

Mar 85 #2 Computer, meet readers. Readers, meet computer. For those who care, it's a mixed system: Leading Edge CPU, Leading Edge high-resolution monochrome monitor, IBM PC keyboard, Volkswriter Deluxe software, and Epson RX-80 printer. For those who really care, I'll be glad to send you my essay on "How I Bought My Computer".

Agatha Christie's PARTNERS IN CRIME (D5856a, D5857a, D4873b) has been published in a new edition (New York: Berkley Books, June 1984; 230 pp., \$2.95), with a new cover tied to the television series on "Mystery!"

Ted Schulz reports that Waldenbooks has a mystery book club, with a newsletter "Crime Times," and there is a S'ian cipher in "The Deep Waters" column in the first issue. Check your local shop. Ted also spotted (at Crown Books) GREAT MAGAZINE COVERS OF THE WORLD, by Patricia France Kerz (New York: Abbeville Press, 1982; \$65.00 discounted to \$29.95); one of the covers is the Aug. 1904 issue of the American edition of The Strand Magazine (non-S'ian), attributed (incorrectly) to Sydney [*sic*] Paget.

The "Dinner with Sherlock Holmes" at the Dickens Inn in Philadelphia on Mar. 10 went very well, with more than 100 people on hand for the festivities (60+ S'ians, and the rest Dickensians, Victorians, or regular patrons of the Inn). The Master's Class is planning to make this an annual event, and if you'd like to be on the mailing list, write to Gideon D. Hill, 1810 South Rittenhouse Square #207, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Hammacher Schlemmer (147 East 57th Street, New York, NY 10022; 800-368-3584) offers "The Classic Syphon" at \$54.50 postpaid (\$24.50 for a box of 40 refill cartridges); a cylindrical gasogene, 14" high, one-quart capacity, heavy Czechoslovakian crystal encased in chrome-plated mesh, and a handsome item.

Reported by Jerry Margolin: MURDER SHE WROTE: THE MURDER OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, a novelization by James Anderson (New York: Avon Books, Apr. 1985; 208 pp., \$2.95) of the pilot episode of the television series. SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE GOLDEN BIRD, by Frank Thomas (Pinnacle Books, Apr. 1985; 3rd printing, with new cover). "Ms. Found in Cruet Set," by Sharon Farber, in Amazing Science Fiction Magazine, Jan. 1985; an amusing parody.

It's hard to imagine that any of you failed to watch the premiere episode of the Jeremy Brett series, and Vincent Price's introduction, in which he quoted from Edgar W. Smith. So: from what piece was Price quoting?

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES ENCYCLOPEDIA, by Orlando Park (New York: Avenel Books, 1985; 205 pp., cloth, \$3.98 at Waldenbooks) is a new (discount) edition of D4261a.

THE ILLUSTRATED SHERLOCK HOLMES (New York: Clarkson N. Potter, 1985; 808 pp., \$6.95) is a new edition of THE ILLUSTRATED SHERLOCK HOLMES TREASURY published by Avenel Books in 1984, and it is by far the best value-for-money facsimile edition of the public-domain Canon. Contents: "Stud" (illos by Hutchinson); "Sign" (illos by Townsend); ADVENTURES, MEMOIRS, "Houn", RETURN, "Wist", and "Bruc" (from the Strand), and a fine frontispiece portrait of the Literary Agent by Modeste Stein.

Mar 85 #3 A bit more on the British television film "The Masks of Death" (broadcast on Dec. 23, 1984, on Channel 4): I may have incorrectly credited this to the BBC, but Channel 4 is independent and the film was made by Tyburn Productions. There will be a review of the film in the summer 1985 issue of the SHJ, but in the meantime Nicholas Utechin reports that it was rather disappointing, with script and performances in general falling rather short of expectations. "Cushing was nice as an inevitably elderly Holmes and it was nice to see Sir John Mills add Watson to his distinguished list of performances."

Anyone flying Northwest Orient or Western Airlines should check out the

earphone entertainment. One of the channels has an interview with Ely M. Liebow on Sherlock Holmes' London.

Reported by Ron De Waal: "On T. S. Eliot & Sherlock Holmes," by Frank Zingrone, in *The Idler*, Feb. 1985 (Box 280, Station E, Toronto, Ont. M6H 4E2, Canada; \$2.25); on Eliot's debt to Holmes.

New "Sherlockian Shopping" sales list from US-2 (563 Clinton Road, Paramus, NJ 07652); new items include S'ian pens, bookmarks, and stained-glass sun-catchers.

SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE TREASURE TRAIN, by Frank Thomas (New York: Pinnacle Books, Mar. 1985; 241 pp., \$2.95); a third pastiche in the series that includes SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE GOLDEN BIRD (1979) and SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE SACRED SWORD (1980), with the same echoes of James Bond and Daddy Warbucks, and considerable derring-do.

Reported by Ron De Waal: MURDER MOST FOUL (London: Octopus Books, 1984; \$9.50); contents include "Bosc". BAEDEKER'S LONDON (London: The Automobile Association, 1984; 182 pp., \$11.95 at B. Dalton); a pocket guide, with a separate map of London, that includes (p. 28) a quotation from "Stud". CHAPTER & HEARSE: SUSPENSE STORIES ABOUT THE WORLD OF BOOKS, edited by Marcia Muller and Bill Pronzini (New York: William Morrow, 1985; \$18.95); contents include August Derleth's "The Adventure of the Spurious *Tamerlane*". THE GREAT EGG MYSTERY, by Margaret A. Hartelius (New York: Scholastic Inc., 1985; 24 pp., \$2.95); Hilda Hound, the great detective, in S'ian costume, helps Dilly Duck find her missing eggs.

Len Deighton's BERLIN GAME is out in paperback (New York: Ballantine Books, Jan. 1985; 344 pp., \$4.50); minor S'ian allusions on pp. 335-336, and otherwise a fine novel of espionage and suspense.

The first appearance of Logan Clendening's "My Personal Recollections of Sherlock Holmes" (D1960a) in the winter 1937 issue of *The University Review* from the University of Kansas City is still available, for \$12.00 postpaid, from back-issue dealer John T. Zubal, 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland, OH 41113.

In case you've heard a rumor that "Mystery!" has decided to purchase only the first seven of the programs in the Jeremy Brett series (as I heard at the studios of WETA-TV when The Red Circle answered the telephones for their pedge drive), the rumor isn't true. "Mystery!" has purchased the second set of six programs, and they will air here some time in 1986.

Mar 85 #4 Berkley Books is reprinting its paperbacks of the Canon with new covers, adding a panel reading "Now a PBS television MYSTERY! presentation" -- I've seen ADVENTURES (31st printing, Dec. 1984), HOUN (29th printing, Dec. 1984), and CASEBOOK (27th printing, Mar. 1985).

Published but not yet seen: Christopher Redmond's IN BED WITH SHERLOCK HOLMES (Toronto: Simon & Pierre, 1985; 208 pp., \$29.95); "a discussion of the sexual elements in the Sherlock Holmes stories and in Conan Doyle's own life." Simon & Pierre are also planning fall publication of Andy and Bill Paton's SHERLOCK HOLMES ABC (64 pp., \$9.95 in paper); "a very special book to introduce the great detective and the characters in his stories, suitable for 10 and up." The publisher's address is Box 280, Adelaide Street Postal Station, Toronto, Ont. M5C 2J4, Canada.

A new S'ian cartoon by Pat Anderson in *Playboy*, Apr. 1985, p. 191 (tax time again, so it's the usual "I find your deductions amazing, Holmes").

Mark M. Hime (Biblioctopus, Idyllwild, CA 92349) still has THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (first edition, first state, near fine, in dustjacket; the only known copy), and it's still available for \$25,000.

THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, adapted by Malvina G. Vogel, illustrated by Brendan Lynch (New York: Playmore Inc., 1983; 238 pp., \$1.25 discounted to \$0.59 at Woolworth's); contains "RedH", "Spec", and "Copp" in a "Moby Books" paperback in the series that already includes SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES.

And one more item on the already-refuted rumor about "Mystery!" not purchasing more than seven programs from the new Brett series. According to Nancy Mills' article about Brett (Atlanta Journal and Constitution, Mar. 10, 1985), he is married to Joan Wilson, who produces "Mystery!" for WGBH-TV in Boston. Intriguing to imagine her telling her husband that his series isn't good enough for her to purchase all the episodes.

Biblio-query from Paulette Greene, about the "G. Washington Coffee" radio-show premiums: SHERLOCK HOLMES (D700a) and THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES (D104a). Were there any other titles in the series?

There *was* a 1984 Gaslight Award for excellence in S'ian research and writing, announced at the dinner of The Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes in January. The award, and the \$100 prize, went to Susan Rice for her article on "Woman's Place in the Holmes" in the winter 1983 issue of Baker Street Miscellanea.

The autumn 1984 issue of Baker Street Miscellanea is at hand, with a fine article by Philip A. Shreffler on "The Higher Criticism: Quo Vadimus?" and a warning of an impending increase in the subscription price (now \$6.00 a year, from The Sciologist Press, Box 2579, Chicago, IL 60690).

"Organisasjonen ledes av en mann, den 80 ar gamle Dr. Julian wolff, med myndig og lett diktatorisk hand," writes Per Egil Hegge in his long and well-illustrated article about the BSI annual dinner, in the Mar. 2 issue of A-Magasinet, the weekly magazine of the [Oslo] Aftenposten.

Apr 85 #1 One of the recent innovations in children's toy stores is the personalized book, in which the recipient is written into the story. If you have someone who's willing to spring for \$16.45 (it's better to have someone else do it, to preserve the surprise), the address to write to for an order blank is FAO Schwarz, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10222, and the book to order is THE MYSTERY OF SCENTED MOUNTAIN. The order blank is needed to supply the biographical details. And the book has S'ian artwork.

Reported by Ron De Waal: ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S HAUNTED HOUSEFUL (New York: Random House, 1985; \$2.95 at B. Dalton); a new paperback edition of D218a (contents include "RedH"). THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE SPECKLED BAND AND MYSTERY OF THE SECOND STAIN, starring Gielgud and Richardson (San Francisco: The Mind's Eye, 1983; \$6.98 at B. Dalton); an audio cassette. THE ENGLISH PUB, by Andy Whipple and Rob Anderson (New York: Viking, 1985; 111 pp., \$25.00); with 185 full-color photographs, including one of the sign for Whitbread's "Sherlock Holmes".

Jeremy Brett helped publicize his new television series at a "reception for Holmes fans" in New York on Mar. 27; a UPI photo in the New Orleans Times-Picayune/States-Item on Mar. 29 showed Brett examining Marvin P. Epstein's manuscript of "The Priory School".

Book-of-the-Month Records is offering audio cassettes to non-members of the Book-of-the-Month Club, including a four-cassette set of Basil Rathbone's recordings (presumably the readings he did for Caedmon) at \$22.95 plus \$1.75 shipping (Sherlock Holmes #51-6670); Camp Hill, PA 17012 (800-345-8600 ext. 46), and they take plastic.

SHERLOCK HOLMES COMEDY TRILOGY, by Dick Charlton, is a collection of three new one-act juvenile (extremely juvenile) plays published by Contemporary Drama Service (Box 7710-T9, Colorado Springs, CO 80933); "preview" copies

are \$1.75 each (minimum order three copies) plus shipping, and a catalog is available.

Sports report: the Memphis State Tigers made it to the semi-finals and lost, but their starting forward, Baskerville Holmes, was honored as their most valuable player in the game.

Did anyone receive "visit interesting Pittsburgh" letters from students at the Milliones Middle School there? I got two of them, and haven't the slightest idea where they got my name and address (no mention of The Red Circle in the letters, or Sherlock Holmes).

Further to my earlier comment about our non-denominated "D" stamps and postal stationery not being valid for mail to foreign countries, Chris Redmond notes that a lot of this mail is arriving in Canada. The USPS headquarters reports that Universal Postal Union regulations require that foreign mail carry denominated postage, but some years ago the U.S. and Canada agreed not to worry about this ("you handle ours, and we'll handle yours") -- but if an energetic U.S. postal clerk knows about the UPU regulations and doesn't know about the agreement with Canada, the clerk will return D-stamped mail to the sender.

Apr 85 #2 Catalog at hand from a book dealer asking \$10.00 for a copy of my 1973 BSI dinner souvenir THE TITULAR INVESTITURES (D2865b). I still have extras, and if anyone wants one the price is \$0.44 postpaid.

HI, THIS IS SYLVIA. I CAN'T COME TO THE PHONE RIGHT NOW, SO WHEN YOU HEAR THE BEEP, PLEASE HANG UP. That's the title of a book by Nicole Hollander (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1983); not about telephone-answering machines, but there is a S'ian cartoon on pp. 52-53.

Many PBS television stations worked hard to promote the Jeremy Brett series in the March issues of their monthly magazines for members, and one of the best efforts seen so far came from the Delaware Valley, with a two-page article by Scott Bond and Sherry Rose-Bond and a color cover reprinting the rarely seen artwork by J. Allen St. John from the Feb. 13, 1949, issue of the Chicago Sunday Tribune's Magazine of Books. If copies are still available, the address is Applause, WHY, 150 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

In his introduction to the Jeremy Brett version of "The Naval Treaty," Vincent Price mentions other actors who have played the role of Sherlock Holmes: Sir John Gielgud, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Sir Ralph Richardson, George C. Scott, and John Barrymore. Which of these actors is not known to have played the role?

Reported by Ron De waal: FALLET MED DE DOLDA SKATTERNA [THE CASE OF THE HIDDEN TAXES], a 14-page political pamphlet opposing the Labor government's tax system, illustrated in color with drawings of Holmes and Watson; available from Naringslivets Ekonomifakta, Hovslagaregatan 5, 111 48 Stockholm, Sweden.

Check your local Safeway. Their house brand milk (Lucerne) carton has deerstalker-and-magnifying-glass artwork for their "Be a Tooth SLEUTH" (as in Start Learning to End Unhealthy Tooth Habits) campaign during National Children's Dental Health Month. What with different sizes of cartons and different colors for different kinds of milk, the number of collectible variants guarantees healthy teeth for completists.

Compliments to Bob Burr, who was the first to identify the source of Vincent Price's quotation from Edgar W. Smith in the introduction to the first of the Brett television programs (Mar 85 #2). It was Smith's editorial "The Implicit Holmes" in the BSJ, Apr. 1946, pp. 111-112.

Reported by Dick Lesh: Rathbone films ("Woman in Green," "Secret Weapon,"

and "Terror by Night") on videocassettes at \$12.60 each at K-Mart. And offers by Edward Hamilton (Falls Village, CT 06031) of SHERLOCK HOLMES ESQ. AND JOHN H. WATSON M.D., by Orlando Park (\$2.98); MURDER INK, by Dilys Winn (4th printing, cloth, \$2.98); THE PRIVATE LIFE OF DR. WATSON, by Michael Hardwick (\$2.98); plus \$3.00 shipping per order.

There is a report of a videocassette of "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" (1970 film starring Robert Stephens) at \$59.95 from Key Video, 1298 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037; this is the first time the film has been reported from a commercial distributor.

Apr 85 #3 SHERLOCK HOLMES IN THE DEERSTALKER, by Terence Mustoo and Doug Flack (Hornchurch: Ian Henry Publications, 1985; 48 pp., £3.50 from the publisher, 38 Parkstone Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex RM11 3LW, England); a two-act parody of both the Canon and the music halls.

Reported by The Illustrious Clients: The "Nuts and Bolts Sherlock Holmes" with magnifying glass and pipe (\$6.95 from Bit O'Norway & Pewter Palace, Van Buren House, Nashville, IN 47448).

HAWKSHAW THE DETECTIVE AND SHERLOCKO THE MONK AND OTHERS IN DETROIT, by Gus Mager, researched and indexed by Walter E. Young (Westland: The Stalker Press, 1984; 57 pp., \$5.95 postpaid from the publisher, 32542 Sandra Lane, Westland, MI 48185); a brief history of Mager, and a detailed index to its appearances in the Detroit newspapers, but only a scanty sampling of the artwork.

IN BED WITH SHERLOCK HOLMES, by Christopher Redmond (Toronto: Simon & Pierre, 1984; 207 p., \$29.95 Canadian from the publisher, Box 280, Adelaide Street Postal Station, Toronto, Ont. M5C 2J4, Canada); neither prurient nor titillating, nor about the sexual habits of Sherlock Holmes (despite the title), the book is an excellent examination of the sexual attitudes brought to the Canon by its author and by its readers, including many S`ian scholars.

"The Tunbridge Teatime Terror" is the title of a Sherlock Holmes Mystery Weekend scheduled by The Men on the Tor at the Hotel Stamford Plaza (1701 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905) on May 17-19, 1985; \$350.00 per person, including room, meals, and the assorted events.

Newt Williams notes, and quite correctly, that THE ILLUSTRATED SHERLOCK HOLMES (Mar 85 #2) contains "Wist" and "Bruc" from some source other than The Strand Magazine; the stories have been re-set, and there are no illustrations.

BEASTMARKS, by A. A. Attanasio (Willimantic: Mark V. Ziesing, 1984; 120 pp., \$25.00 signed, \$13.95 trade edition, from the publisher, Box 806, Willimantic, CT 06226); seven stories of philosophical fantasy, including "Sherlock Holmes and Basho" (6 pp.).

According to an update on Steven Spielberg's "Young Sherlock Holmes" in Cinefantastique (May 1985), the story involves the construction of a flying machine by Holmes and Watson, used to soar over London in pursuit of an arch criminal. Special effects are the work of ILM [Industrial Light & Magic, the people who did "Star Wars"] and include a hallucinogenic sequence in which inanimate objects come to life, via stop-motion animation and mechanical effects, to plague one of the main characters.

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES ENCYCLOPEDIA, by Orlando Park (New York: Avenel Books, 1985; 305 pp., cloth, \$3.98 at Waldenbooks); a discount edition of D4261a.

Granada's London office reports that the second series of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" will be broadcast in Britain starting on July 2, 1985, and that "there is talk of a third series."

