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"It is my business to know what other people don't know."

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

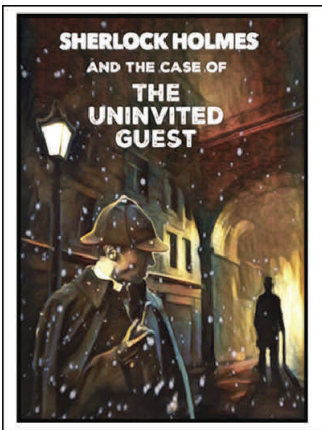
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Our 2020 Writing Contest

"Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Uninvited Guest"

Have you forgotten that you are under a deadline here? You have until *only* November 1 to submit your entry for **our 2020 Writing Contest!** Your closets and drawers must *already* be cleaned out by now! It's time to get to it!!



Friend of The SOBs & Artist Julian Epps has already created your book cover for you—the title, "*Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Uninvited Guest*." *What more can we do for you?*

Your Contest Entry may be in one of two (2) categories, or in both:

Category 1: In 200 words or less, give us a believable plot and how Holmes will solve it!

Category 2: In 200 words or less, introduce the "Uninvited Guest" to us and have him/her/them hook Holmes into taking his/her/their Case!

Contest Judge Lauran Stevens continues to invite your contest entries...though you've already lost in the "First Entry In" category! Her snail-mail address is: 320 West Roy Street, Apt. 207 Seattle, WA 98119. Or, email your Word file to Editor Terri at: terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com.

The Icy Window Insight in "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle"

A Cool Thought in This Very Hot Summer!

By SOB Margaret Nelson

The SOBs have discussed Watson's narrative description in "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle": "*I seated myself in his armchair and warmed my hands before the crackling fire, for a sharp frost had set in, and the windows were thick with ice crystals.*"

People raised in areas with mild winters and double-paned windows might find this odd and think Doyle was describing a freezing cold room. Those of us who lived through Midwestern blizzards are familiar with "Jack Frost" and ice on the inside of single pane windows. This forms because water vapor from your breath condenses when it touches the glass, which is as cold as the outside and so much colder than the actual room's temperature. The ice crystals formed attractive patterns, like drawings of foliage on the window, known as Jack Frost's "gardens," and are pretty to see.

These frost gardens only occurred if there is water vapor in the air and would not occur in an empty room without respiring humans. Think of how your car windows fog up in the winter only after people get into the car—same idea. The inside window fog and ice don't form until a source of water vapor (human breath) is present. You may have the car heater on and be warm but have to run the defroster to remove the fog from the window.



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JHWS Online Scion Holds First Zoom Meeting

As reported by SOB Margie Deck

In May, the John H. Watson Society had its first Zoom meeting, and as it was the first time the society ever had a meeting of any kind for the society as a whole, Brad Keefauver, current host of the JHWS podcast, "The Watsonian Weekly," and editor of the journal, "The Watsonian," called for members to submit an original poem as part of a drive to choose a society poem to be read at every meeting going forward.

I think there will be a vote to choose from among the five or six entries but I'm not sure how that is going to happen. Anyway, **two SOBs, Robert Perret, and yours truly** submitted a poem for the contest.

Practice Makes Perfect **By Robert Perret**

Awash in the sepia tones of Her Majesty's reign
Our man Watson skips down the lane
Whither he comes and whither he goes
He's rounds to make, that's all we know

His practice is light this time of year
After six he'll be back here
At Baker Street to hear the tale
A faithful Boswell without fail

Stalwart of heart and brave in a pinch
He stands for what's right and won't give an inch
He keeps a bullpup and we know what that means
You might know too if your intellect's keen

He was a man of great loves from Holmes to Mary
To trifling fancies he was most contrary
From London to Sussex and century to century
With manners finer than landed gentry

So spring the tantalus and tip the decanter
To Victorian England's literary enchanter
A novice detective and intermittent physician
But practice makes perfect and Watson's our man

'Dear John': In Praise of Reminiscences **By Margie Deck**

With a reprint of reminiscences, gifted upon a noel,
Dear John, you cast your lasting spell.
From sere Maiwand to Baker Street, cozy and snug,
you introduce us to him and the drug.
We travel with you on the River Thames
chasing your future when a fortune swims.
The adventures and the memoirs race by
until sadly only the falls reply.
But then, Halloo! The hound cries upon the moor,
and you, dear doctor, faint upon the floor.
You and he return, we know not how,
to take more than one last bow.
The valley is fearful, the cases are in the book.
We always want one more look.
Dear John, stand upon our terrace forever then—
we are your kith and kin.

