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Back in Isanti, the students sent handmade thank you notes to Tim. They also watched the film _The Hound of the Baskervilles_. Carol said that additionally, “We will be taking the kids to our public library and making sure all of them have a library card to be used this summer. In the past we wrote a grant for this class that allowed them to go to two local bookstores. It is remarkable how many of them have never been to our public library.”

And it’s never too early to plan for the next school year. “Both Tanja and I wished we had spent more time on Holmes. Next year we want to begin studying _Hazard brings needed excitement to the theme, including questions like ‘Did you look for details?’ ‘Can you find the answers?’ ‘What did you infer about a reading?’ We would make each student a private detective, that sort of thing.” Sherlock Holmes is a fantastic character. In addition to the Canon, Carol plans on utilizing stories that might appeal to her contemporary readers, such as the Enola Holmes stories.

Elaine Coppola of The Beacon Society wrote “Wonderful teachers like Carol Hazard bring needed excitement to learning. The students benefit by being introduced to characters and adventures that they can relate to and will enjoy. The teachers benefit because stories in the Sherlockian canon are easily adapted to all age levels and reading abilities and may be used in interdisciplinary projects (e.g., reading, English language, history, science/forensics). And, of course, Sherlockians are delighted to know that young people are being introduced to the stories we love so much. Please spread the word that The Beacon Society (http://www.beaconsociety.com), a spinoff society of The Baker Street Irregulars, exists to support teachers, librarians, and others who, like Ms. Hazard, bring Sherlock Holmes to life in their classrooms or other educational activity.”

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O. Henry was the pen name of William Sidney Porter who was born in Greensboro, North Carolina on September 11, 1862. He moved to Texas in 1862 and worked as a ranch hand, a draftsman in the General Land Office, a bank clerk in Austin, started a humorous weekly called The Rolling Stone which soon faded, and in 1895, began a career in journalism at the Houston Post. An audit of the Austin bank was completed several years after Porter left their employ and resulted in charges of embezzlement—a charge he denied. While freed on bail, he left his wife and daughter with family members and fled to New Orleans and then to London and their website indicates it was founded for the approximately $500 by the late Sir Edward VII, became an honorary member of the Club. He enjoyed the particular interest to support his daughter. He used various pseudonyms but was best known as O. Henry, first used in the December 1899 issue of McClure’s Magazine. He served three years of his term and upon his early release for good behavior, moved first to Pittsburgh then to New York in 1902. During his time in the city, which he described as “Baghdad-on-the-Subway,” he wrote for publications such as Ainslee’s Magazine, Munsey’s, and New York Sunday World. O. Henry was able to capture New York City life in the first decade of the twentieth century. His stories of ordinary people were told with wry narration and his famous twist endings.

His first collection of connected stories, Cabbages and Kings, appeared in 1894 and included the story “The Adram” which contained “Banana Republic, the phrase he coined to describe Honduras. His second book, a short story collection, “The Million Dollar” came out two years later and contained two of his best known stories, “The Ransom of Red Chief” and “The Last Leaf.” “The Gift of the Magi” appeared in his 1910 collection Whirligigs. O. Henry wrote 300 short stories from 1900 to 1910, including one weekly for the New York Sunday World from January 1904 to December 1905. His last years were unhappy ones and included a failed marriage, financial struggles and alcoholism. He died on June 5, 1910.


The Sherlock Holmes Collections has several copies of Sires and Sevons, including the 1911 first American edition by Doubleday, Page and Company, the 1916 English first edition, the 1920 edition by Hugh Nasco, the 1916 Hodder and Stoughton edition, the 1931 Doubleday, Doran edition and the 1931 Hodder and Stoughton edition. According to the World Cat Identities website, Sires and Sevons has appeared in 67 editions between 1910 and 2007. They were released in three languages and are held by 1,516 libraries worldwide. So the Sherlock Holmes Collections is far from complete.

In April 1918, eight years after O. Henry’s death, a dinner was held in his honor at Hotel McAlpin sponsored by the Twelfth Night, later known as the Society of Arts and Letters. From that dinner a committee was formed to establish an O. Henry Memorial. The first volume of O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories was published in 1919 by Doubleday, Page and Company. The O. Henry Prize remains a honor for stories written in English and published in an American or Canadian periodical selected by a jury with the intent to strengthen the art of the short story and to stimulate younger authors.

