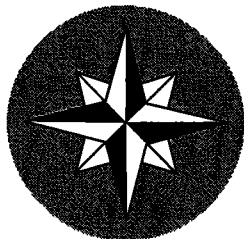




# EXPLORATIONS



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Norwegian Explorers Annual Dinner was on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Minneapolis Golf Club. Our own Tim Johnson presentation was titled, "The Mystery of Wind Cave: A New Sherlockian Tale." Over seventy Explorers attended. A good time was held by all. More details of the event will appear in our next issue.

If you have not returned your annual renewal form for The Norwegian Explorers, do so now. You'll find a membership form included later in the newsletter. No increase in dues, only \$15 for single, \$20 for family and a spot on the form to make an extra contribution.

Baker Street West, our own version of the

Master's Birthday celebration, will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at Billy's on Grand in the Green Room. We will be convening at 7 pm in the Green Room. A reservation form will be forthcoming soon, or you can e-mail your reservation to [pj\\_doyle@msn.com](mailto:pj_doyle@msn.com).

The monthly study group continues through May 2009. Usually on the third Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm. They plan take up a non-Sherlockian work — Conan Doyle's *The Lost World*— later this year in conjunction with Edinburgh, Scotland's One Book Program. Stay tuned for details.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Though winter in Minnesota often entices us to curl up by a hearty fire with a copy of the Canon, there are numerous other opportunities to Play the Game. Later in these pages, you'll find details of the annual Birthday Celebration to be held in New York in early January, along with our own Explorers' event later in the month.

Why not also put pen to paper (or an electronic equivalent) and consider some points of interest as you re-read the tales. I encourage readers to submit your own writings on the writings to *Explorations*.

With new film versions of the Adventures in progress, why not compile your own list of actors who have successfully portrayed Holmes, Watson

and other Canonical notables in the past — or those you'd like to see cast in the various roles. There is quite the debate raging online about casting Robert Downey, Jr as Holmes in Guy Ritchie's production. Said to be based on the forthcoming comic created by Lionel Wigram, Ritchie's concept sees Holmes as more adventuresome and less stuffy than previous screen incarnations.

Another suggestion would be to share your introduction to Holmes. Your fellow Explorers would be interested in learning about your personal initiation to the Canon.

So, as you cozy up for some mid-winter explorations through the Victorian Age, take some time to share and most importantly, enjoy!.

Pj Doyle, ASH



Sidney Paget—REDH

"All afternoon he sat in the stalls."

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The Pavek Museum Event Committee has picked Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 2:00 pm as time and date for next year's annual radio reenactment. You will receive notice of the particular program they are re-creating nearer the event. The Study Group will meet on the fourth Saturday in April.

Lastly, the Conference Committee has set the date for the next Norwegian Explorer/Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections/University of Minnesota Libraries International Conference as July 31 - August 1, 2010. It will be the perfect combination of happenings for first time conference goers and veterans. Later in this newsletter, you'll find details of the Explorers publication that will be produced and a Call for Papers should you wish to participate. Whether you feel inclined to pen a submission or merely wish to attend, mark your colander now!

-Gary Thaden

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## EXPLORERS ON THE MOVE

## Hound of the Baskervilles (sic) Dinner

To paraphrase Mr. Sherlock Holmes statement in *The Noble Bachelor*, "It is always a joy to meet a Hound." It was my pleasure to attend the annual Hound of the Baskervilles (sic) annual dinner on October 3, 2008 in Chicago. A contingent of Minnesotans descended upon Chicago for the Friday evening dinner which is held in the banquet room of Maggiano's in the downtown area. Dick Sveum is a member of the Hounds, while Gary Thaden, John Bergquist, Mike and I were fortunate to be invited as guests of Don Terras, our master of ceremonies for the evening.

The evening began, as most Sherlockian events do, with greeting old friends. We saw familiar faces from Indianapolis, the Chicago area, as well as Detroit. The Norwegian Explorers there were pleased to visit with Fred Levin, a member of a number of the Chicago scions as well as the Explorers. Fred has been the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections for the long distance assistance he provides to the Collections.