Apr 85 #4 More postal peculiarities. The postage rate from the U.S. to Canada is no longer exactly the same as the U.S. domestic rate. The cost of the first ounce is still the same (22 cents), but additional ounces to Canada (and Mexico) cost 18 cents each, not 17 cents.

Academic Industries (Box 509, West Haven, CT 06516) has a long list of \$1.95 paperbacks in their "Pocket Classics" series, two of which are THE GREAT ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES and THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, new editions of the Pendulum Press comic-strip adaptations (D4697b and D4699b).

"A Concert of the Music Enjoyed by Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson" was presented at The Arts & Letters Club of Toronto on Apr. 17, 1985; the biographical and program notes (10 pp.) by L. David St. C. Skene-Melvin are available for \$5.00 postpaid from Ann's Books and Mostly Mysteries, 225 Carlton Street, Toronto, Ont. M5A 2L2, Canada.

Sheldon Wesson, the poet laureate of The Red Circle, reported (in prose) to the scion in 1983 on the results of his assessment of the Canon, and his 12-page monograph on "The Sherlockian Triviality Index" is now available for \$1.00 postpaid; his address is 1003 North Vail Street, Alexandria, VA 22304.

SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE SACRED SWORD, by Frank Thomas (New York: Pinnacle Books, May 1985, 4th printing, with new cover; 240 pp., \$2.95).

Sherlock Holmes is "intensely prejudiced, often bad-tempered, irritable with the people who might look to him for a little kindness, capable of a quite unmerited snub, grossly self-indulgent, arrogant, self-opinionated, and decidedly touchy about trivialities," said Vincent Price in his postscript to the PBS broadcast of "The Blue Carbuncle". From whom was he quoting?

Additional details at hand from Thomas L. Drucker (Dept. of Liberal Studies, University of Wisconsin-Extension, Madison, WI 53703) about the Sherlockian workshop on July 20-21, 1985: talks by Emily Auerbach, Thomas Drucker, E. N. Feltskog, David Hammer, Robert W. Hahn, Daniel P. King, Brad Kjell, Ely Liebow, Gayle Lange Puhl, Chris Redmond, J. W. Scheideman, Wayne Smida, David Skene-Melvin, Herbert Tinning, Joseph Wiesenfarth, and Robert A. Zimmerman, plus a gala dinner and three theatrical presentations.

Some of the Rathbone videocassettes are also reported (at \$19.95 each) at Waldenbooks.

The Apr. 22, 1985, issue of Newsweek had a cover story on "The Big Thrill: Mystery Writers Are Making a Killing," with passing mentions of SH, a photograph of Otto Penzler and his library, and "Houn" in critic David Lehman's list of his ten favorite crime novels of the 20th century.

The German boom continues with SHERLOCK HOLMES (Berlin: Verlag Das Neue Berlin, 1985; 415 pp., DM18.00); translations of 15 stories, an Afterword by Alice Berger, and modernist illustrations by Klaus Ensikat. The book was printed in the German Democratic Republic; is there any other known East German edition of the Canon?

Apr 85 #5 Reported by Ron De Waal: "The Landscapes of Sherlock Holmes," by Yi-Fu Tuan, Journal of Geography, Mar.-Apr. 1985 (National Council for Geographic Education, Macomb, IL 61455; \$6.00); one of the papers presented at the Sept. 1984 workshop in Minneapolis.

Compliments to Ann Byerly for knowing the source for Vincent Price's postscript statement about Holmes: Michael Harrison's preface to BEYOND BAKER STREET: A SHERLOCKIAN ANTHOLOGY (1976, p. xv).

Betty Pierce notes that it's worthwhile searching the discount tables for THE DICTIONARY OF IMAGINARY PLACES, by Alberto Manguel and Gianni Guadalupi

(New York: Macmillan, 1980; \$24.95); the listings include Camford, Fulworth, Uffa, and Baskerville Hall.

A number of scion publications have reported on the BSI annual dinner, but none so concisely as the April 1985 issue of The Hansom wheels' newsletter THE PINK 'UN: "They had the usual recording of the 150 verses of 'We Never Speak of Aunt Clara' sung by James Montgomery, plus a 50-verse sequel sung by his son. Isaac Asimov sang the same song he had sung last year when he thought he was going to die, and he also told a joke about a horse."

The Blind German Mechanics, a new scion attempting to remedy the sad lack of attention paid to the life and accomplishments of Moriarty's notorious chief of staff, has begun publication of SHIKARI: WRITINGS OF COLONEL SEBASTIAN MORAN. The first volume is a 14-page pamphlet reprinting excerpts from HEAVY GAME OF THE WESTERN HIMALAYAS (1881), and the second will be devoted to THE ASSASSINATION DIARY; each pamphlet costs \$1.00 postpaid from Wally Conger, 146-A North Canyon Boulevard, Monrovia, CA 91016.

There's a new "Collection of Mystery Classics" (from Bantam Books, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10103), in "elegant leatherette" bindings, on "archival-quality acid-free" paper, with special new introductions to "intensify your mystery-reading enjoyment," at \$9.95 plus shipping per month (or \$24.95 plus shipping per month for the deluxe edition in genuine leather bindings) -- and "Houn" will be included, eventually. The books in the photograph are of such uniform size that they may be paperbacks. Late news: the intro to "Houn" is by John Bennett Shaw.

The 1985 weekend with Sherlock Holmes and John Bennett Shaw will be held on Aug. 9-11 at Stevens Technical Institute in Hoboken, N.J. John expects registration will cost \$85.00, including a Saturday banquet, with air-conditioned rooms \$50.00 double and \$40.00 single. He is now rounding up the usual suspects for speakers and panels, and a brochure should be ready for mailing in May. You can get on the mailing list by writing to Herbert P. Tinning, 601 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, NJ 07087.

Thanks to Mark W. Erdrich for Christopher Joyce's article on "The Detective from the Laboratory" in the November 15, 1984, issue of New Scientist; a lengthy discussion of the Home Office's new computer, which is called the Home Office (Large) Major Enquiry System. The FBI's counterpart is the Violent Crime Apprehension Program, and VICAP is certainly a far less imaginative name than HOLMES.

Apr 85 #6 what's the connection between Sherlock Holmes and Claus von Bulow? Claus von Bulow, now on trial for the second time for the attempted murder of his wife Sunny von Bulow, has a new "love interest," 47-year-old Andrea Reynolds, tall and Hungarian-born, who tends to get noticed, according to a long article in the Apr. 29 issue of New York, even though the defense lawyers are said to have told her to stay away from the courthouse. "Partly it is the clothing ... partly it is the figure ... partly it is the unmistakable aura that she is one formidable babe." Years ago, von Bulow, then single, used to play cards with Andrea and her second husband, wealthy French businessman Pierre Frottier, and more recently Andrea and her third husband, television producer Sheldon Reynolds, were regulars at von Bulow's side during his first trial, when Sheldon Reynolds was said to be working on the movie story of von Bulow's case. Andrea and Sheldon Reynolds filed divorce papers last year, and Sheldon Reynolds has complained that "my friend Claus, he stole my wife." And (finally) Sheldon Reynolds produced the "Sherlock Holmes" television series with Ronald Howard in 1954 and with Geoffrey Whitehead in 1981.

Jeremy Brett, by the way, is on view in New York, in a revival of Frederick Lonsdale's 1923 comedy "Aren't We All?" at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre, with Claudette Colbert, Rex Harrison, Lynn Redgrave, and George Rose.

The winter 1985 issue of *The Armchair Detective* has the "Spy" caricature of William Gillette on the cover, and a two-page report by Ann Byerly on "The Doings at Dubuque" in 1984 (she's in the photograph, providing musical accompaniment to the riverboat rendition of "Aunt Clara").

A MATTER OF TIME, by Glen Cook (New York: Ace Science Fiction Books, Apr. 1985; 268 pp., \$2.95) is a minor S'ian item (passing references only) and an entertaining time-travel mystery novel.

Reported by Andrew Jay Peck: a gray sweatshirt with the S'ian caricature by Gerry Gersten, \$16.00 plus shipping, from the Quality Paperback Book Club (Middletown, PA 17057).

Andy also has a bibliographic query on the souvenir booklet for the Royal Shakespeare Company revival of Gillette's "Sherlock Holmes" in the U.S.: how many versions are there? It's the \$2.00 booklet with the white-swan-on-blue at the top of the front cover. There is one version (purchased at the Broadhurst in April 1975) with Wood as Holmes and Locke as Moriarty in the cast list on the left-hand center page and a four-page insert for the cast with Horgan as Holmes and Revill as Moriarty. And there are two versions with Neville as Holmes and Revill as Moriarty in the cast list on the left-hand center page; the inside covers are printed in sepia in one (presumed to be earlier), and in black in the other. And there's a version for the tour with Nimoy as Holmes in 1976. Any others?

Reported by Ron De Waal: a new British edition of *THE COMPLETE SHERLOCK HOLMES* (Hamlyn, 1985; 1,083 pp., L4.95).

THE SIGN OF FOUR: A SHERLOCK HOLMES MURDER DOSSIER, edited by Simon Goodenough (Boston: Little, Brown, 1985; \$19.95); the third in the series, and well-executed as usual.

May 85 #1 There have been questions about the August 9-11 weekend with Sherlock Holmes and John Bennett Shaw in Hoboken, mostly from people asking, "why Hoboken?" One possible answer is recourse to the list of famous people who have received degrees from Stevens Institute of Technology, the latest being Frank Sinatra, who will receive an honorary doctorate in engineering on May 23. "It was his parents' intention and his own early dream to attend Stevens Institute of Technology and become an engineer," said Sinatra representative recently, "One could say that the honorary degree to be awarded will make that youthful ambition a reality." We are awaiting confirmation of a rumor that Sinatra will return in August to speak on "The Portrayal of Ethnic Italians in the Canon".

Playboy's "Coming Attractions" (June 1985, p. 40) describes Paramount's "Young Sherlock Holmes" as a "romance-mystery in which the youthful English shamus begins his lifelong friendship with Dr. Watson, falls in love and solves a mystery involving the supernatural."

Michael Harrison's many non-S'ian books are not only well written, but also out of print and hard to find; the latest catalog from Gravesend Books (Box 235, Pocono Pines, PA 18350) offers a number of them.

Bill Rabe, founder of *The Mrs. Hudson Breakfast* and originator of *The Commonplace Book*, is planning a new eight-page newsletter, *The Agony Column*, to be issued bimonthly beginning in February 1986; its purpose will be to provide timely announcements of meetings and publications, and to offer a written substitute for the oral debate of S'ian theses. An abbreviated sample issue and subscription form are available from W. T. Rabe, 909 Prospect, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

According to an interview with Granada Television International's managing director Barrie Heads (*Electronic Media*, Apr. 18, 1985), "we will make seven more Sherlock Holmes stories, then I think we will stop." So I guess we can expect a total of 20 stories. Heads also said that in 1984 Granada

Television exported 3,300 program hours from 157 different productions to 71 countries; the best sellers were "Jewel in the Crown" and "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes". The second series, by the way, will consist of "Gree", "Resi", "Norw", "Copp", "RedH", and "Fina". And Charles Gray, who was a fine Mycroft in "The Seven-Per-Cent Solution", will repeat the role in "Gree".

Dawn Addams died on May 7 -- she played the part of Doreen in Ronald Howard's "The Case of the Careless Suffragette" (D5529a).

Reported: Martin Gardner's "The Irrelevance of Conan Doyle" (D2108b) is collected in Gardner's SCIENCE: GOOD, BAD AND BOGUS (Buffalo: Prometheus Books, 1981).

Rick Hacker reports that his THE ULTIMATE PIPE BOOK (with discussion of SH's smoking habits) is going into a third printing, and is still \$17.95 in pipe and tobacco stores (including the Tinder Box chain), and he will be happy to autograph your copy if you send him the book and \$2.00 for return shipping or a stamped-and-addressed return mailer; his address is Box 634, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

May 85 #2 Reported by Dick Lesh: "Touring Sherlock's London," by Murray Shaw, with color photos and a map, in American Way, Apr. 16, 1985 (American Airlines, Box 619616, MD 3A61, DFW Airport, TX 75261; \$2.00). SHERLOCK HOLMES IN AMERICA, by Bill Blackbeard, discounted at \$6.95 (or two for \$8.00) plus \$2.60 shipping per order, by Publishers Central Bureau, One Champion Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07001. And a number of new items discounted by Edward Hamilton (Falls Village, CT 06031); his catalogs sound worth while for things like the Goodenough murder dossier version of A STUDY IN SCARLET at \$4.95.

Reported by Marsha Pollak: DONALD DUCK: 50 YEARS OF HAPPY FRUSTRATION (HP Books, 1984); with a photograph (p. 59) showing Mickey and Goofy in deerstalkers from "Lonesome Ghosts". CLASSICS TO READ ALOUD TO YOUR CHILDREN, by William F. Russell (Crown, 1984; 351 pp., \$13.95); contents include "Spec" with notes. SECRETS OF SOFTWARE DEBUGGING, by Truck Smith (TAB, 1984; \$21.95); cover artwork has man in S'ian costume. INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF FILMS & FILMMAKERS, Vol. 1, ed. by Christopher Lyon (Macmillan, 1984; \$50.00); with entry (pp. 427-428) for "Sherlock Jr." ANNO'S HAT TRICKS, by Akihiro Nozaki and Mitsumasa Anno (Philomel Books, 1985; \$11.95); advertisement shows character in S'ian costume.

Otto Penzler celebrated the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Awards with an all-day signing party on May 11 at The Mysterious Bookshop, with authors including Dorothy Salisbury Davis, Stanley Ellin, William L. DeAndrea, and Stuart M. Kaminsky -- and there's a section of S'iana in his latest sales list -- 129 West 56th Street, New York, NY 10019. The cover price of The Armchair Detective goes up to \$6.00 with issue 18:3 (summer 1985), but the subscription price stays at \$20.00 for four issues (same address); Otto writes that issue 18:4 will have a color cover of Jeremy Brett and an interview.

Reported by Gideon Hill: four two-hour audiocassette sets in the Listen for Pleasure series: THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES (D4671b, read by Hugh Burden), THE SIGN OF FOUR (read by Tony Britton), A STUDY IN SCARLET (read by Tony Britton), and THE LOST WORLD (read by James Mason), available for \$13.95 each (plus \$1.50 shipping) from Robin's Book Store (attn: special orders), 1837 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; they take plastic. Two full-color posters (14x36 in. and 27x41 in.) for the Cushing film of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" (D5161a), \$75.00 each plus shipping from Cinemonde, 1916 Hyde Street, San Francisco, CA 94109; they take plastic.

WHAT HAPPENED TO SHERLOCK HOLMES? THE LEGEND OF WILSON/THE AMAZING ATHLETE, by Terence White/Prince (Marina del Rey: Seagull Publishing Co., 1984; 100 pp., \$9.95) is a pastiche with a thoroughly rejuvenated Holmes in 1927,

subsisting on royal jelly, a wide variety of health foods, and a regimen of strict exercise; available from the publisher (add \$2.00 for shipping) at 2915 Stanford Avenue #7, Marina del Rey, CA 90291.

Reported: THE ADVENTURES OF INSPECTOR LESTRADE, by M. J. Trow (Macmillan, L7.95); a pastiche "with the bold inspector one of the best policemen in London and Holmes a shambling amateur being wrecked by drugs," a first novel written by Trow because "he was annoyed at the way Inspector Lestrade has always been depicted as one of the world's losers."

May 85 #3 "I am a reader and writer of mystery stories who thinks that the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle are a monument to boredom. A pox, I say, on the posturing Holmes and the goggle-eyed Watson. Anathema to The Baker Street Irregulars, that unholy gang of worshipers at the shrine of Sherlock. The next time they drink a toast to him, may their wine turn to sarsaparilla in the glass!" Stanley Ellin goes on to give reasons for the low esteem in which he holds the Canon, in his contribution to WRITING MYSTERY AND CRIME FICTION, edited by Sylvia K. Burack (Boston: The Writer, 1985; 208 pp., \$12.95), a collection that also includes P. D. James' warmer appreciation of the "sense of place" created in the descriptions of the sitting room at 221B. The publisher's address is: 120 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116.

If you'd like to meet Jeremy Brett, try Philadelphia on June 24, when he will be featured at a gala dinner-dance benefit for WHY? (the local PBS station) -- only \$175 a person for the evening.

Chester Gould, creator of Dick Tracy, died on May 11. In 1976 he received the "Baker Street Tankard Award," awarded by Hugo's Companions to the one "who thirsts after justice for justice's sake." In THE GREAT DETECTIVES, edited by Otto Penzler (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1978, p. 239), Gould says that "because Sherlock Holmes is the greatest detective of them all, I decided to make Tracy look like Holmes: straight aquiline nose, square chin, generally sharp features."

Correction to last month's item on the Hoboken workshop. John Bennett Shaw says that requests for additional information should be sent to Herbert P. Tinning at 80 Pine Street, Millburn, NJ 07041.

I've had a letter from someone who is researching the sinking of the Loch Ness Monster -- the prop that sank in Loch Ness when they were making "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" (1970). Does anyone have any stills or publicity photographs that show the Billy Wilder version of "Nessie"?

Reported: THE TULPA, by J. N. Williamson, a Tower Books paperback in 1981, now reissued by Leisure Books; an occult novel in which a number of characters are thinly disguised S'ian dignitaries (including the author). THE LUNATIC FRINGE, by William L. DeAndrea, a Mysterious Press paperback reprint; a fine mystery-history (Teddy Roosevelt), with a minor reference to the Canon.

Flier at hand for the workshop on "Sherlock Holmes: Science and Literature" in Madison on July 20-21; registration \$40.00 (excluding dinner and accommodations), with July 1 registration deadline. Write to University of Wisconsin-Extension, Dept. of Liberal Studies, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53706.

". . . his main interests at the time were similar to those of most other teen-agers or sub-teen-agers: baseball (he worked parttime selling popcorn at the Senators' stadium); pulp magazines--he read the Sherlock Holmes stories too; acting grown up; and girls," writes Derek Jewell in DUKE: A PORTRAIT OF DUKE ELLINGTON (New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 1980, p. 27); discovered by Ann Byerly.

