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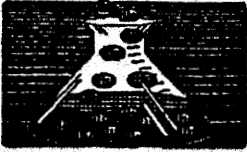
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LAB NOTES

The Blue Carbuncle Dinner was an ideal holiday celebration of friendships formed by Sherlockians through their participation in St Bart's Chem Lab. The meeting was originally scheduled for the warm and cozy home of Ron and Mary Lies. However, response for this event was so overwhelming (at one point, it even looked as though there was not enough room for Ye Editor!) that the dinner was moved to The Catholic Community Services Building in Lakewood. The facility was perfect as it contained a large unpretentious eating hall, a small though perfectly adequate kitchen, and a TV and VCR suitable for viewing of "The Blue Carbuncle" episode of the Granada Sherlock Holmes TV series. Those attending feasted on three geese, prepared by Debbie Butler, who also, with her husband Jim as well as Ron and Mary Lies, served as host for the evening. Various other members brought dishes and everything was truly delicious. Like all Chem Lab evenings, it was a wonderful, casual evening with pleasant conversation and congenial good fellowship, as befits the season. Thanks to Debbie, Jim, Mary, and Ron for all

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A NEW PARTNERSHIP

In an historic meeting held on Friday, December 29th, shortly after The Blue Carbuncle Dinner, plans were made for Colorado's two most successful Baker Street Irregular scion societies to work together in a new spirit of cooperation. In the meeting, which included the heads of the two respective clubs, Jim Butler and John Stephenson, it was agreed that SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHEMICAL LAB and DOCTOR WATSON'S NEGLECTED PATIENTS would, in principle, work together closely so that the Sherlockian population of Denver and it's neighboring areas would be better served. According to John and Jim, the two clubs will continue to maintain their individuality. THE CHEM LAB will continue to offer charming monthly get togethers in

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THE MEDICAL BULLETIN BOARD

How sad for you if you missed the Sherlockian event of the year, which is, of course, "The Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner" produced by Doctor Watson's Neglected Patients this last January fifth. The event took place at The Denver Press Club in their charming downstairs room lined with caricatures of Denver's most celebrated reporters of print and the small screen, an improvement over last year's room. After the meal and the toasts were out of the way (for more on the fine Sherlockian toasts given and those who gave them, see *TOASTS*) a new tradition was started with the first annual "Deerstalker Award". This award is a lovely plaque emblazoned with a deerstalker, and is given out, as it says on the plaque, "In recognition for service to Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients." The two plaques awarded were to Stan Moskal and Nancy Iona for their many hours of hard, often thankless, work for The Patients, although I'm told that their work on this event *alone* deserved an award. Elections were held, though there was not much suspense since everyone ran unopposed. John E. Stephenson is our new "Chief

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your good work.

A few words to welcome some of our newer members.



Greg Ewen is new to our area, though he has participated in

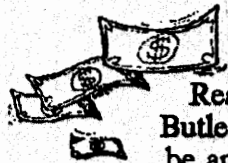
The Occupants of the Empty House, a Sherlockian Scion in Illinois. We look forward to having a Chem Lab meeting at his home some day. This is particularly true since, according to John Stephenson, Greg has a very unique collection of Sherlockian artifacts that he has acquired in his never ending quest (get this..) to collect anything that may have been in the Master's sitting room!

Secondly, we have Ed and Mary Ann Rochette. Ed, in addition to being the author of several books on numismatics and being the current Vice-President of the American Numismatic Association, counts among his accomplishments an appointment to the U.S. Assay Commission by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965 and membership in a three person panel appointed to select the official U.S. Bicentennial Medal. Wow! Lastly, but certainly not least, we have Jane Cracraft, an actual, real, live Private Investigator. Word is she will be hosting a meeting of the Chem Lab in her home on February 2nd, where she will do a talk on "evidentiary matters." We won't miss this one!

We'd like to welcome these newcomers to our local fraternity of Sherlockians. Membership in St Bart's Chem Lab suddenly got just a

little more interesting.