Dick Sveum, Mike McKuras, Julie McKuras, Gary Thaden, John Bergquist

We were soon seated and began enjoying the family style dinner of Italian specialties. The program which followed dinner featured keynote speaker Ray Betzner, who spoke about *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes, 75th Anniversary Edition*, which was written by Vincent Starrett and edited by Ray. (<http://www.wessexpress.com/html/privatelife.html> for ordering information on this book). Other speakers included Bob Mangler and Jon Lellenberg. Several new members were made members of the Hounds, which remains a male only organization, and all said goodbye to Paul Smedegaard.

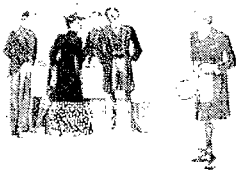
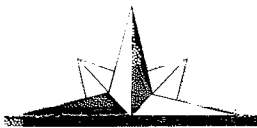
The evening ended with the traditional recitation of "221B." It was a pleasant evening in the Windy City and I hope our happy group will be there to enjoy the dinner in 2009.

-Julie McKuras, ASH,  
BSISherlock Holmes-Arthur Conan Doyle  
Symposium at the Newberry

On Saturday, October 4, the Newberry Library in Chicago hosted their second Sherlock Holmes-Arthur Conan Doyle Symposium. The focal point of the symposium was The C. Frederick Kittle Collection of Doyleana, generously donated to the Newberry by Fred and Ann Kittle in 2003. Norwegian Explorers attending the event included Dick Sveum, John Bergquist, Gary & Andy Thaden, and Mike & Julie McKuras - Julie being an invited speaker.

After introductions, Jill Gage from the Newberry gave an overview of the Kittle Collection and pointed out gems on display in the exhibition that accompanied the symposium, including the manuscript of Conan Doyle's *The White Company*. Roy Pilot then opened the talks by relating the fascinating yet daunting task of annotating *The White Company*, which he is pursuing along with co-annotator

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"It is always a joy to  
meet a Hound."  
Sidney Paget—NOBL

THE NORWEGIAN EXPLORERS OF MINNESOTA  
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Join us to celebrate the Master Detective's birthday — Minnesota style:

Sunday, January 25, 2009—7:00 pm

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<http://billysongrand.com>

By tradition, there is no formal program, but Explorers who attend New York birthday celebrations in early January will report on those activities.

RSVP to (612) 824-1964 or via e-mail to [pj\\_doyle@msn.com](mailto:pj_doyle@msn.com) to ensure sufficient tables reserved for our group.

**New York City**

2009 marks the Diamond Jubilee Birthday Weekend for The Baker Street Irregulars. Unofficial headquarters at the Algonquin Hotel, mention BSI to receive group rate—if space is available. Below are scheduled activities with contact information for those who would like to attend:

**Wednesday, January 7, 2009**

- 6:00 pm "ASH Dinner" at O'Casey's (1)

**Thursday, January 8, 2009**

- 9:30 am "Christopher Morley Walk from Algonquin Hotel (2)
- 6:15 pm "Distinguished Speaker Lecture" at Williams Club featuring John Lescroart. \$11 (3)

**Friday, January 9, 2009**

- 11:00 am—5:00 pm "Mysterious Bookstore Open House"
- 12:00 noon "William Gillette Memorial Luncheon" at Moran's \$44—\$50 (1)
- 6:30 pm "Gaslight Gala" at Manhattan Club \$75 (4)
- following dinners "Post Gala" at O'Lunney's Times Square Pub

**Saturday, January 10, 2009**

- 9:30 am "Vendor Room at the Algonquin Hotel"
- 1:00 pm "BSI Cocktail Reception" at NYC Bar Association \$75 (3)
- 6:00 pm "Lost in NY with a Bunch of Sherlockians" at Kennedy's Irish Pub (5)

**Sunday, January 11, 2009**

- 9:00 am-4:00 pm Morley's "Knothole on Wheels" Long Island Expedition \$71 (3)
- details TBD ASH Brunch (6)

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## EXPLORERS ON THE MOVE

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Doug Elliott. Don Terras than gave a nicely illustrated talk on the history of Sherlockian scions in the Chicago area. Julie McKuras closed the formal part of the program with "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere...", a lively illustrated survey of the Sherlockian world: the Canon and pastiches; plays, films and TV; Sherlockians and societies; and Holmes in popular culture. After the program, Fred and Ann Kittle graciously asked us Minnesotans to join them for lunch in a charming French bistro near the library.

