

Aug 17 #1

Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press

Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press is supposed to be appear at or near the end of each month, and there is a reason why this issue is a bit later than usual: my every-five-years-do-something-geological trip. In the past Bev and I have visited a working volcano (in Hawaii) and stood on a glacier (in Alaska), and this year we stood with one foot in North American and the other foot in Europe.

Bonnie MacBird's UNQUIET SPIRITS: WHISKY, GHOSTS, MURDER (London: Collins Crime Club, 2017; 492 pp., £14.99) delivers on the promise of its subtitle; it's a sequel to her ART IN THE BLOOD (2015), with a complicated mystery in France and Scotland, and revelations about Holmes' life before he became a detective; the American edition is due in October. The author has an interesting web-site <[www.macbird.com](http://www.macbird.com)> where she blogs and offers annotations on both books, and there's a third novel (DEVIL'S DUE) in the works to extend the series.

Further to the mention of Anthony Boucher (Jun 17 #1), you can learn a lot more about him in a recent post at Ray Betzner's blog "Studies in Starrett" <[www.tinyurl.com/ycps74zy](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycps74zy)>. Boucher and Starrett were correspondents and friends.

Denny Dobry has kindly volunteered to raise funds for the BSI Trust, selling material donated to the Trust that is not historically tied to the BSI, and you can find this material at eBay; his seller name is wiggins221b, and you can make him a favorite seller. At the moment he is offering a first day cover, signed by Dame Jean Conan Doyle, of the set of Sherlock Holmes stamps issued by the Royal Mail in 1993, and there's more to come. You can contact Denny at <[dendobry@ptd.net](mailto:dendobry@ptd.net)>.

June Foray died on July 26. She began her career as a voice actress on radio at the age of 12, and provided voices for an astounding range of characters; animator Chuck Jones once said that "June Foray is not the female Mel Blanc; Mel Blanc was the male June Foray." She voiced Rocket J. Squirrel on the long-running series "The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show" and was Natasha Fatale in the same series (in one episode Natasha pretended to be Dr. Watkins to Boris Badenov's Herlock Soames), and she participated in a KPFF-FM (Los Angeles) reading of the entire Canon produced by Mike Hodel in Dec. 1980.

Further to the item (Jun 17 #1) on Flicker Alley's upcoming Blu-ray edition of "The Lost World" (1925), with added features, you can still order at a discount <[www.tinyurl.com/ycy4wd5s](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycy4wd5s)>, and see a short but colorful preview.

For those who want to know where you can stand with one foot in North America and the other foot in Europe: Iceland. That's where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which separates the two tectonic plates comes to the surface and one can stand on the boundary without getting one's feet wet. We also saw the original geyser, which is located in the Haukadalur valley. The Great Geyser (from the Icelandic verb geysa, which means "gush") is the first geyser described in print, and it has been active for about 10,000 years and has given its name to all the others.

Aug 17 #2 Paul Voodini is a professional mind-reader, psychic, and mentalist, and a magician, and is happy to share some of his routines: his NINJA MIND-READING SECRETS is a 56-page PDF file that includes "The Baker Street Tarot" (allegedly reprinted from the Christmas 1892 issue of The Strand Magazine), available (£20.00) at <[www.readerofminds.co.uk](http://www.readerofminds.co.uk)>. He also has written a "gas-lamp mystery" THE CURIOUS CASE OF JACK THE RIPPER, CONAN DOYLE, & HOUDINI, available (124 pp., \$14.00) at <[www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)>.



"Looking for ice cream? Just call Furlock Holmes" was the slogan used last year by Blue Bunny ice cream, kindly reported by Eric Sveum <[www.bluebunny.com/where-to-buy](http://www.bluebunny.com/where-to-buy)>. A Google search for [furlock holmes] reveals a company called Furlock Holmes Animal Care (in Whitchurch, Hants.), as well as some amusing videos and Cheezeburger images. Dog-lovers might want to do a search for [furlock bones].

