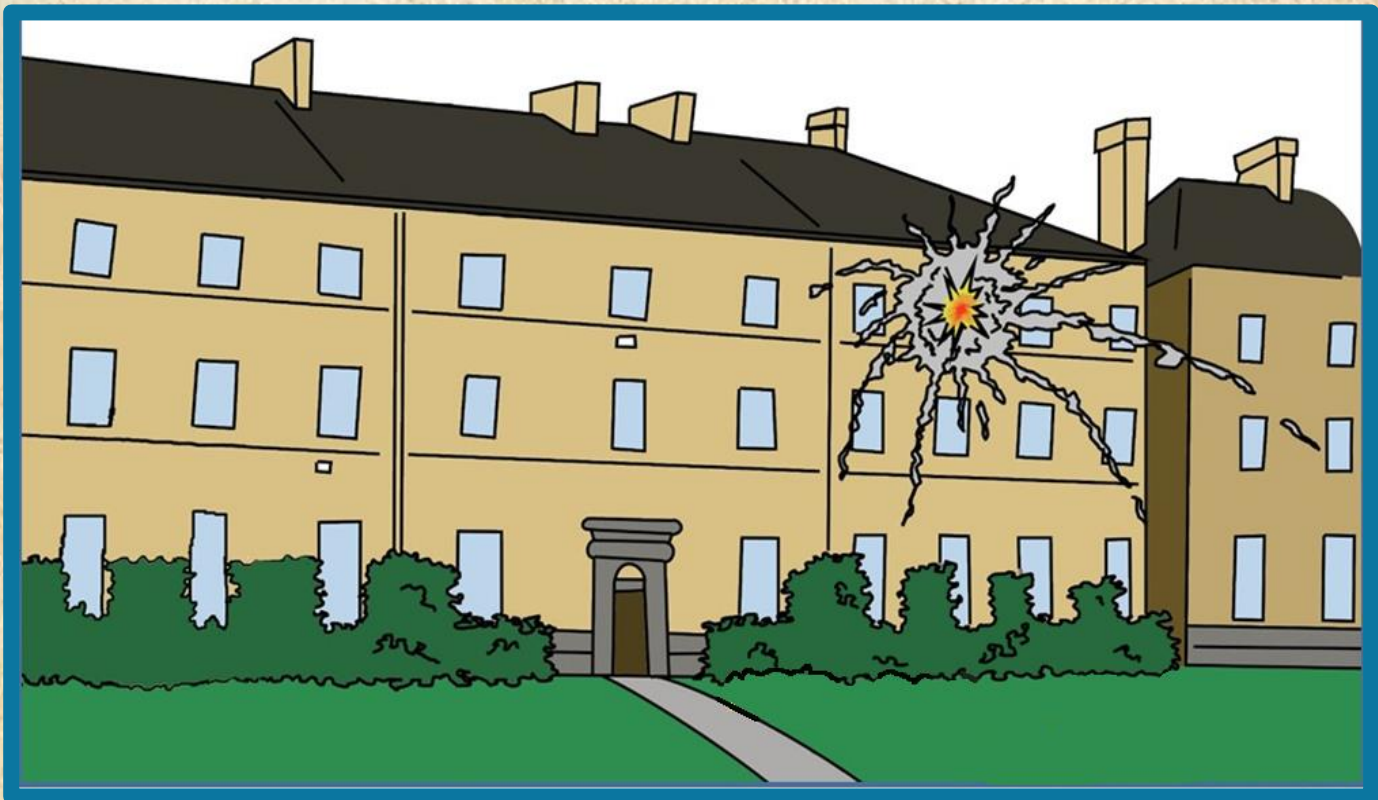


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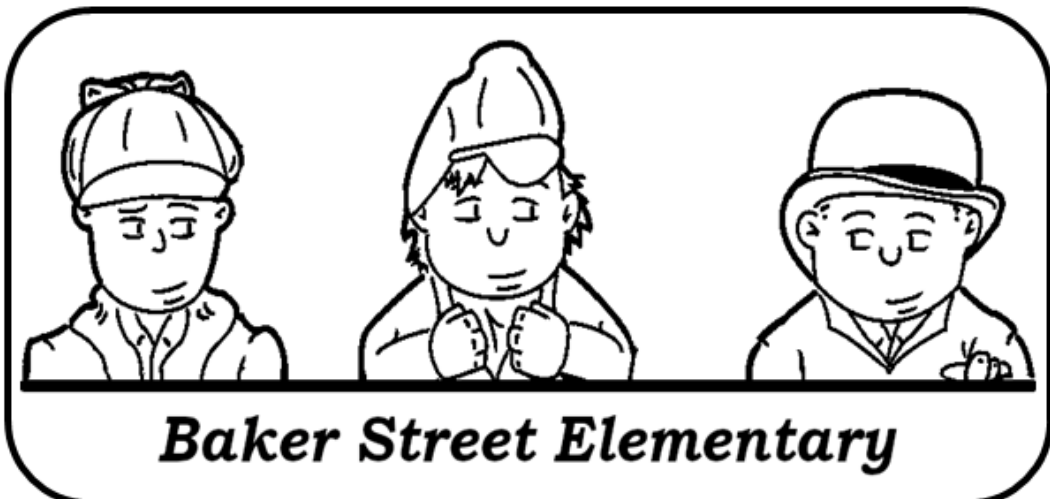
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INTRODUCTION

BY DON HOBBS, BSI ("INSPECTOR LESTRADE")

IN RECENT YEARS, ONE COULD BUILD A VIRTUAL MOUNTAIN OUT OF THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DEVOTED TO THE WORLD'S FIRST CONSULTING DETECTIVE.

EVERY TYPE OF MEDIUM IMAGINABLE HAS SEEN A GREAT PROLIFERATION - MOVIES, VIDEO GAMES, TELEVISION SERIES, COMIC BOOKS, PASTICHES, AND EVEN CANONICAL POP-UP BOOKS NUMBER THEMSELVES AMONG OTHER REISSUED VARIATIONS OF THE CANON. AS ONE CAN DEDUCE, NOT EVERYTHING AVAILABLE IS A MUST-HAVE PIECE OF SHERLOCKIANA, NOT EVEN CLOSE. ON THE OTHER HAND, A FEW ITEMS ARE AS FRESH AS A NEWLY FALLEN SNOW, AND STILL FEWER OF THOSE ACTUALLY MAKE ONE'S PRIDE SWELL SIMPLY FOR OWNING THEM.

"**BAKER STREET ELEMENTARY**" IS ONE OF THOSE RARE TREATS, TAKING ALL OF THE FAMILIAR SHERLOCKIAN CHARACTERS AND PRESENTING THEM IN A COMPLETELY ORIGINAL MANNER.

THIS MARVELOUS CREATION, THE BRAINCHILD OF JOE FAY (CREATOR & WRITER), STEVE MASON (WRITER & EDITOR), AND RUSTY MASON (ILLUSTRATOR), FEATURES HOLMES AND WATSON DURING THEIR FORMATIVE YEARS AT THAT LONG-AGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN... SOMEWHERE ON BAKER STREET. THE MAGIC THIS TRIO PRODUCES IS EVIDENT IN EVERY PANEL OF EVERY STRIP OF "... THERE IS NOTHING CLOSE TO SOUTH **BAKER STREET ELEMENTARY** H PARK ENVY HERE, IN FACT MANY OF THE SOUTH PARK RESIDENTS MOST LIKELY WISH THEY COULD ATTEND "**BAKER STREET ELEMENTARY**."

THE EXPLOITS OF HOLMES AND WATSON ARE HERE FOR THE READER'S ENJOYMENT, DEMANDING THAT ONE READ THE STRIPS WITH ONE EYE TOWARDS THE CANON AND

ONE TONGUE PLANTED FIRMLY IN CHEEK. PEPPERED WITH OTHER WELL-KNOWN CHARACTERS LIKE LESTRADE, MYCROFT, AND STAMFORD, (AND WITH PLANS TO INTRODUCE THE FEMALE CHARACTERS FROM THE CANON WHO ATTEND A SISTER SCHOOL), THE PANELS ARE FUNNY, BUT ALSO SHOW A DEEP, INTIMATE, WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF, AND A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR, THE CANON OF SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES. THE PAWKY HUMOR IS WRY AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING.

THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE NEWSLETTER OF DALLAS' SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY, THE CREW OF THE BARQUE LONE STAR, WILL KNOW THAT "**BAKER STREET ELEMENTARY**" ADORNS THE BACK PAGE OF EACH ISSUE. THE STRIP HAS ALSO BEEN REGULARLY SYNDICATED, OR GUEST-STARRED, IN OTHER SHERLOCKIAN SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS, SUCH AS THE SOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES. IRREGULAR APPEARANCES OF NEW STRIPS ENTREAT THE SOCIETY MEMBERS WITH RANDOMLY-RELEASED EPISODES BETWEEN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS.

BASICALLY, WHENEVER JOE, STEVE, AND RUSTY CAN FIT THIS LABOR OF LOVE INTO THEIR ALREADY-HECTIC LIVES.

HERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS A COLLECTION OF EVERY STRIP OF "**BAKER STREET ELEMENTARY**." SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT THOSE LUCKY DALLAS SHERLOCKIANS HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME: DALLAS HAS MORE TO OFFER THAN FOOTBALL, OIL, AND CATTLE. IT HAS A FIRST-RATE SHERLOCKIAN COMIC STRIP, WITH A GROWING FAN BASE.

ENJOY!

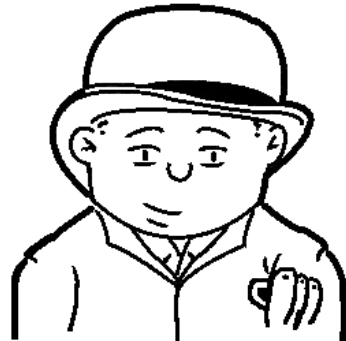
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John Watson IS THE CENTRAL CHARACTER OF THE STRIP, CHRONICLING THE LIFE AND TIMES IN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE ARRIVES AT **BAKER STREET ELEMENTARY** AS A NEW STUDENT, AND QUICKLY BEFRIENDS SHERLOCK HOLMES.

WHILE MANY MAY BELIEVE HE HAS A HERO-WORSHIP FIXATION ON HOLMES, MOST WILL AGREE WATSON SIMPLY DISPLAYS TRAITS OF FUTURE BOY SCOUTS: LOYALTY, TRUSTWORTHINESS, FRIENDSHIP, BRAVERY, AND OBEDIENCE. WATSON IS NORMALLY OPTIMISTIC IN EVERYDAY LIFE, BUT IS CONSTANT FRUSTRATED WITH SOME OF THE OUTLANDISH ANTICS OF HIS FRIEND.

WATSON OFTEN GIVES HOLMES ADVICE AFTER LISTENING TO HIS VARIOUS INSECURITIES AND CONCERNS.

SIMILARLY, HOLMES GENERALLY OBSERVES WATSON'S FAULTS, INCLUDING HIS ODD QUIRKS. THEY ARE ALSO TOGETHER IN AN ALLEGIANCE OVER A COMMON ENEMY -- MORIARTY, THE SCHOOL-YARD BULLY.



Sherlock Holmes

IS CONSIDERED VERY SELF-CONFIDENT WHEN IT COMES TO HIS ABILITY TO SOLVE MYSTERIES AROUND THE SCHOOL. HE IS PESSIMISTIC TOWARD AUTHORITY WITHIN THE SCHOOL. HOLMES SEEMS TO NEED AN ADMIRING AUDIENCE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS AMAZING FEATS OF DEDUCTIVE SKILLS.

HE TENDS TO AGGRAVATE THE TEACHERS WITH HIS ABILITY TO POINT OUT THEIR WEAKNESSES, AND IS FREQUENTLY IN TROUBLE FOR DISRUPTING CLASS. WHILE HE DOES NOT HAVE A FEAR OR HATRED OF GIRLS HIS OWN AGE, IT IS APPARENT HE IS DISTRUSTFUL OF THEM, AND SEES THEM AS MORE TROUBLE THAN GOOD (ALTHOUGH HE MAY HAVE A SECRET CRUSH ON ONE LASS, IRENE).

HIS FRIEND, WATSON, DESCRIBES HOLMES AS: UNINTERESTED IN LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY, ASTRONOMY, AND POLITICS; INTERESTED IN POISONS, CHEMISTRY, AND CRIMINAL TALES; CONSTANTLY MEMORIZING FEATURES OF ANATOMY.



Stamford INTRODUCES HIS FRIEND, HOLMES, TO WATSON, WHEN WATSON FIRST APPEARS AT THE NEW SCHOOL. HOLMES IS SEARCHING DESPERATELY FOR A NEW LAB PARTNER.

STAMFORD IS KNOWN FOR HIS HABIT OF PROFOUNDLY MISUNDERSTANDING BASIC CONCEPTS AND IDEAS MOST PEOPLE WOULD CONSIDER OBVIOUS.

HE ALSO IGNORES ANY ADVICE ON SCHOOL WORK.

STAMFORD CONSISTENTLY EARNS THE LOWEST GRADES IN CLASS, WHICH HE WEARS AS A BADGE OF HONOUR ('SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT').

AS WITH WATSON, STAMFORD IS FIERCELY LOYAL TO HIS FRIENDS, AND MORE THAN AVERAGE IN THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE REGULARLY SURPRISES HIS CLASS-MATES BY SAYING JUST THE RIGHT THING IN TIMES OF CRISIS.



CHEMISTRY IS SO BORING!



HEY, HOLMES! WHY THE SAD FACE?

I HAVE TO FIND A NEW LAB PARTNER, STAMFORD... THE LAST ONE DID NOT APPRECIATE LOSING HIS HAIR.



LET ME INTRODUCE JAMES H. WATSON... HE'S NEW IN SCHOOL.

YOU CAN CALL ME JOHN.



I PERCEIVE YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE SANDBOX, AND YOU TRIED TO STEAL A KISS OFF CHARLENE, THE OLDER GIRL AT THE GIRL'S SCHOOL.

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY KNOW THAT??



THE SAND POURING OUT OF YOUR PANTS CUFF, AS WELL AS THE PALM PRINT ON YOUR RIGHT CHEEK.

THIS IS TOO MUCH!!

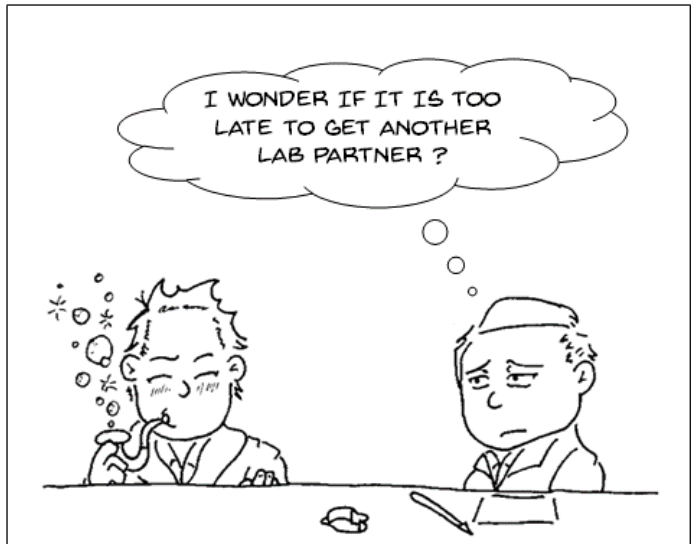
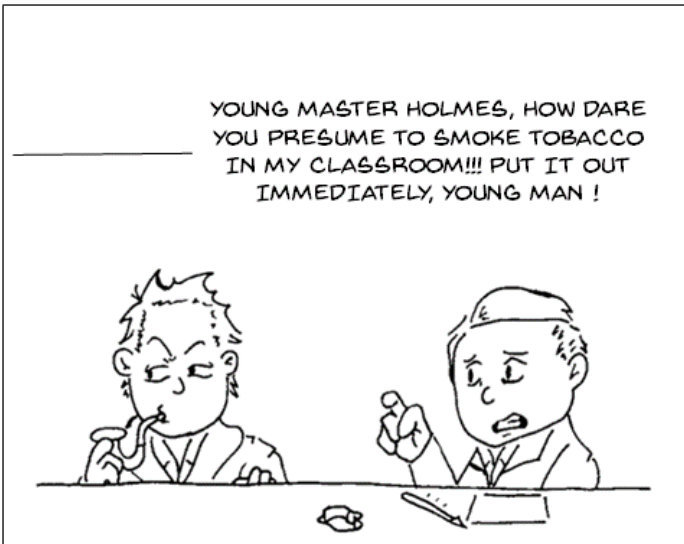
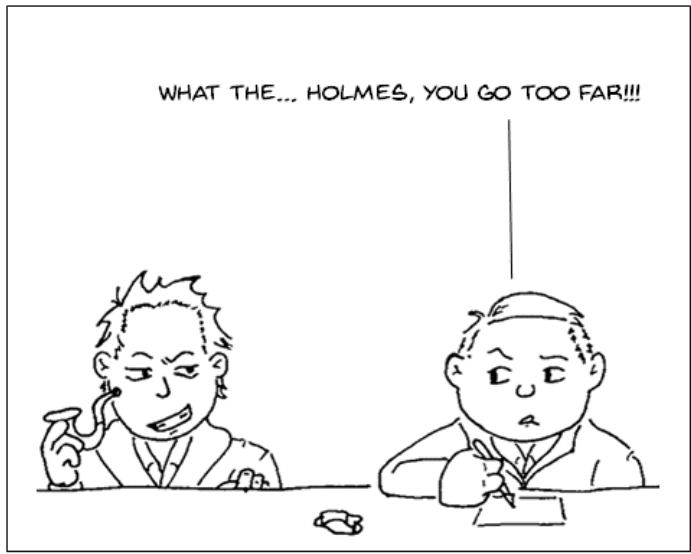
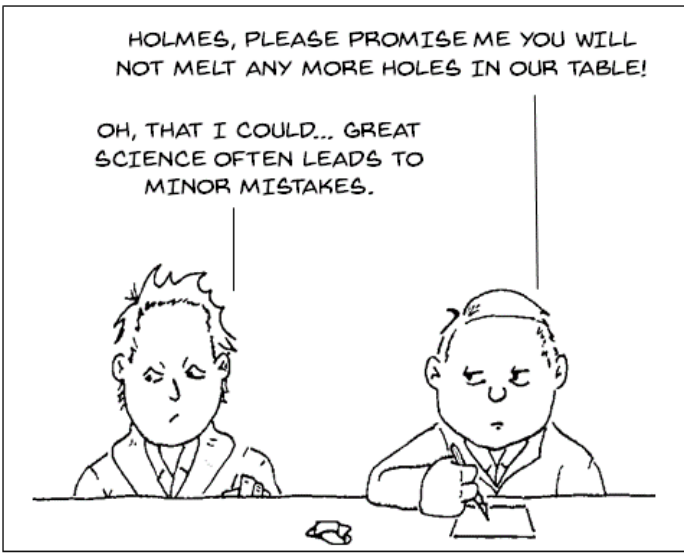