For us O. Henry is best remembered for the parodies of Sherlock Holmes. He shared the gift of observation and details with Holmes, and used it in his writing. O. Henry is honored by Sherlockians during the New York Birthday celebrations by gathering at Pete’s Tavern on 18th and Irving Place. It was there in a booth, as the story goes, that O. Henry, facing a deadline for his weekly Sunday World column, came up with the famous story “The Gift of the Magi.”

Richard Svum, MD, BSI

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The Baker Street Irregulars’ titular invention of “The Three Gables” in 1953 and the Two-Shilling Award in 1970. His Sherlockian, or Holmesian, activities weren’t limited to the United States. He joined the Sherlock Holmes Society of London on May 12, 1953 with S.C. Roberts, James Holroyd, and Colin Prestige, and served as president of the Society 1966-1978. He played the role of Sherlock Holmes during the Society’s 1968 pilgrimage to Switzerland and Lord Holdhurst during the 1978 tour to Interlaken. Nicholas Utechin, in The Sherlock Holmes Journal Winter 2004, wrote that he brought “to the society’s activities the same forceful, patriotic, yet immensely approachable style of leadership that he gave in his public life as one of this country’s most senior diplomats.” Paul Gore-Booth died on June 29, 1984. His papers, both public and private, were donated by his family to the Bodleian Library in Oxford. The Sherlock Holmes Journal carried a three-part article by Utechin titled “Paul Gore-Booth – His Holmesian Papers” in Volume 27 Numbers 1-3.

On May 19, 2011, during the celebration of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London’s 60th Anniversary, Volume Two of The Best of the Sherlock Holmes Journal, 1899-1960, was released at the Annual General Meeting. As editor Nick Utechin noted in the Introduction, that while “latter-day stalkworts” were represented, “Older members and contributors are still included.” One of those older members well represented was the illustrious Lord Paul Gore-Booth.

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An Update from the Collection

The end of the academic year has arrived, the campus is relatively quiet, and we’re starting to shift into summer gear. Now is the perfect time to attack some bigger projects that have been waiting in the wings, catch up on some work that was pushed to the side during the chaos of the last weeks of classes, catch our breath (a little), and prepare for the summer researchers who will arrive shortly after the Memorial Day weekend. It’s a time of year to assess where we’ve been, what we’ve accomplished, and to map out our work for the months ahead. It’s a good time of year.

We’ve continued to load materials into the U Media Archive web site. Thanks to many of you who sent comments about this new research tool and the material we’ve placed there. The site is currently being upgraded to allow us to handle more complex objects such as scrapbooks, publications, prints, and other archival materials. We’ve begun to load one of our ‘complex’ objects, the clippings album about the wedding of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Jean Leclerc, and am interested to see how this material can be presented to researchers. By the time you read this the upgrade to the system should be complete and the album available for viewing. We’ve also loaded a number of sets of ‘cigarette cards,’ including a set produced in Barcelona, Spain. It’s fascinating to see how the stories are represented in various forms and in so many different cultural contexts. In addition, we’ve loaded a few sample playing cards, and our four pages of the Hounds of the Baskerville manuscript. If you have material you’d like to see on the U Media site please let me know.

We also want to alert you to material on the U Media site that may be of related interest, from other collections. I’m thinking particularly of material on other images recently loaded from the Mrtle Collection on the History of Photomechanics. There are a number of images from photographers who had studios on Baker Street in London such as Thomas Fall, Russell and Sons, Done and Ball, and Elliott and Fry. Also, there are some interesting photographs of individuals, many of them politicians, who lived at the same time as Conan Doyle. Indeed, he may have known a few of them. There are also a few portraits of Queen Victoria. One wonders if Holmes ever had his photograph taken in one of these Baker Street studios. Many of the negatives were destroyed during the war, but perhaps a portrait may turn up one of these days. I hope that you have an enjoyable summer, that new tales come your way, and that the friendship unique to Sherlockians will continue to blossom. Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for the Holmes Collections.

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The article addressed a number of facts and questions about Holmes, Watson and the Canon. They were listed by category, and included here are a few of the salient points: “Oxford or Cambridge?… We must admit that, there loom through the fog of the majority of people who believe that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote detective stories about Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. There is, however, a ferocious school of thought which ascribes all authorship to Dr. Watson and alludes to Sir Arthur impartially as the literary agent ‘Doyle.’ I must not prejudge this school’s interests.” The New Detection…Despite the work of Fox and Gaborian, the author of the Holmes stories had the advantage of being in a genuine sense first in the field… Holmes and Watson would go matching into literary history, taking with them a world in which, as an American authority so exactly remarked, “it is always 1895.”… “Never Dull!… It’s a challenging approach; a good detective story is not a laboratory for beginners; it is a puzzle about human nature and human beings – and the moment you admit that, there loom through the fog of 1895 London the figures of Holmes and Watson.” “Fact or Fiction… But was Sherlock Holmes a real or a fictitious character? The answer, ladies and gentlemen, confidentially, is ‘Yes.’