"The Reconstruction of the Crime" is a previously-unpublished play, written by J. M. Barrie and E. V. Lucas, and now in print for the first time in the latest issue of The Strand Magazine <[www.tinyurl.com/y85uv7we](http://www.tinyurl.com/y85uv7we)>. The play is subtitled "a sensational scene in which the victim requests the audience to assist him in the detection of a criminal," and it has been described by some as "a hilarious send-up of a Sherlockian story." It's nice to recall that Barrie and Lucas each wrote Sherlockian or Doylean parodies.

The modern Strand Magazine is an interesting successor to the original, and has occasional Sherlockian content; it's published quarterly, and managing editor Andrew Gulli has a knack for finding previously unpublished stories. Subscriptions cost \$24.95 a year at their web-site <[www.strandmag.com](http://www.strandmag.com)>.

More news from the Stepping Stones School, which has carefully restored Undershaw, Conan Doyle's former home: the school will participate in the Heritage Open Day program, opening to the public on Sept. 10, with tours led restoration architect Mark Goodchild, and a talk by Bonnie MacBird, author of the pastiches ART IN THE BLOOD and UNQUIET SPIRITS; there's more information at <[www.tinyurl.com/y88pnzys](http://www.tinyurl.com/y88pnzys)>.

Many readers will have enjoyed this month's eclipse of the Sun, either total or partial, depending on where you were. So: "I had a chat with him on eclipses. How the talk got that way I canna think; but he had out a reflector lantern and a globe, and made it all clear in a minute." Now: who said that? And with whom did he have a chat?

The list of members of The Baker Street Irregulars who have written autobiographies isn't all that long, but it now includes Curtis Armstrong ("An Actor and a Rare One"). His REVENGE OF THE NERD (New York: Thomas Dunne/St. Martin's Press, 2017; 336 pp., \$26.99) is subtitled "Or...the singular adventures of the man who would be Booger," and he notes that in 1964 "Mr. Sherlock Holmes, and his friend and associate John H. Watson burst into my consciousness like a couple of drunken uncles into a bar mitzvah, forever altering my reality." He has more to say about Sherlockians, and of course much more about his long career as an actor, and it's nicely done indeed. If you would like to hear Scott Monty and Burt Wolder in conversation with Curtis, visit "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" <[www.tinyurl.com/ycku4few](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycku4few)>.

Aug 17 #3 Robert Hardy died on Aug. 3. He started his long career as an actor on stage in 1949, and is perhaps best remembered as Siegfried Farnon in the BBC television series "All Creatures Great and Small" (1978-1990) and as Minister for Magic (Cornelius Fudge in four "Harry Potter" films (2002-2007)); he also played Sherlock Holmes on records in 1970 (with Nigel Stock as Watson), read from the Canon on records in 1984-1985, and was a grand Charles Augustus Milverton in Granada's "The Master Blackmailer" in 1992 (with Jeremy Brett as Holmes).



"Lion's Mane Jellyfish Alert on Ulster Beach" warned the headline on a story in the Belfast Telegraph this month <[www.tinyurl.com/ycde2no7](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycde2no7)>. Michelle Hay of the Mulroy Coast Guard said the one sting "can cause potentially-deadly anaphylactic shock," and that the Lion's Mane is the largest jellyfish to be found in Irish waters.

The uncommon variant of the poster for The Basil Rathbone/Nigel Bruce film "Sherlock Holmes in Washington" (1943) offered at Heritage Auctions on July 29 (Jun 17 #6) sold for \$2,509.50 (including the buyer's premium); the only other known copy sold for \$2,151.00 on Nov. 21, 2015. A copy of the common variant sold for \$4,780.00 on July 30, 2016.

How many of you recognized that chat on eclipses (without looking it up in an index or running a text search)? Inspector MacDonald chatted with Professor Moriarty (in "The Valley of Fear").