MR. HOLMES, I PERCEIVE YOU VISITING THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE AGAIN!!



Thus, the beginning of a life-long friendship.

002 - 02-13-2015



003 - 02-25-2015

YES, MRS. BELL... YOU SHOULD HAVE CHANGED THE FACTOR TO CORRECTLY BALANCE THE EQUATION... NO DISRESPECT MEANT.

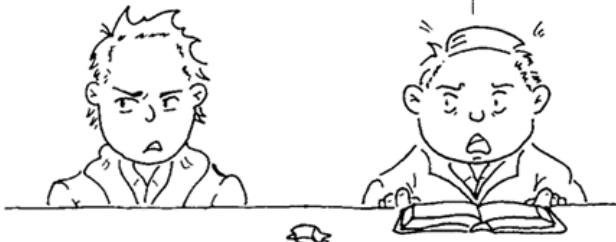


WOULD YOU LIKE FOR ME TO COME UP AND CORRECT THE ERROR?



YOU KNOW, SARCASM REALLY DOES NOT BECOME YOU, MA'AM... IT CAN MAKE A PERSON APPEAR PETTY.

HOLMES!!!



YES MA'AM... I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE DIRECTIONS TO THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE.



WATSON, I HAVE HAD ANOTHER RANDOM
THOUGHT FOR YOU TO CONSIDER.

I CAN'T WAIT.



YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD BE
WORSE THAN FORGETTING
THINGS THAT HAPPENED
IN YOUR PAST?



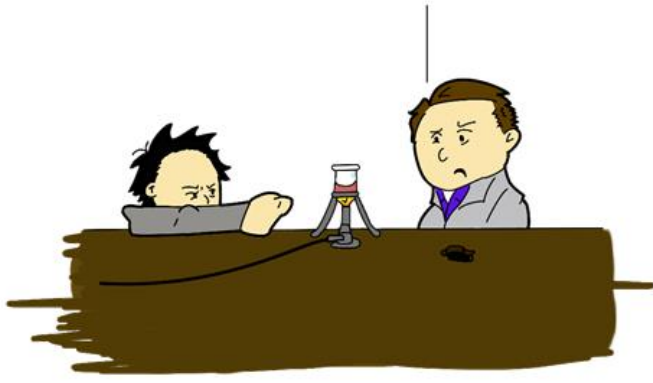
NO, WHAT?



REMEMBERING LOTS OF THINGS THAT
NEVER HAPPENED TO YOU.

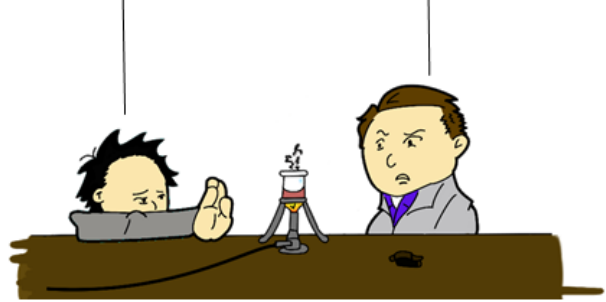


SO WHAT HORROR ARE YOU
INFLICTING ON US TODAY?



OH, YE OF LITTLE FAITH... I HAVE BEEN
TRYING TO DETERMINE THE FLASH POINT OF
THIS PARTICULAR LIQUID.

UHHH... DOES THE TEACHER
KNOW YOU ARE CONDUCTING
THIS EXPERIMENT?



YOU WILL LEARN ONE OF MY STRONGEST TENETS...
'SOMETIMES IT IS MORE EXPEDIENT AND
CONVENIENT TO REQUEST FORGIVENESS FOR A
PARTICULAR ACTIVITY THAN IT IS TO SEEK
PERMISSION, WHICH MAY UNNECESSARILY DELAY
IMPLEMENTATION.'

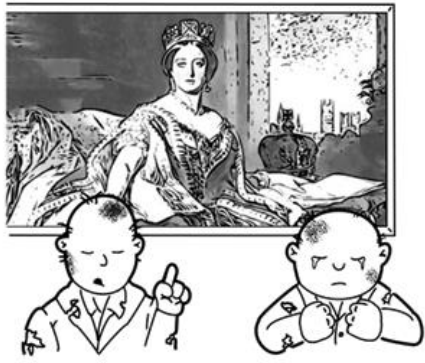


I PROBABLY SHOULD START
EVACUATING THE BUILDING.

UHHH... YOU MAY BE RIGHT.



006 - 03-17-2015



HE/
MC

ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, MY EXPERIMENT WAS A SUCCESS... THE LIQUID WAS DEFINITELY COMBUSTIBLE.



HE/
MC


SUCCESS?? YOU BLEW UP OUR CHEMISTRY LAB!



HE/
MC

YOU MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED, BUT I HAVE NO HAIR... NO HAIR!!

OH, I AM SURE IT SHOULD GROW BACK IN TIME.

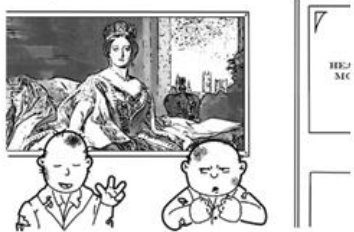


HE/
MC

NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR EYEBROWS, THOUGH.

007 - 03-24-2015

THIS MAKES 3 TIMES THIS WEEK TO THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE.



WHEN YOU MELT A LAB TABLE, A VISIT TO THE OFFICE IS PRETTY STANDARD.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WENT WRONG... THAT SHOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.



I PREDICT SOMEDAY A FRIEND WILL CHRONICLE YOUR AMAZING DEDUCTIVE SKILLS, AS WELL AS YOUR PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF CHEMISTRY.




TODAY'S NOT THAT DAY.

008 - 04-01-2015

After meeting with the headmaster...




THE HEADMASTER REQUESTS WE WEAR THESE UNTIL OUR HAIR GROWS BACK, SO WE DON'T SCARE THE OTHER STUDENTS.



HMMM...

Later that day...

THE RIGHT OVERCOAT WILL COMPLIMENT THIS HAT NICELY.