May 85 #4 "The Building of a Sherlock Holmes Collection," by Peter L.

Stern, in AB Bookman's Weekly, May 6, 1985; a detailed description of Marvin P. Epstein's collection, currently offered for sale by Pepper & Stern. The magazine also has an ad by The Arion Press (460 Bryant Street, San Francisco, CA 94107) for a new limited edition of THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, illustrated by Michael Kenna with photographs of the English moors (no price given, but prospectus available).

Martin Gardner's essay "On the Irrelevance of Conan Doyle" (D2108b) was reprinted, with a postscript, in Gardner's SCIENCE: GOOD, BAD AND BOGUS (Buffalo: Prometheus Books, 1981; 412 pp., \$18.95), a collection of similar critical discussions of pseudoscience; the book is still in print.

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES QUIZ AND PUZZLE BOOK, by Nigel Bartlett (Bristol: Abson Books, 1985; 44 pp., £2.50); a collection of Canonical quizzes, word searches, and crossword puzzles (the publisher's address is: Abson, Wick, Bristol BS15 5TT, England).

Four more stories (Yell, Stoc, Glor, Fina) read by Robert Hardy are available in a two-cassette set as MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (Argo, SAY 177, £5.95); these are not the older dramatizations (D5566a-D5569a). Four other stories were issued last year as THE RETURN OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

"Now, the detective's chief business is to provoke talk, and then to test its sincerity . . . the people whose loquaciousness is most precious to him are domestic servants . . . give me the detective who has a special talent for worming himself, without exciting suspicion, into the confidence of a caretaker, and under-valet, or a chambermaid, and I will make you a present of Sherlock Holmes." The author, who presumably had not read the Canon carefully, is M. Alphonse Bertillon, in an article on "Does 'Raffles' Exist? Or, The Myth of the Gentleman Burglar" (Strand, Oct. 1913).

Carole Naddeo reports a second source for a videocassette of "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" (1970): Movies Unlimited, 6736 Castor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149; \$59.95 (catalog #04-1789).

Reported by Ron De Waal: HORSE & PONY STORIES, edited by Janet Barber (London: Cathy Books, 1985; \$4.95 at Waldenbooks); contents include "Silv" (first published by Sundial Books, 1979). SECRET PASSIONS, SECRET REMEDIES: NARCOTIC DRUGS IN BRITISH SOCIETY, 1820-1930, by Terry M. Parssinen (Philadelphia: Institute for the Study of Human Issues, 1983; 243 pp., \$17.50); with a synopsis of "Twis" (pp. 63-64); address for ISHI is 3401 Science Center, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Karen and Bill Palmer, proprietors of the restaurant Bogie's (249 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10001), now also have Bogie's Murderous Mystery Tours. Their first two efforts are a "Murder at Sea" mystery during a 7-day cruise on the SS Bermuda Star out of New York on Sept. 28, 1985, with Chris Steinbrunner as one of the special guests (contact Susan Rice, Gramercy Travel System, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022); and a "Murder at the Grand" weekend, Oct. 25-28, 1985, at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel (possibly the only interesting thing in Michigan that wasn't invented by Bill Rabe).

Jun 85 #1 The Apr. 1985 issue of Metropolitan Toronto Library Board News has considerable S'ian content, including an illustration of the Frederic Dorr Steele original artwork for "Bruc" ("It was a nice equipment for a respectable citizen") donated to the MTL by Peter A. Lemiski. Available free from the MTL (attn: Janice McNabb), 789 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont. M4W 2G8, Canada.

That imperfect copy of Beeton's Christmas Annual for 1887 is still available from Serendipity Books (1790 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709) for \$18,000 (rear cover, portion of spine, and two leaves of ads in facsimile). "Not a rare book," says the catalog, as "Lew David Feldman let the world know he had, and sold, three copies in day."

Plan ahead. The first 1986 S'ian seminar to be announced is "Sherlock Holmes: His Place in the Genre of Criminous Literature and the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle," to be presented by The Bootmakers of Toronto on June 19-22 at Trinity College, University of Toronto. Requests for further details can be sent to David Skene-Melvin, 225 Carlton Street, Toronto, Ont. M5A 2L2, Canada.

Reported by Janice McNabb: TWELVE ENGLISHMEN OF MYSTERY, edited by Earl F. Bargainnier (Bowling Green: Bowling Green University Popular Press, 1984); an anthology of essays on authors from Wilkie Collins to Simon Brett (and not including ACD), with mentions of SH in Barrie Hayne's "A. E. W. Mason" and Nancy Ellen Talburt's "H. C. Bailey".

THE ZENDA VENDETTA, by Simon Hawke (New York: Ace Science Fiction Books, May 1985; 206 pp., \$2.95); a time-travel novel, with the Time Commandos (heros) confronting the Timekeepers (villains) in Anthony Hopes' Ruritania. S'ian only in the presence in the Time Commandos' commander's private museum of the Jezail bullet removed from Watson's shoulder and sent by him to the commander, who was at Maiwand in the guise of Murray.

Richard Greene died on 1 June in London, ending an acting career that included more than 40 feature films and the role of Robin Hood in a long series on British television. In 1939 he was the studio's newest romantic lead when he played Sir Henry Baskerville in the Twentieth Century-Fox film and received top billing the cast and in the publicity.

Travelers London-bound might consider a two-hour walk "In the Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes" conducted on Saturday mornings by Streets of London (32 Grovelands Road, London N13 4RH; price is about \$2.20, and there are a number of other non-S'ian tours.

"Sherlock Holmes and the Baskerville Curse" (67 minutes) and "Sherlock Holmes and the Sign of Four" (48 minutes) are animations produced by Burbank Films (Australia) and marketed here on videocassette by Pacific Arts Video Records at \$59.95 each. Peter O'Toole (who was once considered for the lead in "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes") provides the voice of Sherlock Holmes. The animation is well above Saturday-morning-TV standards, but both stories are simplified (no boots are stolen at the Northumberland Hotel, for example), and slow and talky. Recommended only for rental viewing.

Jun 85 #2 BIALOSKY'S BIG MYSTERY, by Anne Kostick, illustrated by Jerry Joyner (Racine: Western Publishing Co., 1985, \$4.95); Bialosky is a deerstalkered bear in this children's "Golden Lift-and-Look Book".

Bouchercon XVI ("Murder by the Bay Returns") will be at the Sir Francis Drake in San Francisco, Oct. 25-27, with three-track programming, "The California Crime Novel" as guest of honor (Joe Gores, Joseph Hansen, and Collin Wilcox), and a session on "Sherlock Holmes v. A. Conan Doyle" -- their mailing-list address is Box 6202, Hayward, CA 94540.

Gideon Hill reports you can still obtain copies of back issues of Transactions & Studies of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. The July 1978 issue (\$5.00) had four S'ian articles (D5956b, D5963b, D5994b, D6005b) and the Dec. 1979 issue (\$8.00) had a four-page reply to D5956b). Their address is 19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Stabur Graphics (23301 Meadow Park, Detroit, MI 48239) continues its S'ian line with a full-color 16x24" poster reprinting the Harvey Kurtzman cover from Mad #7 (Oct.-Nov. 1953); \$5.00 (or \$25.00 signed by Kurtzman) plus \$2.75 shipping, or \$70.00 (signed and framed) plus \$5.00 shipping; they take plastic.

Prospectus at hand from The Arion Press (460 Bryant Street, San Francisco,

CA 94107) for their deluxe edition of THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, and it is indeed deluxe, designed by Andrew Hoyem, with 50 photographs by Michael Kenna and "text corrected by Terry Milne, collating the first English and American editions with the first serial publication," in an edition of 400 copies, at \$300.00. There is also a poster available at \$10.00. This is the second of their "mystery classics," the first being their 1983 edition of THE MALTESE FALCON. My friends in the fine-press world give Hoyem mixed reviews (at one point he was sort of the successor to the Grabhorns, but now he has considerable competition from presses that are better, and his book designs are sometimes quite unattractive), but the book will be sent on approval with refundable payment, so you have an escape hatch. And you can get a free copy of the poster with your purchase if you spot "the misstatement of fact embedded in the prospectus" (the misstatement, in the first sentence on the third page of the prospectus, should be readily apparent to any Sherlockian).

"The Goonies" according to one review, "is an artfully crafted movie, thrumming with energy and sometimes wit, and utterly uninvolved for anyone over the age of 12." Producer Steven Spielberg and screenwriter Chris Columbus are also involved in Paramount's "Young Sherlock Holmes" now in production in England.

"The Tunbridge Teatime Terror" offered an entertaining weekend for participants at the Hotel Stamford Plaza's mystery weekend on May 17-19, with arrangements by Tyke and Teddie Niver, who eventually revealed themselves to be Holmes and Watson ("Watson couldn't take off the wig and bosom," Holmes explained smoothly to N.Y. Daily News reporter Gus Dallas, "because they were stuck on with super stickum"). An Agatha Christie weekend is planned for Oct. 11-13, and the hotel's address is 2701 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905.

Jun 85 #3 There are two of John Ruyle's Pequod Press books available that have some S'ian content. GASTROPODS AND OTHER POEMS (1983, 36 pp., clothbound, \$25.00) has "Sherlock, This Is Stupid Stuff" (revised from its appearance in The Vermissa Herald) and "On the Terrace" (a memorial to Dean W. Dickensheet). BATS: PARENTHETICAL POEMS (1985, 36 pp., clothbound, \$30.00) has "To Vincent Starrett" (revised from its appearance in 221B OR NOT 221B?). His address is 521 Vincente Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707.

Reported: a French film under production from Umberto Eco's THE NAME OF THE ROSE, screenplay by Jean-Jacques Annaud and Alain Godard, being filmed in both French and English versions. Anyone have more information on this?

Newt Williams suggests that Pablo Sarasate's recordings of his own works may make him the only musician in the Canon whose work has been preserved for our later enjoyment. Any other candidates?

Mary Cannon's "Booked & Printed" column in the July 1985 issue of Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine is a two-page appreciation of the Canon, followed by reviews of recent S'iana.

Can anyone identify the first appearance of Ogden Nash's poem "The Spring Sitting"? It was collected in THE OGDEN NASH POCKET BOOK (New York: Pocket Books, 1944), and includes the couplet "I'd rather be boiled in oil than work, / I'd rather read Conan Doyle than work."

"Doctor Arthur Conan Doyle's Patients in Fact and Fiction," by Alvin E. Rodin and Jack D. Key, in Medical Heritage, Mar.-Apr. 1985, pp. 80-98; a comparison of ACD's practice with his Canonical and non-Canonical stories.

William A. Barton offers apologies to those who ordered copies of the "Sherlockian Trivia" supplement and "The Play's Afoot" booklet back in January; he has had horrendous problems with the printer, and hopes to be back on track before too long. Bill will include a modest S'ian bonus with shipments to those who do not lose patience, and refunds are available to

those who do (in which case please send him a copy of your cancelled check); if your check has *not* been cashed, please let him know. Bill's address is Box 26290, Indianapolis, IN 46226.

The USPS stamp program for 1986 includes a number of S'ian (well, sort of S'ian) issues: commemoratives honoring T. S. Eliot (creator of Macavity) and Vilhjalmar Stefansson (D2051b), and a regular stamp honoring Bret Harte (creator of Hemlock Jones).

Reported by Mel Ruiz: "The Mis-Adventures of Sheerluck Homes: The Mystery of the Creepy Hack Writer" (cassette P302), a parody of old-time radio, available for \$3.98 (plus \$1.40 shipping), from Adventures in Cassettes, Dept. S-610, 1401-B West River Road North, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

"Love Match Was 'Elementary' for Holmes Enthusiasts," according to the press release from the St. Olaf College News Service. The enthusiasts are St. Olaf College reference librarian J. Randolph Cox and Metropolitan Toronto Library assistant curator Janice McNabb, and the nuptials are planned for this fall.

Jun 85 #4 The Northeast Victorian Studies Association will sponsor a conference on "Victorian Work and Workers" at Yale University on Apr. 18-20, 1986. Program information available from Prof. Mary Davis, Dept. of English, Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT 06511 (and from me, if it turns out there is S'ian content).

The 34th running of The Silver Blaze will be held at Belmont Race Track in New York on Sept. 13, 1985. Cost is \$40.00 (including transportation from and to The Players); contact Thomas L. Stix, Jr., Box 96, Norwood, NJ 07648.

Reported by Marsha Pollak: THE SEARCH FOR KING PUP'S TOMB, by Jim and Mary Razzi, with pictures by Ted Enik (Bantam/Skylark, 1985, \$2.25); the latest adventure of Sherlock Bones and Scotson, battling Professor Morty-Mutty. THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, read by Richard Green, on seven 90-minute cassettes (\$10.50 rental, \$56.00 purchase new, \$31.50 purchase used) from Books on Tape (Box 7900, Newport Beach, CA 92660).

The fruits of Evelyn Herzog's recent visit to London include: SHERLOCK HOLMES AT THE 1902 FIFTH TEST, by Stanley Shaw (London: W. H. Allen, 1985; L8.95); a new pastiche. TRUE CHARACTERS: REAL PEOPLE IN FICTION, by Alan Bold and Robert Giddings (Longman Pocket Companion Series, 1984; L3.95); with a one-page entry on Dr. Joseph Bell and Sherlock Holmes. SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE DANCING MEN, a comic-strip adaptation by D. K. Swan (Longman Structural Reader, 1978; L0.55). 221B BAKER STREET: THE MASTER DETECTIVE GAME (H. P. Gibson & Sons, Littlers Close, London SW19; L8.50); the British version of D3957b. Garnier & Co. (37 Strode Road, London NW10 2NP, England) make plaques, pocket mirrors, and keyrings with the Baker Street Underground and the Baker Street W1 street sign motifs. The souvenir stock at The Sherlock Holmes in Northumberland Street includes ashtrays (L2.50), keyrings (L1.00), and T-shirts (L4.50). Baker Street Estates are estate management and property consultants at Sherlock Holmes House, 28 Baker Street, London W1M 1DF; their business card has a S'ian emblem. Plus note of mention of Sherlock Holmes in the lyrics of "Bang Bang," a rock and roll song by Pierre Robinson, as well as mention of Sherlock Holmes' dog (in the nighttime) on p. 14 of Barbara Hambly's ISHMAEL (Pocket Books, May 1985, \$3.50), the latest Star Trek novel.

Flier at hand for this year's weekend with John Bennett Shaw on Aug. 9-11, 1985; \$85.00 including the Saturday night banquet. Contact address is: Sherlock Holmes Workshop, Office of the President, Stevens Institute of Technology, Castle Point, Hoboken, NJ 07030.

SHERLOCK HOLMES IS ALIVE!, by Kiyoshi Tanaka (Tokyo: Nova Publishing, 1984), is the first primer on Japanese S'iana, including a history of

Japanese translations of the Canon, a S'ian who's who, a list of world-wide S'ian societies, courses for various school levels, and much more, all in Japanese (265 pp. with illos by Tanaka and Paget); \$7.00 plus \$2.00 surface shipping or \$4.00 airmail shipping, from Kiyoshi Tanaka, 8-7 Baba cho, Isogo-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa, Japan 235.

Does anyone know anything about a five-minute radio series "Roger Ramjet"? In one (undated) episode he helps Armlock Hurts and Dr. Whatsis foil Professor Mayoryorty's theft of Scotland Yard.

Jul 85 #1 Assorted S'iana in print in England: A PUZZLE FOR SHERLOCK HOLMES (D5095b), by Robert Newman (London: Transworld/Carousel, 1981; 169 pp., L0.85). THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES: A SHERLOCK HOLMES MURDER DOSSIER, edited by Simon Goodenough (Exeter: Webb & Bower, 1984; L9.95). THE SIGN OF FOUR: A SHERLOCK HOLMES MURDER DOSSIER, edited by Simon Goodenough (Exeter: Webb & Bower, 1985; L9.95). THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, the 13 stories in the first and second Granada series, with a cover photograph of Brett and Burke (London: Granada, 1984; 365 pp., L7.95).

I occasionally hear from people who have had problems with mail-order dealers of various sorts, the problems involving not receiving merchandise ordered, not receiving refunds for merchandise incorrectly sent, and not receiving any response to enquiries. While it is possible for one enquiry (or a response) to be lost in the mails, lack of response to a second enquiry may indicate that the dealer isn't paying attention to you. And there is a very effective way to get the dealer's attention: write a letter to the postmaster at the appropriate city, giving a factual explanation of the problem and saying that you would like to file a complaint against the dealer for fraudulent use of the mails. Standard post-office procedure is to contact the dealer, requesting an explanation, and mail-order dealers tend to pay close attention to letters from postal inspectors.

Responding to requests on how one obtains a copy of the new Bantam Books edition of THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES (with new introduction by John Bennett Shaw), one possibility is responding to the advertisement in the July issue of The Dial (the magazine published for some PBS stations). There's no obligation other than payment for THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES when it arrives.

Has anyone visiting London noticed the "Sherlock Holmes Centa" on Baker Street, near Paddington Street? David H. Galerstein spotted it on a map of London from the British Tourist Office; the Centa is apparently a movie theater, but I don't recall hearing of it before.

"Selected Cases of Sherlock Holmes" (Spec, Gree, SixN) on two 90-minute cassettes, narrated by Grover Gardner; \$19.95 plus \$2.50 shipping from Audio Book Contractors, Box 40115, Washington, DC 20016.

"A Castle in Connecticut" by Caroline Crosson, in Amtrak Express, June-July 1985; on Gillette's home and interests (PPI Publications, Box 0, Huntington, NY 11743). Reported by Gideon D. Hill, who also notes the appearance by Meiringen and Reichenbach Falls on the "Traveler's Guide to the Alps" insert map in the April 1985 issue of National Geographic.

Jul 85 #2 "Detectiverse: The Beggar" by William C. Thomas (EQMM, Sept.

1985), is his second appearance in the magazine, with his second poetic tribute to "Twis" (the first was "Detectiverse: The Bar of Gold" in EQMM, Aug. 1983). Thomas continues his intriguing practice of not mentioning the title of the story or the detective in his poems.