Groombridge Place is in the news, boasting it has the longest and highest treetop walkway in Britain <[www.tinyurl.com/y98xglds](http://www.tinyurl.com/y98xglds)>; a story in the Independent noted that Conan Doyle often visited Groombridge, and that it was the inspiration for Birlstone Manor in THE VALLEY OF FEAR. Groombridge has a lot more to offer: their web-site's at <[www.groombridgeplace.com](http://www.groombridgeplace.com)>. Visitors can tour the grounds, but view the house only from across the moat.

Conan Doyle's non-Sherlockian story "The Case of Lady Sannox" was adapted for television and broadcast in the series "Suspense" on CBS-TV on Dec. 27, 1949. And you can watch it at <[www.tinyurl.com/yaq63km8](http://www.tinyurl.com/yaq63km8)>, in an entry in "The Arthur Conan Doyle Encyclopedia" (which, as always, has much of Sherlockian and Doylean interest).

The Baker Street Journal always is interesting, but the summer 2017 issue is especially interesting. Mattias Boström's article "Ouida Before Rathbone" tells the colorful story of Eula Branch, who re-invented herself as Ouida Bergère, married Basil Rathbone, and wrote the ill-fated play "Sherlock Holmes". You can subscribe to the BSJ at <[www.bakerstreetjournal.com](http://www.bakerstreetjournal.com)> (\$41.95 a year for four issues plus the Xmas Annual).

Bruce Forsyth died on Aug. 18. A British television presenter and entertainer for more than 75 years, he was recognized by the Guinness World Records in 2012 as having had the longest television career for a male entertainer. One of the game shows he hosted was "You Bet!" on ITV, and on Feb. 24, 1990, one of the contestants was 15-year-old Sarah Elliott, answering questions about Granada's "Sherlock Holmes" series; Oscar Ross has kindly reported the segment available at YouTube <[www.tinyurl.com/yb9xrlkn](http://www.tinyurl.com/yb9xrlkn)>.

Aug 17 #4 The Swindon Advertiser has noted that John Blick, 45, charged with three counts of assault in March, will face trial before Chippenham magistrates on Sept. 20. This would not be all that important to readers of this newsletter, except that Mr. Blick lives on Conan Doyle Walk; it's one of the streets in a development that includes Conrad Close, Thackeray Court, Austen Crescent, and Carroll Close, and one can only assume that they were named by someone who liked to read.

The inaugural Irene Adler Prize has been awarded to Kiley Bense for her essay "A History of One's Own". The prize offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a woman pursuing a degree in journalism, creative writing, or literature, and was established by Lucas Aykroyd, an award-winning writer and public speaker in Vancouver, B.C.; it is indeed named for the heroine of "A Scandal in Bohemia", and you can learn more about the prize, and read the winning essay, at <[www.lucasaykroyd.com/scholarships](http://www.lucasaykroyd.com/scholarships)>.



Daniel Doubshin hopes to learn more about the statuette of Professor George Edward Challenger that appeared in a photograph in the Jan. 1913 issue of The Strand Magazine, promoting the publication of "The Poison Belt" (which began in March); the statuette was displayed "at the largest bookshop and bookstalls" where the public could buy THE LOST WORLD. Daniel believes that statuette was owned by Conan Doyle; does anyone know the identity of the artist, or where the statuette is now? The statuette does bear a striking resemblance to a photograph of Challenger in THE LOST WORLD <[www.tinyurl.com/y9he2j2w](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9he2j2w)>.

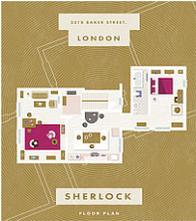
Reported: Otto Penzler has edited BIBLIOMYSTERY: STORIES OF CRIME IN THE WORLD OF BOOKS AND BOOKSTORES (New York: Pegasus, 2017; 144 pp., \$26.95); it's an anthology of short mystery stories specially commissioned by Otto, and they include Lyndsay Faye's "The Gospel of Sheba" (May 14 #6), a tale that involves sublibrarian A. Davenport Lomax, a friend of Dr. Watson, who consults Sherlock Holmes about a rare (and dangerous) volume. You can read more about the bibliomysteries at <[www.tinyurl.com/ycxr6ebp](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycxr6ebp)>.

