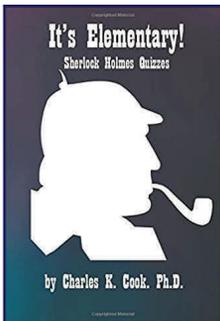




Ineffable Twaddle

*"It is my business to know what other people don't know."
—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle*

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Wowee!!

SOB Charlie Cook Has a New Book!!

Thanks to the hard work and effort of **SOB Charlie Cook's daughter**—and with a little help on the "Introduction" from **SOB Associate Editor Lauren Messenger**—**Ms. Astrid Cook** has now caused to be published *secretly* and on her Dad's behalf
"It's Elementary! Sherlock Holmes Quizzes"
by **Charles K. Cook, Ph.D!**

This is a compilation of the sixty (60) 12-question quizzes that Charlie developed for our Club from February 2017 through January 2019 for your Editors to use in this monthly newsletter that you generally find on Page 2! These short tests will be a lasting reference on your shelf, as it takes a good 5 to 10 years to do a complete rotation of the Canon—when you consider that we interrupt our monthly studies every so often for other rollicking stuff and we *always* revisit BLUE in December!

But there's more, as the book's promo notes: *"The game is afoot as you tackle quizzes, cryptograms and more from Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective (e.g. "A Baker's Dozen of Damsels in Distress"!)*. From the well known to the obscure, you'll test your knowledge from the entire world of Sherlock Holmes both from the stories and in popular culture."

So definitely **BUY this book!** It's available now at Amazon.com for just \$5.⁹⁹.

But we'll put you on "your honor": Will you choose to use your own skill, or to consult Charlie's new missive for the answers to quizzes appearing in future issues of *Ineffable Twaddle*?!

Irene Adler's Childhood

BY: SOB SHELDON GLOGER

SOB Sheldon Gloger continues to pursue his search for the true facts about the life of Irene Adler with this new perspective (compiled from his many notes sent to your Editor in July): A look upon her childhood.

I planned on a complete essay based on Irene Adler's childhood—born in New Jersey [SCAN] as reported by Sherlock—in order to counter the suggested slander of the King of Bohemia, that Irene Adler was a naughty, bitter lady. As many already know, I am obsessed with

the reputation of Irene, which the King's tarnishing of it has prevailed through literature and film, culminating in the Benedict Cumberbatch version that falsely labels her as a "dominatrix" and portrays her as such.

I see her quite differently, grounded as she was in Americana. I say that she was brought up in Trenton because three immigrant groups (Irish, England, German) were brought there in 1834 to supply labor for a series of factories. Irene's bachelor father... **Continued on Page 2**

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**Saturday, July 27
South Shelter
Seahurst Park, Burien
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
All are Welcome!**



The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield



Library opens at 1:00, closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

Getting there:

From north- or southbound I-5, exit at Mercer Street and head west. Turn right on Queen Anne Avenue and head up the hill. At the 3-way stop sign at the top, turn left onto West Galer Street. At 4th Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.

“...I was a dweller once more in my old quarters at Baker Street.”

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, 2019** at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch), located at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*). *If you have a favorite snack, please bring it along to share!*

Says Program Chair Sunny Even: Like many of his stories, Watson tells the tale of “The Five Orange Pips” retrospectively based on notes from the period and perhaps long after. It would certainly explain the contextual inconsistencies and disconnects that have entertained (and frustrated) players of “The Grand Game” for generations. In keeping with the title of the story, can you spot at least five?

“There he was, sitting with a newly opened envelope in one hand and five dried orange pips in the outstretched palm of the other one. He had always laughed at what he called my cock-and-bull story about the colonel, but he looked very scared and puzzled now that the same thing had come upon himself.”



Try Charlie Cook’s Quiz on “Five Orange Pips”

1. Watson mentioned five tales from the year 1887 which he never published. Name them!
2. Who was the author of the sea stories Watson enjoyed?
3. Who recommended Holmes to the client?
4. What was the case that Holmes helped that person with?
5. Holmes admitted that he had been defeated how many times and by whom?
6. Name Holmes’ client!
7. What was on the envelope which contained the five orange pips?
8. On what date did the client’s uncle receive the pips and on what date was his suicide?
9. Where was the client told to put the papers demanded by the secret society?
10. Name the secret society!
11. What was the tragedy at Waterloo Bridge?
12. To whom and at what address did Holmes send his five orange pips?

Answers may be found on Page 5

Irene Adler’s Childhood...