"The Red Leech" by Maryam Wade (Mike Shayne Mystery Magazine, July 1985) is a grade C+ pastiche.

John Bennett Shaw reports that a Los Angeles advertising agency is searching for a Sherlockian who owns a Honda. If you qualify, the firm is Needham Harper worldwide Agency, and you can call collect and ask for Judy at 213-208-5000 extension 266. I'm sure there's no connection, but some time ago Ted Schulz sent in an item from the San Francisco Chronicle on a literary vanity license plate reading BSKRVLS that was seen on a Honda. See BSJ, Mar. 1984, p. 61.

The promotion for Martha Grimes' newest Richard Jury mystery, HELP THE POOR STRUGGLER (Little, Brown and Co.), notes that "You'll find him gently interrogating a colorful cast of suspects in manor houses and pubs (including the pub of the title) around bleak Dartmoor, where the Hound of the Baskervilles once bayed." Richard Jury fans can let me know if there's actually a reference to the Hound in the book.

Yet another ocean cruise for mystery fans (not the one mentioned May 85 #4): a "Murder Overboard" trip to Bermuda on the Queen Elizabeth 2, from New York on Sept. 2-7, 1985. The mystery will be planned by David Landau of Murder to Go, and Evan Hunter (Ed McBain) will be on hand. Cheapest fare is \$695 for an inside cabin, and the most expensive is \$9,320 for a luxury split level apartment suite. Flier available from Cunard, 555 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Reported by Dick Lesh: POLYPHONIC MOTETS OF LASSUS on an excellent very hi-fi German recording, \$25.00 from George Tobias, 1306 Skylark Drive, Omaha, NE 68144. Also: SHERLOCK BEEFO UNCOVERS THE MYSTERY OF THE 5TH QUARTER, a 16-page illustrated pamphlet published by the South Dakota Cow Belles (members of the South Dakota Beef Council), free from Mrs. Harold B. Anderson, Highmore, SD 75345.

A while back (Jan 85 #5) I recommended BIGELOW ON HOLMES (D1932b), the splendid index to the writings upon the writings edited by Donald A. Redmond. I still recommend it, but the instructions for ordering are slightly different: the cost is \$16.05 (Canadian) postpaid, and if your check is on an American bank you should use the current exchange rate to convert to U.S. dollars. Order from the Metropolitan Toronto Library (789 Yonge Street, Toronto M4W 2G8, Canada).

It took a while to track this down, and it turns out to be non-S'ian, but: THE CASE OF THE KIDNAPPED DOG, by Ron van der Meer (London: Macmillan's Children's Books, 1983), is a "do-it-yourself pop-up book" (no cutting, no gluing, but you get to put it together) in which the detective is Hercules Watson. Available from Merrimack Publishers Circle (47 Pelham Road, Salem, NH 03079) for \$9.95.

Jul 85 #3 SELECTED CASES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES includes three cases (SPEC, GREE, and SIXN), quietly and faithfully read by Grover Gardner. The boxed set of two 90-minute audio cassettes is available from Audio Book Contractors (Box 40115, Washington, DC 20016) for \$19.95 (plus \$2.50 shipping).

Ron De Waal reports four of the Rathbone/Bruce films on videocassette at \$19.95 each, at B. Dalton stores. And Lewis Gardner's adaptation "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Sussex Vampire", reprinted from Scholastic Scope (D4385b) in SCOPE ENGLISH ANTHOLOGY, edited by Stephen M. Lewin and Allene Feldman (New York: Scholastic Book Services, 1983); the SBS address is 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.

Scott and Sherry Rose Bond have returned from their trip to Baker Street (in Manchester, at the Granada studio) and a visit with producer (now executive producer) Michael Cox, who confirmed the rumor that David Burke will not play Watson in the third set of seven programs. Burke is now under contract to the Royal Shakespeare Company, and the new Watson will be Edward Hardwicke, son of Sir Cedric Hardwicke (who also played the role, on radio). The third set of programs, now considered to be the second series, will be called "The Return of Sherlock Holmes" and will start with "The Empty House", continuing with "The Six Napoleons", "The Second Stain", "The Man with the Twisted Lip", "The Abbey Grange", and (probably) "The Priory School" (and Cox wasn't sure what the seventh story would be). [For those who have forgotten, the first set of programs consisted of Scan, Danc, Nava, Soli, Croo, Spec, and Blue, and the second set has Gree, Resi, Norw, Copp, RedH, and Fina.]

Sherry also noted the death this month of Joan Wilson, wife of Jeremy Brett and the WGBH-TV (Boston) producer responsible for "Masterpiece Theatre" and "Mystery!"

THE FRIENDS OF BOGIE'S RETURN TO BAKER STREET is the second audio cassette produced by the inspired crew who have provided dramatic entertainment at the January dinners of The Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes. This time their proposition is that Holmes was a jack-of-all-trades, and master of none, presenting him as a travel agent, poet, and veterinarian, among other potential occupations. The 30-minute cassette is available for \$9.00 postpaid from ZPPR Productions, 34 Gansevoort Street, New York, NY 10014. An earlier cassette, THE FRIENDS OF BOGIE'S AT BAKER STREET, is also available at the same price.

Gunnar E. Sundin has set a July 29 publication date for his SHERLOCK'S LONDON TODAY: A WALKING TOUR OF THE LONDON OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, with routes for 11 tours, identifications of 400 S'ian sites, and 100 photographs and maps; \$19.00 postpaid from Sherlock's Bookshop, 492 South First Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60016. His set of four 17x22" maps of VICTORIAN LONDON (handsomely reproduced from a set produced by the Weekly Dispatch in 1861) is still available (\$13.95 postpaid), along with a new 360-item sales list of S'iana.

Bruce R. Beaman (Box 745, Stevens Point, WI 54481) is offering a number of S'ian items; send him a #10 SASE for a copy of his sales list.
Jul 85 #4 All the residents at 221 Baker Street were blessed with Scottish names, according to John T. Kerr (president of the Kerr Family Association), with Holmes being a sept name of the Home Family in the eastern Borders, thus providing the connection for an article on Holmes, Watson, Mrs. Hudson, Dr. Bell, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in the May 1985 issue of The Border Line: Newsletter of the Kerrs and Carrs. The KFA address is Box 8868, Durham, NC 27707.

ANNO'S HAT TRICKS, by Akihiro Nozaki and Mitsumasa Anno (New York: Philomel Books, 1985; 44 pp., \$11.95) is S'ian only for its cover artwork and minor interior illos, but it's a charming and imaginative explanation of binary logic for children (and I venture to predict that some parents will have to concentrate in order to keep up with their kids).

A subscriber (who did not request anonymity, but will receive it anyway) reports a button reading "No shit . . . Sherlock" sold by the Button-Up Co., 1202 East Maple, Troy, MI 48083 (price not known). It's all too easy to make buttons to order with do-it-yourself kits, of course, and there are probably more varieties around than there are different T-shirts.

There's a new paperback edition of Martha Grimes' THE MAN WITH A LOAD OF MISCHIEF (Dell, \$3.50), the first of her series about Inspector Jury; the book has a couple of allusions to the Canon, but the deerstalkered man on the cover of the 1982 paperback is missing from this one.

Sherlock Snoopy is featured on a 9x12" portfolio cover (for students, I guess), manufactured for Butterfly Originals for Plymouth Inc., Bellmawr, NJ 08031 (price not known).

"A weekend in Toronto with Sherlock Holmes" is the official title of the seminar mentioned earlier (Jun 85 #1), to be sponsored by The Bootmakers of Toronto at Trinity College, University of Toronto, June 19-22, 1986. An agenda flier is available, and mailing-list requests should be sent to: SH86, 225 Carlton Street, Toronto, Ont. M5A 2L2, Canada.

"When a Doctor Turns to Crime", by Ely M. Liebow, in Chicago Medicine, June 7, 1985 (Chicago Medical Society, 515 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60610; \$1.00); a two-page article on Conan Doyle as a doctor.

There have been a number of mentions in the press of a modern version of "The Lost Special", reported by Pravda on June 2, 1985. "A train consisting of 28 freight cars with crushed rock left the Tomashgorodsky factory on June 24, 1983," Pravda said, "It left, but it didn't arrive." And by the time the Soviet bureaucracy finished its investigation, it was impossible to solve the mystery, "since all the documents concerning shipments were kept for only one year and then destroyed." "Even Sherlock Holmes from Baker Street in London could have lost his way in the paper labyrinth," Pravda suggested.

Herb Tinning is the source for the only recent news from Elstree Studios, a quip from Regina Nadelson in European Travel & Life (May-June 1985) on the possibility that Steven Spielberg's "Young Sherlock" will be called "E.T. Goes to Eton".

Jul 85 #5 Ron De Waal reports a revised edition of Julian Symons' BLOODY MURDER: FROM THE DETECTIVE STORY TO THE CRIME NOVEL (D898b) (New York: Viking, 1985; \$14.95). In his chapter on "The Case of Sherlock Holmes", Symons suggests that "the tone of mock-scholarly facetiousness" in the writings About the writings "must make them rank high among the most tedious pieces of their kind ever written."

"The Baskerville" is a new London restaurant, near Baker Street Station across from Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, according to Jon Burroughs of The Illustrious Clients.

Donald A. Redmond continues his research on "Sherlock Holmes Among the Pirates: The Sign of Four 1890-1930" and would be interested in hearing from owners of editions of "Sign" published by Hovenden Co. (New York), Human Life Publishing Co. (Boston), and I. M. Ottenheimer (Baltimore), and TALES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES from Orange Judd Co. (New York). Don's address is 178 Barrie Street, Kingston, Ont. K7L 3K1, Canada.

A TOUCH OF THE CLASS, edited by Michael H. Kean and published by The Master's Class of Philadelphia in 1981, is one of the better scion anthologies; 94 pp., illustrated, and still available for \$13.50 postpaid from Victoria M. Robinson, 299 Summit House, West Chester, PA 19382.

THE STORY OF MR. GEORGE EDALJI, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, edited and with an Introduction by Richard and Molly Whittington-Egan (London: Grey House Books, 1985; 124 pp., £15.00 postpaid from the publisher, 12A Lawrence Street, Chelsea, London SW3, England) (or £18.00 postpaid for the 100 numbered copies signed by the editors); far more than a reissue of the rare pamphlet published by ACD in 1907 reprinting his two-part article from the Daily Telegraph, this book also includes a later three-part article on his "Special Investigation" and, published for the first time, the full text of his "Statement of the Case" against the man he believed was the prime suspect in the Great Wyrley outrages.

wally Conger reports that a police officer is called "a Sherlock Holmes"

and that the famous barkless dog is mentioned in Ross Thomas' new novel BRIARPATCH. And S'ian references in L. Neil Smith's SF novel THE NAGASAKI VECTOR, which features a sleuthing coyote with a marked resemblance to Philip Jose Farmer's "Ralph von Wau Wau".

Reported: ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE, by Don Richard Cox (New York: Frederick Ungar Publishing Co., 1985; \$13.95); presumably a biography. DETECTIVE AND MYSTERY FICTION: AN INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SECONDARY SOURCES, by Walter Albert (Madison: Brownstone Books, 1985; 779 pp., \$60.00); I believe this is essentially non-S'ian, based on Albert's operating assumption that our world is more than adequately covered by Ron De Waal.

Lenny Picker reports that James Moriarty is one of the defense lawyers in "U.S. v. Badalamenti", an organized crime case popularly known as the "Pizza Connection". I am reminded of one of the more inspired titles for a federal law, which is now known mainly by its acronym: RICO. Fans of Edgar G. Robinson will need no reminder of who Rico was, and RICO is the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

Jul 85 #6 The Sherlock Holmes Centa in Baker Street is indeed a movie theater (Jul 85 #1), but I still don't know where the word "centa" comes from. The "London Map" is nicely done, and available from the British Tourist Authority, Literature Distribution Center, 25-15 50th Street, Woodside, NY 11377.

Reported by Ron De Waal: SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF DR. FREUD, by Michael Shepherd (New York: Tavistock Publications, 1985; 30 pp.); an essay based on the 1984 Squibb History of Psychiatry lecture, delivered at the Institute of Psychiatry, London, in June 1984 (the publisher's address is 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017). And "A Double-Barrelled Detective Story" by Mark Twain (D6128a), in Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine, Sept. and Oct. 1985.

TV Guide reports that "Sherlock Holmes and the Baskerville Curse" (the Australian animated film featuring Peter O'Toole as the voice of Holmes) will be shown on Showtime cable TV on Aug. 2 and Aug. 8.

Dr. Alvin E. Rodin reports that one of the papers at the May meeting of the American Osler Society was "A Modern Version of Osler's Bedside Library," detailing the results of a survey of the favorite books and authors of society members. Sir William Osler led the list, followed by Harvey Cushing (who wrote a biography of Osler); the Bible was third, William Shakespeare was fourth, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was fifth, "far outdistancing such authors as Hemingway, Mark Twain, Maugham, Kipling, Camus, Poe, Conrad, Defoe, etc."

What was the lowest depth to which Conan Doyle ever sunk, during his long literary career? See page 275 in the Apr. 1886 issue of Cassell's Family Magazine, and the picture of two girls and a boy in a yacht; the picture was sent to Conan Doyle with a commission to write a story to match it. The result was "Touch and Go: A Midshipman's Story", and the assessment of it is by Conan Doyle himself, recorded by P. G. Wodehouse in some hitherto unpublished notes auctioned at Sotheby's last year. See "New P.G. Wodehouse Material" by Richard Osborne, in Encounter, July-Aug. 1985, at hand from Steven Rothman.

Steve and Summer Canyon arrived in London on July 22, according to a report from Jon Lellenberg, and the continuing sequence will obviously be of interest to S'ians.

Aug 85 #1 SHERLOCKIAN ESOTERICA is an aptly named 60-minute audio cassette compiled by William R. Smith in 1980, with contents ranging from classic contributions by Red Smith and William S. Baring-Gould to material as new as one of Isaac Asimov's melodious appearances at a BSI annual dinner. The cost is \$8.00 postpaid, and Bill's address is 15 West Hillcrest Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083.

"The three most memorable men of the twentieth century so far are Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler and Sherlock Holmes," according to Alistair Cooke, quoted by Jeremy Brett in an interview in the summer 1985 issue of The Sherlock Holmes Journal.

The SHJ also reports a S'ian chess set with pieces 2 to 3 inches high, sculpted in wax and cast in polyester resin, at £30 from A. Payn, 80 Osborne Road, Hornchurch, Essex, England. And many S'ian references in DELIGHTFUL MURDER: A SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE CRIME STORY, by Ernest Mandel (Pluto Press, £3.95).

I haven't seen tins of the Danish "Baker Street No. 221B" pipe tobacco in stores recently, but there is a source mentioned in the July 1985 issue of The Tonga Times: Anne Neely, 1804 Spring Lane, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301; a 2-oz tin costs \$5.80 postpaid. And the House of Nisbet "Sherlock Holmes" bear doll (14") is available for \$69.95 from Dollsville Dolls, 373 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262. And a search "for that Pondicherry Lodge look" ends at Laura Ashley shops, with a new Indian-look print called Pondicherry. The Tonga Times is the quarterly newsletter for miniaturist members of The Mini-Tonga Scion Society; \$3.50 a year from Dee Snyder, 8440 Nashua Drive, Lake Park, FL 33418.

"Some letters display a simple na<vete," according to Julia Reynolds, in an article on Holmes' secretary Sue Brown, in My Weekly, Sept. 10, 1984, "like the enquiry from a midshipman in the US Naval Academy who wrote, 'Dear Sherlock Holmes. We have just completed a study of your mysteries in our "Detectives in Fiction" course and I wonder if you would be so kind as to let me know what is your favourite mystery--from a purely logical point of view, of course. I enclose one dollar to cover postage.'" It's nice to know that our future admirals are being exposed to literature, but one does wonder about the teacher . . .

"I realized that no one had ever done original shows from Conan Doyle," Jeremy Brett told Judy Klemesrud (N.Y. Times, May 26, 1985). "The one exception was Basil Rathbone in 'The Hound of the Baskervilles.'" Brett also said that the Granada series has been sold to 42 countries, and that the third set of seven episodes will be filmed this fall. "And then I hang my pipes up," he said with a smile.

Yet another criminous Moriarty, reported by Paul C. Merz: W. Patrick Moriarty, an Orange County businessman, pleaded guilty to seven counts of fraud as part of a plea-bargain agreement with the government, and then testified against a bank official charged with conspiring with Moriarty in an alleged money-laundering scheme. But the federal jury in Los Angeles voted for acquittal. "They flat didn't believe the man," said an observer, "I would love to defend anybody with Moriarty as a complaining witness."

Aug 85 #2 Owners of Douglas Norman's THE GHOST OF THE WIZARD OF OZ will welcome the appearance of his new collection THE SIGN OF THE FORESKIN (Watsonville: The Iron Dyke Co., 1985); the 24-page collection of

limericks is available from his Agent, Mr. John Ruyle (521 Vincente Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707); \$27.50 (signed by the author and bound in discreet cloth) or \$12.50 (garish paper wrappers). The prospectus (Loomings from The Pequod Press, a collector's item in its own right) pronounces the book to be "unmitigated smut, the kind that makes even old Baron Dowson himself recoil in horror."

Julian Symons' harsh judgement of the writings About the writings in the 1972 edition of BLOODY MURDER: FROM THE DETECTIVE STORY TO THE CRIME NOVEL (D898b) is missing from the chapter on Sherlock Holmes in the revised edition (New York: Viking, 1985; 261 pp., \$14.95), but his appreciation of the Canon itself is unchanged: "Certainly what needs to be stressed today is something that should be a cliché, and unhappily is not: that if one were choosing the best twenty short detective stories ever written, at least half a dozen of them would be about Sherlock Holmes."

