These stories are a firmly wedded to their period as the Sherlock Holmes stories are to the late Victorian era." Both authors created the same type of atmosphere. Many of the Fu Manchu stories take place at night, with sinister locations, complete with usual typical English weather adding that special mood Sherlockians relish.

Although Rohmer was not a physician like Doyle, he consulted extensively with his medical friends to make sure his writing was accurate. Just as Doyle used unusual methods of death, such as in "The Adventure of the Devil's Foot," Rohmer employed a multitude of such instrumentalities, but relied a *Continued on the following page.*

great deal upon scientific fact. If such a horror did not in fact exist, its source was described as "of unknown origin." Even though he sought to be factually accurate, like Doyle, Rohmer also made mistakes in writing the Fu Manchu stories, often forgetting what he had previously written and the chronology of events.

Even after Doyle's death, the Sherlock - Fu Manchu connection continued. Rohmer wrote a Fu Manchu play in 1947 and sought Basil Rathbone to star as Fu Manchu because he was "appropriately tall, cold, and suave, and masterful even in pyjamas." Rathbone had completed in 1946 the last of the 14 very successful Sherlock Holmes movies for Universal Pictures. The Fu Manchu play was, unfortunately, never produced.

Even with all these similarities, the Fu Manchu stories are not true detective stories as are those of Doyle. Early on they were classified as "Yellow Peril" fiction, "Thrillers" or "Shockers." One critic gave the Fu Manchu stories a fairer classification. "Here is the forerunner--perhaps even the progenitor--of Ian Fleming and the espionage fiction of the 1950s and 1960s, the ancestor of the thriller of unreason." A good detective story must tie up all the loose ends. A good spy story is not required to reveal or justify all motives and events--the fact that they occurred is enough.

Like Doyle, Rohmer tired of Fu Manchu after the first three books and had no intention to write any more stories. But in 1930, while Rohmer was in New York, he was commissioned by Collier's magazine to resurrect the Fu Manchu character.

Just as Doyle never gave Sherlock a deerstalker or had Sherlock say, "Elementary my Dear Watson," Rohmer's Fu Manchu never had the "Fu Manchu moustache." One critic attributes the moustache to the early Fu Manchu movies and book jacket designs.

Rohmer's background differs considerably from that of Doyle. As a youth he was interested in Egyptology and the occult and through his life he amassed a large collection of books on both subjects. Early in his career he worked as a music hall writer and "was influenced by the broad caricatures created by vaudeville performers, especially those of the Chinese and Japanese illusionists" After leaving the music hall, Rohmer would spend the rest of his life primarily as a writer.

Doyle and Rohmer both had the acquaintance of Harry Houdini. Houdini wrote Rohmer in 1915 praising him for The Romance of Sorcery, written in 1914, and the two men continued their correspondence and friendship until Houdini's death. Rohmer consulted Houdini about escapes and illusions which he later used in his writing.

Rohmer was acquainted with Doyle and one of their last conversations was, unfortunately, about Houdini. Mrs. Rohmer described their last meeting which took place in Cairo.

Briefly, on the terrace at Shephard's, he rubbed shoulders with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. They had become acquainted some time earlier, drawn together by a common interest in the occult. It was some months since they had met, and during that time their formerly cordial relations had been strained by a somewhat un-called-for attack which the creator of Sherlock Holmes had seen fit to make on the integrity of the late Harry Houdini, charging him with persecuting spiritualists while at the same time making use of occult forces himself. To this, on behalf of his departed friend, Sax replied promptly and hotly. However, at this encounter, he felt a twinge of remorse for his angry words. A glance told him that Doyle was a man near to death and aware of it.

As similar as the Sherlock Holmes stories are to the Fu Manchu saga, Rohmer's biography does not indicate that Rohmer was influenced by the writings of Doyle.

For readers who have not read Sax Rohmer, start with The Insidious Dr. Fu Manchu. The entire Fu Manchu series is available in paperback at many bookstores.

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APPENDIX A

Fu Manchu Books

1. The Insidious Dr. Fu-Manchu, N.Y.: McBride, Nast (1913); The Mystery of Dr. Fu-Manchu, London: Methuen (1913)
2. The Return of Dr. Fu-Manchu, N.Y. McBride (1916); The Devil Doctor, London: Methuen (1916)
3. The Hand of Fu-Manchu, N.Y. McBride (1917); The Si-Fan Mysteries, London: Methuen (1917)
4. Daughter of Fu Manchu, N.Y.: The Crime Club (1931); London: Cassell (1931)
5. The Mask of Fu Manchu, N.Y.: The Crime Club (1932); London: Cassell (1933)
6. Fu Manchu's Bride, N.Y.: The Crime Club (1933); The Bride of Fu Manchu, London: Cassell (1933)
7. The Trail of Fu Manchu, N.Y.: The Crime Club (1934); London: Cassell (1934)
8. President Fu Manchu, N.Y.: The Crime Club (1936); London: Cassell (1936)
9. The Drums of Fu Manchu, N.Y.: The Crime Club (1939); London: Cassell (1939)
10. The Island of Fu Manchu, N.Y.: The Crime Club (1941); London: Cassell (1941)
11. Shadow of Fu Manchu, N.Y. The Crime Club (1948); London: Herbert Jenkins (1949)
12. Re-enter Fu Manchu, Greenwich, Conn.: Fawcett (pb) (1957); Re-enter Dr. Fu Manchu, London: Herbert Jenkins (1957)
13. Emperor Fu Manchu, Greenwich, Conn.: Fawcett (pb) (1959); London: Herbert Jenkins (1957)