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...being in the last group. The young man would have dreamt of opening his own textile factory not realizing he would have to work as a paid laborer in an established factory. After years of saving, he’d have returned to the Rhineland for a bride who died in Trenton (perhaps from typhoid or cholera?). His second wife, from Philadelphia or New York City, would have been Irene’s mother.

The U.S. Civil War ended when Irene was about 7. Without understanding it, surely she saw soldiers going north, heard minstrel music and folk songs of disbanded groups passing through Trenton on their way home from prison camps and military hospitals, maybe poured water for them from the local well. Too young for her to remember or know of her father's early struggles for he already was the owner of his own factory, making military uniforms. During those tender years, from 7 to 17, Irene lived a normal Yankee life, playing with the other kids, always seeing the portrait of George Washington on the parlor wall, benefiting from being a victorious northerner, her father showing her Philadelphia's Independence Hall and the old Jewish cemetery.

After studying music at the famous New England Conservatory in Boston with her friend Lillian Norton, Irene went to Europe in 1875—very possibly along with Lillian. It was there that she heard her first opera. It was the “Cinderella” fairy tale in Italian and the lead was a contralto...



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Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **SOB VP Kashena Konecki posted this on Facebook on July 11:** ACTOR FREDDIE JONES HAS DIED AT THE AGE OF 91. He appeared in “Young Sherlock Holmes” and two of Jeremy Brett’s series, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes* and *The Case-book of Sherlock Holmes*.

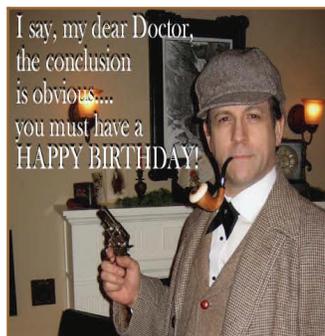
...on July 6: “THE ENOLA HOLMES CAST CONTINUES TO BE ANNOUNCED! SHOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE ‘THE CASE OF THE MISSING MARQUESS’ COME TO LIFE!” Following on from Thursday’s (July 4) news of Henry Cavill jumping aboard to play Sherlock Holmes in *Enola Holmes* comes word that *Killing Eve*’s Fiona Shaw will also join the new movie. Millie Bobby Brown will star as Enola in the film, which features a script by Jack Thorne adapting Nancy Springer’s book series. Launching in 2006 with *The Case of The Missing Marquess*, Springer’s tomes tell the tale of Sherlock and Mycroft’s much younger sister, Enola, who turns out to be a highly capable detective in her own right.



⇒ **SOB Alexander Snow added to the above Facebook posting with this:** “SHE (FIONA SHAW) PLAYED MISS MORRISON IN ‘THE ADVENTURE OF THE CROOKED MAN’, WITH JEREMY BRETT & DAVID BURKE”, which the Club had just studied during July!



⇒ **As noted last month, SOB Dr. Ed Funk marked the 95th anniversary of his birth!** We thought you might also appreciate the personal card that **SOB Marc McDaniel** sent to Dr. Ed!



⇒ **Seen on Twitter: THE ART OF SHERLOCK HOLMES IS NOW ON SALE!**

The Art of Sherlock Holmes is truly unique. Holmes short stories interpreted by some of the most accomplished artists in the world. In the first edition alone, between them, the artists have art hanging in over 100 museums and galleries in the world including the Smithsonian, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Whitney, The Guggenheim and many more. The Conan Doyle Estate is proud to support such a fantastic project which in turn helps worthy causes. We are passionate about furthering the works of Arthur Conan Doyle and this marvelous creative project contemporising Sherlock Holmes, Arthur Conan Doyle’s most famous character is a testament to this endeavour.



The 5th Annual International Sherlockian Summit—a meeting of the multiple scion societies headquartered in the Pacific Northwest (along the I-5 corridor from Portland, OR to Vancouver, BC) and beyond—will be hosted by

The Dogs in the Nighttime of Anacortes, WA!

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019

Time: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Village Pizza (upper level)

807 Commercial Avenue, in “Old Town”
Anacortes, WA

(360) 293-7847, <https://villagepizza.org/>

Parking: Use the Bank of the Pacific parking lot next door, or space on the street.

Says our Hostess Dogs’ President Kathleen Kaska: “The format of the event will be much the same as at previous events: Social time between 12:00 and 1:00, followed by a Holmes Pub quiz, a few games and a few toasts (still in the planning). We will also have the traditional raffle.”