Vagabond Travel (665 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203) has scheduled a motor coach tour "In the Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes" from Sept. 27 to Oct. 6 at \$679.50 a person, and it's an interesting itinerary: Milwaukee, Chicago (dinner with the local S'ians), Cleveland (ditto), the Vermessa Valley and Pocono Pines (Gravesend Books) and New York (dinner with the local S'ians at Bogie's), Mystic Seaport and Gillette Castle, Hyd Park (FDR Library), Rochester (screening of the Barrymore "Sherlock Holmes" at Eastman House), Niagara Falls and Toronto (the Metropolitan Toronto Library and dinner with the local S'ians at Sherlock's on Sheppard), Detroit (a final dinner with the local S'ians), and back to Milwaukee. Robert W. Hahn will be providing commentary throughout the tour.

Rupert Holmes, the author of a musical adaptation of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" that will open in Central Park on Aug. 21, was the subject of a major interview in the Washington Post (yes, Washington shuts down in August, so there's hardly anyone here worth interviewing), and the Post's photograph of Holmes shows a "Sherlock Holmes Faces Death" poster in the background. We await a report from any of our New York correspondents on possible S'ian references in the musical.

A SHORT ACCOUNT OF COX & CO. AT CHARING CROSS is a carefully researched 30-page monograph by James O. Duval, published in 1981 and still available for \$5.00 postpaid from Jim at 72 Merrimack Street, Penacook, NH 03303.

Gale Sondergaard died on Aug. 14. She won an Oscar for best supporting actress for "Anthony Adverse" (1936) and was nominated for "Anna and the King of Siam" (1946), but is best known in the S'ian world for her fine performance as Adrea Spedding in "Spider Woman" (1944).

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES in Bantam's "Collection of Mystery Classics" at hand, nicely printed and bound, with a six-page introduction by John Bennett Shaw; \$9.95 plus \$1.94 shipping, and as far as I know you can get it only by signing up for their series (Box 958, Hicksville, NY 11802) and then cancelling if you don't want the non-S'ian titles to follow.

Aug 85 #3 Hoboken. You've all seen the agenda (on the back of the Red Circle's announcement in the last mailing, in case you haven't got round to reading the last mailing yet), so I won't go into detail on everything. About 140 on hand for the festivities (from 17 states and 2 Canadian provinces, according to one report), which makes it the largest ever of John Bennett Shaw's workshops. And it was one of the best-run, with great credit due to Herb Tinning, who was featured in the spring issue of the Stevens alumni bulletin in a photograph showing Herb swinging from a vine in Ecuador, and Bob Thomalen. Two local newspapers sent reporters to the workshop on Friday afternoon, resulting in front-page coverage on Saturday (not much is happening in Hoboken, now that Dr. Sinatra has departed), and an AP reporter was on hand as well (please send me copies of any wire-service reports you may see).

ZDF Television crew was on hand from Mainz to film the Saturday dinner, and they will eventually air a major documentary on Sherlock Holmes and the Sherlockian Phenomenon. They had already filmed a special SHSOL meeting in London in July, and left Hoboken in hot pursuit of John for more filming in Santa Fe. Julian and Eleanor Wolff were at the dinner, and Julian awarded an Investiture ("The St. Pancras Case") to Michael Hardwick, and there were so many toasts and so much associated entertainment that John cancelled his evening lecture to avoid interfering with the usual room parties.

Edith Meiser reminisced with great affection about the actors who played Holmes and Watson in her radio series (one of the nicest things about the workshop was the presence of many Manhattanites who never get to some of John's more far-flung sites). George Fletcher talked about the history (past, present, and future) of the BSJ, proudly displaying blue-line copies of the March and June 1985 issues. Harlan Umansky's tribute to the artistry of Norman Schatell was notable for a total absence of any slides showing Norman's work, but there was a fine display in one of the other rooms of Norman's splendid ritualistic and anthropological sculptures.

Charles A. Meyer won one of John's infamous quizzes with an astounding score of 94 (out of 100), much to John's embarrassment (and much to the despair of some of the other traditional quiz experts who scored the usual 35 or 40). And there were the traditional rumors that John won't have any more workshops, which only means that so far no one has invited him ("Have quizzes, will travel" is John's motto).

Extra copies of the workshop packet (with various souvenirs, fliers, pins, etc.) are available for \$6.00 postpaid from Herbert P. Tinning, 80 Pine Street, Millburn, NJ 07041.

[N.Y. Times, Aug. 10]

Aug 85 #4 Andy Jaysnovitch (6 Dana Estates Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859) the second volume in his series of videocassettes from the 1954 television series starring Ronald Howard and H. Marion Crawford. The new cassette contains "Pennsylvania Gun", "Reluctant Carpenter", "Belligerent Ghost", and "Careless Suffragette", and costs \$29.95 postpaid (be sure to specify VHS or Beta format). The first cassette (with "Eiffel Tower", "Exhumed Client", "Night Train Riddle", and "Harry Crocker") is still available at the same price.

Ray Walsh's THE MYCROFT MEMORANDA is now available in an American edition (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1984; 186 pp., \$11.95); Sherlock Holmes yet again in pursuit of Jack the Ripper.

Reported: SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF DR. FREUD, by Michael Shepherd (New York: Methuen, 1985; \$5.95 in wrappers); "the similarities between Holmes and Freud have been remarked by several observers . . . Shepherd brings together a large body of fact and theory to argue that the association is not fortuitous" (can be ordered direct from the publisher's sales department, 29 West 35th Street, New York, NY 10001).

"The Happenstance at Humberstone Hollow" will be an Agatha Christie Weekend ("1929...it started out as a family reunion of the high and mighty from which some never returned...") on Oct. 11-13 at the Hotel Stamford Plaza (2701 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905; \$175.00); Tyke and Teddie Niver helped arrange the last mystery weekend at the Stamford Plaza, and may be

involved in this one. Tyke and Teddie took a brief vacation from Sherlock's Music, visiting Disneyworld and staying in the "Tonga" section of the Polynesian Village, and report that one of the souvenir shops had a miniature (5x7") pub sign for The Sherlock Holmes (made by the Mini Pub Sign Company, Gosport PO12 3RE, England).

There are two variants of the first printing of the first American edition of Dorothy L. Sayers' THE OMNIBUS OF CRIME (New York: Payson and Clarke, 1929) [D182a]; in the first variant the printing on pages [2] and [4] is toward the top of the pages, and in the second variant the printing is toward the bottom of the pages. Comparison with later (Garden City) editions suggests that the first variant has precedence.

Dick Lesh, who reported (Jul 85 #2) on a hi-fi German recording of POLYPHONIC MOTETS OF LASSUS, now reports that the record is sold out. But he can supply a high-quality stereo tape for \$10.00 postpaid, from Richard D. Lesh, 2631 Flintridge Place, Fort Collins, CO 80521. And LITERARY HOUSES: TEN FAMOUS HOUSES IN FICTION, by Rosalind Ashe (New York: Facts on File, 1982) is now available for \$5.98 plus shipping from Publishers Central Bureau (Dept. 357), One Champion Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07131; one of the houses is Baskerville Hall. Also from PCB (Dept. 353): "Mr. Magoo's Storybook" on videocassette at \$16.95 plus shipping; includes D6098b (with Mr. Magoo as Dr. Watson) and three other episodes (Frankenstein, the Count of Monte Criso, and Dick Tracy).

Ed McBain's THE HECKLER is back in print (New American Library/Signet paperback, \$2.95), and recommended for its intriguing use of the plot of "RedH".

Aug 85 #5 The five programs from Agatha Christie's "Partners in Crime" that aired on PBS-TV at the end of 1984 were only half of the series; ten programs were done in England, including "The Case of the Missing Lady" (which has the most S'ian flavor of all the stories in the book). The ten programs are available on videocassettes (\$24.95 each) from Pacific Arts Video Records, Box 22770, Carmel, CA 93922; they also offer a two-hour videocassette (\$59.95) of "The Secret Adversary" (Christie's novel about Tommy and Tuppence Beresford). And a 67-minute videocassette (\$59.95) of "Sherlock Holmes and the Baskerville Curse" (the Australian animation with Peter O'Toole doing the voice of Holmes); the other three long stories are due for issue soon, along with "Barbara Woodhouse Goes to Beverly Hills" (a 60-minute TV program broadcast by ITV/London on Dec. 30, 1981, with a 4-minute segment on lost-pet detective Sherlock Bones).

GUIDE BOOK AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASCENT OF HOLMES PEAK, by Richard S. Warner (Tulsa: Perceivers Press, 1985; 16 pp., \$4.00 postpaid from the author, 3168 South Rockford Drive, Tulsa, OK 74105); issued to celebrate the formal dedication of Holmes Peak, located northwest of Tulsa and towering 314 meters above sea level, and the only landmark named in honor of Sherlock Holmes with the official approval of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. Recommended.

THE ADVENTURE OF THE ECTOPLASMIC MAN, by Daniel Stashower (New York: William Morrow, 1985; 203 pp., \$12.95); yet another long-lost manuscript, setting Sherlock Holmes and Harry Houdini in pursuit of a thief whose crimes threatens both the monarchy and Houdini's reputation. Stashower's style and execution are no match for Watson's, but the story is entertaining.

The Heron Classics Series, published in England, includes the complete Canon in six attractive volumes: ADVENTURES (#345), CASE BOOK (#346), HIS LAST BOW and VALL (#347), MEMOIRS and HOUN (#348), RETURN (#349), STUD and SIGN (#350). The books are available from the Strand Book Store, 828 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, at \$2.95 each (plus \$2.00 shipping per order); they take plastic if your order totals at least \$15.00.

Flier at hand from Capra Press (Box 2068, Santa Barbara, CA 93120) announcing Nov. 15 as the publication date for Howard Lachtman's SHERLOCK SLEPT HERE: BEING A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SINGULAR ADVENTURES OF SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE IN AMERICA, WITH SOME OBSERVATIONS UPON THE EXPLOITS OF MR. SHERLOCK HOLMES (\$10.95 postpaid).

ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE, by Don Richard Cox (New York: Frederick Ungar, 1985; 251 pp., \$15.50); a survey of ACD's life and literary work, intended for students of literature, about 60% devoted to the Canon and 40% to his other fiction and non-fiction, with detailed plot summaries and some discussion.

The March and June 1985 issues of the BSJ exist in actual copies as well as blue-lines, Philip Shreffler reports with a well-deserved sigh of relief, and subscribers should receive them as soon as arrangements for a second-class mailing permit are completed. Non-subscribers can become subscribers by sending \$12.50 to the Fordham University Press, University Box L, Bronx, NY 10458.

Aug 85 #6 Further to my earlier mention (May 85 #4) of audio-cassette readings from the Canon by Robert Hardy, there are four two-cassette packages, priced at L5.95 each in England, and Hardy does a splendid job; I've seen a few of them in stores here, and am trying to track down the distributor. FOUR SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES (Argo SAY 2) has 3Stu, Suss, Gree, and Chas; MORE SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES (Argo SAY 98) has Dyin, Shos, Musg, and Croo; MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (Argo SAY 108) has Yell, Stoc, Glor, and Fina; and THE RETURN OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (Argo SAY 109) has Empt, Soli, RedC, and Maza.

Helen Heinrich (7 Palfrey Street, Stony Brook, NY 11790) reports plans for a celebration at the Garden City Hotel in Garden City on Long Island on Oct. 19 (with due honors to Sherlock Holmes, of course); write to Helen for a copy of their flier.

THE PENGUIN CLASSIC CRIME OMNIBUS, edited by Julian Symons (New York: Penguin Books, 1984; 378 pp., \$5.95), is a fine anthology, with "Copp" and Edward D. Hoch's ingenious pastiche "The Most Dangerous Man" (D5992b).

A timely warning from Paul Merz on "The Edison Twins: The Case of the Missing Guitar", a 30-minute TV program scheduled for the Disney Channel on Sept. 1 and 5. "There's a mysterious stranger in town! He has a deerstalker hat, an Inverness cape, and an uncanny ability to solve mysteries." It's elementary that Joseph Bell will be a big help to the Edison twins in unriddling the first two cases in this three-part serial. "The Case of the Odd Job" will air Sept. 21, and you can learn Bell's identity in the third episode, in October.

Carol Brener reports in her latest newsletter/saleslist that her special list of S'iana is now available; send SASE to Murder Ink, 271 West 87th Street, New York, NY 10024.

Reported by Ron De Waal: one-hour audio cassettes of "Five" (#8869) and "Norw" (#8870), read by Hugh A. Rose; \$8.95 each at waldenbooks [you may be able to order these on plastic by calling 800-543-1300 operator 390].

Reported by John Bennett Shaw: "The Adventures of the Red Leech", a pastiche by Fraser Sherman, in Eldritch Tales #11 (1051 Wellington Road, Lawrence, KS 66044; \$6.00 postpaid).

"New York is no place for a civilized man," according to H. L. Mencken. "Nothing good has ever come out of it, and nothing good ever will come out of it. It degrades, it vulgarizes, it dehydrates, it demolishes, it belittles -- it is a sewer, a cesspool, a garbage can. . . All I can say in favor of New York . . . is that it's better than Boston." Other than providing a bit of cheer for most of the readers of these information sheets, there is a S'ian context for the quote, which appears in part IX of

"The Clendening Investigation", a continuing series by Jon L. Lellenberg in The Kansas City Daily Journal, the scion newsletter of The Great Alkali Plainsmen, all in honor of one of the more energetic, as well as eccentric, early S'ians.

Sep 85 #1 Discovered by Jon Lellenberg: THE BOOK BOOK, by Steven Gilbar (New York: Bell Publishing Co., 1985); "a compendium of lists, quizzes, and trivia about books," with a number of references to ACD and SH, including "Writing Holmes for Money or Sherlock You Survived: 10 Best". The ten best, according to Gilbar, are: THE CASE OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE (Collins); THE EXPLOITS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (Doyle and Carr); DR. JEKYLL & MR. HOLMES (Estleman); THE INCREDIBLE SHLOCK HOMES (Fish); SHERLOCK HOLMES OF BAKER STREET (Baring-Gould); THE RETURN OF MORIARTY (Gardner); I, SHERLOCK HOLMES (Harrison); EXIT SHERLOCK HOLMES (Hall); ENTER THE CASE (Hodel and Wright); THE SEVEN PER CENT SOLUTION (Meyer); THE HOLMES-DRACULA FILE (Saberhagen); and THE PRIVATE LIFE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (Starrett). The authors, intended to be listed in alphabetical order, aren't; have you spotted five additional mistakes in Gilbar's list?

The S'ian gathering at the Garden City Hotel on Long Island on Oct. 19 starts with brunch in the Vanderbilt Room and ends with a tour of historic Garden City, all for \$30.00; there's a deadline of Oct. 1 for reservations, but you might be able to squeeze in; contact Helen Heinrich, 7 Palfrey Street, Stony Brook, NY 11790 (516-751-5054).

The program for Bouchercon XVI (in San Francisco, Oct. 25-27) will include The Sherlock Holmes Hour. According to their newsletter: a surprise or two here; perhaps the Master himself will be in attendance to answer questions put to him by the Literary Agent A. C. Doyle.

The Heron Classics Series set of the Canon in six volumes (Aug 85 #5) turns out to be a reprint of THE SHERLOCK HOLMES COLLECTED EDITION from John Murray/Jonathan Cape (D287b), with occasional illustrations added. And three of the volumes (ADVENTURES, CASE BOOK, and MEMOIRS/HOUND) are no longer available from the Strand Book Store. A few years back, Heron advertised the set in seven volumes, but I don't know if it was actually issued in that format.

Steven Spielberg's "Young Sherlock Holmes" is reported scheduled for release on Dec. 6. According to Paul Attanasio of the Washington Post, "everyone who's seen it agrees that the Chris Columbus script is a wow."

Alvin E. Rodin reports a "Sherlock Mobile Homes" sales office near Dallas. Do you all check for "Sherlock" in the business listings in the new telephone book each year? In addition, of course, to the annual search for a "Garrideb" in the personal listings; is it really possible that there are *no* Garridebs?

THE SUPREME ADVENTURE OF INSPECTOR LESTRADE, by M. J. Trow (New York: Stein and Day, 1985; \$14.95); the American edition of a British pastiche "with the bold inspector one of the best policemen in London and Holmes a shambling amateur being wrecked by drugs," a first novel written by Trow because "he was annoyed at the way Inspector Lestrade has always been depicted as one of the world's losers."

John E. Carroll reports that Evelyn Ankers died on Aug. 30; she played Kitty in "Sherlock Holmes and the Voice of Terror" (1942) and Naomi Drake in "The Pearl of Death" (1944).

Sep 85 #2 Did everyone spot the five additional mistakes in Gilbar's list of "10 Best"? The correct titles should be THE CASE OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S RING, THE INCREDIBLE SCHLOCK HOMES, ENTER THE LION, and THE SEVEN-PER-CENT SOLUTION. That's four; what about the fifth mistake?

The Mind's Eye (Box 6727, San Francisco, CA 94101; 800-227-2020) offers 12

of the 1954 Gielgud/Richardson radio programs on six cassettes for \$29.95 (plus \$3.00 shipping); they take plastic.

Pam N. Bentien (42 Garner Street, Cohoes, NY 12047) offers a S'ian notepad, with 50 sheets (that's the illustration, at the left), for \$1.50 postpaid. Can you identify the artist and the case?

The SHSOL's 1985 Christmas card will feature "The Cab-Stand Loafer" drawn by H. M. Brock for George R. Sims' book LIVING LONDON. Ten cards with envelopes cost \$7.00 postpaid (checks payable to The Sherlock Holmes Society of London) from Capt. W. R. Michell, The Old Crown Inn, Lopen, South Petherton, Somerset TA13 5JX, England.

waldenbooks has a waldentapes double-cassette (\$14.95) package of Poul Anderson's THE GUARDIANS OF TIME (D5794a), read by Fred Melamed.

"The Adventures of the Red Leech", a pastiche by Fraser Sherman, in Eldritch Tales #11 (1051 Wellington Road, Lawrence, KS 66044; \$6.00) (checks payable to Crispin Burnham).

The second edition of Owen Dudley Edwards' THE QUEST FOR SHERLOCK HOLMES (Harmondworth: Penguin Books, 1984; 380 pp., L4.95) has a new two-page author's note correcting a few of the errors in the first edition and suggesting that "it is a pity that such reviewers as disliked the book did not use their space for the discovery and denunciation of these errors instead of merely repeating one another's aesthetic preferences."