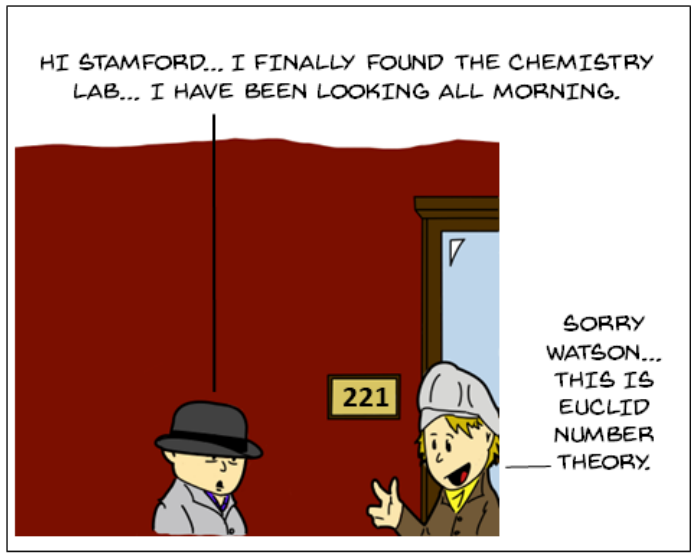
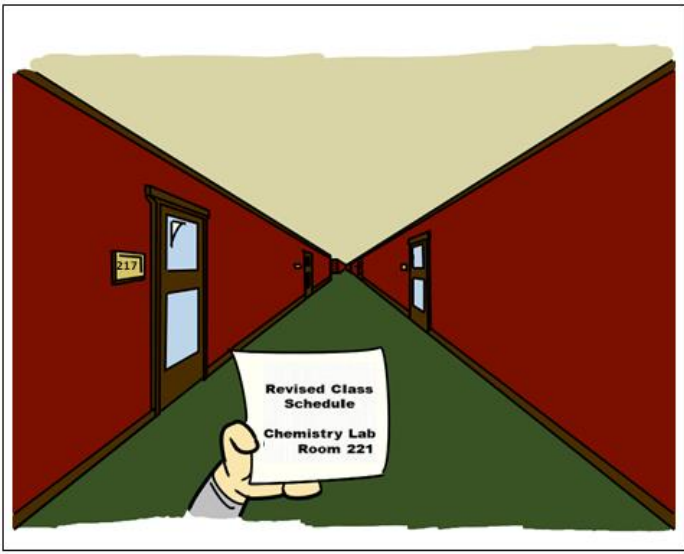
I LOOK LIKE A CLOWN... BUT I GUESS I WILL GROW INTO IT.

HEY HOLMES, ARE YOU GOING PHEASANT HUNTING?



YOU KNOW IGNATIUS, THE HAT CAN MAKE THE MAN.

...WATSON MUST NOW SEARCH FOR THE NEW CHEMISTRY LAB, USING ONLY HIS WITS... AS HE WANDERS THROUGH THE SCHOOL...



continued

009 - 04-11-2015 (continued)



THEY MOVED YOUR LAB OUT BEHIND THE DINING HALL, SO HOLMES' EXPERIMENTS WON'T CAUSE THE FIRE BRIGADE TO PROTECT THE MAIN BUILDING EACH DAY... YOU'RE LOOKING FOR '221B'... THE HEADMASTER MUST HAVE LEFT THE 'B' OFF YOUR SCHEDULE.

** AS WATSON PROCEEDS TO THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL, THE REMNANTS OF SHERLOCK'S LATEST EXPERIMENT ARE STILL EVIDENT. **



** WATSON FINDS THE ELUSIVE CLASSROOM, WHICH IS INSIDE THE FIRST 'PORTABLE BUILDING' USED AT A SCHOOL... NOT THE LAST. **



WATSON, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN... AFGHANISTAN?

010 - 04-18-2015

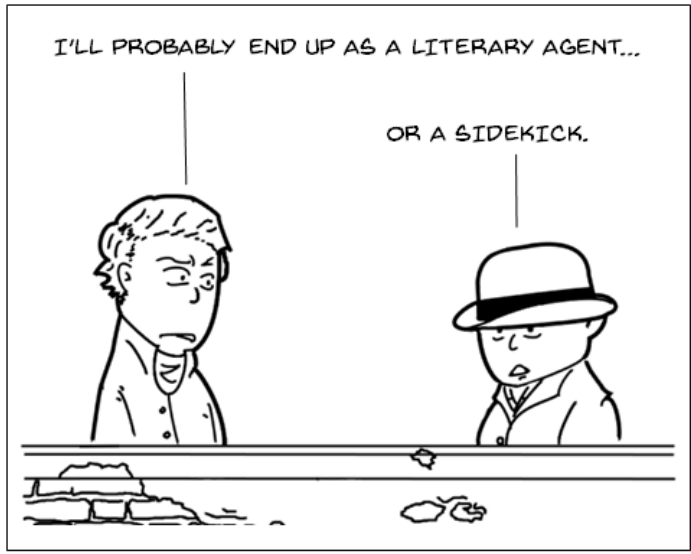
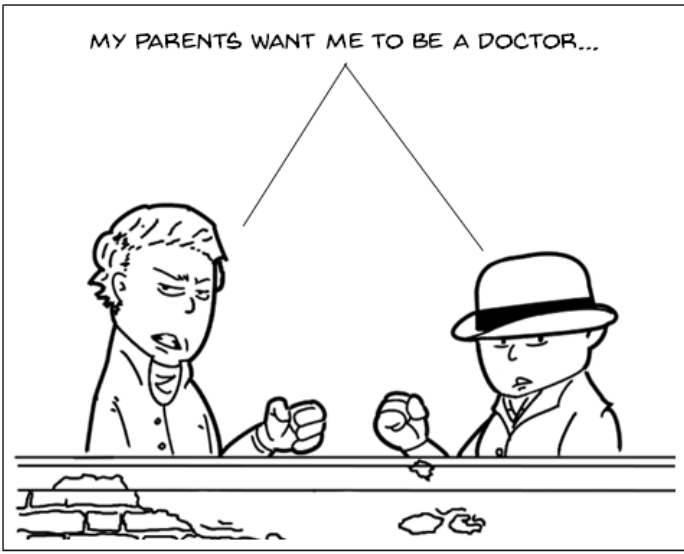
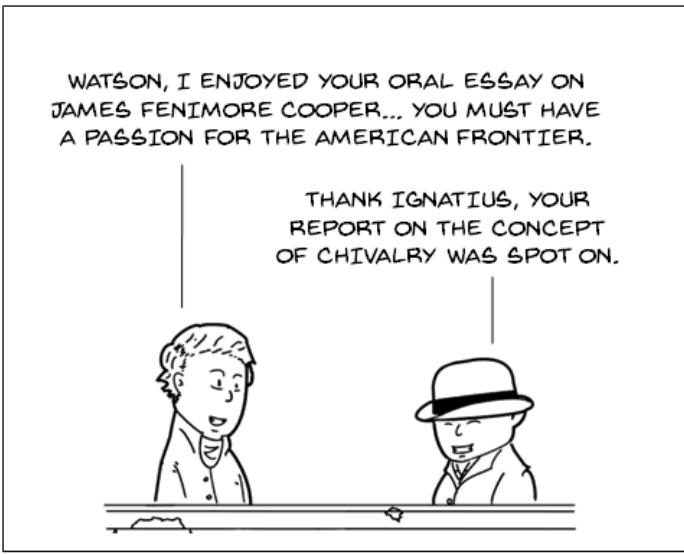
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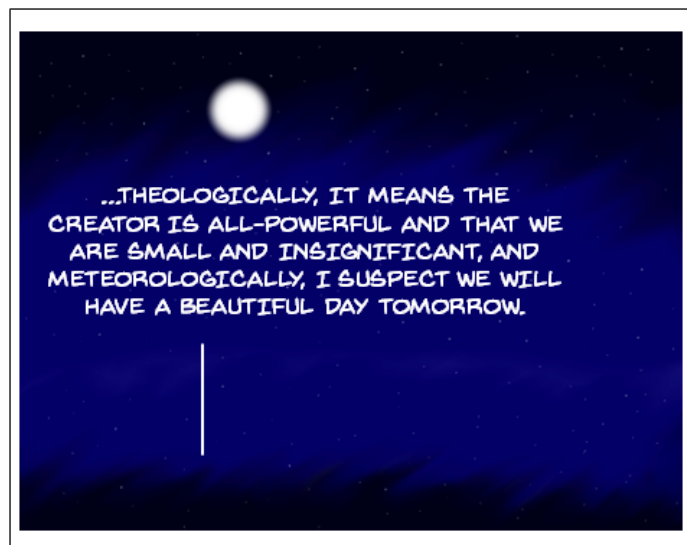
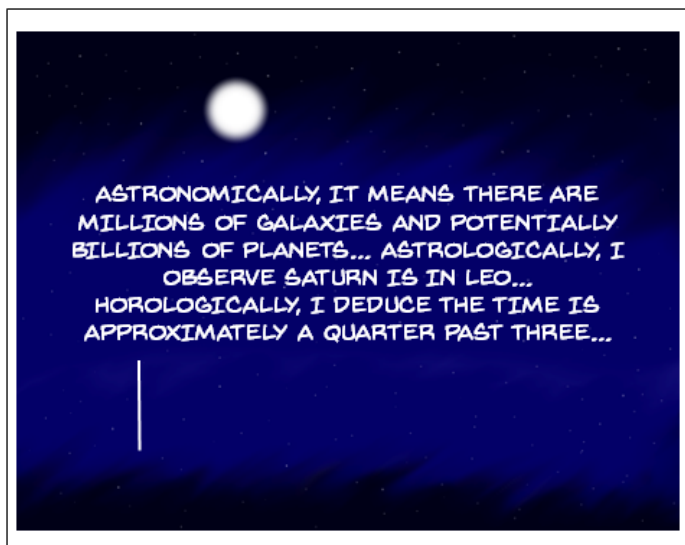
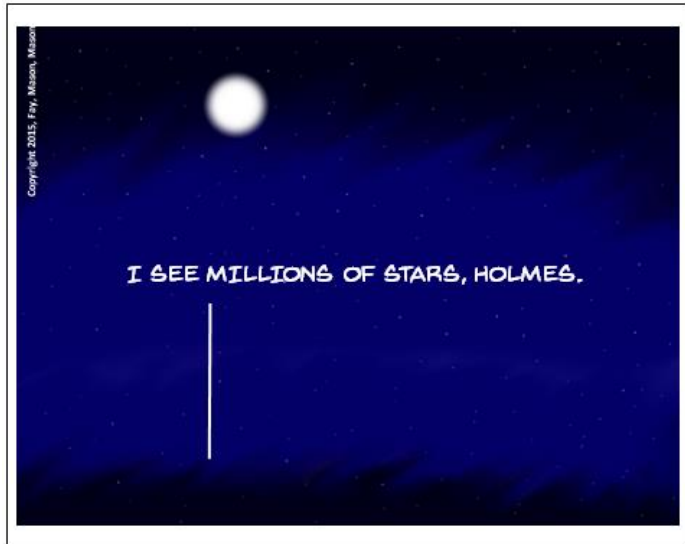