Les Klinger notes that Douglas P. Lyle has posted about "Holmes, Thorndyke, Locard, Gross, and the Modern CSI" at the Crime Writer's Forensics Blog at <[www.tinyurl.com/yc4oaya2](http://www.tinyurl.com/yc4oaya2)>. Lyle, the author of FORENSICS FOR DUMMIES, has written for "CSI: Miami", "Monk", "Law & Order", and many other programs.

Charles Altamont Doyle's "The spirits of the prisoners" (which he painted at the Montrose Asylum) is on display in an exhibition of "Victorian Watercolors" at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney through Dec. 3; the painting, which is owned by the Gallery <[www.tinyurl.com/y7w4wutp](http://www.tinyurl.com/y7w4wutp)>, was purchased at auction at Christie's in New York in 2012 for \$16,500.

"A Yorkshire Fairie Tale" was a two-act play written by Thomas Diggs that was presented by On the Leesh Productions in New York in 2007; it was based on the Cottingley Fairies hoax, and Conan Doyle wasn't in the play. Nor is he in the musical based on the play, with music by Jay D'Amico: there's a web-site for "The Fairy Hoax" at <[www.thefairyhoax.com](http://www.thefairyhoax.com)>, with information about the musical and a chance to sample some of the songs.

Aug 17 #5 Further to the list of Sherlockian collection at libraries (Jul 17 #4), add another one: the Donald J. Hobbs Sherlockian Collection, which Don has donated to Southern Methodist University. His extensive collection of translations of the Canon now includes 108 foreign languages (and 9 versions of English in non-Roman alphabets); he will work with SMU and continue to help curate the collection, pursuing new languages and continuing his search for three languages known but still missing from the collection.



Clarendon Serviced Apartments, based in London, offers floor plans for the apartments of seven famous fictional characters, including (of course) Sherlock Holmes in the series "Sherlock" <[www.tinyurl.com/ycx9cea6](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycx9cea6)>.

"A Leg to Stand On; the Law and the Sign of Four" is the title at E.J. Wagner's EJDIssectingRoom blog for the brief filed by Senior Assistant Hennepin County Attorney Michael B. Miller, in which he quoted from the Canon <[www.tinyurl.com/y7v6sg43](http://www.tinyurl.com/y7v6sg43)>. The case was argued in 2008, and the defendants (including the county) won, both in federal district court and in the 8th circuit court of appeals.

Steve Mason reports that The Beacon Society has formed a new Junior Sherlockian Society for children and youth "eager to develop an understanding of the great detective Sherlock Holmes." They have an interesting web-site <[www.juniorsherlockian.com](http://www.juniorsherlockian.com)> and an imaginative program.

The Irish Independent had a story on Aug. 8 <[www.tinyurl.com/y9ldnuvw](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9ldnuvw)> on "three blokes from Russian who decided to make a Sherlock-esque game with echoes of monster hit Pokémon Go by setting up a company in Ireland." The game is "Silent Streets" and it's 19th-century Victorian but not Sherlockian; you can preview it at <[www.silent-streets.com/#overview](http://www.silent-streets.com/#overview)>.

Finally: something for Sherlockian fans of "Game of Thrones". Joanna Robinson, in a blog for Vanity Fair <[www.tinyurl.com/ydg4cf5u](http://www.tinyurl.com/ydg4cf5u)>, draws an analogy, suggesting that Varys' network of Little Birds was inspired by Sherlock Holmes' Baker Street Irregulars.