Adds Margie: Robert also wrote a lovely toast to Lomax, the sub-librarian. I've attached it as well should you have a spot.



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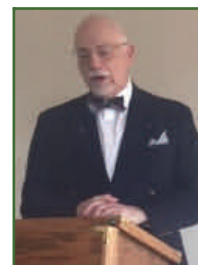
★ Zoom Meeting: Sunday, August 16 ★

12:00 (Noon) to 12:30 p.m. Pacific time—Free-form chatting and visiting!!

12:30 p.m. Pacific time—Structured meeting with SOB Dan Polvere's talk on the subject of The Baker Street Irregulars' Limited Editions Club Books produced back in the early 1950s.

As reported at our July Meeting, **SOB Dan Polvere, BSI** has offered to give us a talk during our **August 16, 2020 Zoom Meeting** that he titles, *"The Quest for Macy: the Man behind the Limited Editions Club Definitive Sherlock Holmes."*

Adds Daniel: "As it happens, I've been working on something new. I'm a book collector and the story behind the publication of The Limited Editions Club (LEC) edition of the Sherlock Holmes stories in the early 50s (after some years of wrangling with the Doyle estate) is pretty interesting. All the greats of Sherlockian scholarship were involved in it: Edgar Smith, Vincent Starrett (of "221B" fame) and Christopher Morley. Illustrator Frederick Dorr Steele even did new illustrations. The founder of the LEC was a colorful character and was determined to push the project through and was rewarded with BSI investiture."



Dan Polvere, BSI

So join our August 16 Zoom Meeting to hear about and discuss

"The Quest for Macy": the Man behind the Limited Editions Club Definitive Sherlock Holmes.



We will also—during our August 16 Meeting—devote a segment of time to toasts to and reminiscences about our Dear Dr. John H. Watson...who will be slighted and otherwise ignored by us due to the cancellation of our Annual Watson Picnic. %*\$^ that pandemic!

* The Limited Editions Club began as a revolutionary concept in the book trade by the avid bibliophile **George Macy (1900-1956)**. He endeavoured to bring together some of the finest book designers, artists, and graphic designers together with the greatest works of literature, to produce very limited numbers of books for a subscription-only club. These rarefied numbers, as well as the subject matter and the artists involved, made the Limited Editions Club an immediate, certain, success.

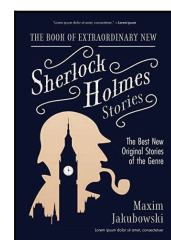
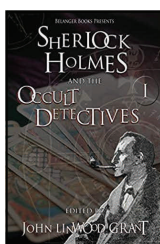
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Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **From Newer SOB Naching Kassa, our Club's new Twitter Administrator! You**

ASKED WHAT I'VE PUBLISHED, SO HERE GOES:

First, in *Sherlock Holmes and the Occult Detectives, Vol. 1* from Belanger Books, edited by John Linwood Grant (who runs *Occult Detective Magazine*), \$24.⁹⁵. My story is "The Adventure of Marylebone Manor." We were supposed to pair Sherlock Holmes with an occult detective. I paired him with a detective of my creation, Jimmy Hampstead. Jimmy is a former victim of Lucy Westenra, so he has some vampire skills. He's also a Baker Street Irregular. <https://www.amazon.com/Sherlock-Holmes-Detectives-Detective-Universe/dp/B089CWRLX8/>



• My second story is more straightforward Holmes (no supernatural events) and is in *The Book of Extraordinary New Sherlock Holmes Stories: The Best New Original Stories of the Genre* from Mango Books, edited by Maxim Jakubowski, \$18.⁹⁵, coming out in November. ⇒

My story is "The Adventure of the Black Key." It's about a widow who believes she's going mad. <https://www.amazon.com/Book-Extra-ordinary-Sherlock-Holmes-Stories-ebook/dp/B087KT8V5Q/>



⇒ **Get this on your Calendar right now!**

THERE WILL BE A 2ND LEFT COAST SHERLOCKIAN SYMPOSIUM IN 2020!! This year the virtual conference on **Saturday, October 10—"Left Coast @ Home"—will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. PDT.** The SOBs are a sponsor, already supplying \$150 in

support. To register, go to this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/left-coast-sherlockian-symposium-2020-tickets-76818388869>.