SOBs: Please send your suggestions for games and toasts to—and arrange any raffle donations with—our Club’s coordinator for this event,

SOB Sheila Holtgrieve (sheilaholtgrieve@gmail.com), or **SOB VP Kashena Konecki** (konecki@gmail.com).

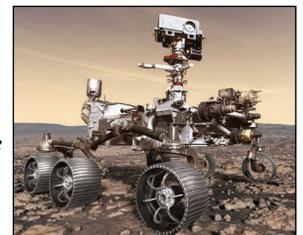
The Conan Doyle Estate has authenticated each piece of artwork with the Estate’s trademark. **Source:** <https://shop.conandoyleestate.com>



⇒ **News from SOB Pat McIntosh:** In today’s (7/14/2019) WSJ, saw an article about science acronyms that had a few chuckles.

WORTH MENTION BECAUSE THERE’S A SHOT OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC VEHICLE ON MARS WITH THE ACRONYM OF “SHERLOC.” Yes, it leaves out the “k” at the end, but it stands for “Scanning Habitable Environments with Raman & Luminescence for Organics and Chemicals.”

Article is *Science Acronyms Dumbfound*, with subheading, “Research shows clever names are just confusing.” To read the whole thing: www.wsj.com/articles/dont-understand-moronic-bromides-in-scientific-acronyms-11563122301



More Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

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⇒ Prince Archie's Christening on July 6, a Family Affair!

Archie wore the same christening gown his cousins George, Charlotte and Louis did. While the garment is relatively new, it's rooted in a royal tradition that dates back to the mid-1800s. THE CURRENT GOWN, USED FOR ALL OF QEII'S GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, IS ACTUALLY A REPLICIA OF A DRESS THAT QUEEN VICTORIA COMMISSIONED FOR HER FIRST-BORN CHILD, daughter Victoria Adelaide Mary Louisa. That gown was notably worn by 62 royal babies (including five monarchs) over the course of its 163 years of royal service. The Archbishop of Canterbury baptized baby Archie; during the ceremony, he used the LILY FONT, A SILVER GILT



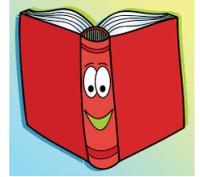
BOWL THAT HAS BEEN USED FOR EVERY ROYAL BABY SINCE PRINCESS VICTORIA IN 1841. Archie was blessed with water from the river Jordan, which is where it is said that John the Baptist baptized Jesus himself. *In above photo, standing to the Duchess' Mom Doria Ragland's left are Harry's aunts, Princess Diana's sisters.*

⇒ **Out any day now and featuring SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI is "VILLAINS, VICTIMS, AND VIOLETS: AGENCY AND FEMINISM IN THE ORIGINAL SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON"** an anthology by the Studious Scarlets Society, a group of thirty women scholars and Sherlockians. Her essay, "She Blessed The Hand," considers the Holmes story "Black Peter," and the women who fell victim to (and were able to overcome) alcohol abuse and domestic violence in Victorian times.

⇒ **SOB Bill Seil reminds us:** Seattle Times columnist Mary Ann Gwinn reviewed MARGALIT FOX'S "CONAN

⇒ New Book Coming: Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere ⇐

IT WILL BE IN PRINT & E-BOOK FORMAT IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, AND ITS CONTRIBUTORS INCLUDE **FOUR SOBS: SONIA FETHERSTON (WHO IS ALSO CO-EDITING IT), MARGIE DECK, NANCY HOLDER AND PFL DAVID HAUGEN.**



MORE DETAILS TO COME LATER. THERE IS CURRENTLY A KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN TO HELP FUND THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK.

DOYLE FOR THE DEFENSE" (Random House, \$18, PB) last year—a true-crime story in which Holmes becomes enraged by a wrongful murder conviction. "If you are a Holmes devotee," wrote Gwinn, "you will love watching his creator take apart a flimsy criminal case through reason and meticulous examination of the evidence." *Having now read the book, PFL David now concurs!*

⇒ Notes PFL David:

- Due out September 17 is "THE MERCHANT OF MENACE: A SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE" BY RICHARD T. RYAN (\$16.⁹⁵). In it, Holmes reluctantly agrees to assist Les-trade who is being hounded by an obnoxious nobleman whose jewel-encrusted dagger has gone missing. However, what Holmes initially believes to be a simple theft turns out instead to be his first encounter with a master criminal, who is as ruthless as he is brilliant, and whom Watson dubs "The Merchant of Menace."