Co-sponsor of the event was the venerable scion society founded by Vincent Starrett in 1943, The Hounds of the Baskerville (sic). Many of us also attended the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Hounds the evening before the symposium as guests of Don Terras, who is Master of the Hounds. (Dick Sveum didn't need an invitation from Don because he was made a member himself in 2006!)

- John Bergquist, BSI



## ERRATA

Apologies to Mike Eckman, whose article, "Sharing the Figures" in issue #57, omitted a section on Page 9. The omission:

With a well-positioned Textual Sieve, we could bounce the series to a Storycode Engine at TGC (Text Grand Central) and rewrite the ending with the Holmes and Watson from *The Seven Percent Solution*. It would hold things together long enough to give us time to effect a permanent answer." (214) This idea is apparently not successful as later Zhark (the Emperor from the Zhark series of bad science fiction) and Ms. Tiggy-Winkle (the hedgehog of Beatrix Potter) are assigned to "try to get into 'The Speckled Band' by way of 'The Disintegrator Ray' by fourteen hundred hours." (218-219)

Zhark and Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle are apparently not successful either. By the end of the book, Thursday realizes her pursuer, Holmes's murder, and other problems indicate that not only individual characters, but whole series are at risk. Thursday comes to the realization that "It seemed too bizarre to

comprehend, but it had to be the truth—there was a serial killer loose in the BookWorld."

## HE SEES &amp; OBSERVES

Holmes would be proud of Mark Hahn, who thoroughly and alertly read issue #57. He comments on the page 11 article about Michael Chabon, noting that *Wonder Boys* was NOT a children's book, and that Chabon also wrote *The Final Solution*, which has a main character that is very much like Holmes, though never mentioned by name. Mark also recommends *The Further Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*, which spawned Chabon's series of graphic novels featuring the super hero, "The Escapist."

## CONGRATULATIONS TO EXPLORERS' NEWEST ASH

Congratulations to Karen Murdock who joined the ranks of the Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes. Her ASH investiture is "May Blunder." Though not a Canonical character per se, it is a direct quote from *The Red Circle*:

"Our official detectives may blunder in the matter of intelligence, but never in that of courage."



## HOLMES ON PARADE

Holiday reminder for Explorers: 2008 marks the 17th annual Holidazzle Parade — a storybook procession that winds along the Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis. Once again, the Master is featured amid the million-plus brilliant lights along the parade route.



"Our official detectives may blunder in the matter of intelligence, but never in that of courage."

*The Red Circle*

## THE SPECKLED BAND — SEPTEMBER 2008 STUDY GROUP



"I am no doubt indirectly responsible for Dr Grimsby Roylott's death, and I cannot say that it is likely to weigh very heavily on my conscience."

The most vivid and memorable adventure of the Canon, for most Sherlockians, is "The Hound of the Baskervilles", with its fearsome, charging, wolf-hound. The second most memorable (for me) is "The Adventure of the Speckled Band" with its evil, hissing snake. In the October 2008 election season, I was tiring of attack ads. I was tempted to suggest that if we had a politician committing a murder in the Canon, that story might rank first for our attention. But I will confine my remarks to this story. "The Adventure of the Speckled Band" is thought to have taken place in April of 1883. It was first published in February of 1892.

Today, our doctors are much-loved and well-paid, but in Arthur Conan Doyle's era, this was not so. Audiences have, for years, accepted Dr. Grimsby Roylott as a convincing villain, though he at one time practiced the same profession as did our Dr. Watson and also Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Today, we have a more difficult time imagining a doctor in financial straits. We can only guess at why Doyle chose to make Roylott a doctor, but group members thought that Doyle may have once known a doctor with Roylott's personality. We all could appreciate the irony of a doctor going bad and the terrible evils his knowledge might allow him.

In this story, Doyle employs the traditional "locked room" mystery, to confound the reader. He does a fine job of building suspense. As we wait with Watson and Holmes, we are tempted to contemplate a visit from some kind of ghost. But, the slapping of Holmes' cane brings us back to the real world. A scream, and the villain becomes the victim. We wondered whether Holmes might be guilty of acting as judge and jury, in this case. He admitted that "I am no doubt

indirectly responsible for Dr. Grimsby Roylott's death, and I cannot say that it is likely to weigh very heavily on my conscience."