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served on the delegation to the United Nations Preparatory Commission, and went back to Washington as head of the British Information Services, and was appointed Ambassador to Burma 1953-1956. From 1956–1960 he was the Deputy Under-Secretary (Economics) in London before he was ap- pointed as High Commissioner of India from 1960-1965. His last post before retirement was as Under Secretary of the Foreign and Comminwealth Office in London 1965-1969. In 1969 he was made a life peer and regularly attended the House of Lords. He served as chairman of the Save the Children Fund 1970-1976. His autobiography, With Great Truth and Respect, was published in 1974. During his illustrious career, he met many of the political and media luminaries of the time including the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Presi- dent Harry Truman, Adlai Stevenson, John Foster Dulles, Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden, and India’s Prime Min- ister Jawaharlal Nehru, to name but a few. He and his wife Patricia were the parents of four children.

Jen Lelengberg wrote in irregular Cries of the Late Forties: that The Strand Magazine having received from Ben Abrams the 45 questions of the BSI, sent them for review to an English specialist, a diplomat at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., by the name of Paul Gore-Booth. He wrote his first article, “The Journeys of Sherlock Holmes,” for the Baker Street Journal, Volume 3, Number 2, 1948, and the Red Circle of London’s 60th Anniversary, Volume 27, Numbers 1-3.

On May 19, 2011, during the celebra- tion's 60th Anniversary, Volume Two of The Best of the Sherlock Holmes Journal, 1891-1900, was released at the Annual General Meeting. As editor, Nick Utechin noted in the Introduc- tion, that while “latter-day stalkworts” were represented, “Older members and contributors are still included” One of those older members well represented was the illustrious Lord Paul Gore-Booth.

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The Baker Street Irregulars’ truer inventur of “The Three Gables” in 1953 and the Two-Shilling Award in 1970. His Sherlockian, or Holmesian, activities weren’t limited to the United States. He joined the Sherlock Holmes Society of London on May 12, 1953 with S. C. Roberts, James Holroyd, and Colin Prestige, and served as president of the Society 1966-1978. He played the role of Sherlock Holmes during the Society’s 1968 pilgrimage to Switzerland and Lord Holdhurst during the 1978 tour to Interlake. Nicholas Utechin, in The Sherlock Holmes Journal Winter 2004, wrote that he brought “to the society’s activities the same forceful, passionate, yet immensely approachable style of leadership that he gave in his public life as one of this country’s most senior diplomats.”

Paul Gore-Booth died on June 29, 1984. His papers, both public and private, were donated by his family to the Bodleian Library in Oxford. The Sherlock Holmes Journal carried a three-paragraph article by Utechin titled “Paul Gore-Booth – His Holmesian Papers” in Volume 27 Numbers 1-3.

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“To the Success of our Little Expedition”

Back in Isanti, the students sent hand-made thank you notes to Tim. They also watched the film The Hound of the Baskervilles. Carol said that additionally, “We will be taking the kids to our public library and making sure all of them have a library card to be used this summer. In the past we wrote a grant for this class that allowed them to go to two local bookstores. It is remarkable how many of them have never been to our public library.”

And it’s never too early to plan for the next school year. “Both Tanja and I wished we had spent more time on Holmes. Next year we want to begin the year with a Sherlock Holmes theme, including questions like ‘Did you look for details?’ ‘Can you find the answer?’ ‘What did you infer about a reading?’ We would make each student a private detective, that sort of thing. Sherlock Holmes is a fantastic character.” In addition to the Canon, Carol plans on utilizing stories that might appeal to her contemporary readers, such as the Enola Holmes stories.

Elaine Coppola of The Beacon Society wrote “Wonderful teachers like Carol Hazard bring needed excitement to learning. The students benefit by being introduced to characters and adventures that they can relate to and will enjoy. The teachers benefit because stories in the Sherlockian canon are easily adapted to all age levels and reading abilities and may be used in interdisciplinary projects (e.g., reading, English language, history, science/forensics). And, of course, Sherlockians are delighted to know that young people are being introduced to the stories we love so much. Please spread the word that The Beacon Society (http://www.beaconsociety.com), a scion society of The Baker Street Irregulars, exists to support teachers, librarians, and others who, like Ms. Hazard, bring Sherlock Holmes to life in their classrooms or other educational activity.”

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