Speakers will include Les Klinger, BSI; Bonnie MacBird, ASH, BSI; Mina Hoffman; Angela Misri, and Rob Nunn.

Cost: Your "free-will" donation!

⇒ **Sherlockiana Miscellanea from PFL David:**

• **DOYLE IN THE MOVIES:** Terri and I were watching the 1948 movie "I Remember Mama" on TV. A lodger in the house played by Cedric Hardwicke often reads stories to Mama & her family. One evening, he has a book in his hands with the embossed title of "The Hound of the Baskervilles." As he... **Continued on Page 4**

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...wraps up a chapter with the words "...they were the footprints of a gigantic hound," he tells them that's all for that evening. And, the entire family tells him, "Don't stop there!"

• **YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SHERLOCKIAN FACE MASK OUT THERE FOR YOU!** Check out these sources:

[https://www.etsy.com/market/sherlock holmes mask](https://www.etsy.com/market/sherlock%20holmes%20mask)

<https://www.teepublic.com/masks/sherlock>

<https://www.redbubble.com/shop/sherlock+masks>

• There is a **NEW TELEVISION MINI-SERIES DUE LATER THIS YEAR CALLED "SHERLOCK: THE RUSSIAN CHRONICLES."**

Holmes goes to Russia in search of Jack the Ripper who has fled England. Watson does not accompany him because he was injured by Jack. If you would like to read more about it go to: variety.com/2020/tv/global/russias-nurbek-egen-on-shooting-sherlock-the-russian-chronicles-1234627154/

• **"FREDERIC DORR STEELE: FORGOTTEN MASTER" IS A 9-MINUTE VIDEO** that was conceived as a way to help raise funds through Go Fund Me to provide a stone marker at Steele's grave. The money has already been raised for the marker but the video is still interesting and you can view it at:

[youtube.com/watch?v=oT3POLni-fg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT3POLni-fg)

• Did you know that, during her 64-year reign, **QUEEN VICTORIA SURVIVED EIGHT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS BY SEVEN DIFFERENT PEOPLE?** Would like to see a discussion of the several attempts?? Go to this site:

[youtube.com/watch?v=haR0gOkujGI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haR0gOkujGI)

• Jellyfish can be a nasty thing to encounter in the water, and they don't even have to be alive to leave a painful sting on anyone in its path. **YES, JELLYFISH CAN STING EVEN WHEN THEY'RE DEAD!** The

New York Times reports that this was something a group of 150 people discovered in 2010 while swimming at Wallis Sands State Park in New Hampshire, when the 40-pound body of a Lion's Mane jellyfish (*cyanea capillata*) floated through the water—stinging at will. Want to see the icky details? Follow this link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/23/us/23jelly.html>



Joining The SOBs...

In early July 2020 was...

• **Talia Bordallo Mico**,
who lives in Vancouver, BC!



Being from up north, perhaps

Talia is a Stormy Petrels?...or at least familiar with that Canadian scion! She paid through PayPal, so maybe she was just surfin' the web!

Welcome to you, Talia! We hope to "meet you" at our August 16, 2020 Zoom Meeting!

• **DID YOU KNOW ENGLAND IS HIT BY MORE TORNADOES PER SQUARE MILE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD?**

America definitely experiences its fair share of dangerously blustery weather, but England is considered to be the "tornado capital of the world!" The country, on average, gets hit with 34 tornadoes each year, which is about 2.2 for every 3,861 sq. miles. The U.S., on the other hand, experiences about 1.2 for every 2,970 sq. miles. *So is anyone up for writing a story for Beaten's that involves an English tornado?*

⇒ **From Jean Upton of the London Society's District Messenger!**

• **MRS. HUDSON TAKES THE STAGE** by Barry S. Brown (\$14.⁹⁵) is the sixth book in Brown's enormously entertaining *Mrs. Hudson of Baker Street* series. In September 1901, following a successful run in New York, *Sherlock Holmes* opens at London's Lyceum Theater. In attendance are Mrs. Hudson, Watson and Holmes. Before the curtain goes up, however, Holmes is summoned backstage where the wardrobe mistress has been found murdered. The indomitable Mrs. Hudson is immediately on the case. She and her cohorts sort through a range of suspects. In the course of the investigation Mrs. Hudson receives assistance from Arthur Conan Doyle.