The good news is that Saint Bartholomew's Chemical Laboratory is expanding and evolving into a Sherlockian Scion with its own unique style and perspective. The bad news is that with this kind of growth comes expenses. Beginning this year, by order of our founder, visionary, and the



driving force behind Bart's,

Reagent Jim Butler, there will be an annual

membership fee of \$7.50 for each local club member. If you live more than 100 miles from the Denver metro area, the price is \$4.00. The money will be used for expenses related to THE LITMUS PAPER, postage, prizes, the Blue Carbuncle Dinner (whose expenses exceeded the \$5.00 per person fee asked of participants), as well as yet undreamed of opportunities for the expression of the Sherlockian dream. If you have already received a separate flyer on this, consider this a reminder to get your check in by March 15th to be sure that you are on the new roster, which will be mailed out around then. Send a check made out to:

Jim Butler
8015-D Holland Ct
Arvada, CO 80005.



SHERLOCK HOLMES IN JUNIOR HIGH

by Larry Feldman

Sherlock Holmes once described English Board schools as "Lighthouses, my boy! Beacons to the future!" No doubt he'd agree these sentiments apply to many of our better public schools, including Meritt Hutton Junior High in Thornton, where English teacher Ellen Reffel teaches a unit on the Master Detective to eighth grade students.

Why Sherlock Holmes? "It's a matter of cultural literacy," Ellen explains. "There are hundreds of references to Holmes in every media art form in our society. I have even heard students use expressions like 'Get a clue, Sherlock.' Despite this, many students have only the vaguest idea of who Sherlock Holmes is." According to Ellen, this sad state of affairs is due to the fact that many students today are not encouraged to read classic literature at home. Sherlock Holmes' world to them seems too alien to be easily understood or to be of interest. This is true for other writers of different times and cultures, such as Dickens, Poe, and Shakespeare.

Ellen feels that her job as an English teacher is to improve the literacy of her students by creating positive associations with the literature of different times and places. She credits her basic approach to meeting this goal to her Meritt Hutton colleague, award winning English teacher Kathy Wood. Kathy suggested to Ellen that the more you can tell kids in advance about what they will be reading, the stronger their

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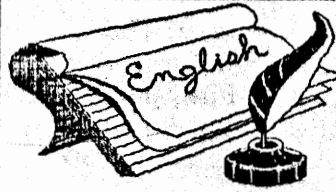
frame of reference will be, and the more they will understand and enjoy.

As the youngsters become more familiar with the world of Victorian England (the characters, the way of life, the speech patterns, etc.) they will be able to appreciate it. This will lead to student initiated reading of Sherlock Holmes stories, and perhaps other literature of past centuries as well.

Towards this end, Ellen begins her unit with many fun, high interest, low stress activities. These include researching and memorizing facts about characters from the Canon and using those facts to play trivia games, watching Sherlock Holmes movies and television shows, and even playing Sherlock Holmes board games. Eventually, the class reads Sherlock Holmes stories which are chosen by the students based on "commercials", or partial summaries of selected stories, that Ellen prepares for this purpose. For those with reading problems, stories adapted for less advanced reading levels are available.

What about results? Ellen reports that comprehension tests on stories read before and after this unit show that student's comprehension of the stories increases significantly. However, there is one result that is even more gratifying to Ellen.

A few years ago, the librarian at the local high school reported an unexpected run on Sherlock Holmes books in the school library. How can this be explained? Even Dr. Watson could solve *that* mystery.



You've read the article **SHERLOCK HOLMES IN JUNIOR HIGH** and you're thinking "That sounds great. What can I do to help?" If this describes you, then you should know that Ellen could use contributions such

as appropriate movies and books that her students could use to study the Master. If you are interested in finding out what's needed or contributing something, please contact Larry Feldman or Ellen Reffel at Meritt Hutton JHS: 303-289-2248.