- Due out October 15 is "THE ADVENTURE OF THE PECULIAR PROTOCOLS: ADAPTED FROM THE JOURNALS OF JOHN H. WATSON, M.D." BY NICHOLAS MEYER. In it, Holmes and Watson are summoned in January 1905 by brother Mycroft to undertake a...

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Dr. Parker and Curator Johnson Added to Agenda!!

Friday, October 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to
Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

University Place Hotel & Conference Center,
310 S.W. Lincoln Street, Portland, OR
Call: 1.866.845.4647

UPDATES: Join us to hear these and many more talks!

- **Dr. Bruce Parker, MD, BSI**, will be discussing the ways that Doctors and Medicine play a key role in the lives of Sherlock Holmes, his "Boswell", and his literary agent.
- Give it up for **Tim Johnson, Curator of Special Collections & Rare Books and Curator** of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at U of MN Libraries! Tim's presentation will be inspired by Mary Oliver's poem, "Hum."

Head to: <https://www.leftcoastsherlock.com> for all the details you'll need about this exciting event including the schedule, speakers, conference venue and hotel.

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...clandestine investigation. An agent of the British Secret Service has been found floating in the Thames, carrying a manuscript smuggled into England at the cost of her life. The pages purport to be the minutes of a meeting of a secret group intent on nothing less than taking over the world.

⇒ **From Jean Upton, The London Society's District Messenger:**

● I've received word of a major new project—"SEARCHING FOR SHERLOCK: THE GAME'S AFOOT". The UCLA Film & Television Archive and the Baker Street Irregulars are MOUNTING A WORLD-WIDE SEARCH FOR MISSING SHERLOCK HOLMES FILMS. MORE THAN 200 FILMS ARE MISSING OR LOST, OR ARE IN NEED OF RESTORATION OR PRESERVATION. Such lost films include the 1914 British production of "A Study in Scarlet" and many more. Archives and organisations around the world are being contacted for assistance with the search. Robert Downey, Jr. is the Honorary Project Chair. If you require further information about the project or know where the Archive might direct an enquiry (or if you think you know where a film might be found), contact the project coordinator, Barbara Roisman Cooper at peninc1@aol.com.

● **THE RELEASE OF THE NEW SHERLOCK HOLMES 50P COIN TRIGGERED A FEEDING-FRENZY** amongst collectors, accompanied by much wailing and gnashing of teeth over the cost to procure one of the coins.



However, **IF YOU FANCY A TRIP TO WALES, YOU CAN NOW GET ONE AS PART OF THE ROYAL MINT'S "STRIKING YOUR OWN COIN" EXPERIENCE.** From June 28th, for a limited time, visitors arriving to take a tour of the Royal Mint can add on the cost of £6.90 to strike their own Sherlock Holmes 50p coin. Tours are limited to one a day and customers can strike one coin per person. Ring the Royal Mint on 0333 241 2223 for more information or go to www.royalmint.com/the-royal-mint-experience/strike-your-own-coin/

● If you are (or have been) in the teaching profession, Rob Nunn has started **A NEW PROFESSIONAL SHERLOCKIAN SOCIETY, THE PRIORY TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.** Contact him at robertanunn@gmail.com or at 13 West Pickett's Crossing, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

⇒ **From Peter Blau's Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press:**

● **"PROCEEDINGS OF THE PONDICHERRY LODGE", THE SEMI-ANNUAL ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER** edited by Jayantika Ganguly for **THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF INDIA** is now in its seventh year, and the current issue (with 100 colorful pages) offers Sherlockian news from India and a

nice mix of scholarship and pastiche; all issues of the Proceedings can be found at the society's web-site:

www.sherlockholmessociety.in

● Gretchen McCulloch suggested in *Wired* (June 11) that **"FANS ARE BETTER THAN TECH AT ORGANIZING INFORMATION ONLINE"** (www.tinyurl.com/y4nu862w). The article is about **"ARCHIVE OF OUR OWN (AO3)", A FAN-FICTION ARCHIVE** that offers almost five million fan-works and uses "tag wranglers" to help users find things in the archive, and explains how the system works for Sherlockian fan-fiction.