WELL, WATSON, WHAT DID YOU
THINK OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY?

IT WAS ALL GREEK TO ME.

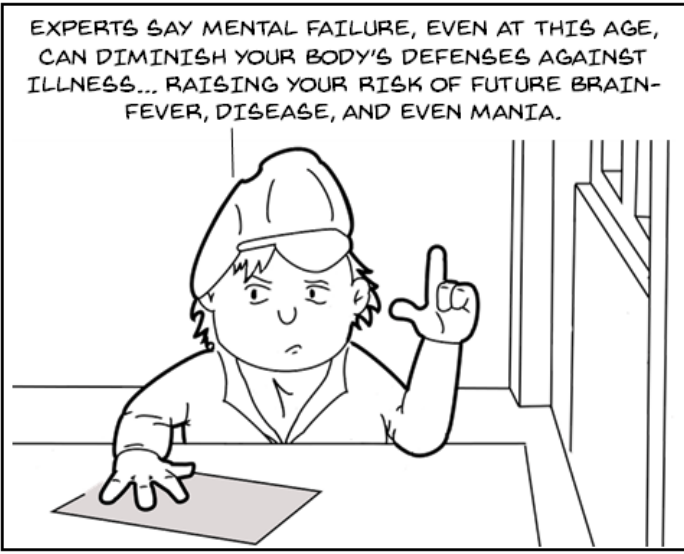
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013 - 05-31-2015



SORRY IGNATIUS, I THINK I MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY... WASN'T IT ON MAY 22ND?



THAT'S OK... YOU HAVE ONE COMING UP ALSO... IN JULY I BELIEVE.

RIGHT... ON THE 7TH... BY THE WAY, NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHEN HOLMES' BIRTHDAY IS.



HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN CELEBRATING SUCH TRADITIONS... HOWEVER, THE CONSENSUS AT SCHOOL IS HE WAS BROUGHT INTO THIS WORLD ON JANUARY 6TH.

CONSENSUS? BY WHOM?

THE YOUNG'UNS.

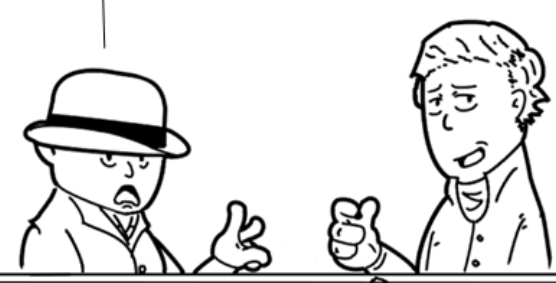


THE YOUNG'UNS?



THE UNDERCLASS STUDENTS... THEY HAVE A PRIMITIVE SOCIETY, WITH THEIR OWN LANGUAGE... SHERLOCK SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY ONE TO COMMUNICATE THEIR 'HIEROGLYPHIC TYPE' LANGUAGE... THEY ALMOST WORSHIP HIM.

WORSHIP SHERLOCK?!?



STRANGE I KNOW, THEIR 'CHRONICLER' SEEMS TO HAVE AMASSED A COLLECTION OF SHERLOCK'S HISTORY AT THE SCHOOL.

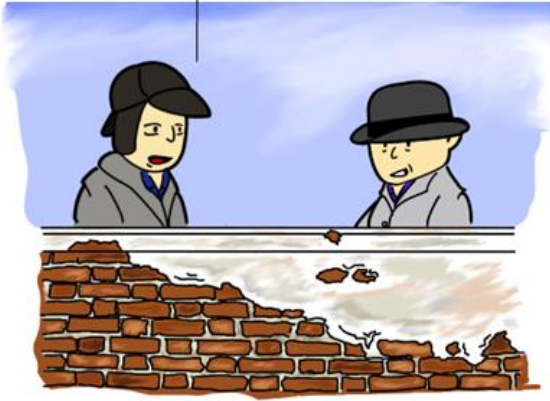
SHOULD I BE WORRIED SHERLOCK HAS A CULT OF YOUNG'UNS FOLLOWING HIM?



NAH... SHERLOCK INSISTS THEY ARE PLAYING SOME INNOCENT GAME OUTSIDERS COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND.

015 - 06-18-2015

WATSON, I HAVE A RIDDLE FOR YOU.

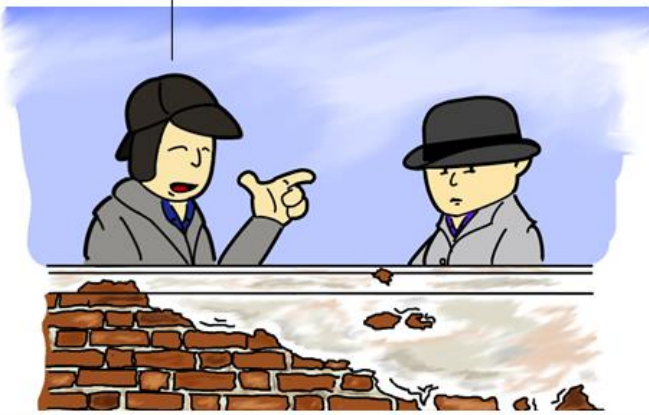


WHAT DO YOU CALL A TRILLION PENNIES NEXT TO THE OCEAN?



HMMM... I DON'T KNOW... DO TELL ME.

COPPER BEACHES!

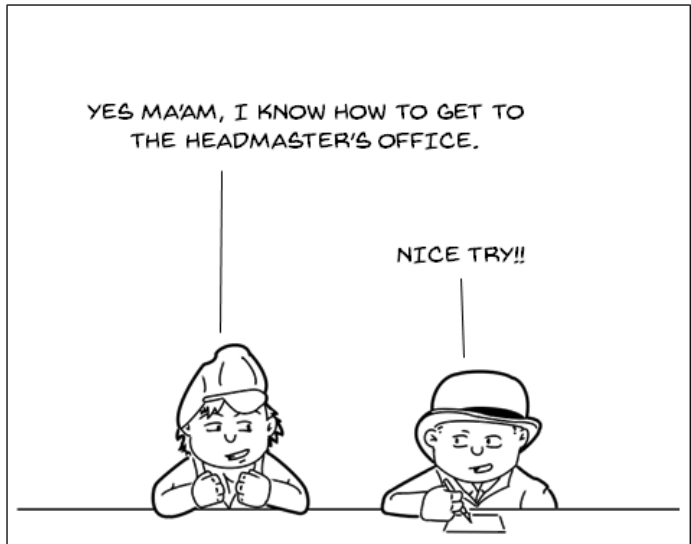


I DON'T GET IT.