Our group raised the same issues as have Sherlockians since 1892. Can snakes hear a whistle? Do they drink milk? Why didn't Roylott smell the lamp, see the light or hear them enter? Is there a swamp adder with poison that causes such a quick death? Could a snake change directions while climbing down a rope while being hit with a cane? Why didn't the coroner notice the fang marks? Did Roylott die of snake bite or heart attack? Why did Roylott call for another physician? Why did Roylott blow the whistle so soon? Can you subdue a snake with a leash? How come the snake didn't suffocate inside the safe? Did the cheetah and baboon go roaming throughout the countryside? Did Roylott murder Helen's mother? Is it possible to straighten out a bent poker? Your answers are as good as ours.

We also briefly discussed Watson's revolver. Holmes said, "I should be very much obliged if you would slip your revolver into your pocket. An Eley's #2 is an excellent argument with gentlemen who can twist steel pokers into knots."

Several of us thought that this must have been the type of revolver. It was pointed out that Watson's revolver was probably a Webley, and that Eley was possibly the manufacturer of the ammunition. I am personally confused, because the Webley MK-I service revolver was not adopted until 1887, and our story supposedly takes place in 1883.

We invite you to join as we gather again to discuss other adventures, from 2:00 to 3:30, on the third Saturday of each month, at a library near you.

-Charles Clifford



## THE ENGINEER'S THUMB — OCTOBER 2008 STUDY GROUP



**"I am no doubt indirectly responsible for Dr Grimsby Roylott's death, and I cannot say that it is likely to weigh very heavily on my conscience."**

A dozen Explorers met at the Saint Anthony Park library in St. Paul on October 18 to discuss "The Engineer's Thumb." The story was first published in *The Strand* in March 1892 and is the 8<sup>th</sup> of the Sherlock Holmes short stories.

Discussion leader Karen Murdock pointed out that the familiar "formula" for a Sherlock Holmes story is not followed in this story. The usual formula is:

A. "The Cozy" (scene at 221B Baker Street in which the client arrives and tells his/her story)

B. The investigation

The mystery is solved and Sherlock Holmes explains all his deductions

In ENGR, in contrast, Part A takes place at the house of Dr. Watson. The client's story is not told until Part B, at Baker Street. And the mystery is never solved.



Several Explorers pointed out that Holmes does not even make any deductions in the case, except for figuring that the horse had gone on a long trip and returned to the town of Eyford so the house was there and not out in the country.

Karen M. and Kristi Iverson pointed out the parallels with the Edgar Allan Poe tale "The Pit and the Pendulum." Steve Miller said that ACD might also have been influenced by the Wilkie Collins story "The Very Strange Bed."

Other aspects in which ENGR is unusual are that the bad guys escape cleanly, Watson brings the case to Holmes, Watson's name is never mentioned in the tale (we assume the narrator is Watson, but it could have been another doctor of Sherlock Holmes's acquaintance), and the Scotland Yard inspector in the case, Bradstreet, is a competent one and not a bungler like Lestrade or Gregson.

Karen M. felt that Victor Hatherley was one of the most admirable characters in the Canon. He could have escaped but he "hung around" to make sure that Elise would not be harmed by Fritz. He is also a very "central" central character, as most of the tale is told by him.

Much discussion involved the use of liquor in medical cases in the Canon. For Watson, brandy seems to have been a universal remedy, useful for everything from a severed thumb to a mauling by The Hound of the Baskervilles.

Karen M. passed out a list of the uses of "polysyndeton" and "asyndeton" in the Canon and copies of an article she wrote on fainting in the Canon (*The Serpentine Muse*, Summer 2004).

-Karen Murdock, ASH



## COMET HOLMES

In late 2007, Comet 17P/Holmes provided a stunningly rapid celestial outburst for sky watchers. Previously a faint comet orbiting the Sun, with a period of about 7 years, astronomers are still trying to unravel the mystery of the comet's surprising outburst. For a view of the comet and other astronomical information, check out NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day. Holmes Comet can be seen at <http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap081024.html> You can also check the site for a new picture each day.