• Adrian Braddy (former editor of *The Dalesman*) has launched **THE NEW SHERLOCK HOLMES MAGAZINE**. It looks like a nicely produced, glossy publication, with a lot of familiar names amongst the contributors. You can learn more and order a copy of the first issue here:

www.sherlockholmesmag.co.uk/

• British writer/dramatist Bert Coules has provided more information about his new drama, "Watson: The Final Problem," starring Tim Marriott. View a trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afS3VhgHn-c>; also follow the link to the production company's website, www.smokescreenprods.com to listen to the full audio play. Access is free, but donations are most welcome.

Now out: A New Book by SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI

....*Commissionaire: Julian Wolff and His Baker Street Irregulars*

(176 pages, 9" x 6" trade paperback, July 2020. With 30 b&w illustrations. \$21.⁹⁵ plus shipping)

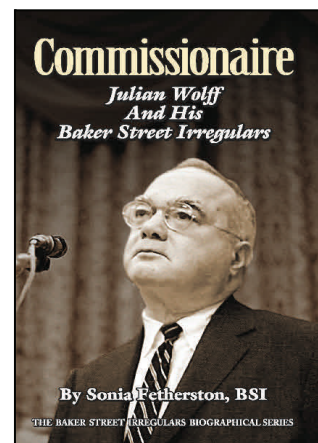
From BSI Press via the website (<https://bakerstreetirregulars.com/2020/07/11/commissionaire/>)—follow the links there to order this and other BSI books.

Julian was head of the Baker Street Irregulars (in those days called the "Commissionaire") between 1960 and 1986, longer than anyone else. He was also the person who resolutely kept women OUT of the ranks of Irregulars.

The book's cover photo was taken the night a group of women picketed the Irregulars' dinner, in the late 1960s. He'd just peeked out the window, and saw that the "picketeers" were also giving live TV interviews, and speaking with a reporter from the *New York Times*. No wonder Julian looked so unhappy!

The book is full of photos and personal reminiscences by those who knew him well.

Sonia discussed Julian's Sherlockian legacy (and her new book) during the mid-July podcast (Episode 196) of "I Hear Of Sherlock Everywhere," with hosts Scott Monty and Burt Wolder. (Hear it here: <https://www.ihearofsherlock.com/2020/07/episode-196-commissionaire-julian-wolff.html#.Xx44ypuSnAw>).



Things We Did Once and Want to Do Again!

By SOB Allen Nelson



After staying home for four months now, I find my mind wandering to things we enjoyed and want to do so again. Particularly to SOBs, things Sherlockian are important, many related to travel that is severely restricted right now. I got out my travel journals from years past and have come up with some random thoughts about things Sherlockian that are of importance to me.

Oh to be back in London! To take a black cab from Victoria Station to the south entrance of Regents Park is to follow a route that our heroes followed many times, albeit on foot or behind a horse. A short walk south on Baker Street brings us to the Sherlock Holmes Museum. As touristy as hell for sure but a remarkable place to see Holmes' impact in the world even today. Crowds of young and old, languages heard standing near the register, French, Italian, German, Romanian, numerous Asian ones my American ear couldn't distinguish. All there because of ACD and Sherlock. The actual location of 221B may not exist today, if it ever did, but it is easy to stand there and see buildings that were there in 1895 and imagine the street like it was in 1895, filled with cabs, wagons and horses. The walk south on Baker Street viewing the signs of a café, salon and others with the unmistakable outline of Sherlock and his magnifier. The Sher-

lock Holmes Hotel with the marvelous artwork in its lobby and restaurant, all with a Sherlockian theme is a great place for a drink or a meal.

Walk along Regent Street from Oxford Street, reverse of the route of Sherlock and Watson following Henry Baskerville. That street, like so many in London, looks much as it did then. Head down to the Thames and sit on a bench, squint your eyes and you can see the police launch chasing the steam launch Aurora on that epic conclusive event in "*The Sign of Four*." Better yet, read chapter 10 from SIGN while sitting there. All of these places have changed little from 1895, at least from the geography of the city. While I have been lucky to do all this in person in the recent past, I want dearly to do it again. Every Sherlockian can make these journeys in their mind. Get a map of London and a magnifier and just peruse the area from the Thames to Regents Park, and Hyde Park to Tower Bridge. You will find names of streets and places that are riddled all through the Canon. Take a trip in your mind that can make the current situation recede—at least for a time.

Be safe, be smart, and may it always be 1895!

PFL David Wants to Know:

When deciding what pastime he would pursue in retirement, what question faced Holmes?

Answer may be found of Page 8

Smiling SOB Faces!!!