I've been playing with The Souvenir Edition again, concentrating on A STUDY IN SCARLET; this is the George Newnes edition with the attractive "Egyptian" design on the cover (with or without SOUVENIR EDITION on the title page), and I'd like to hear from people who have copies of A STUDY IN SCARLET, in hopes of identifying additional variants. I know that some of you have copies, and have enclosed a more formal query for you with this mailing; if there are others out there, please let me know. Eventually I will get round to the other titles in The Souvenir Edition, but for now I am interested in A STUDY IN SCARLET.

Baker's Plays (100 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111) is now the distributor for Performance Publishing Co., and their latest catalog includes two additional items of interest. R. H. Bibolet's SHERLOCK HOLMES' FIRST CASE (D4463b) is a lively two-act combination of four cases (Musg, Five, Croo, and Copp), and Jurgen Wolff's OLD DETECTIVES NEVER DIE involves an aged Holmes in a one-act comedy for younger actors.

Sep 85 #3 SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF DR. FREUD, by Michael Shepherd (New York: Tavistock/Methuen, 1985; 31 pp., \$5.95); Holmes and Freud are described as "two magi meeting appropriately in the no-man's-land between fact and fiction" in an entertaining monograph based on a lecture at the Institute of Psychiatry in London in 1984.

Reported by Ron De waal: a new edition of ROUND THE FIRE MYSTERIES from Greenhill Books (208 pp., L7.95); this is D831a retitled, with "The Man with the watches" and "The Lost Special". From Lionel Leventhal Limited, 206 Hampstead High Street, London NW3 1QQ, England. Also: MURDER IN THE FIRST REEL, edited by Bill Pronzini, Charles G. Waugh, and Martin Harry Greenberg, with an Introduction by Isaac Asimov (New York: Avon Books, 1985); contents include "Musg". Also: "RedH" included in LITERATURE: BLUE LEVEL, edited by David W. Foote and Brenda Pierce Perkins (Evanston: McDougal, Littell & Co., 1984); with teacher's manual (McDougal, Littell & Co., Box 1667, Evanston, IL 60204). Also: Michael and Mollie Hardwick's adaptation of "Dyin" (D5243a) and Isaac Asimov's limerick on "Dyin"

(D1942b) in CASCADE: CURRICULUM AND WRITING, edited by Richard J. Smith and Max F. Schulz (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1982); with teachers manual. Also: Olive J. Morley's adaptation of "Seco" (D4501b) in THE WORLD ANTHOLOGY, edited by Robert R. Potter and Roger B. Goodman (New York: Globe Book Co., 1983); address is 50 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010.

THE AFFAIR OF THE UNPRINCIPLED PUBLISHER, a pastiche by Lawrence Garland reporting on an encounter between Thomas J. Wise and Sherlock Holmes, was published by Oak Knoll Books in 1983 in an attractive hand-printed 21-page pamphlet; copies are still available at \$37.00 postpaid from Paulette Greene, 140 Princeton Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

John Keane ("Sherlock Bones") has computerized his business, according to an article in Atari Explorer, summer 1985, and he is now using his Atari 800XL to write a manual that covers the petfinding business from A to Z. "If you'd like to use your electronic Watson to start your own petfinding agency, call Sherlock at 415-788-1137, or use your word processor to write him at: 20 Darrel Place, San Francisco, CA 94133."

Geoff Bradley (9 Vicarage Hill, South Benfleet, Essex SS7 1PA, England) has published the first issue of CADS: Crime and Detective Stories, a 56-page fanzine much in the format of Ethel Lindsay's The Mystery Trader and Allen J. Hubin's original version of The Armchair Detective. Catherine Cooke's "A Couple of Minutes from Baker Street" is a report on the collection at the Marylebone Library, and Paulette Greene has a bibliographic query on an unusual variant of MYSTERY (the 1952 anthology that includes a reprint of D4446a). \$3.00 (currency) or \$4.00 (dollar check) for the issue.

A newsletter for pipesmokers reports that the Tinder Box chain has been acquired by Vilizan Cigar, U.S. Tobacco Co., and other creditors. "Speculation is that Tinder Box, which moved from a pipe and tobacco shop into other areas, will be brought back into the main stream for tobacco users." Meanwhile, their latest catalog offers the hand-crafted wooden Sherlock Holmes clock (\$185.00) and the hand-carved "Sherlock Holmes/Dr. Watson" pair of meerschaum pipes (\$160.00). Tinder Box, P.O. Box 830, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

Sep 85 #4 Correcting my report (Aug 85 #3) on the Hoboken workshop, Michael Hardwick was Investitured as "The Sign of the Four". "The St. Pancras Case" was awarded earlier to James J. De Stefano. And I neglected to mention that Julian made a special award to John Bennett Shaw: the Queen Victoria Medal, produced by the Royal Mint in 1897 for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and awarded only rarely by the BSI.

Alvin E. Rodin continues to keep the memory green; on Sept. 20 he was at the University of Manitoba's Department of Pathology, lecturing on "Permeation of Medicine by a Literary Character: Arthur Conan Doyle's Master Detective, Mr. Sherlock Holmes". And Richard L. Kellogg contributed an article on "Heredity and the Great Detective" to the fall 1985 issue of Network: The Newsletter for Psychology Teachers at Two-Year Colleges.

It was Dean W. Dickensheet's suggestion, in his speculations "Upon the Victorian Reticence of John H. Watson, M.D." (Baker Street Miscellanea, summer 1980) that Watson's description of the abuse suffered by Beryl Stapleton was "a fine piece of periphrastic obfuscation." A more detailed account is now at hand from J. C. Charles, in "The Ordeal of Beryl Stapleton," a rather graphic seven-page extract from Watson's notes available (to adults only) for \$4.75 postpaid from The Filmooods Co., Box 475, Scarsdale, NY 10583.

Thanks to all who sent copies of the Associated Press Dispatch by Bob McHugh on the Hoboken workshop; it ran on Aug. 11 in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dayton Daily News, Marion (Ind.) Chronicle-Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Tulsa World, and Galveston Daily News, and on Aug. 15 in the San Francisco Examiner. Any others out there?

The Boy's Own Paper, in which a number of Conan Doyle's stories were first published, from 1883 to 1887, had a weekly "Correspondence" column; it did not publish letters from readers, but rather only the editors' answers to those letters. The Feb. 19, 1887, column included this poignant item: "JIM.--Your pigeon is dead by now, so we need not reply. Nursing young pigeons that go light is a thankless task."

"It is astonishing how this old and worn-out story, which I must have first read more than 50 years ago, gripped my attention and held it in suspense until I reached the last page . . . I was again under the spell of a master craftsman of the storyteller's art, as I had been when first reading 'The White Company' in my early teens, or when I had to refrain from reading my sister's copy of the 'Last Tales of Sherlock Holmes' for fear of coming upon the passage where Holmes is pushed, apparently to his death, over the cliff by Professor Moriarty." Barbara Tuchman, in the Christian Science Monitor, Aug. 5, 1985.

Subscribers have now received the March and June 1985 issues of the BSJ, so if you haven't, you aren't. And if you don't renew for 1985, you won't find out what else editor Shreffler has accomplished. There *is* a December 1984 issue, somewhere, and it will arrive, eventually, and I'm sure that both editor and publisher will appreciate your not cluttering up their mailboxes with anguished enquiries that aren't accompanied by checks for subscription renewals.

Sep 85 #5 Richard Masloski (24 Lannis Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550) continues to turn out fine Sherlockian sculptures (cast in Hydrocal with bronze patina): his 17" seated Holmes costs \$125.00 (UPS paid); the 12" bust of Holmes costs \$95.00 (UPS paid).

Edgar Wallace was a fine writer, as well as one of the most prolific in modern literature, and there is a S'ian connection (he wrote the dialog for the film of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" in 1932). The Edgar Wallace Society publishes a quarterly newsletter which will be of interest to his admirers; membership costs £7.00 (checks to John A. Hogan, 7 Devonshire Close, Amersham, Bucks. HP6 5JG, England).

The second set of Granada broadcasts started in England on Aug. 25 with "Copp" and is continuing weekly.

"In my opinion, Holmes is one of the truly great comic characters in our literature . . . he is the classic caricature of the Amateur Detective, in whose person the whole art of detection is made ridiculous. I don't believe that Doyle consciously intended this ridicule - and yet it is what makes Holmes lovable and immortal." Christopher Isherwood, in EXHUMATIONS (D2062a).

Topics covered in the Victorian Military History Institute's monthly newsletter and quarterly journal range from "the organisation of the British army during this period to the Zulu wars of South Africa, from the war correspondents who covered 'Queen Victoria's little wars' for the newspapers of the day to the Afghan Wars on India's Northwest Frontier, from the grand strategies to the individuals on all levels," according to a flier recently at hand. Membership in the society costs \$25.00 a year, and a sample issue of its newsletter is available for a 39c SASE sent to Jerry L. Russell, Box 7401, Little Rock, AR 72217.

Are you still trying to spot the last mistake in Gilbar's list? There are 12 books on his list of "10 Best".

Adaptations of the Canon for young readers require both simple text and striking illustrations, and the combination is not often found. One of the best examples is the "Sherlock Holmes Library" (Empt, Spec, Fina, and RedH), adapted by David Eastman and illustrated by Allan Eitzen in four 32-page books priced at \$2.50 each in the current catalog from Troll Associates, 320 Route 17, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

"Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy" is scheduled on Masterpiece Theatre on PBS-TV in Jan. 1986, with two S'ian actors in the cast: Nicol Williamson will play Mountbatten, and Ian Richardson will play Jawaharlal Nehru.

Sep 85 #6 The spring 1985 issue of Baker Street Miscellanea at hand, with much on and by Michael Harrison, and a fine excerpt from Chris Redmond's work-in-progress on ACD's 1894 tour of the United States. \$7.50 a year (quarterly) from The Sciolist Press, Box 2579, Chicago, IL 60690.

THE SEARCH FOR KING PUP'S TOMB, by Jim and Mary Razzi, with illustrations by Ted Enik (New York: Bantam Skylark, 1985; 62 pp., \$2.25); Sherlock Bones and his old friend Scotson again, in a pleasant children's book. INSPECTOR KETCHEM'S CRIME BOOK, by Robert Quackenbush (New York: Avon/Camelot, 1984; 48 pp., \$2.25), is only faintly S'ian (one of the 20 short puzzles is "The Hound of Baskerville Mystery").

Stein and Day (Scarborough House, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510) have sent a mailing to scions offering M. J. Trow's THE SUPREME ADVENTURE OF INSPECTOR LESTRADE (Sep 85 #1) to scion members at a 20% discount (from the \$14.95 retail) on orders placed by Oct. 31; they take plastic.

Gerald Shannon has prepared a 5th first day cover for The Prof. Moriarty Memorial Society, with one of this month's commemorative stamps showing horses and a cachet with a Paget illustration. \$1.00 each, plus a #10 SASE, to Shannon at Box 14474, West Allis, WI 53214.

James Powell's series of stories about the great detective Ambrose Ganelon has been running for a while in EQMM -- and there's is a new villain in "The Bridge of Traded Dreams" (Dec. 1985): Prof. Moriarty.

Chris Caswell (Sherlock's Home, 5614 East Second Street, Long Beach, CA 90803) has a new pewter tie-tack/lapel-pin with SH in high relief (\$6.98), and much more, in his new catalog, available on request.

Reported by Richard G. Smith: the Steinbach "Sherlock Holmes" nutcracker (12" high) at \$65.00 in the mail-order catalog from Red Wing Pottery Sales, Red Wing, Minn. (800-328-1115).

Rohn Porcelain Inc. (2731 North West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126) is offering a Sherlock Holmes (high-fired, hand-decorated, 9" high including wood base) designed by Ed Rohn at \$155.00 plus \$2.00 UPS; they take plastic, and offer a 10% discount on orders of ten or more. Their promo includes recommendations from Bob Hahn and Tom Joyce.

"A Sherlockian Treatment of the Mystery to the Dedication of Shakespeare's Sonnets", by R. F. Fleissner, in Clues: A Journal of Detection, spring-summer 1985 (Bowling Green University Popular Press, Bowling Green, OH 43404).

Magico Magazine plans a return to magazine publishing. The Scrapbook was the first venture, with two quarterly issues published in 1980 at \$5.00 an issue (the first issue was limited to 35 copies). Now Kelvin I. Jones has been asked to edit The Sherlockian, a new quarterly that is intended to "offer the highest level of scholarship in addition to quizzes, pastiches

and book reviews," and to "rival such well established organs of The Higher Criticism as The Baker Street Journal, Baker Street Miscellanea, and The Sherlock Holmes Journal."

Oct 85 #1 Anyone interested in truly rustic living might want to try a log home. Details available from Sher-Lock Log Homes, Box 1101, Ellsworth, ME 04605.

Roy H. Bobbin's "Maltese Falcon Hunt Society" is now the "Mystery Hunt Society" and the first issue of his quarterly newsletter "Mystery Hunt" presents an overview of the burgeoning mystery weekend craze. A special issue on S'ian activities is in the works. \$10.00 a year; Roy's address is 988 Faris Drive, San Jose, CA 95111.

THE PRIVATE EYE CARTOON BOOK, by Marc Bilgrey (New York: Andrion Books, 1985; \$7.00); a collection of amusing cartoons (one S'ian), with a suggestion that Los Angeles is "Cleveland with palm trees." Available from the publisher, 230 Park Avenue #1624, New York, NY 10169.

Articles about the 35th birthday of "Peanuts" serve as a reminder of the childhood enthusiasms of Charles M. Schulz. In PEANUTS JUBILEE: MY LIFE AND ART WITH CHARLIE BROWN AND OTHERS (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1975), Schulz said that "in my high school years, I became a Sherlock Holmes fanatic and used to buy scrapbooks at the local five-and-dime and fill them with Sherlock Holmes stories in comic-book form." And in his contribution to BOOKS I READ WHEN I WAS YOUNG, edited by Bernice Cullinan and M. Jerry Weiss (New York: Avon Books, 1980), Schulz wrote, "When I was a teenager, the three books that gave me the most enjoyment and probably led me on to more reading were the Sherlock Holmes stories, *Beau Geste*, and *Ivanhoe*."

Paramount Pictures Corp. has given a hint of its target audience for "Young Sherlock Holmes" in a "Dear Sherlock Holmes fan" letter sent to societies this month. They want to know how many members of your fan club are under 25 years old, and how many over 25 years old.

The Santa Teresa Press (Pepper & Stern, Box 2711, Santa Barbara, CA 93120) is planning Dec. 1985 publication of a facsimile of Marvin P. Epstein's manuscript of "The Priory School" accompanied by an original essay by Len Deighton on Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes. 350 numbered copies at \$45.00 (the 26 deluxe lettered copies at \$165.00 are already sold out).

Otto Penzler's "Holiday Catalogue" at hand (with a section on S'iana); available from The Mysterious Bookshop, 129 West 56th Street, New York, NY 10019.

If you have not received the Sept. 1985 issue of the BSJ, you didn't renew your subscription (or you have a malevolent mailman).

"Old Baron Dowson has gone on another rampage, this time revealing the secret Ritual Chants of the Tide-waiters of San Francisco Bay," and The Pequod Press is now publishing the true and authentic version of THE TIDE-WAITERS' RITUAL (16 pp.; \$25.00 hardbound, \$10.00 paperbound); order from John Ruyle, 521 Vincente Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707.

Oct 85 #2 Steven Spielberg is having troubles, according to a report by Marilyn Beck in the San Francisco Examiner (Sept. 19, 1985, forwarded by Ted Schulz). The troubles are "the sort every filmmaker would love to have. He's got three movies scheduled to open within days of each other in December (Paramount's 'Young Sherlock Holmes,' Universal's 'The Money Pit' and Warner Bros.' 'The Color Purple') and is trying convince the studios to spread out the release dates so the flicks don't compete against

one another.

Ted also reports an interesting real-estate offer at 2151 Sacramento Street in San Francisco: the "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Townhouse" described as one of San Francisco's noteworthy architectural houses. "This luxurious townhouse was built in 1881 and was once occupied by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle," according to the offer; the townhouse has since been converted into three apartments and is available for \$1.3 million. ACD never lived in the house, but he was a visitor, in June 1923, to meet Dr. Albert Abrams, who did live there. Abrams had invented a "radio heterodyne" that he used to detect cancer, syphilis, and other diseases, and ACD was greatly impressed. He discusses his visit to San Francisco, and Abrams, in OUR SECOND AMERICAN ADVENTURE (1924).

In case you didn't recognize the dot-matrixing, those were my labels on the sales list you received from Ilene Fauer at US 2 -- and the sales list was labeled and mailed here per my policy of keeping firm control over the mailing list.

Andrew Malec's illustrated, 16-page catalog for "Investigating Sherlock Holmes," the traveling exhibit now on tour in Minnesota, is available for \$4.25 postpaid. Checks payable to the University of Minnesota Art Museum and sent to the UMAM, attn: Cori Kulzer, 110 Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

"Sleuth Nero Wolfe, Minus His Author, Takes on a New Case" was the headline in the Wall Street Journal (Oct. 14, 1985) on Steve Weiner's story about the decision by Rex Stout's heirs to authorize a new novel by Robert Goldsborough. The story also touched on other detectives, quoting John Bennett Shaw on S'ian pastiches and parodies: "Many have been dreadful, he says, placing Holmes in the wrong city, century, or state of mind."

Foreign Affairs (559 Potter Boulevard, Brightwaters, NY 11718) offers a well-illustrated catalog featuring S'ian collectibles such as sculptures by Richard Masloski and Jay Piersanti, and figurines by Cassin-Scott and Imrie-Risley.

The S'ian world benefited greatly from the talents of Orson Welles, who died on Oct. 11. In 1938 he adapted Gillette's "Sherlock Holmes" and played the title role in the broadcast on his Mercury Theatre on the Air (D4583b), and in 1954 he was a fine Moriarty in the BBC broadcast of "The Final Problem" (D5338a).