SOME DAY YOU WILL.



016 - 06-28-2015



HOW I LOVE BOOKS, HOLMES... DO YOU?

I GUESS THEY'RE OK.



MY BOOKS ARE FRIENDS
THAT NEVER FAIL ME.

OK...



THAT'S FROM THOMAS CARLYLE...
DO YOU NOT READ HIM, HOLMES?

THOMAS WHO?



THOMAS CARLYLE!!

WELL, WHAT HAS HE EVER DONE?



HE'S ONLY ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED
ENGLISH AUTHORS OF THE MODERN ERA.

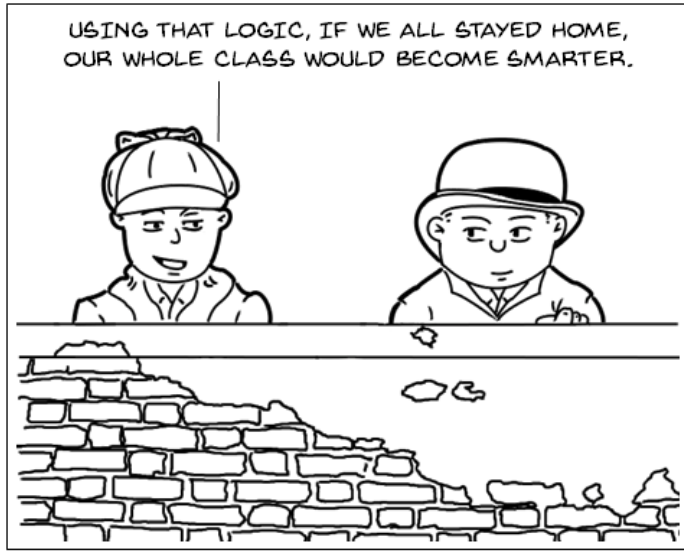
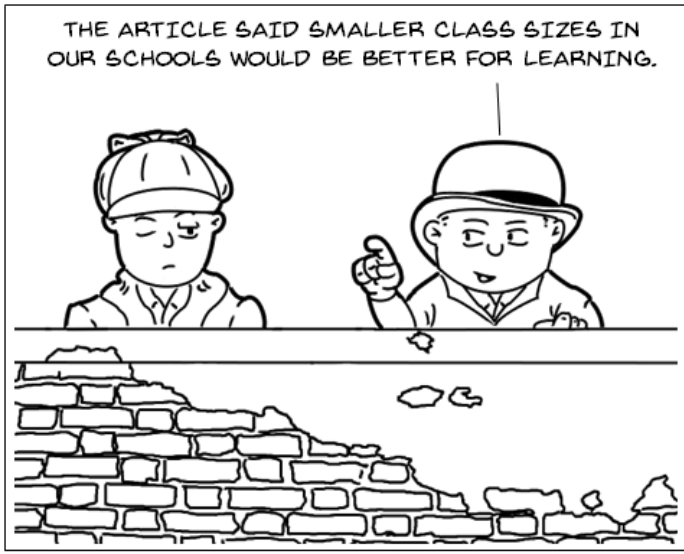
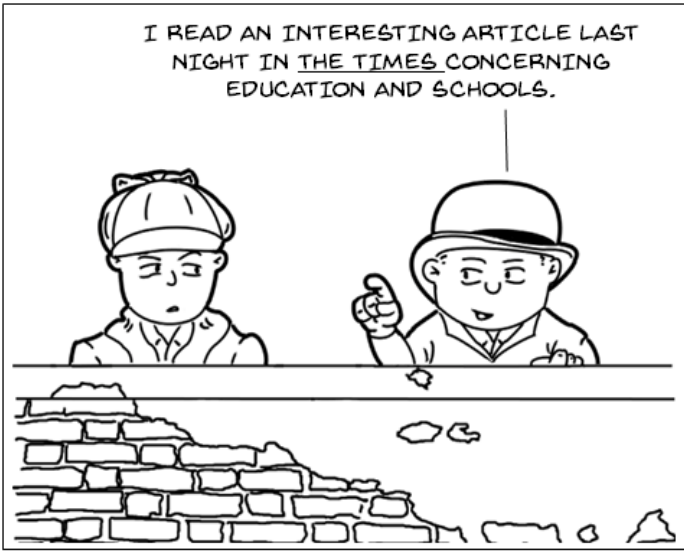


CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE DOES NOT
INTEREST ME IN THE SLIGHTEST.

SOMETIMES YOUR IGNORANCE CAN BE
AS REMARKABLE AS YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

THANKS, MY FRIEND.





HEY JOHN, HOW'S YOUR DAY BEEN?



ONE OF THE BEST SINCE I MOVED HERE, IGNATIUS... THINGS ARE BECOMING NORMAL.

UMMM... THAT MAY BE ABOUT TO CHANGE... YOU MAY NOT WANT TO LOOK.



GENTLEMEN, DO YOU LIKE MY DISGUISE?

WAS THAT THING EVER ALIVE?



I AM USING THIS TO FINALLY BREAK INTO MORIARTY'S PLAYGROUND LAIR... THE 'NAPOLEON OF BULLIES' HAS MET HIS MATCH.



REMEMBER THE LAST TIME? YOU DRESSED AS NAPOLEON AND GOT IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

NONSENSE, I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY PREVIOUS ENCOUNTER WITH MORIARTY... HE WILL NOT BEAT ME THIS TIME.



WISH ME LUCK BOYS... FOR THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE ME, MORIARTY WILL BE MINE!



THIS IS NOT GOING TO END WELL AGAIN, IS IT?

Some time later...

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT... HE DRESSED UP AS NAPOLEON TO BEAT THE 'NAPOLEON OF BULLIES?'



TRUST ME, IT APPEARS TO MAKE SENSE TO A 9-YEAR OLD... OR WHATEVER AGE HE IS.

UH-OH... LOOKS LIKE THINGS DID NOT GO SO WELL.



IT WAS A TRAP, HE KNEW I WAS COMING... AS SOON AS I REACHED THE CHEMISTRY LAB, HE RELEASED THOSE INSCRUTABLE BEINGS ON ME.



INSCRUTABLE?

HE CAN'T MEAN...

THE CUDIES VIRUS, WATSON... I RAN FOR MY LIFE... I HAD TO DITCH MY DISGUISE... I JUST HOPE SOME POOR SOUL DID NOT HAPPEN TO COME UPON IT.



OH-NO... HOLMES...

THEY WERE EVERYWHERE... THE GIRLS... THEY SWARMED ME... COULD NOT ESCAPE.



STAMFORD!? YOU PUT ON THE DISGUISE?

WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIM?

IT WAS WONDERFUL... I WAS IN HEAVEN!



IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT! HE IS DELIRIOUS! I NEED TO CURE HIM!

CURE?

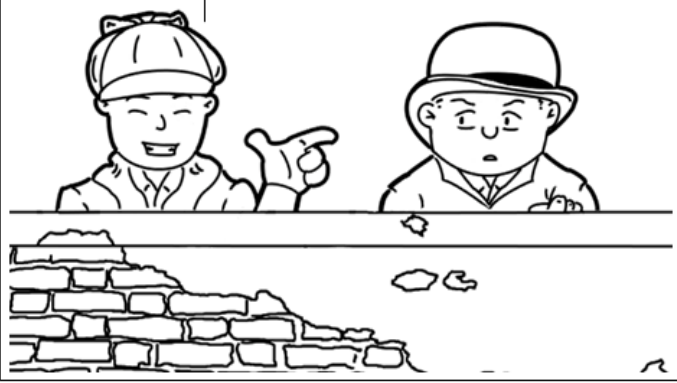
SOMETHING ABOUT CIRCLES AND DOTS, I RECALL...

020 - 09-05-2015

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS CRITICAL OF SOME OF MY PERSONAL ASPECTS?



I HAVE A WONDERFUL APTITUDE AT SEEING POTENTIAL FAULTS IN OTHERS BEFORE THEY ARE AWARE OF THEM.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED AN INITIATION OF DISCOVERING YOUR OWN FAULTS YET?



INCREDIBLY, I HAVE AN APTITUDE FOR OVERLOOKING THOSE.