## THE NOBLE BACHELOR — NOVEMBER 2008 STUDY GROUP

There is some similarity between the November Study Group subject, "The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor" and a recent story from the Canon: "A Scandal In Bohemia". Both involve male nobility put in embarrassing situations by women they have had relationships with. They both demonstrate the absurd stiffness and stuffiness of Europe's noble classes. Both noblemen, hire Sherlock Holmes.

That is probably where similarities end. The King of Bohemia, in "A Scandal in Bohemia" is quite wealthy, but Lord St. Simon in "The Noble Bachelor" is relatively poor. In the first, Holmes declares, "There's money in this case, Watson, if there is nothing else." By contrast, Lord St. Simon's prospective father-in-law has all the money. Nevertheless, Holmes comments, "And an exceedingly interesting case it appears to be. I would not have missed it for the world." Clearly, solving Lord St Simon's "problem" is the attraction, not the money.

None the less, the "problem" in "Noble Bachelor" is one of the weaker of the Canon. I (myself no Sherlock Holmes) might have been able to solve this little disappearance, though I might not have been able to locate the missing bride so quickly. (Note Holmes' deduction, made from Lestrade's hotel tab.) However, I certainly would have done better than Inspector Lestrade. How many hours, even days, did he spend searching the Serpentine?

Our group met at The St Anthony Park Library, on November 15, 2008, with about twenty people in attendance. We spent several minutes viewing various show-and-tell items and introducing exchanging introductions. There didn't seem to be as much to talk about, story-

wise, this month. However, one enlightening comment was that all European stories seem to be about the relationships between the classes, when you study them closely. Someone kept asking, "Did anyone like or associate themselves with Lord St. Simon?" Nobody did care much about Lord St. Simon. He just was not a likeable character. His paleness and reserved, "aristocratic" attitude did not elicit sympathy. His character, as presented by Conan Doyle, was not meant to evoke compassion from readers.

We did have questions. Why didn't Miss Hatty Doran stop the wedding proceedings? Apparently, she was confused and ended up doing as instructed by F. H. M. We wondered if St. Simon might accept a financial settlement from Hatty's father. We expected so, but it would have been much less than the anticipated dowry. Would Holmes be paid? He would likely accept a modest amount in this case. Someone suggested this was more comedy than mystery. We see Holmes amused at Lestrade's stupidity. We see a nobleman humbled. The crime? Possibly bigamy. Someone mentioned that Watson was soon to be married himself; yet, even he had little sympathy for St. Simon. Yet Holmes did. Does this mean that he might have experienced some similar treatment from a member of the fairer sex? That would explain some things.

-Charles Clifford

"And, an exceedingly interesting case it appears to be. I would not have missed it for the world.."



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"You may have  
read of the  
remarkable  
explorations of a  
Norwegian named  
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Our scion society has always followed the dictum of the Master and adheres to a single annual charge for expenses. For 2009 single membership is \$15.00, and family membership is \$20.00. This membership fee entitles you to all meetings and a subscription to Explorations, the newsletter of The Norwegian Explorers.

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Are you interested in joining or remaining in the monthly study group? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Can this information be included in a future directory for members? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_



## ATTENTA: CALL FOR PAPERS

*Do you have a Sherlockian idea you've considered writing about? Have you wished to have your scholarship published in a book?*

Here is your opportunity! The Norwegian Explorers are putting out a call for papers. The Explorers have a history of publishing (as compiled in the 2007 Norwegian Explorers Omnibus) and would like to continue it with another book.

Papers should be in the categories of:

- General Sherlockian scholarship
- Playing "The Game"
- Topics researched using the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota.

Note: We are not requesting fiction or pastiche.

Since papers need to be submitted by May 1, 2009, now is the time for you to start on that research you've thought about doing or to begin writing about your thoughts on events in The Canon. You may even be asked (although not required) to present your paper during one of our future meetings.

Submissions can be sent to Mike Eckman via e-mail at [mceckman@msn.com](mailto:mceckman@msn.com). Papers will be reviewed by the editors who will make the final decision on which papers to publish. This call for papers is limited to members of the Norwegian Explorers. To be considered, the paper's length should be 1,500 to 6,000 words.

This is a great opportunity to see your quality work in print!