Andy Jaysnovitch (6 Dana Estates Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859) continues to expand his sales list of the 1954 Ronald Howard TV shows; a third cassette (with D5525a, D5528a, D5532a, D5542a) is now available for \$32.95 postpaid.

Oct 85 #3 Videotape alert: "A Cotswold Death" will be broadcast on cable by the Arts & Entertainment Network on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11, 1985. This is a 1981 BBC television program, and Mike Whelan has reported many S'ian references. According to the press sheet: "Ian Richardson plays Inspector Anthony Arrowsmith who bemoans the fact that he is the last in the honoured tradition of gentlemen sleuths. He arrogantly plays 'Sherlock Holmes' to his hapless 'Dr Watson' - the harrassed but capable Detective-Sergeant Baxter (Timothy Spall)."

A new aerogram will be issued on Dec. 4, honoring Halley's Comet, Mark Twain, and the centennial of the publication of THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN. There is mention of "a comet vintage" in the Canon (Stoc), and Mark Twain was the author of "The Double-Barrelled Detective Story" (D6128a).

Reported by Jim Duval: a S'ian greeting card on p. 41 in a catalog from Current Inc., Express Processing Center, Colorado Springs, CO 80941; it's one in a set of eight cards for \$1.85.

SHERLOCK HOLMES AT THE 1902 FIFTH TEST MATCH, by Stanley Shaw (London: W. H. Allen, 1985; 160 pp., L8.95); a pastiche featuring an Australian who arrives in England just in time to become involved, with a credibly drawn Sherlock Holmes, in a mystery connected with one of the most famous matches in the history of cricket (a sport described here, as is traditional, in language as incomprehensible as Frisian or Catalan).

"The Mis-Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" is a 30-minute radio series parodying old-time radio, broadcast by WBAI-FM (New York) beginning in 1983; a number of episodes are available at \$5.00 postpaid for each cassette, and list of programs can be requested from Denouement Productions, 1 Michael Avenue, Kendall park, NJ 08824.

Great Britain has issued a set of five commemoratives honoring British Film Greats, including David Niven and Charles Chaplin. Neither actor performed in S'ian films, but they did perform in S'ian plays.

"Rosemary Herbert is distinguished by having successfully disguised herself as a man in order to attend a full meeting of a Baker Street Irregulars banquet. When the group--to remain unidentified--toasted '*the* woman,' she rose and said, 'Here, here!'--while the company looked on, unaware of the cuckoo in the nest." From the fall 1985 issue of The Armchair Detective, whose editor is presumably unaware that there is no toast to *The* woman at the annual dinner of the BSI (that toast is made during the pre-dinner cocktail hour, when the anteroom is so crowded that it is impossible to sit, much less rise to the occasion). Her interview with Jeremy Brett, published in the same issue (with a color photograph of Brett as Holmes on the cover), is a fine one. TAD is costs \$20.00 a year; 129 West 56th Street, New York, NY 10019.

YOUNG SHERLOCK: THE ADVENTURE AT FERRYMAN'S CREEK, by Gerald Frow (London: Dragon/Granada Publishing, 1984; 140 pp., L1.50); the second adaptation from the ITV television series. Young Sherlock, now 18, is in Lincolnshire investigating an ancient curse and a modern mystery.

Oct 85 #4 Carole Naddeo reports that Pacific Arts Video now offers all four of the long stories (animated) on videocassettes with Peter O'Toole as the voice of Holmes; distributed by MCA to your local videostores. Carole also reports that Conan Doyle was featured on CBS-TV on Oct. 9 in their 60-second "American Treasury" spot, keyed to the public reaction to his story in Cornhill on the mystery of the Marie Celeste.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MYSTERY AND DETECTION, edited by Chris Steinbrunner and Otto Penzler (San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1984; 436 pp., \$13.95); a trade paperback reprint of an important reference work (D1861b).

Kelvin I. Jones (18 Ross Street, Rochester, Kent ME1 2DF, England) writes that he welcome unsolicited submissions for The Sherlockian (Sep 85 #6); no decision yet on the publication date and price for the magazine.

Bowling Green State University Popular Press (Bowling Green, OH 43403) is having an inventory-reduction sale (ending Dec. 30); their list includes John Ball's THE MYSTERY STORY (D609b) and Elliot L. Gilbert's THE WORLD OF MYSTERY FICTION (D98b) at \$1.00 each, and other mystery titles at similar prices.

Canadians are fortunate -- the new Granada series has started there. The series has been announced for Jan. 2, 1986, in the U.S.

The 1986 Sherlock Holmes Calendar from Sherlockian Enterprises (Frank A. Hoffmann, 734 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222) will honor international Holmesians; \$9.00 postpaid. Calendars for 1982-1985 are still available at \$7.25 each postpaid.

More on the "Heron" series (Aug 85 #5 and Sep 85 #1): I don't know anyone who ordered the set who got all the volumes, and I'm not sure why, as the people I've heard seem to have received different titles in their short sets. Ron De Waal reports that the set was first issued in 1982 in eight volumes (with STUD and SIGN in one volume). In the new six-volume issue, MEMOIRS and HOUN are in one volume, and HIS LAST BOW and VALL are in one volume, and there are minor differences on the title pages and title-page versos; I don't know if Sheilagh Noble's frontispiece was in the 1982 set.

Reported from England: THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, edited by Richard Lancelyn Green (Penguin, L2.50); a selection of the best S'ian pastiches. LETTERS TO SHERLOCK HOLMES, edited by Richard Lancelyn Green (Penguin, L4.95, in November); a selection of letters from the Abbey files. LETTERS TO THE PRESS, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, edited by John Michael Gibson and Richard Lancelyn Green (Secker & Warburg, L15.00, in November).

A-1 Adventure Travel (1099 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243) is advertising an excursion to England "In the Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes" on Mar. 13-24, 1986. Eight nights in London, one night at Moretonhampstead Manor in Dartmoor ("the reputed Baskerville Hall"), etc.

The Firesign Theater's record of THE GIANT RAT OF SUMATRA (D4635b) is listed (#1369446) in the latest catalog from Barnes & Noble (126 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011); \$6.98 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Oct 85 #5 "Victorian work and workers" will be the theme of the Northeast Victorian Studies Association's twelfth annual conference at Yale University's Center for British Art on April 18-20, 1986. Additional info available from Mary Davies, English Dept., Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES CROSSWORD, by Albert and Julian Rosenblatt (St. Paul: Norwegian Explorers, 1985; 24 pp., \$15.00 cloth/signed, \$10.00 cloth, \$4.00 paper); the story of the famous SRL puzzle, and of some of the first members of the BSI, entertainingly told.

THE PLAY'S AFOOT! is a collection of three two-act comedies written by William A. Barton for The Illustrious Clients; 48 pp., \$8.00 postpaid from the author, Box 26290, Indianapolis, IN 46226.

Reported by Brian MacDonald: THE LAST STRAW, by Lynn Johnston (Andrews, McMeel & Parker, 1985, \$6.95 in paper); a collection of "For Better or For Worse" cartoons, with two S'ian on p. 58. Starlog, Nov. 1985, with items on "Young Sherlock Holmes" (pp. 10, 51), Christopher Lee (p. 33), and Peter Cushing (pp. 89-92); \$6.00 from their back issues dept., 475 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016.

Reported by Bob Burr: Simon & Schuster videotapes of the Granada series at \$39.95 each: "Scan" and "Spec" in November, "Blue" and "Danc" in February. And a brief article on SH on p. 211 of the OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC.

Carol Ensley (3174 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90039) offers S'ian T-shirts (\$12.00) and sweat shirts (\$25.00), handsomely hand-painted in full color from her designs or yours; write for a flier.

The Oct. 24 broadcast of "America" (the ABC television magazine show) included a six-minute segment on "Sherlock Holmes Takes Over America" with a short clip from "Young Sherlock Holmes" and a longer interview with John B. Shaw from Albuquerque. The obviously fake books behind John during his interview lend some credence to an earlier suggestion by Jon L. Lellenberg that the world-famous Shaw collection is in fact an expert "trompe l'oeil" wall painting.

CLIENT'S CASE-NOTES, the 1983 anthology published by The Illustrious Clients, contains an entertaining assortment of articles, pastiches, and

poems written by members of the scion. 58 pp., clothbound, \$16.75 postpaid, and copies are still available from its editor, Brian R. MacDonald, R.R. 3, Box 281, Fairland, IN 46126.

Further to my earlier (Aug 85 #5) mention of Pacific Arts' videocassettes of the "Partners in Crime" television series, I neglected to mention the minor S'ian allusions in two of the programs. "The Affair of the Pink Pearl" begins with Tommy attempting to use the methods of Sherlock Holmes, but switching to the methods of Dr. Thorndyke. And in "Finessing the King" (on TV, but not in the book), Tommy and Tuppence go to a fancy-dress ball dressed as Watson and Holmes. Not having seen "The Case of the Missing Lady" (not broadcast in the U.S.), I don't know how much S'ian flavor was carried over from the book to television).

Oct 85 #6 Reported by Ron De Waal: a new edition of THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHERLOCK HOLMES QUIZ (D4009b), by Dale Copps (San Francisco: Sleuth Publications, 1985; 127 pp., \$5.00). YOU CAN FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME, by Art Buchwald (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1985; \$16.95); includes "The Great Media Mystery" (a column that ran in the Washington Post on Aug. 30, 1984, as "Dallas Detective"). CHAPLIN: HIS LIFE AND ART, by David Robinson (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1985; 792 pp., \$24.95); with commentary on "The Painful Predicament of Sherlock Holmes" and "Sherlock Holmes" (in which Chaplin played Billy and his brother Sidney played Count Von Stalberg during the 1903-04 tour), and an appendix on "The Tours of 'Sherlock Holmes' 1903-1906".

"Sherlock Holmes of 221-B Baker Street" by Roy Nuhn, in Hobbies, Oct. 1985; a 4-page article on S'ian collectibles. Reported: SHERLOCK SLEPT HERE, by Howard Lachtman (\$9.95 from Capra Press in November): a discussion of ACD's American tours and the American aspects of his stories.

HARDCOVER, by Wayne Warga (New York: Arbor House, 1985; 274 pp., \$15.95; a mystery thriller set in the world of the modern antiquarian bookseller, where the collectibles include Adrian Goldstone's copy of the 1888 Ward Lock first edition of A STUDY IN SCARLET.

I've mentioned (Jul 85 #4) the new paperback printing of Martha Grimes' THE MAN WITH A LOAD OF MISCHIEF. Compulsive completists will rush to their local paperbackers for a copy of Dell's "free! take one!" sampler, a 2-in-1 volume containing excerpts from five novels by Robert Barnard and five novels by Martha Grimes; the excerpt from THE MAN WITH A LOAD OF MISCHIEF is, of course, the chapter that starts with a S'ian allusion.

THE MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR 1986, compiled by Basil Sontaine (Pittstown: Main Street Press, 1985; \$7.95) contains some 18 S'ian and semi-S'ian citations for various dates.

"The Guns of Sherlock Holmes" by Garry James and Scott McMillan (D2529b) has been reprinted in the 1986 Guns & Ammo Annual.

The Cremona Fiddlers of Williamsburg are working on their plans for the 1987 "Weekend with John Bennett Shaw and Sherlock Holmes" -- targeted for William & Mary in August. Will the Sage of Santa Fe be idle in 1986?

"Kit and Kitty: From Haverford to Frankford" by Steven Rothman, in Horizons, summer 1985; a pleasant and informed discussion of KITTY FOYLE and Christopher Morley.

Bob Thomalen reports that more than 200 people signed up for Tyke Niver's "The Happenstance at Humberstone Hollow" mystery weekend at the Hotel Stamford Plaza this month -- with the cast of characters including Thomalen as Inspector Poirot ("more like Inspector Clouseau than Charles Boyer"), and Chris Steinbrunner as family solicitor Sir Ellsworth Rainey.

Tom Clancy's THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER is now out in paperback (Berkley,

\$4.50); it's a fine book, though non-S'ian (except for its demonstration of how far we've come since the days of the Bruce-Partington plans).

Nov 85 #1 The Aug. 1985 issue of Bias Line, a newsletter for costumers and technicians, has detailed discussion and patterns for "A Coat for Sherlock Holmes" as well as an article on S'ian costume by Bobby Ann Loper; \$2.00 from Costume Tech, 140 Glendale #243, Lakeland, FL 33803.

Reported by Ev Herzog: animation cels, signed by Chuck Jones, including Daffy Duck as Holmes (\$575.00) and Porky Pig as Watson (\$350.00), at T.R.'s (780 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019); these are new issues in limited editions (200 each) rather than originals. Jerry Margolin reports the same cels at \$245 each from Gallery Lainzberg in Cedar Rapids (800-553-9995). And Walt Disney Productions reports that "Basil of Baker Street" is scheduled for summer 1986 release; production cels from that film will be available from Disney in late summer 1986.

The Sherlock Snoopy portfolio covers (Jul 85 #4) are no longer available from the firm, but you get one for \$2.00 postpaid from Gideon D. Hill, 1810 South Rittenhouse Square #207, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Gideon also reports that the miniature pub sign for The Sherlock Holmes (Aug 85 #4) is included in the sales brochure from London Pipe & Gift Shop, 43803 North 15th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534 (\$6.95 plus shipping). And that there's a new Sherlock teddy bear (17" high, jointed, nicely detailed) available for \$43.00 from Louise Ranker, 3131 Mulberry Street, Toledo, OH 43608. And that single copies of the July-Aug. 1985 issue of Pet Care Report (with S'ian artwork) are available free from Purina (800-251-4039) (800-255-1330 in Tennessee). And for sewing S'ians: plans for a Sherlock bear in MAKING BEARS (#GP-475), by Nancy Sutherland-Holmes; \$5.98 postpaid from Gich Publishing Co., 9 Studebaker, Irvine, CA 92718. And Eric G. Anderson's article on "American Kings and Their Castles" (including William Gillette), in Private Practice, Aug. 1985 (Box 12489, Oklahoma City, OK 73157; single copies free).

Reported: "The Case of the Gring's Mill Goblin" by Thomas R. Dulski, in Analog, Dec. 1985; Oliver Wendell Baker and Dexter Woodside (previously in "The Case of the Chemist's Cache" in the Jan. 4, 1982, issue). I have given up trying to understand magazine publishing; on Nov. 9 the Dec. issue of Analog has already been pulled from the newsstands, replaced by the mid-Dec. issue.

"Mrs. Hudson Stays for Tea" by Gilbert Youmans, and "Detectiverse: Prologue in Baker Street" by Phyllis White, in EQMM, Jan. 1986, as the magazine's annual birthday tribute.

"About the same time was published another historical romance of the second class (for to nothing short of Sir Walter shall we give a first-class in this department), 'Micah Clarke,' by Mr. Conan Doyle." Sir James Matthew Barrie, in his essay "Q." in AN AULD LICHT MANSE AND OTHER SKETCHES, first published in 1893 and reprinted in 1970 (Freeport: Books for Libraries Press); also discovered by the MTL.

Reported by the Metropolitan Toronto Library: NOTABLE QUOTES, by Leigh Rubin (Panorama City: Rubes Publications, 1981; \$6.00) and AMUSING ARRANGEMENTS (ditto, 1985); cartoon books, each with one S'ian cartoon (publisher's address is 14447 Titus Street, Panorama City, CA 91402).

Nov 85 #2 Herman Herst Jr.'s THE COMPLETE PHILATELIST (an explanation of the perils, pitfalls, and pleasures of stamp collecting), now in its third printing, is available (114 pp., paper, \$6.25 postpaid) from the author (Box 1583, Boca Raton, FL 33429). Also a few autographed copies of his out-of-print NASSAU STREET (his reminiscences about his career as a stamp dealer), at \$9.95. Neither is S'ian (his S'ian pastiche "Dirty Pool" is in STORIES TO COLLECT STAMPS BY), but both are entertaining.

Announcement at hand for the 33rd Annual William Gillette Memorial Luncheon at the Old Homestead in New York on Jan. 10, 1986; this is well-attended, and reservations are required; if you're not on Lisa McGaw's mailing list, you can write to her at 15 Willow Terrace Apts., Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Another item on the agenda for the birthday festivities is Otto Penzler's annual Open House at The Mysterious Bookshop (129 West 56th Street) on Jan. 10, from 11:00 to 6:00; S'ians and their guests are most welcome, and there is as usual the possibility of S'ian authors on hand to sign their books.

The Master's Class will meet at 4:30 pm on Jan. 12, for drinks, dinner, and a program featuring the Philadelphia Savoy Company and papers on the theme of G&S and SH; the meeting will end in time to make the last trains to New York and Washington. Details available from Gideon D. Hill, 1810 South Rittenhouse Square #207, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Roger Johnson reports that Granada is now filming "The Return of Sherlock Holmes" with Jeremy Brett and Edward Hardwicke. The seven programs will be "Empt", "Twis", "Prio", "Reig", "Abbe", "Seco", and "Musg".

John E. Stephenson and Ronald Lies have founded a new scion called Poor Bibliophiles International, and plan to publish The Little Bookshop at the Corner of Church Street Journal; details available from Stephenson (535 West Easter Place, Littleton, CO 80210).

Jerry Margolin (3556 S.E. Stark, Portland, OR 97214) would appreciate hearing from anyone who can identify a character named "Mrs. Rundle" in any of Conan Doyle's works.

The Nov. 1985 issue of Starlog (475 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016; \$3.95) has a number of minor items: ad and promotional photograph for "Young Sherlock Holmes"; S'ian refs in articles on Farmer, Lee, Spielberg, and Cushing; and refs to "The Lost World" in articles on Harryhausen and O'Brien. And an ad for back issues including #7 (full-page color photo of Robby the Robot in S'ian costume) (reprint, \$5.00 postpaid) and #11 (article about "The Prisoner") (\$4.50 postpaid). And an ad for a videocassette of "The Prisoner: The Girl who was Death" (the episode in which Patrick McGeehan appears in S'ian costume); \$39.95 plus \$2.55 UPS from Starlog Video Shopper (same address).