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member's homes and the delicious Blue Carbuncle Dinner at year's end. **THE NEGLECTED PATIENTS** will still deliver on it's entertaining quarterly events, including August's Annual Picnic and Croquet Match and January's Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner. Exactly how members of both organizations (and, it should be noted that many local Sherlockians are members of *both* clubs) will benefit from this is still being discussed. However, there are two immediate changes that have already been agreed upon.

1) Members of both clubs will be kept informed of most important events sponsored by either club.

2) The official publications of both clubs (**NEGLECTED PATIENTS'** "The Medical Bulletin" and **CHEM LAB'S** "The Litmus Paper") will be combined into one publication that will accept contributions from, and cover the news of, both memberships.

The expenses for these two joint endeavors will be shared by both organizations.

Watson recorded Holmes' remark "It is the season of forgiveness" after the sleuth

BOOK CORNER

by Larry Feldman

As I explained last issue, with my son's arrival on the scene I haven't the time I used to have for reading. However, to my wife's consternation, I still seem to have the time to buy Sherlockian books. In the past several months I've made two trips to New York, one in August and again in November. Whenever I find myself in Manhattan I always make it a point to stop in at **The Mysterious Bookstore** on 57th street between 7th and 8th Avenues. The store is, without a doubt, the most complete (if not necessarily the least expensive) book store I've ever visited for (what the British refer to as) "Crime Fiction" in general and Sherlock Holmes material in particular. While there, I usually purchase an inordinate amount of Holmes related

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of Baker Street released an unfortunate thief during the holiday season. It's nice to see the students of the Master Detective remember his words and live up to the great man's best qualities.



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books, many of which never make it as far inland as Colorado. I thought that this time around I would list them for you with a brief description so that, if you wish, you may order them for yourself, either through our fine local book stores or through **The Mysterious Bookstore** in New York. If you are having trouble locating a particular book, please feel free to contact me and I'll give you whatever assistance I can.

Please bear the following in mind. Prices may vary since some are actually listed in terms of British money. I will faithfully report what I personally paid in American dollars. Also, when writing my descriptions I am only giving my impressions from looking the book over in the manner of a book store peruser. Unless otherwise stated, you should assume that I have not actually read these books at the time of this writing.

Pastiches and Parodies

1) **The Complete Casebook of Herlock Sholmes**, by Charles Hamilton with an Introduction by Norman Wright published by Hawk Books Limited, London, 283 pages, \$19.95.

This is a physically attractive book that collects all of the Herlock Sholmes stories. If you haven't heard of Sholmes, this is the most celebrated of the early Holmes parody series and was originally published between 1915 and 1923. Includes many (if not all) of the original illustrations.

2) **Schlock Homes, The Complete Bagel Street Saga**, by Robert L. Fish, published by Gaslight Publications, Bloomington, Indiana, 250 pages, \$29.95.

Or, if you like your parodies a bit more contemporary, this series, published in Ellery Queen Magazine mostly throughout the 60's, is collected here including nine tales never before included in any collection. I remember reading some of these while growing up and they are truly hilarious.

3) **Sherlock Holmes Revisited, The Hitherto Unchronicled Adventures, Volume One**, by Clive Brooks, published by SpyGlass Books, Bittern, Southampton, Hampshire, 185 pages, \$25.00.

This is evidently the first in a series. I appreciate authors who attempt to write Holmes tales in short story format, but it is a difficult task. I have read the first three of these tales and, while I have winced about once per story when dialogue appeared out of time or character and the solutions to the mysteries seem uninspired, the voice of Watson seems fairly authentic and the authors use of location and local color is rather good. The stories are all based on the "Untold Tales", those cases mentioned by Watson in the

Canon though never revealed, in the manner of Adrian Doyle's "The Exploits of Sherlock Holmes".

4) **The Secret Files Of Sherlock Holmes**, by June Thomson, published by Constable, London, 224 pages, \$25.00.

Another collection of the "Untold Tales". While I have not read any of these yet, Ms. Thomson is a British mystery writer of some distinction, so I am favorably prejudiced. The book jacket is distinctively attractive. Also, if you try through Mysterious Bookstore, you may be able to get an autographed copy (as I did).