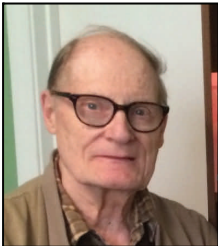
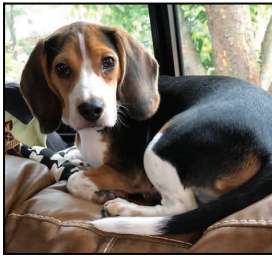
Left, Margie Deck; see Page 2.



Right, Sonia Fetherston; see Page 5.

Below, Thor Holm.

Right, Thor's Mom Jody, with Associate Editor Lauren Messenger.



Left, Charlie Cook; See his Daughter Ingrid's article below!

On Beekeeping in Alaska

Submitted By SOB Charlie Cook

While living in Alaska, my daughter Ingrid was in communication with a certain beekeeper on the Sussex Downs who expressed an interest in beekeeping in the 49th State. Here is what she sent him. Unfortunately, the sweet thing wouldn't let me see the response which the retired beekeeper sent her. I think she may be saving it for my 100th birthday!

Dear Mr. H,

Beekeeping in Alaska is very exciting and rewarding, albeit a bit challenging for the new-bee! Several local vendors offer a wide variety of beekeeping supplies, but all the bees are initially imported into the state. Many local beekeepers can educate the new hobbyist on what kind of bees to purchase (some do better in cold climates than others), the time of year to order ➡

A Book Review

By SOB Ginie Romnes

Sherlock Holmes, The Montana Chronicles

by John H. Watson, M.D., edited by John S. Fitzpatrick (Riverbend Publishing, 2008, ISBN 978-1-931832-96-0, \$12.95) a slim, 239-page trade paperback with a not too far-fetched premise for the tardy publication of its century-old manuscripts.

I enjoyed reading this collection of three stories. Very entertaining. There are ghosts and sleep walkers. Race horses and mining. I would encourage every Sherlockian to read them. I caution, however, that you not be offended because Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson do not display the same character as Doyle presented them. This author really gets inside Watson's head and emotions. His feelings are hurt by things Sherlock says and does. He is quick to forgive his old friend though.



Watson is far more intelligent too. He is much more of a team player. His observations are often correct. Holmes even apologizes to him sometimes. None of this detracts from the stories that have excellent plots.

The scenery and characters are very well developed. I learned a lot about Montana's early years. Especially about the mining industry.

I recommend this book to anyone looking for a good mystery.

the bees and the challenges associated with attempting to winter-over your bees. Alaskan beekeepers are faced with a choice to replace their colony each year or arrange for them to be wintered in a bee keeping shelter.



Bees arrive by air (plane, not on the wing!) generally in April. As this is before the flowers bloom and often when it's still freezing at night, beekeepers need to plan ahead. The hive should be placed in a sunny area to maximize the heat from the day and may need to be blanketed during the beginning of the season. The bees will need to be fed until the local flowers start to bloom. Bees can be fed a simple mixture of sugared water or a mix that can be obtained from a local vendor.

When the bees arrive, they will need to be transferred from their delivery crate to ... **Continued on Page 8**

MWA Announces 2020 Winners; *No Sherlockiana Among Them*

In case you missed it, *Mystery Writers of America* had to cancel their annual awards banquet due to the pandemic, but released this statement:

April 30, 2020, New York, NY - **Mystery Writers of America** is proud to announce, as we celebrate the 211th anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe, the Winners for the 2020 Edgar Allan Poe Awards, honoring the best in mystery fiction, non-fiction and television published or produced in 2019. The Edgar® Awards were presented via a live presentation on Twitter; view at: <https://twitter.com/EdgarAwards>. The winning speeches may be found on our YouTube channel: <https://tinyurl.com/yaasozx3>.

BEST NOVEL *The Stranger Diaries* by Elly Griffiths (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

BEST FIRST NOVEL BY AN AMERICAN AUTHOR *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim (Farrar Straus and Giroux)

BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL *The Hotel Neversink* by Adam O'Fallon Price (Tin House Books)

BEST FACT CRIME *The Less People Know About Us: A Mystery of Betrayal, Family Secrets, and Stolen Identity* by Axton Betz-Hamilton (Hachette Book Group – Grand Central Publishing)

BEST CRITICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL *Hitchcock and the Censors* by John Billheimer (University Press of Kentucky)

BEST SHORT STORY

"One of These Nights," from *Cutting Edge: New Stories of Mystery and Crime by Women Writers* by Livia Llewellyn (Akashic Books) 2