Fu Manchu Short Stories & Novelette

The Wrath of Fu Manchu, Daw Books (pb) (1973) was the first book to complete the "Fu Manchu - Smith" Stories by publishing a novelette The Wrath of Fu Manchu and three short stories - The Eyes of Fu Manchu, The Word of Fu Manchu, and The Mind of Fu Manchu. The novelette, The Wrath of Fu Manchu, was first published in serial form in the Toronto Star Weekly in January and February with the title "Green Devil Mask." The source of the final three short stories to complete the Saga according to Robert E. Briney, The Wrath of Fu Manchu, Daw Books, 1973, Introduction, pp. vii-x is:

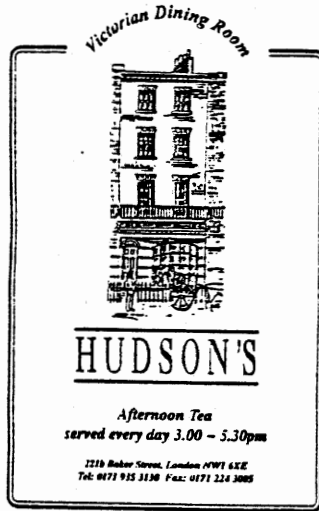
"The Eyes of Fu Manchu," "The Word of Fu Manchu" and "The Mind of Fu Manchu" were written for the newspaper-supplement magazine This Week, where they appeared in 1957-1959. They were later reprinted in England in the Edgar Wallace Mystery Magazine (January-March 1966).

ENDNOTES

NEW MEMBER LINDA RILEY
LONDON SHERLOCK HOLMES MUSEUM CURATOR
By Sandra Russell-Owens

New DWNP member Linda Riley is the current curator of the famous Sherlock Holmes Museum and operator of Hudson's, a Victorian dining room in London, England. While on our recent trip to London, my husband and I had the pleasure of meeting and chatting with Linda of the Sherlock Holmes Museum and Hudson's Restaurant, 221b Baker Street, London NW1 6XE. The museum is "wonderful" – chock-a-block with Victorian and "Holmes and Watsons' stuff," plus a gift shop.

Tea or meals should not be missed right next door at Hudson's – a most "charming" atmosphere!! Superb food! We went twice and will go as often as possible to both, when in London.



The Sherlock Holmes Museum
221B BAKER STREET, LONDON NW1 6XE. TELEPHONE: 0171 933 8866

MEDICAL BOARD DEVELOPS TENTATIVE SPRING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Medical Board is in the process of setting the Spring DWNP events schedule. Because of the membership response to the "Sherlock Holmes Seminars," five more seminars will be a part of the Spring Schedule. The topics and speakers have not been finalized as of this Update. The spring "Dr. Watson's Tea" has also been scheduled. Also under consideration is a "Ronald Adair Night" which would entail a bus trip from Denver to Central City. The board is also strongly considering a Saturday afternoon program in Colorado Springs for our members there and to encourage new members. The Colorado Springs Event would be scheduled for April or May.

For your information the following dates have been tentatively set:

- Feb. 24 "Sherlock Holmes Seminar", 10:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by Dutch Treat lunch.
- Mar. 9 "Sherlock Holmes Seminar", 10:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by Dutch Treat lunch.
- Mar. 23 "Sherlock Holmes Seminar", 10:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by Dutch Treat lunch.
- Apr. 13 "Sherlock Holmes Seminar", 10:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by Dutch Treat lunch.
- Apr. 27 "Sherlock Holmes Seminar", 10:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by Dutch Treat lunch.
- May. 18 "Dr. Watson's Tea", Location to be set, 2:00 p.m.

If the "Ronald Adair Night" is scheduled it will probably be set earlier in the Spring.

Details for the Spring Schedule will be finalized in December or early January.

**DR. WATSON'S NEGLECTED PATIENTS TO ADOPT
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

The Medical Board of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients has approved the expenditure of \$150 to the Internal Revenue Service to obtain official IRS non-profit status, which is necessary to receive the official sales tax exemption from the Colorado Department of Revenue. Currently DWNP is paying a sales tax rate of from 7 to 8 percent on all expenditures including the Annual Dinner. By obtaining the sales tax exemption, DWNP will save around \$150 per year by not having to pay sales tax.

In order to obtain the official IRS designation, the membership will be asked at the Annual Dinner to adopt "Articles of Organization for Tax Exempt Status," which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT "ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS" BE ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS

- A. The name of this society shall be Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients.
- B. The society's official location is the City and County of Denver, Colorado.
- C. The society is organized within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code exclusively for the purpose of education, study and promotion of the life, times, and literary works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his Sherlock Holmes stories, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- D. The names and addresses of the initial Trustees are:

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- E. No part of the net earnings of the society shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the society shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the society shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization or corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- D. Upon the dissolution of the society, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 6th day of January, 1996.

[Signatures of the Trustees]

The adoption of the resolution will in no way impact the Doctor's Orders or The Operating Procedures, both of which are consistent with "Articles of Organization for Tax Exempt Status."