● A Reader spotted a neat demonstration of what one can do with CGI now and had some **FUN WITH "SHERLOCK"**. View this 1:13 minute film: www.youtube.com/watch?v=EM78NyfeODM



● **"QUEEN VICTORIA, SMILING AND IN SUNGLASSES, FOUND ANEW ON FILM"**: This is headline on a story in the *N.Y. Times* on May 30 (www.tinyurl.com/y6qxyfts); don't neglect the article's link to a longer MoMA video. The Smithsonian also reported on the find at its website: www.tinyurl.com/y4dmcmam.

Irene Adler's Childhood...

...—a voice like her own! She was hooked. Mr. Adler couldn't say no to his beloved 17-year-old Irene when she pleaded to study opera at La Scala, especially since he continued to prosper making military uniforms for the Army conquering the West. Her Yankee life was part of her as she entered European society and noticed the difference always.

Is it any wonder, then, that I continue to maintain that the King's way of life would have had little appeal for Irene on any long-term basis? Music—not royalty, position, even marriage—was her life!

Answers To Cook's Quiz on FIVE on Page 2:

1. "The Adventure of the Par-
adol Chamber", "The Ama-
and once by a woman.
2. Clark Russell.
3. Major Pendergast.
4. "The Tankerville Club Scan-
dal".
5. Four; three times by men
6. John Openshaw.
7. The letters "K. K. K.!"
8. March 10, 1883 and May 2,
9. On the sundial.
10. The Ku Klux Klan.
11. John Openshaw met his
12. Captain James Calhoun,
Bark Lane Star, Savannah.



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

Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Masters' Celebration" honoring the meeting of Holmes and Watson (March), "The Annual Wreath Throw" commemorating Holmes' loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), "The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic" (July), and "The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification" (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.

To join or to renew your membership, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.

2019 Member News & Notes

Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, August 18, 1:30 p.m. at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

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Monday, September 2

South Sound Meeting, Saturday, September 7, 1:00 p.m. at Margie & Hank Deck's home in Spanaway

Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, September 15, 1:30 p.m. at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

Left Coast Sherlockian Symposium, October 11 to 13, Portland, OR
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Our July 21 Regular Monthly Meeting was presided over by PFL David Haugen.

- SOB Members present were:

Shannon Wallace	Terri Haugen
Sonia Fetherston, BSI	Dawn Jaekel
Kashena Konecki	Alex Snow
Jennifer Yoakum	Sunny Even
Melanie Briganti	Mike Thomas
Margaret Nelson	Al Nelson
Lauren Messenger	Kris Hambrick
Chris 'Bear' Berwald	

● Guests included a new acquaintance Haugens had made: Lee Gunter and his wife Kathy; they seemed to enjoy themselves and we hope to see them again soon! ★ The John H Watson Society's 7th Annual Canonical Treasure Hunt begins August 1; The SOB's 2019 Team includes SOB's Sheila Holtgrieve, Cameron Brandon, Sunny Even, Elinor Gray and our Denver connection Ron Lies, with our Singapore connection Francis Bond and Port Townsend connection Nancy Holder acting as consultants ★ It was good to see Sonia and Mel B after lengthy absences; Sonia was up from Salem to visit her daughter; Mel got married, she & James bought a new home, but sadly, she lost her Mom in May. ★ Unusually, there were NO ties in our quiz on CROO! Our clear

winners were: 1st place, Bear; 2nd, Dawn; 3rd, Mike; and 4th, Pat! Interesting and enthusiastic discussion ensued throughout the quizzing period!

● Update on the 5th Annual International Sherlockian Summit comes from this year's Hostess Dogs' President Kathleen Kaska: So far on the agenda is a Holmes Pub Quiz, Dan Polvere, BSI reading "221B" as a closing, and possibly some singing Sherlockians. And, one of their members has created a website: <https://sherlockholmessummit.weebly.com/>. Please send your suggestions for games and toasts to—and arrange any raffle donations with—our Club's coordinator for this event, SOB Sheila Holtgrieve (sheilaholtgrieve@gmail.com).



Over the coming months, SOB VP Kashena Konecki will serve as acting President and SOB Lauren Messenger as acting Editor throughout the months of August through December. ♦



Editor Lauren will be most pleased to receive your contributions to this monthly newsletter throughout that time at: laurenmessage.museums@gmail.com. ♦ Because the deadline for receiving contributions to the 2020 issue of Beaten's Christmas Annual is December 31, those will be accepted by either Editor Lauren at laurenmessage.museums@gmail.com or by Editor Terri at terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com. ♦ Details of how to submit contributions to Beaten's will be explained in an upcoming issue of Ineffable Twaddle later this autumn.