021 - 09-18-2015

WHAT PREPOSTEROUS FICTION ARE YOU FILLING YOUR BRAIN WITH NOW, WATSON?



I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THIS IS AN AMERICAN MASTERPIECE, HOLMES.

THAT IS NO RECOMMENDATION, JAMES.



HOW MANY TIMES MUST I REMIND YOU, MY NAME IS JOHN!

REALLY? YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A JAMES TO ME.



WELL, ANYWAY, I GUESS I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE, TO STUDY YOUR SCARLET.



022 - 09-22-2015

YES, MA'AM... MY DRAWING OF A MURDER
SCENE IS SHOCKINGLY REALISTIC.



NO, I DID NOT FOLLOW YOUR RULES AND
STAY WITHIN THE LINES WITH MY
CRAYONS... ESPECIALLY THE BLOOD STAINS.



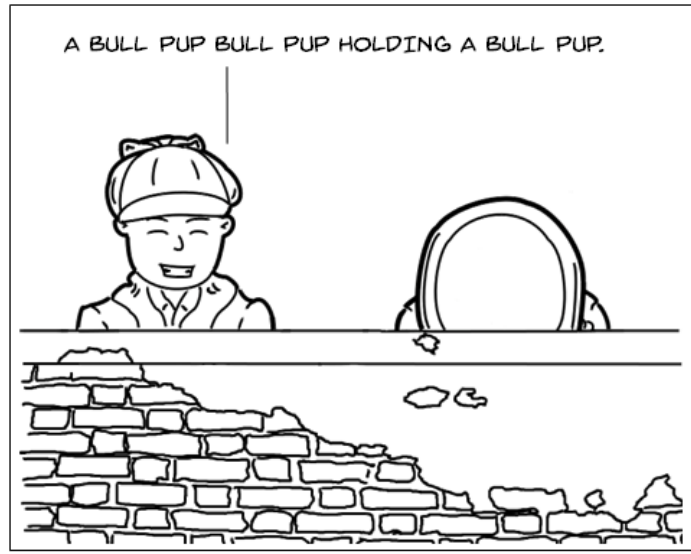
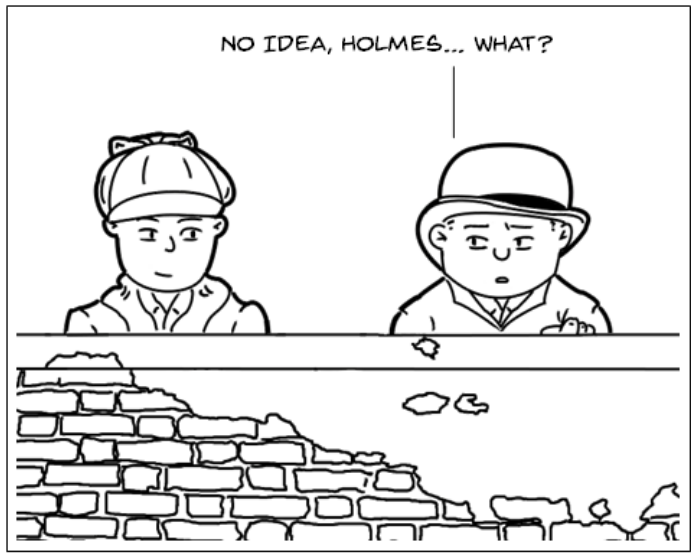
AS MY GREAT UNCLE BEFORE ME, I DO NOT FEEL
COMPELLED TO FOLLOW THE CONVENTIONS OF
DRAWING AND ARTISTIC TENETS.



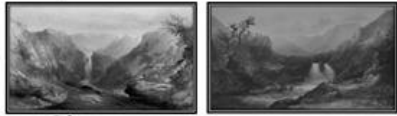
I AM SURE THE HEADMASTER
WILL APPRECIATE MY
CREATIVITY... AND FREEDOM
OF THOUGHT.



023 - 10-03-2015



MORNING, SIDNEY, I SEE YOU CREATED A COUPLE MORE WORKS.



YES, SHERLOCK... THE ART TEACHER THOUGHT THEY WERE WORTHY OF DISPLAY.

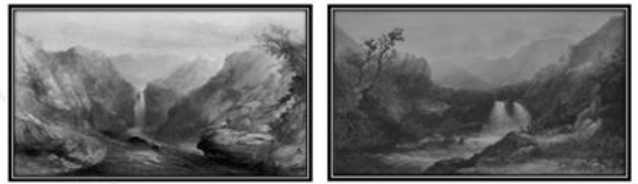
I HAVE SEEN YOUR PAINTINGS IN THE HALLWAYS... THEY ARE AMAZING.



THANK YOU... I HAVE BEEN IN A LANDSCAPE PHASE... EXCEPT SHERLOCK DOES NOT SEEM TO LIKE MY CREATIONS.



I HAVE NEVER BEEN A FAN OF WATERFALLS... MAYBE YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO PAINTING PORTRAITS... IF YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS, I CAN HELP.



PORTRAITS, HUH? MAYBE I COULD PAINT YOU ON TOP OF A WATERFALL?



MAYBE YOU SHOULD STICK TO DRAWING BUNNIES AND FRUIT BOWLS.



BUT I LIKE WATERFALLS.

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MA'AM, MAY I BE EXCUSED FOR THE REST OF THE DAY... MY BRAIN HURTS... I THINK IT IS REJECTING ALL THE INFORMATION YOU IMPARTED TO US.




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...AND THAT IS WHY SOME DAY WE WILL MOVE OUR CURRENCY TO A DECIMAL-BASED SYSTEM.



THE FIRST ADVENTURES OF HOLMES AND WATSON


...AND THAT IS WHY SOME DAY WE WILL MOVE OUR CURRENCY TO A DECIMAL-BASED SYSTEM.



MY GOODNESS!! ARE WE EXPERIENCING AN EARTHQUAKE??



OR STAMPEDE??




HAVE YOU FOUND IT, MASTER WHELAN-WIGGINS?

NO SIR, WE HAIN'T!



HOLMES, WHAT IS IT YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR?



I AM ATTEMPTING TO FIND A COSTERMONGER, LOCATED IN SMITHFIELD, WHO WILL DELIVER TO SCHOOL.

SMITHFIELD? THE MEAT MARKET? ARE YOU NOT TERRIFIED OF THE WRATH OF THE LUNCH-LADY, IF SHE DISCOVERS YOUR MISSION?



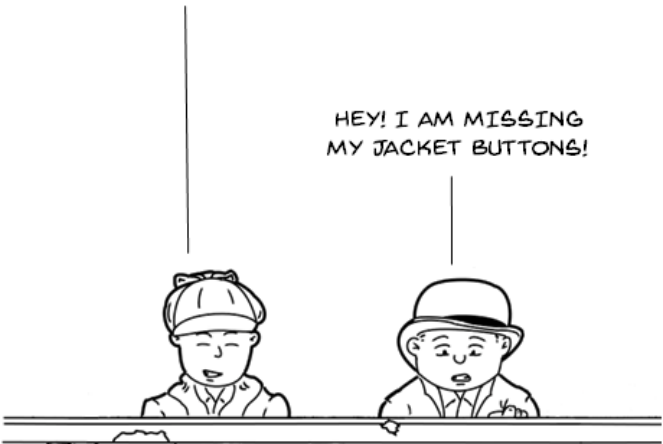
WATSON, MRS. HUDSON IS ONE OF THE FEW TREASURES AT THIS SCHOOL, BUT MYSTERY MEAT WILL BE THE DEATH OF ME.

NOW, OFF YOU GO, AND RETURN WITH A BETTER REPORT NEXT TIME.



I BELIEVE I ALREADY DISLIKE YOUR METHODS.

THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE GAINED FROM THOSE LITTLE BEGGARS THAN A DOZEN HALL MONITORS.



HEY! I AM MISSING MY JACKET BUTTONS!

BUTTONS ARE THE CURRENCY OF THE PLAYGROUND, WATSON... SORRY FOR NOT WARNING YOU... SOMEDAY, YOU WILL LEARN MY METHODS.

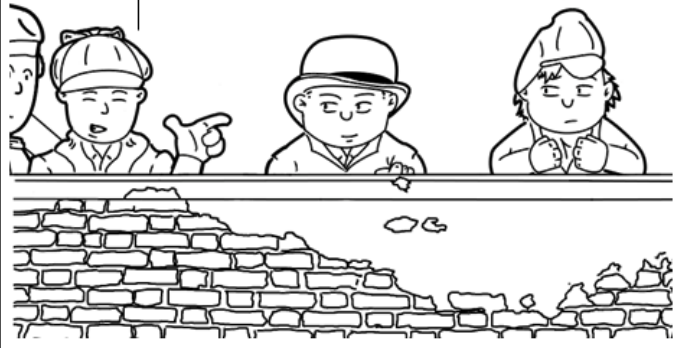


I BELIEVE I ALREADY DISLIKE YOUR METHODS.