BEST JUVENILE *Me and Sam-Sam Handle the Apocalypse* by Susan Vaught (Simon & Schuster Children's Books – Paula Wiseman Books)

BEST YOUNG ADULT

Catfishing on CatNet by Naomi Kritzer (Tom Doherty Associates – Tor Teen)

BEST TELEVISION EPISODE TELEPLAY

"Season 5, Episode 4" – Line of Duty, Teleplay by Jed Mercurio (Acorn TV)

ROBERT L. FISH MEMORIAL AWARD *"There's a Riot Goin' On,"* from *Milwaukee Noir* by Derrick Harriell (Akashic Books)

THE SIMON & SCHUSTER MARY HIGGINS CLARK AWARD

The Night Visitors by Carol Goodman (HarperCollins – William Morrow)

G.P. PUTNAM'S SONS SUE GRAFTON MEMORIAL AWARD *Borrowed Time* by Tracy Clark (Kensington Publishing)



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The Icy Window Insight...

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I thought of Jack Frost's gardens when reading "Epic Wanderer: David Thompson and the Mapping of the Canadian West" by D'Arcy Jenish.

Thompson was an Englishman working for the Hudson's Bay Company in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada in 1784. The Hudson's Bay factory (where furs were collected and prepared to ship to England) was kept rather chilly by the Chief Factor who wanted to save on wood and only allowed two fires a day, one in the morning, one in the evening, in the workers' area. This during the wintertime, a winter when the snow drifts were six to ten feet high and the workers kept their coats on inside.

Referring to David Thompson's journal, Jenish wrote, *"David watched frost creep into the dwelling, first at the joints and around the windows. Then it spread across the thin, uninsulated wooden walls and accumulated to a depth of four inches in places at which point the servants applied water* ↗



to the interior to form a barrier of ice that would keep out the frost, the wind and the worst of the cold."

Using ice itself as an insulator never occurred to me, and it seems that 221B must have had windows thick with ice crystals but not as thick as those on the Canadian prairie!

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A Toast to Lomax, the Sub-Librarian by Robert Perrett

A moment of quiet for Lomax, the sub-librarian
More than a few of Watson's secrets he be carryin'
For a reference desk is a kind of confessional
And Lomax hears it all and keeps it well
Some may prefer a dusty lumber room
But we prefer a trusty book groom



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On Beekeeping...

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...their new hive. Several different methods could be used for this process but I highly recommend the 12-pack method. This is where you invite your buddy over, who also happens to be a beekeeper, to share an Alaskan Amber 12-pack while you watch him transfer your bees. This is the method least likely to get you stung!

The bee hives will need to be checked within a few days of setup to verify the queen has been transferred out of her travel box and into the hive. Her workers will do this for you, but just in case they were slacking on the job the hive should be opened and the queen inspected. A good beekeeper will make sure she is actively working on expanding her new home. The queen is the lifeline of the colony. She is easy to identify by her large size and the white spot on her back. Once the queen and hive are established the colony is fairly self-sustaining. All that is needed to keep the hive happy until the flowers bloom are regular feedings.

Long sunny summer days allow for quick production of honey and comb. The summer is short but the long days allow the bees to work many hours harvesting pollen and making honey. Once the bees fill the frames with honey they can be removed and replaced with empty frames for continued production. Caution should be used to not "rob" all the filled frames at



once unless you like opening an angry hive. The bees are much calmer when they don't fret over a low supply of food for their winter store.

Several beekeepers offer the use of their spinning equipment for a nominal fee. One hive can easily net 40 to 50 pounds of honey each season. The fireweed flower that grows throughout most of south-central Alaska produces some of the most coveted, light colored sweet tasting honey in the world. Alaskan honey can sell for upwards of \$20 a pint jar so the local hobbyist can easily recoup their investment if they choose to share their bounty.

I hope these notes will be of interest to you and that you are well and enjoying life away from you old digs at 221B. Also, regards to your doctor friend when you see him.



Sincerely,
Ingrid Rinker,
Daughter of SOB Member,
Charlie Cook

Answer to PFL David's Question on Page 5

To be or not to be?

The Sound of the Baskervilles
...is a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars, serving the greater Puget Sound Region of Western Washington, U.S.A., and has met monthly since March 31, 1980.

\$25 per year brings Members the monthly newsletter "Ineffable Twaddle", a copy of Beaten's Christmas Annual, and the incalculable benefits of association with a group of certifiable Holmes aficionados.

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary.

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