5) **My Dearest Holmes**, by Rohase Piercy, published by GMP Publishers LTD, London, 142 pages, \$7.95, Softback.

Two pastiches, one which claims to tell "what actually happened at the Reichenbach Falls and the real reasons that lay behind Holmes' faked death and his subsequent return."

6) **The Glendower Conspiracy, A Memoir of Sherlock Holmes from the Papers of Edward Porter Jones, His Late Assistant**, by Lloyd Biggle, Jr., published by Council Oak Books, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 423 pages, *Continued Page 5*

Have we got a deal for you!

So, you say you'd like to read some of the books described in THE BOOK CORNER but you don't want to spend the time and money tracking them down and purchasing them? Tell ya what I'm gonna do. You may borrow Ye Editors copy, free of charge. Well, almost free. All we'll ask you to do is to write a review of the book to be published in The Litmus Paper. Is that a great deal, or what? If you are interested, call 303-871-9572 and ask for Larry.

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-\$14.95.

A sequel to "The Quallsford Inheritance". Also, don't let the page count fool you. While thick, this book's length and width are unusually small so this may not be a particularly long Holmes novel.

7) **Good Night, Mr. Holmes**, by Carole Nelson Douglas, published by Tor Books, New York, 408 pages, \$18.95. A novel starring *The Woman*, Irene Adler. Book jacket mentions use of Bram Stoker, Oscar Wilde, the Crown Prince of Bohemia, and Godfrey Norton. Looks promising.

8) **Sherlock Holmes and the Thistle of Scotland**, by L.B. Greenwood, published by Simon and Schuster, New York, 205 pages, \$17.95. Third in Greenwood's series including "The Case of the Raleigh Legacy" and "The Case of Sabina Hall".

Scholarly Works

9) **Sherlock Holmes Among The Pirates, Copyright And Conan Doyle In America 1890-1930**, by Donald A. Redmond, published by Greenwood Press, New York, 286 pages, \$49.95. The publishing and copyright history of the Canon in America by a noted Sherlockian historian. Handsome looking volume despite there being no dustjacket.

10) **Ms. Holmes Of Baker Street, The Truth About Sherlock Holmes**, by C. Alan Bradley and William A.S. Sargeant, published by

Gasogene Press, Dubuque, Iowa, 260 pages, \$19.95, Softback.

The authors bring about an impressive amount of evidence to support the outlandish theory that Holmes was a woman pretending to be a man so that she could function in Victorian society. This reminds one of the premise for "Remington Steele".

11) **Christopher Morley On Sherlock Holmes**, edited, and with an introduction by Steven Rothman, published by Fordham University Press, New York, 429 pages, \$19.95.

This collection of writings by this founding member of the Baker Street Irregulars includes essays, articles, column excerpts, poems, short stories, and a play. Old favorites may be found, but much that's never been reprinted or collected is also herein. A best bet.

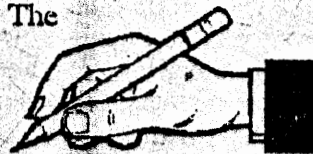
If you would like to read some of these books without actually purchasing them, see the text box located on the previous page.



EDITOR'S NOTES
by Larry Feldman

Welcome to issue Number Four of The Litmus

Paper; which also,



by coincidence, happens to be our fourth issue. If you are new to this publication, we should explain that the reason this is a coincidence worth noting is that our issues are numbered in an irregular manner, which is our way of paying homage to our "father" organization, The Baker Street Irregulars. This, of course, creates some confusion among collectors (more on this later). To help minimize this problem, we will always state what issue this *actually* is in the opening paragraph of this column.

If you've already read the article **A NEW PARTNERSHIP**, then you are aware that The Litmus Paper is now officially combined with The Medical Bulletin, making us the official publication of both St Bart's Chem Lab and Doctor Watson's Neglected Patients. This will not mean a significant change from last issue's format, as we were already making an effort to cover what was worth covering about *anything* Sherlockian in Colorado. Basically, we will stick with three regular columns. LAB NOTES will cover Chem Lab news and THE MEDICAL BULLETIN BOARD will contain news on The Neglected Patients. This column, EDITOR'S NOTES, will be my place to discuss The Litmus Paper and
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anything else which strikes our fancy that may not warrant its own article, or concern one club more than another, but may be of interest to Coloradan Sherlockians in general.