The Wireless Theatre Company <[www.wirelesstheatrecompany.co.uk](http://www.wirelesstheatrecompany.co.uk)> was founded in 2007, and offers an interesting variety of audio drama as MP3 downloads (£1.49 each); they're now celebrating summer by offering one free download, and there are two Sherlockian dramas: "Sherlock Holmes Strikes Back!" and "The Trial of Sherlock Holmes" (use the code FREESUMMER2017).

Sherlock Holmes fan Kaden Taylor tested his memory skills on July 24 on the one-hour Fox television series "SuperHuman" and received some publicity in the Phoenix New Times <[www.tinyurl.com/y96q4vgj](http://www.tinyurl.com/y96q4vgj)>; if any of my readers captured (and kept) this episode, please let me know.

Father J. Michael Venitti's A READER'S COMPANION TO SHERLOCK HOLMES (Pittsburgh: Dorrance, 2017; 137 pp., \$22.00) is, he notes, intended as a "handy and simple guide" to help navigate the Canon, and the book offers a brief biography of Conan Doyle and commentary on each of the stories, presented in the order in which they were first published.

Aug 17 #6 Stephen Moffat, interviewed at Comic-Con San Diego, explained that one episode of "Sherlock" is "becoming a period piece before our eyes." The episode ("The Blind Banker") had a map being used to crack the code; "At that point [in 2010] it was absolutely true that everybody in London, including you, if you were visiting London, owned an A TO Z," he said. "A very small number of years later absolutely nobody owns an A TO Z, it's all on their iPhones--it doesn't work." Actually, the book is still print: a 2016 edition is available from Amazon.

Ben Kingsley recorded seven stories for Dove Books on Tape some years ago (Jun 89 #8): A TREASURY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (Scan, RedH, Twis, Croo, Card, Copp, and SixN) is now available for download as an unabridged audiobook at Audible <[www.audible.com](http://www.audible.com)>.

"I am a strong man with a J pen and a weakling with a Waverley," wrote Conan Doyle to Russell Goodwin-Smith, in one of three autograph letters that sold for £11,000 at auction in March 2015 <[www.tinyurl.com/q8a3q5x](http://www.tinyurl.com/q8a3q5x)>. It's a nice reminder of the distant days when people wrote with wooden pens and steel nibs. J pens are mentioned in the Canon (in "The Cardboard Box" and in "The Greek Interpreter"), and Conan Doyle later used (and endorsed) the Parker Duofold fountain pen. It's intriguing to note that the Waverley was made by Macniven and Cameron, an Edinburgh-based company, and that the pen was named in honor of the Waverley novels written by Conan Doyle's literary hero Sir Walter Scott.

And for those who have a fondness for fountain pens: Dante Torrese reports that the Goulet Pen Company offers a wide variety of pens, inks, paper, and accessories, including a night blue De Atramentis Sherlock Holmes ink hand-made by Dr. Franz-Joseph Jansen in Germany. \$12.95 for a 35ml bottle that has a Sherlockian image on the label <[www.tinyurl.com/y8volfdc](http://www.tinyurl.com/y8volfdc)>.

The first issue of The Newspapers (an "Irregular Journal of Sherlockiana" edited by Greg Ruby for The Sherlockians of Baltimore) has been published, with 120 pp. of toasts, poems, articles, and much more, many by members of the SOB's; \$20.00 <[www.fourthgarrideb.com/shop](http://www.fourthgarrideb.com/shop)>.

Further to the item (Jan 17 #5) about plans to film Stephen King's pastiche "The Doctor's Case" in western Canada, there's now an interesting web-site for the film <[www.thedoctorsmovie.com](http://www.thedoctorsmovie.com)>.