Reported by Jim Duval: S'ian graphics in an 8-page pamphlet "Sherlock and the Crystal Clear Solution" (promoting Acrylite insulating windows) from Cyro Industries, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675.

It's official: the second Granada series starts on PBS-TV on Jan. 2, 1986.

Nov 85 #3 MURDER IN THE FIRST REEL, edited by Bill Pronzini, Charles G. Waugh, and Martin Harry Greenberg, with an Introduction by Isaac Asimov (New York: Avon Books, 1985; 344 pp., \$3.25); ten short stories on which films have been based, including "Musg" (source for "Sherlock Holmes Faces Death").

Yet another source for video of the 1954 Ronald Howard series: Video Specialists International (182 Jackson Street, Dallas, PA 18612) offers 10 cassettes (\$29.95 each plus shipping) with 2 programs each (according to my notes, 27 of the 39 programs are now available from various video sources.

Bill Barton reports that there are six copies left of THE PLAY'S AFOOT, his collection of three two-act comedies written for The Illustrious Clients (48 pp., \$8.50 postpaid, from William A. Barton, Box 26290, Indianapolis, IN 46226). And Dec. 31 is the deadline for orders for THE FINAL PABLUM, his next play (\$3.50 postpaid). Bill is also planning to publish a VICTORIAN ADVENTURE role-playing game and a GAMER'S GUIDE TO VICTORIAN LONDON supplement; send an SASE to Winterhawk Games/Paranoia Unlimited (same address) for details.

More philatelic S'iana: on May 22 the U.S. will issue four miniature sheets (9 stamps in each sheet) showing all deceased U.S. presidents; Lincoln is mentioned in the Canon, and Roosevelt and Truman were members of the BSI, and Hoover had Gillette to lunch in the White House . . .

There are three known issues of the Heritage Club edition of THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: 1952, 1957, and 1971. How can the three issues be distinguished? There are two known issues of the Heritage Club's newsletter Sandglass for THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: "Number I:17" (1952) and "Number IR:17" (1957). Was there a third issue of the newsletter in 1971? Can it be distinguished from the 1957 issue?

The November issue of Communication (the monthly newsletter from The Pleasant Places of Florida) offers a set of four S'ian hi-ball glasses (\$15.00 postpaid), and the scion's latest publication DIRTY POOL AND PHILATELIC PHILANDERING, a 24-page pamphlet with a reprint of Herman Herst Jr.'s 1966 pastiche "Dirty Pool" and a well-illustrated investigation of Sherlockian philately (\$5.00 postpaid); for a copy of the newsletter, send a #10 SASE to Ben Wood, 4408 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, FL 33510. Ben also reports a column of S'ian puns in the Dec. 1985 issue of Games.

"The Yellow Globe" (billed as a Charlie Chan Mystery Weekend of Murderous, Mischievous Intrigues) will be the next event (Feb. 14-16, 1986) at the Hotel Stamford Plaza (2701 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905).

According to Howard Lachtman's report (Stockton Record, Nov. 3) on Bouchercon, "there was even a celebration of 'Sherlock Holmes in San Francisco' that came complete with a contemplative bust of the Great Detective, a reading of a Sherlockian sonnet by Mrs. Anthony Boucher, and a local real estate agency's offering (at \$1.3 million) of a Frisco town-house in which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle acutally came to tea in 1923. Ideal for the collector who has everything." Bouchercon in Baltimore in 1986, and in Minneapolis in 1987.

Nov 85 #4 What with trade screenings for exhibitors, and special invitational screenings, and preview screenings, many of you have probably already seen "Young Sherlock Holmes" (which will be opening on or about Dec. 4 in every American city that has electricity), so I won't say much about it except that I thought it great fun, and well executed for its target audience. There were some familiar faces, heavily disguised in the case of Nigel Stock (Mr. Waxflatter, Elizabeth's uncle), who has played Watson in the BBC TV shows with Douglas Wilmer and Peter Cushing, and in his own one-man show "221B" on tour in Britain. Patrick Newell (Bentley Bobster, the first murder victim) is Blessington in "The Resident Patient" in the Granada series (not yet broadcast in the U.S.), and he played Les-trade in Sheldon Reynolds' second TV series (and he was "Mother" in "The Avengers").

One of the better recent comments on the film is from the Dec. 1985 issue of American Film: "Making a movie about the famous detective and his pal Watson meeting as prep-school classmates makes a lot of sense once you realize that (a) movies with adults in the leads may win Oscars but play to half-empty theaters, and (b) most of today's (young) moviegoers probably think Sherlock is Larry Holmes's weird brother."

Reported by Mark Erdrich: BERLIN FUGUE, by J. C. Winters (Avon, \$3.95); an espionage thriller ("good airplane reading") with S'ian allusions.

Michael Innes' THE MYSTERIOUS COMMISSION, a suspense novel with pleasantly S'ian overtones, is back in print from Penguin Books (1985; 192 pp., \$3.50).

Newt Williams reports, in the Nov. 1985 issue of The Camden House Journal, on a source for well-made deerstalkers: Hatterdashery (attn: Michael

Loeffler), 1862 East Shelby Street, Seattle, WA 98112.

THE HOLMESIAN FEDERATION #6, edited by Signe Landon (14985 256th Street SE, Issaquah, WA 99027; 86 pp., \$3.50 postpaid) presents more cross-over pastiches, from Star Trek to Doctor Who.

Reported by Ron De Waal: THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, adapted with comprehension exercises (New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House, 1985); available from Advent Books, 141 East 44th Street, New York, NY 10017. "Sherlock Holmes' Christmas Goose" adapted (from "Blue") by Paul T. Nolan, in Plays, Dec. 1985 (120 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116; \$3.00). TREASURY OF GREAT SHORT STORIES (Minneapolis: Amaranth Press, 1985; \$10.95 at B. Dalton); contents include "Spec".

Reported by Gideon Hill: four audio cassettes from Discourses (Lawn Cottage, Camden Park, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4TN, England) with two each of the eight Hardy/Stock dramatizations (D5566a-D5569a); £5.50 each postpaid. Celestial Arts/Ten Speed Press (Box 7327, Berkeley, CA 94707; 800-841-2665) offers the "Beyond 221B" poster (D2238b) and a reproduction of the one-sheet for "Spider woman" at \$3.50 each plus shipping.

THE NAGASAKI VECTOR, by H. Neil Smith (New York: Ballantine Books, 1983; 242 pp., \$2.75); science fiction, with minor S'ian allusions.

Dec 85 #1 SHERLOCK SLEPT HERE, by Howard Lachtman (Santa Barbara: Capra Press, 1985; 174 pp., \$9.95); accurately subtitled as "a brief history of the singular adventures of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in America, with some observations upon the exploits of Mr. Sherlock Holmes," with a summary of the highlights of ACD's four visits to the U.S., comments about the American aspects of the Canon, and a reprint of "Nobl".

Lachtman uses the word "paltry" to describe the £25 Conan Doyle accepted for "A Study in Scarlet" -- and that's the conventional wisdom: Conan Doyle didn't receive very much for the story. But -- that's 500 shillings, and "one of the most expensive hotels" charged Frank Moulton 8 shillings a day for a room in 1886, and that's 62.5 days. How many of today's fledgling authors would refuse an offer for their first book of the cash equivalent of a room for 62 days at one of the most expensive hotels in London?

Announcement at hand for the Jan. 10 dinner of The Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes at Keen's; if you're not on the mailing list, contact Evelyn A. Herzog (235 West 15th Street #4B, New York, NY 10011) -- and if you want to attend and haven't made your reservation already, it might be best to phone (212-929-3527).

Reported by Richard Wein, in the 1985 J. C. Penney Christmas catalog: an etched-glass pipe cabinet, 15x3x20 inches, solid mahogany with glass door etched with portrait of SH, \$24.99.

The spring 1985 issue of the Rex Stout Journal at hand, with discussion of the S'ian connection in Ken Darby's "The Genius of Nero Wolfe"; \$7.00 a year (two issues) from John McAleer, 121 Follen Road, Lexington, MA 02173. John is also ready to publish QUEEN'S COUNSEL: CONVERSATIONS WITH RUTH STOUT about her brother; \$8.00 postpaid, and the printing run will cover only prepaid orders.

Reported by John Kerr, in the latest catalog from Publishers Central Bureau (One Champion Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07001): a boxed Sandy Hook Records \$4.98 audio cassette of the 1939 Rathbone broadcast of "The Bruce-Partington Plans" and the 1948 broadcast of "Mr. Chameleon" (see D5554a); discounted prices on the three Murray Hill record sets (D4653a, D4655a, and MORE SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURES with 9 of the 1954 Gielgud broadcasts); and a \$7.99 set of three audio cassettes of the Murray Hill MORE SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURES.

"Roses and the Arts: A Humanistic and Horticultural Engagement" is the title of a conference at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, on May 8, 1986, with one of the four sessions on "The Sherlockian Background of Eco's *The Name of the Rose*." Details available from Robert F. Fleissner (367 East Cassilly Street, Springfield, OH 45503); Bob also forecasts a book ANATOMY OF A BEST SELLER about Eco's book.

"Were I a schoolmaster in possession of wealth, and about to found a library for boys, my corner-stone should be a large mass of the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: *The White Company*, *Micah Clarke*, *Brigadier Gerard* (the best), and *Sherlock Holmes*." Andrew Lang, in his monthly column in Longman's Magazine, Apr. 1903.

Dec 85 #2 "I often argue," writes Stephen Jay Gould, in THE FLAMINGO'S SMILE; REFLECTIONS IN NATURAL HISTORY (New York: W. W. Norton, 1985), "that the best test for legends is the extent of their seepage into popular culture. In *Sherlock Holmes and the Spider Woman* (1944), one of the innumerable, yet wonderful, Rathbone-Bruce anachronisms that pit Holmes against Hitler and assorted enemies, Holmes unmasks an entomologist *poseur* (and murderer of the true scientist) by catching several subtle fallacies in his speech. The phony calls terraria 'glass cages,' but then really gives himself away when he says of black widow spiders: 'They eat their mates, I'm told.' Holmes responds: 'You said you were told the black widows eat their mates. Any scientist would know it.'" Gould doubts the existence of sexual cannibalism (citing a recent study of matings in Chinese praying mantises in which no female ever decapitated or ate a male), and is persuaded that it is a phenomenon without proven examples. Discovered by Dick Rutter.

The item at right is from John Harris' list of Christmas books (The Atlantic, Dec. 1985).

"Revenge from Reichenbach," reads the London headline, reported by Bob Burr (Plugs & Doodles, Dec. 1985). The Sherlock Holmes Hotel ("named after the famous fiddling detective and coke-head") will gain a main entrance on Baker Street by demolishing the Ristorante Moriarti.

"Expect Baskerville Holmes to reach his full potential and earn national acclaim this season," predicts Anson Mount in the Jan. 1986 issue of Playboy, rating Memphis State as 1st in the Metro Conference and 15th in the nation's college basketball teams.

"Piltdown Man Hoaxer's Identity Revealed" is the headline in the [London] Daily Telegraph (Nov. 4, 1985). Glyn Daniel and Peter Costello have determined that the hoaxer was Samuel Woodhead, close friend of Charles Dawson. Costello has an article about his investigation in the Nov. issue of Antiquity (see Dec 85 #4).

Crime Times (the Waldenbooks Mystery Club Newsletter) generally has some S'ian mention in every issue, and it's worth checking at your local shop; there's a short quiz on "Sherlockiana" in the Nov. 1985 issue.

"Shades of Old Sleuth and Sherlock Holmes," wrote Jack London in PEOPLE OF THE ABYSS (1903). See D4021a, D2172b, and D2173b for more information on the Sherlockian aspects of Jack London, whose portrait appears on the 2c stamp to be issued on Jan. 11 in the Great Americans Series.

Movies Unlimited (6736 Castor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149; 800-523-0823) has many more S'ian cassettes than "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" mentioned earlier (May 85 #4), according to Ron De Waal. Their catalog

(with a small portrait of SH on the cover) costs \$5.95.

Dec 85 #3 Thanks to Paul Herbert for information on how to distinguish the three issues of the Heritage Press edition of THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (Nov 85 #3). In the first issue [1952], the Steele illustration ("'The key to the riddle was in my hands'") appears (incorrectly) f.p. 610; in the second issue [1957] and third issue [1971], that illustration appears (correctly) f.p. 620. In the third issue, the Heritage Club device appears above the copyright notice on the title-page verso; there is no device in the first and second issues.

YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES, by Alan Arnold (New York: Pocket Books, Dec. 1985; 207 pp., \$2.95); an uninspired novelization of the film.

Reported from England: THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, by Gaston Leroux (W. H. Allen, L9.95); Peter Haining's introduction includes two brief essays from S'ian journals suggesting that SH might have been involved. THE WINE LISTS, ed. by Robert Joseph (Guinness Books); includes Stanley MacKenzie's list of Canonical references to wines. Ms. C. J. Martin (Woodlea, Lancaster Lane, Parbold, near Wigan, Lancs. WN8 7AA) offers pencil or ink sketches copied from the Paget illos in the Strand; L9.00 and up.

ZEN NUDISM, by John Ruyle (Berkeley: Pequod Press, 1985; \$30.00 cloth, \$15.00 paper); "the author displays all the range and vigor that have made his work blaze across his generation like the comet Kohoutek" (one of the 26 short poems in "Pickwick & Sherlock"). John's 1986 plans include a new adventure of Turlock Loams, and new editions of THE ADVENTURE OF THE SOLEDAD CYCLIST and THE ADVENTURE OF THE FIVE BUFFALO CHIPS, and his address is 521 Vincente Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707.

THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF RAGSBY, written and illustration by Barbara Alexander (San Diego: Oak Tree Publications, 1985; 32 pp., \$8.95); a nice children's book, with two dogs (dressed as Sherlock Bones and Dr. Whatsit) rescuing a kidnapped teddy bear.

Reported by Ron De Waal: SCIENTIFIC ROMANCE IN BRITAIN 1890-1950, by Brian Stableford (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1985; 372 pp., \$29.95); a history of British science fiction, with a 7-page section on ACD. MY LIFE IN PICTURES, by Charles Chaplin (London: Peerage Books, 1985; 320 pp., \$12.99); a reissue of D4235b). And three Dell paperback reissues, Dec. 1985, with new covers: ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S GAMES KILLERS PLAY (D5613a), DEATH CAN BE BEAUTIFUL (D4744b), and BOYS AND GHOULS TOGETHER (D4749b).

Anne Baxter died on Dec. 12. She played Irene Adler in the 1984 British television film "The Masks of Death" (with Peter Cushing as Holmes).

Cerebro Lithographs (Box 1221, Lancaster, PA 17603) has a number of labels from the Sherlock Holmes Rum-Soaked Crooks cigar boxes: the two versions of the small (4-inch) label at \$8.00 and \$6.00, the large label (\$7.00), and the top sheet (\$1.50); plus \$1.50 shipping if your order is under \$25.00, and they take plastic.

Reported by Carole Naddeo: A PERSONAL FINANCE GUIDE FOR YUPPIES, EX-HIPPIES AND QUIET '50S FOLKS, a S'ian marketing pamphlet available (free) from Chang Labs, 5300 Stevens Creek Boulevard, San Jose, CA 95129.

Dec 85 #4 The Dec. 1984 issue of the BSJ was mailed early this month, and it is reported that only a few subscribers sent their copies back to Fordham with complaints that it was the wrong issue. The Dec. 1985 issue was mailed shortly thereafter, accompanied by well-justified sighs of relief from editor Philip Shreffler and publisher George Fletcher.

Never believe that there's nothing new to be discovered in the Sherlock Holmes stories. Who was Rodger Presbury?

"Valley of Fear" (presumably the Australian animation with Peter O'Toole as Sherlock Holmes) is scheduled ten times on Showtime cable, on Jan. 2, 6, 17, 21, 26, and 29. And the latest word from PBS-TV is that "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Part II" will start on Feb. 13, 1986.

Peter Costello's article "The Piltdown Hoax Reconsidered" is in the Nov. 1985 issue of *Antiquity* (King's Hedges Road, Cambridge CB4 2PQ, England; £5.00); it's a preview of Costello's book, to be published next year, and Costello has uncovered a great deal of evidence indicating that the culprit was Samuel Allinson Woodhead.

Bogie's Murderous Mystery Tours is planning "Murder by the Letter" at the Parker House in Boston on June 27-29, 1986; the cast (and possibly the victims) will include eminent Sherlockians Noel and Leslie Novel. Details available from Dreamjourneys, 516 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042.

Reported by Jon Lellenberg: *THE ENGLISH PUB*, by Rob Anderson (Viking; 111 pp., \$25.00); the review in *Time* (Dec. 16) featured a color photo of the sign from *The Sherlock Holmes*.

A copy of the program for Bouchercon XVI at hand, with a reprint of Anthony Boucher's sonnet "San Francisco to Sherlock Holmes" (D4416a); I don't know if extra copies are available, but you can write to chairman Bryan Barrett, Box 6202, Hayward, CA 94540.

Renegade Press (apparently a comic-book publisher) is planning a Sherlock Holmes series to begin in Mar. 1986 with "The Beryl Coronet" (text from the Canon and artwork by Dan Day); the series will be black-and-white and bimonthly at \$1.70. I've no further information; if anyone has an address for Renegade Press, please let me know.

Credit Donald A. Redmond for the discovery of Rodger Presbury. He was the counterfeiter shot by Killer Evans, in the original periodical appearances of "The Three Garridebs" in 1924 and 1925. Presbury appears as Rodger Prescott in *THE CASE-BOOK OF SHERLOCK HOLMES* in 1927.

Query: who owns "Bengis copy A" of the 1902 Souvenir Edition of *A STUDY IN SCARLET*? The Souvenir Edition is the one in blue cloth, with Egyptian design stamped in gold, and this copy is the one dated 1902 on the title page, with Bengis' penciled notes on the front flyleaf. I need some bibliographic information not included in Bengis' published description.

Gilles Daigle and Patricia Helik (275 Manse Road #55, West Hill, Ont. M1E 4X8, Canada) are preparing to create a computerized concordance of the Canon; suggestions and comments welcome.