You seemed to have reacted very positively to our new computerized format which began last issue (Number Seven, our third issue). Most gratifying was a letter from Baker Street Irregular and renowned Sherlockian collector, Peter Blau. His letter follows.

Dear Debbie:

Many thanks for the third issue of The Litmus Paper, and my compliments on your computerization. I find that my computer is a great help, especially in allowing me to write things as I go, and tuck them away for use when publication comes round. I've not yet upgraded to graphics and to proper desk-top publishing, mainly because I tend not to spend much time learning how to do things I don't really need to do, and so far straight page layout does the trick.

I quickly confess that when I saw that "Number 7" on the first page, I had the same thought that New York collector did, and I'm glad that you explained your irregularity (at least you'll know if people don't read the latest issue beyond page 3). And my compliments to Lawrence Feldman on his paper, which I will pass on to the editorial committee for our still-in-progress The Annotated Red Circle, which I expect we will publish eventually if, if not a bit

sooner.

Best regards, as always,
Peter.

The irony here is that the "New York collector" mentioned last issue that was confused over our numbering system and thought he had missed an issue, was actually Peter himself. Ye Editor mistakenly referred to him as a New Yorker when he is actually a resident of Washington DC. Thank you, Peter, for the kind words and I'm glad we could clear up your confusion.

We should also mention here that Peter Blau's publication, The Spermaceti Press, is considered the last word on national Sherlockian news. If you wish to subscribe to this excellent monthly publication, send \$8.00 to: The Spermaceti Press, 3900 Tunlaw Road NW #119, Washington DC 20007-4830. And mention that you heard about it here.

When is a mystery novel not a mystery novel? When it's a computer game. "The Colonel's Bequest, A Laura Bow Mystery" by Roberta Williams is an incredibly sophisticated and fun to play "Sierra 3-D Animated Adventure Game" that places you into a murder whodunit as the Nancy Drew like character Laura Bow. If you've never played a Sierra game, its difficult to describe the detailed graphics and the program sophistication that allows you to decide where you wish to go and what to ask, tell, or show each story character or suspect. You have total freedom to go where you want and do anything (in character) that you can think of to solve the

mystery. This includes locating secret passageways, overhearing conversations, finding and examining clues, as well as more mundane things (with not always mundane consequences) like washing your hands and winding a player piano. At the same time, an old fashioned fair play mystery unfolds around you that is, at times, hilarious as well as, at other times, truly frightening. We won't take the time here to describe the plot except to say that it is very much in the Agatha Christie style, though it contains many surprising plot twists as it drives towards a definite heart-stopping conclusion. Any one who wishes to come by Ye Editor's home to play an "Act" (it's structured as an eight act play) or two to see what it's like, feel free to contact us at the number listed below.

Any NERO WOLFE fans out there? Ron Lies, Stan Moskal, and Ye Editor are, as far as we know, the only Coloradan members of "The Wolfe Pack," the official national club for Wolfe fans. The cost for annual membership is \$25.00 which includes "The Gazette," a professionally produced journal that is similar in quality to the Baker Street Journal. Those interested should direct inquiries and/or checks to: The Wolfe Pack, P.O. Box 822, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023. And, for gosh sakes, call Ye Editor so that we can get together and talk. Perhaps we can start a local chapter!