THE MAGICIAN AND THE SPIRITS, by Deborah Noyes (New York: Viking, 2017; 152 pp., \$18.95) is the story of "Harry Houdini and the Curious Pastime of Communicating with the Dead" told for young readers (ages 10 and up), and told nicely, with discussion, of course, of Houdini's relationship with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Greg Ruby has reported the "Merrie Melodies" cartoon "Have You Got Any Castles?" (1938), nicely available at YouTube <[www.tinyurl.com/y9b5re94](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9b5re94)>; you get a brief glimpse (at 6:03 minutes) of books titled "The White Company" and "The Hound of the Baskervilles". It's an interesting challenge to try to identify all the people being parodied, but here's one: Alexander Woollcott, who had a radio program called "The Town Crier" (and was a member of The Baker Street Irregulars in the days before Investitures were awarded).

Aug 17 #7 Liu Zhen reports from China that Sherlock Holmes is very popular there, and that there are more than 500 translations of the Sherlock Holmes stories into Chinese, including THE NEW ANNOTATED SHERLOCK HOLMES. The most popular of the translations is the complete Canon, from the Qunzhong Publishing House, with more than 1.8 million copies in print. There's also a Murder Pen project that publishes translations of golden-age detective fiction and non-fiction, and there are translations of three essays from Dorothy L. Sayers' SAYERS ON HOLMES (2001) at their web-site at <[www.tinyurl.com/yc6qhf7s](http://www.tinyurl.com/yc6qhf7s)>. You can also ask Liu Zhen <[ellry@163.com](mailto:ellry@163.com)> for information about The Chinese Sherlock Holmes Society in Shanghai.

The colorful edition of THE RETURN OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (published by O'Mara in England and by the Mysterious Press in the U.S. in 1987) included all of Frederic Dorr Steele's illustrations for Collier's (including the covers in full color) and an insightful introduction by Andrew Malec, and is available in a Kindle edition at Amazon (\$0.99) <[www.tinyurl.com/ycy2pbft](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycy2pbft)>.

Simpson's-in-the-Strand, which has long been a destination for Sherlockians who want to visit (and dine at) establishments mentioned in the Canon, was closed for renovation on Apr. 17 (Mar 17 #3); it's now open again, with an enhanced-but-still-traditional menu, and you can read all about it at the Big Hospitality web-site <[www.tinyurl.com/yahtexab](http://www.tinyurl.com/yahtexab)>. Their web-site also has been renovated <[www.simpsonsinthestrland.co.uk](http://www.simpsonsinthestrland.co.uk)>, and (alas) now has no discussion of the restaurant's long and colorful history.

Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese in London "once boasted Samuel Johnson and Arthur Conan Doyle as regulars," according to a story in the Independent on July 2 <[www.tinyurl.com/y93tpjkm](http://www.tinyurl.com/y93tpjkm)>, inspired by the decision of the Samuel Smith pub chain (which owns the Cheshire Cheese) to ban swearing at all its establishments. Devotees of Johnson have long cast doubt on his ever having frequented the Cheshire Cheese, and there's no evidence whatsoever that Conan Doyle ever visited.

Kenneth Manzanares has been charged with killing his wife Kristy on an Alaska-bound cruise ship, The Emerald Princess, on a night the entertainment was a murder-mystery theater about a death on a cruise ship; according to one of the passengers, "we were at a Sherlock Holmes murder mystery" when an announcement a medical alert was announced over the intercom, and people thought it was part of the play <[www.tinyurl.com/y8zvpdfh](http://www.tinyurl.com/y8zvpdfh)>.

Jerry Lewis died on Aug. 20. He was a master slapstick comedian who began his career with Dean Martin at a nightclub in 1946, and starred with him on "The Colgate Comedy Hour" (which included a skit in 1952 with Lewis playing Sherlock Fink) <[www.tinyurl.com/yd6tzo8d](http://www.tinyurl.com/yd6tzo8d)>. He also played Skylock Peyton (with Sebastian Cabot as Dr. Matson in the film "Family Jewels (1965)).