## ANSWERS TO CANONICAL QUIZ

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## THE LURE OF MORIARTY: THE FILE ON COLONEL MORAN

by Vernon Mealar

Ever wondered about Colonel Sebastian Moran? What happened after he was arrested in the Empty House? How did he become involved in Professor Moriarty's gang? This slim volume consists of three tales that answer those questions. The first story is the events immediately following The Adventure of the Empty House, including Moran daydreaming about the past while being interviewed by Lestrade at Scotland Yard. At the end of the first story, Moran is in jail and agrees to tell his life story to a reporter for The Daily News. The second story is about Moran's effort to obtain a position in Moriarty's gang, by deceiving Moriarty. The last segment is about Moran's first job for Moriarty, [spoiler alert] and how it goes wrong.

The last two stories are written, ostensibly as Moran words to the reporter. All three stories use the first-person narrative, but the second is Moran telling the reporter who writes the story, but the story is curiously told from Moriarty's point of view. The other two stories are first person Moran. Presumably, since the book is labeled Volume One, there will be more adventures of Colonel Sebastian Moran.

The stories are amusing and fill a need the Flashman and the Tiger only hinted at in Mr. George MacDonald Fraser novel. Slightly above average. Attractively bound in blue cloth and limited to 500 copies.

-Gary Thaden



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"Never has so  
much been  
written by so  
many for so few.."

Christopher Morley

## THE BOOKENDS FEATURE

In classical rhetoric, word repetitions of various sorts have different names. If a word or phrase is repeated at the beginnings of successive sentences or clauses, the figure is called **ANAPHORA**:

"Give me problems, give me work, give me the most abstruse cryptogram."

(SIGN, Doubleday 89-90)

"How came the stone into the goose, and how came the goose into the open market?"

(BLUE, 255)

"I've not used this plant. I've not hurt this old stiff."

(3GAR, 1054)

If the repeated words are at the ends of lines or clauses, the figure is **EPISTROPHE**:

"It was the band! The Speckled Band!"

(SPEC, 262)

"To the curious incident of the dog in the night-time. ... "The dog did nothing in the night-time."

(SILV, 347)

"In five minutes he died. My God, how he died!"

(DEVI, 970)

A combination of both anaphora and epistrophe is called **SYMPLOCE**:

"You will ruin no more lives as you have ruined mine. You will wring no more hearts as you wrung mine."

(CHAS, 580)

A repetition at the beginning of a phrase of a word (or words) with which the previous phrase ended is termed **ANADIPLOSIS**:

"I see those two faces staring at me—staring at me as they stared when my boat broke through the haze"

(CARD, 901)

Then there is the figure of repetition I always think of as "BOOKENDS." Repetition at the end of a clause or sentence of the word that occurred at the beginning of the clause or sentence is called **EPANALEPSIS**. It gives a "bookend" effect and emphasizes the repeated word or phrase.

Epanalepsis is most common in poetry. The first and the last feet in poetic lines are the positions of greatest importance, so putting the same word in both positions doubles the emphasis.

Multa super Priamo rogatans, super Hectore multa  
(Of Priam much enquir'd, of Hector more)

[John Dryden translation]

—Vergil, Aeneid, Book I, line 750

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more.

—William Shakespeare, "King Henry V," 3.1.1

Bold was the challenge, as he himself was bold.

—Edmund Spenser, "The Faerie Queene," XXXIX

To each the boulders that have fallen to each.

—Robert Frost, "Mending Wall"

Epanalepsis can also be found in prose:

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

—Philippians 4:4

In times like these, it is helpful to remember that there have always been times like these.

—Paul Harvey

Figures of repetition are common in the Sherlockian Canon, but epanalepsis is one of the less common of these. I have found only 62 examples of epanalepsis in the Sherlock Holmes tales.

In the famous "one-upsmanship" scene in "The Greek Interpreter," Sherlock Holmes and his brother Mycroft exchange a series of rapid-fire observations about a man they see walking down the street. The exchange is ended in triumphant fashion by Mycroft, who uses the "bookends" figure to bring an end to the discussion: "Children, my dear boy, children."

In "The Sign of the Four," Watson uses epanalepsis to give urgency to the river chase scene: Nearer we came and nearer. (SIGN, 138)

In "The Noble Bachelor," the title character sums up his relationship with his fiancée by using the bookends figure—unwittingly revealing that, in his mind, the relationship is all about him: "I was amused by her society, and she could see that I was amused." (NOBL, 292)

In "The Blanched Soldier," Holmes puts a rhetorical pair of bookends around a succinct summary of his methods: "I see no more than you, but I have trained myself to notice what I see."