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Next issue, our fifth, will be Number Two, as we feel we should perhaps go back and fill in the missing numbers. It will contain the articles on Dr. Watson that I have promised some of you this issue, but were "bumped" due to reasons of space. Jim Butler has promised us an article on James Bond and his relationship to Sherlock Holmes (and you didn't know that there was one, did you?) so we thought we'd mention it here to keep the pressure on. Also, our good friend, Thom Utecht of Brooklyn, New York, sent us his excellent paper on Holmes' pipe smoking habits. While we will be honored to publish Thom's paper, which has already been printed on the east coast (and we greatly appreciate his sending it to us at our request), we know he will understand when we say that we would gladly put it aside for now, in deference to a paper from one of our local Sherlockians. This is supposed to be a local newsletter, and I will eagerly consider for publication any article or paper, no matter the length, written by one of our own. Also, any comments that you may have regarding this humble periodical will be most welcome. Please send any questions, comments, or submissions to:

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841 S. Corona Street,
Denver CO 80209.

Also, phone calls are accepted: 303-871-9572.



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Surgeon" and our former "Chief Surgeon", Stan Moskal, is our new Bursar. Our former Bursar, Nancy Iona, will continue to lend us her valuable expertise as an "Intern." Also "Interns" are Terry Teis and, Ye Editor and yours truly, Larry Feldman. Since our current "Staff Surgeon", David Levenstam, may be departing sometime around August, 1991, to complete his doctorate (and we wish him well), Steve Robinson was elected to complete David's term as "Staff Surgeon." The Traveling Brick Award was won this year by Chem Lab Reagent Jim Butler. He did this by correctly answering the question posed by last year's "Brick recipient," Ron Lies. The question was "What three items did Holmes say revealed most about an individual?" The "Traveling Brick", which is said to be an actual brick from 221B Baker Street, will be officially Jim's until next year when he gets to ask the Canon trivia stumper. Congratulations Jim!

The climax of the evening was the most entertaining talk given by mystery novelists M.J. Adams (The Balthazar Marten Mystery Series) and Yvonne Montgomery, ("Scavengers" and "Obstacle Course"). These successful mystery writers, who are currently working on their first collaborative novel, spoke on that old, but always interesting, chestnut, "The Writers Muse", or, "Wherever do you get your ideas?" The talk was fascinating and entertaining,

and was followed by one of the most lively and interesting question and answer session that Ye Editor has ever experienced.

Why has college instructor Bill Dorn been seen around campus lately wearing a deerstalker and inverness cape? It's called creative advertising. Bill, who has been teaching a course on Sherlock Holmes at Denver University for some time now, is recruiting students to study the Master in London this spring. The course will include walking tours in London and Dartmoor. Bill and his students will leave on April 6th, and return mid-June. What we want to know is, where was Bill when we were in college?

The Neglected Patients will be sponsoring a display of Sherlockian items at the Christensen Public Library in Arapahoe County. While details are not yet set, the display will probably be featured during the month of March and will include some interesting pieces from Chief Surgeon John Stephenson's collection. For more information, we suggest you contact John directly.



The bad news is that it is again time to pay your DWNP annual membership fee for 1991. The good news is that, for "regular" members, dues will be reduced to \$7.50 as of 1/91. For those who would like to express their commitment to this august organization by kicking a little extra into the coal scuttle, the new category of
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TOASTS

by Larry Feldman

If you were one of the few who were elsewhere on January 5, 1991, and missed the Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner, sponsored by DOCTOR WATSON'S NEGLECTED PATIENTS, or if you did attend and your memory of the evenings bon mots is fading with time, then this is the feature for you. Here we have, for your perusal and entertainment, the evenings toasts to the various historical personages so honored, namely, Sherlock Holmes and those who knew him. For those neophytes among you, Canonical toasts are a great Sherlockian tradition, going back, one supposes, to the first Baker Street Irregular Dinner. As editor of this periodical, I particularly enjoy this annual feature because it's a chance for me to share with you the wit and talent of our fellow Coloradan Sherlockians who might not normally submit their work for publication.

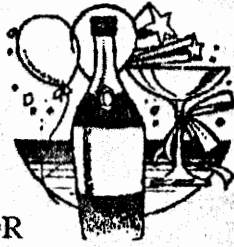
Toasts are offered in the order in which they were given, as best as I can remember. And so, let's get started.

We'll start off with Ron Lies' toast to *The Woman*.