David Harnois continues to add to his dramatized readings of the Canon, and now offers the first six stories at his "I Am Lost Without My Boswell" web-site <[www.iamlostwithoutmyboswell.com](http://www.iamlostwithoutmyboswell.com)>; you can listen to or download the dramatized readings, which are nicely done. He also has links to an audio recording of Jeremy Paul's play "The Secret of Sherlock Holmes" (which was made by Lisa Woods and Linda Pritchard on Mar. 20, 1989); it has been remastered by Alison Carter.

Aug 17 #8 "Calling all Anglophiles to the third annual Britsburgh Festival" was the headline on an announcement of six days and twenty events scheduled on Sept. 5-10 in Pittsburgh <[www.britsburgh.com](http://www.britsburgh.com)>; at one of the events, on Sept. 9, people will have an opportunity to discuss "The Six Napoleons" with members of the Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers (the local Sherlockian society) and to hear a talk by historian Len Bacousky about Conan Doyle's visit to Pittsburgh in 1923.

And there's theater: "A Scandal in the Weimar" (a new play by Claire Bowen and Jennifer Piper featuring "Lady Sherlock Holmes, Nazis, and cabaret") is on at the Bluestone Church Arts Space in Footscray, Vic., through Sept. 9 <[www.witinc.com.au](http://www.witinc.com.au)>.

Paul Giovanni's "The Crucifer of Blood" is running at the DAPA Theatre on Beaumont in Hamilton, N.S.W, through Sept. 9 <[www.tinyurl.com/ycp7upyb](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycp7upyb)>.

"The Return to Baker Street" (a new play from by Dan Bray and Jacob Sampson) is being performed at the Waiting Room in Halifax, N.S., through Sept. 10 <[www.tinyurl.com/y8vz6m9h](http://www.tinyurl.com/y8vz6m9h)>.

Madeleine George's "The (Curious Case of the) Watson Intelligence" is being performed at the Ashley Stage in Berkeley, Calif., through Sept. 10; website at <[www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org)>.

"Sherlock Holmes and the Crimson Cobbles" (a new play by Toby Hulse) will be performed at the Salisbury Playhouse in Salisbury, Wilts., Sept. 12-16 <[www.tinyurl.com/yadjzll9](http://www.tinyurl.com/yadjzll9)>; click on "further information" to see a colorful Education Pack, and there is a trailer at <[www.tinyurl.com/yaluurg9](http://www.tinyurl.com/yaluurg9)>. The play then will be performed at the Theatre Chipping Norton in Chipping Norton, Oxon., Sept. 19-24 <[www.tinyurl.com/y8yzzk4a](http://www.tinyurl.com/y8yzzk4a)>, and after than tour in Britain.

Steven Dietz's "Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure" will be performed at the West Allis Central Auditorium in West Allis, Wis., from Oct. 6 to Oct. 15 <[www.westallisplayers.com](http://www.westallisplayers.com)>.

Ken Ludwig's comedy "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" is due at The ZACK in St. Louis, Mo., on Oct. 12-19 <[www.insighttheatrecompany.com](http://www.insighttheatrecompany.com)>; and by the Fairbanks Drama Association at the Riverfront Theatre in Fairbanks, Alaska, Oct. 20-Nov. 5 <[www.fairbanksdrama.org](http://www.fairbanksdrama.org)>.

The play also will tour after its production by the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, Jan. 2-Feb. 4, and the full schedule for the tour's available at <[www.baylinartists.com/walnut-street-theatre](http://www.baylinartists.com/walnut-street-theatre)>.

Steven Canny and John Nicholson's comedy "The Hound of the Baskervilles" is to be performed at the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre in Orlando, Fla., Oct. 11-Nov. 19 <[www.orlandoshakes.org](http://www.orlandoshakes.org)>; and at the Chesil Theatre in Winchester, Hants., Nov. 18-25 <[www.chesiltheatre.org.uk](http://www.chesiltheatre.org.uk)>; and at the Little Theatre in Colne, Lancs., Mar. 5-9, 2018.

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