## QUIZ ON EPANALEPSIS, THE "BOOKENDS" FIGURE:

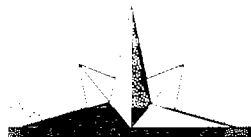
Name the story in which these examples occur:

1. "Jump, Archie, jump"
2. "To act, Sherlock—to act!"
3. "Bleat, Watson—unmitigated bleat!"
4. "Everything would be seized—my stables, my horses—everything."
5. "White Mason is a smart man. No local job has ever been too much for White Mason."
6. "Water! For God's sake, water!"
7. "I do not believe that the police credit me—on my word, I do not."
8. "He can save me—only he!"
9. "Smell it, Toby, smell it!"
10. "Tobacco and my work, but now only tobacco."

Choose your answers from these tales. No story is used more than once: BRUC, DYIN, GOLD, GREE, ILLU, REDC, REDH, SHOS, SIGN, VALL

—Karen Murdock, ASH

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## ... UPON THE TERRACE

**Paul Churchill, BSI ("Corot")**

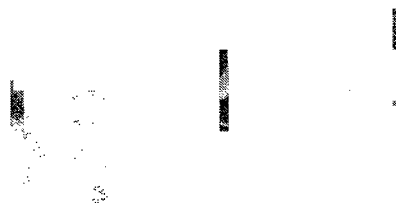
Paul Gabriel Churchill, a retired educator and avid Sherlock Holmes enthusiast, died in November at his Eldersburg home. He was 63. Paul was born and raised in Maryland and earned his undergraduate degree in Latin from the University of Maryland. He went on to earn a master's and was a commissioned officer in the US Air Force.

Paul attended one of the early Norwegian Explorers' conferences and remained a friend to and correspondent with several Explorers. He recently collaborated with Karen Murdock on a submission for the 2008 Explorers Christmas Annual.

In addition to his expertise in Latin and Greek, Paul also had a remarkable talent for drawing and caricatures and often embellished his letters with sketches.

Paul's beloved wife, JoAnn Grammer, preceded him in death.

A member of the Baker Street Irregulars, he was also active in other scions, maintained an extensive library and spent hours combing e-bay and antique stores for items to convert his home into a replica of 221B Baker Street.



**June K Berg (nee Rolstad)**

Our sympathies go out to Stanton Berg whose "The Woman" passed away in October just short of her 81st birthday. Ever patient with Stan's fascination with Holmes, she will be remembered as sweet, kind with a smile that lit up her face and warmed those around her.



## COMING EVENTS

**January 7—11, 2009**

Sherlock Holmes Birthday Celebrations in New York City (see page 3 for details)

**January 17, 2009**

Norwegian Explorers Study Group, COPP (2-3:00 pm—location TBD)

**January 25, 2009**

Sherlock Holmes Birthday Celebration at Billy's in St Paul (see page 3 for details)

**February 21, 2009**

Norwegian Explorers Study Group, "The Lost World" (2-3:00 pm—location TBD)

**March 21, 2009**

Norwegian Explorers Study Group, "The Lost World" (2-3:00 pm—location TBD)

**April 18, 2009**

Annual re-creation of Holmes radio play at Pavek Museum of Broadcasting, 3515 Raleigh Avenue, St Louis Park MN; (952) 926-8198; 2:00 pm

**May 1, 2009**

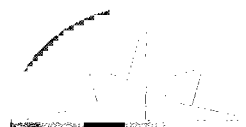
Annual STUD Sherlockian Society Dinner, Schiller Park, IL. Contact Bill Sawisch for details  
wmsawisch@sbcglobal.net.

**October 31-November 1, 2009**

BSI/Watsonian Silver Blaze Weekend, Illinois. For details, contact Susan Diamond at szdiamond@comcast.net.

**July 29-August 1, 2010**

Norwegian Explorers, the University of Minnesota Libraries and the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections host the tri-annual conference at Andersen Library, University of Minnesota. Details to follow in 2009.



"Stand with me here  
upon the terrace, for  
it may be the last  
quiet talk that we  
shall ever have."

His Last Bow

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