The lady I am to toast is a mystery from the beginning. How does one pronounce her first name? "Ireen" or "Ireenee"? And after all, who else in the Canon could have captured the heart of the Master? Up until he met Irene, he thought "the most winning woman [he] ever met was hanged for poisoning three little children for their insurance money." He also felt that "Women have seldom been an attraction to me, for my brain has always governed my heart." Also, "I am not a whole-soul admirer of women kind, as you are aware of, Watson." I think Isaac Asimov expressed it best on his limerick based on "A Scandal In Bohemia".

The young playboyish king from Bohemia,
Has a past that just couldn't be seamier.
But Holmes finds that Irene,
Is the best that he's seen,
Even his icy mind's a bit dreamier.

Let us raise our glasses to THE Woman,
Irene Adler.



Next, we have our first toast in verse, which was supposed to honor the good Watson. Instead the author chooses to honor someone else entirely. Written by Steve Robinson, the Neglected Patient's new "Staff Surgeon" Elect, delivered with aplomb by Jim Butler, St Bart's "Reagent" and founder, this toast wins the award (if there were one, which there isn't) for most original idea.

To that murderous Ghazi
who fought at Maiwand,
And fired his Jezail
as the battle raged on.

Watson's shoulder was wounded
but he didn't die,
as the bullet grazed his subclavian
(or was it his thigh?)

Watson's wounds were severe
but had begun to repair,
when a wave of enteric fever
brought his life to despair.

He was shipped back to England
his health torn apart,
but destiny was waiting,
in the lab at St. Barts.

Young Stamford's introduction
is what we prefer to recall,
but that murderous Ghazi
started it all!

This next toast by William S. Dorn is to "The Napoleon Of Crime". It sounds as though Mr. Dorn is getting ready for mothers day.

M is for the mathematical chair that he did hold.

O is for the organized crime of which he was the center.

R is for the Reichenbach Falls where he met his end.

I is for the intellectual equal he was of Sherlock Holmes.

A is for the asteroid and its dynamics of which he wrote.

R is for the reptilian way in which his head did oscillate.

T is for theorem binomial and his famous treatise on it.

Y is for the year 1891 - precisely one hundred years ago - when he did leave

smiled 103 times, laughed 65 times, joked 58 times, and chuckled 31 times" (Lauterbach)—hardly the picture of a grumpy, morose man.

So, tonight, on the occasion of the celebration of Holmes' 137th birthday, I ask you to picture the Master, too, in a mood of celebration, his sixfoot-plus frame relaxing as he lays down the violin and fills his pipe with Shag from the Persian slipper, a smile playing at his thin lips as he sips a glass of claret, and his keen detective's eyes twinkling as he tells an old story to Dr. Watson. As his gentle laughter fills the rooms at 221 B Baker Street, please join me in a toast, to the man of the sparkling eye, the low chuckle, and the merry laugh—MR. SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Well, that's it for this year. Here's to all those who took the time and had the courage to stand and toast The Master and his contemporaries among those who love them best.

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"Supporting Member" has been created. Supporting Membership in DWNP is a mere \$10.00: Whichever you choose, you will still continue to get this fine publication and notification of all DWNP events. To assure that you will be included in this year's roster, please remit ASAP to:

Doctor Watson's Neglected Patients
c/o Stan Moskal
1314 Elizabeth Street Apt#7
Denver, CO 80206

What's coming up in this exciting new year? Our next Neglected Patients event, probably sometime in May, will be "The House of Windsor Tea," which will include a charming English high tea and a short film selection. Then, around August, will be "The Doctor Watson's Neglected Patients Annual Picnic And Croquet Match" which will include the "Tonga Dart Throw" and the "Col. Moran Rock Throw." I am assured that those inexperienced in these sports are also welcome. Then, in November, will be the "Guy Faulkes Film Festival," with a special Sherlockian film chosen by the board, though I am assured that requests will be considered.



"I'VE FOUND IT! I'VE FOUND IT!" HE SHOUTED.