SO WHY DO THEY CALL THE CRICKET FIELD, THE 'PITCH'?



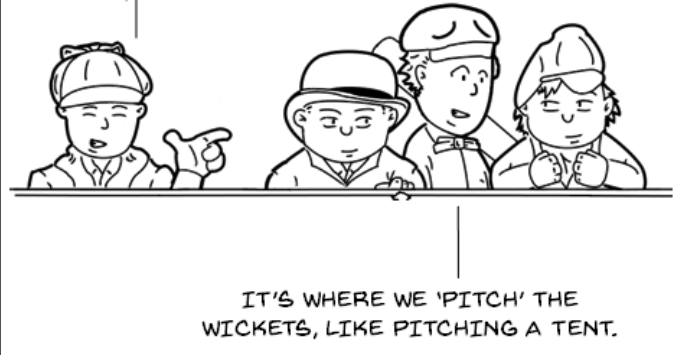
WELL, GENTS... TO UNDERSTAND THE TERMINOLOGY OF THE GAME, ONE MUST LOOK INTO ITS ORIGINS.



MANY THEORIZE THE GAME OF CRICKET STARTED IN THE 15TH CENTURY.

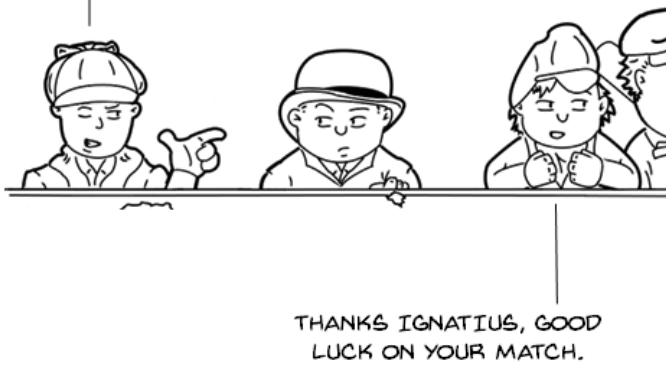


IT WAS CALLED CROQUET IN FRANCE DURING THIS TIME...



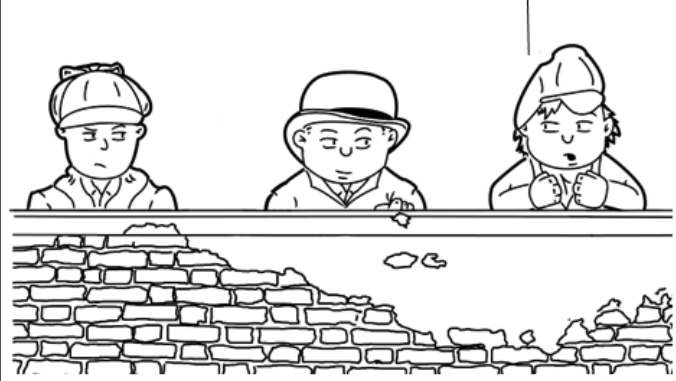
IT'S WHERE WE 'PITCH' THE WICKETS, LIKE PITCHING A TENT.

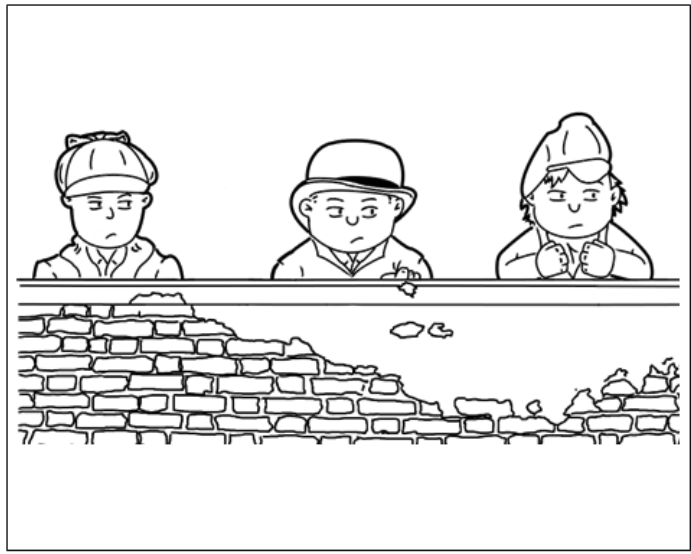
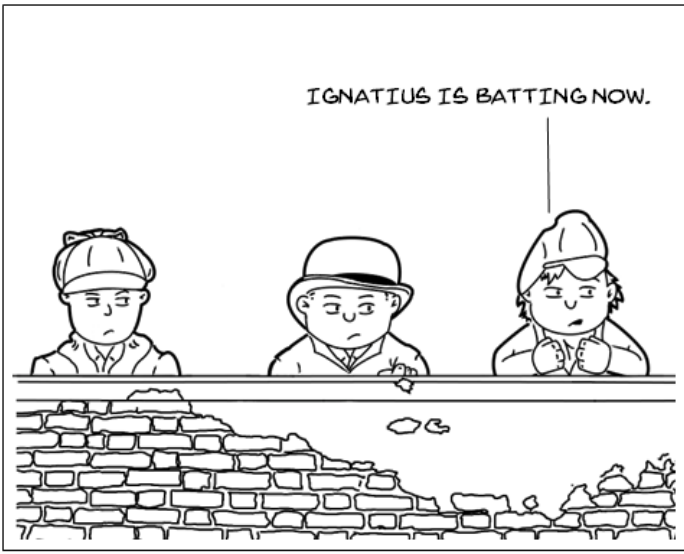
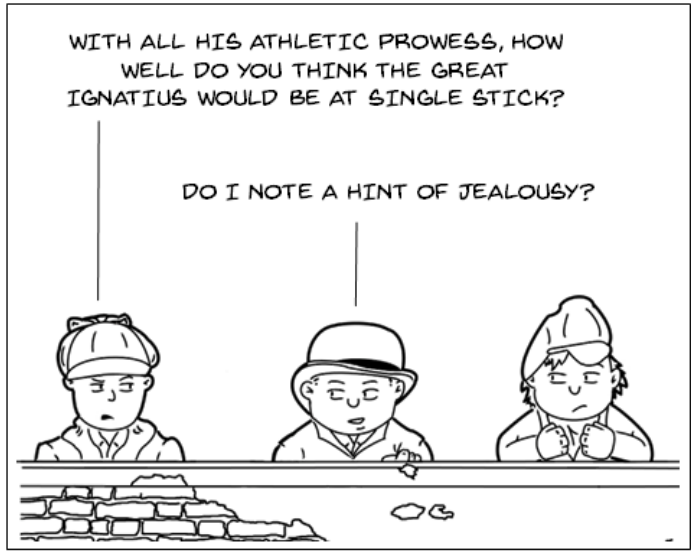
AS FOR MYSELF, I HAVE THOUGHT THE TERM MIGHT EVEN DERIVE FROM THE ANCIENT FORM OF JAPANESE SPORT KNOWN AS KEMARI.



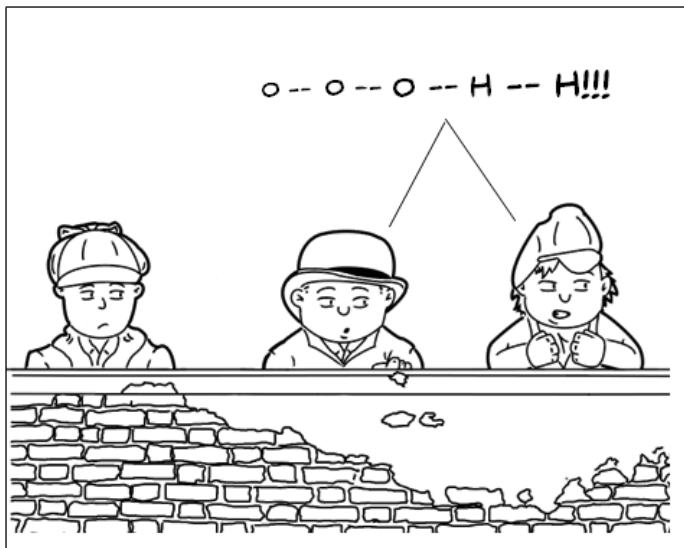
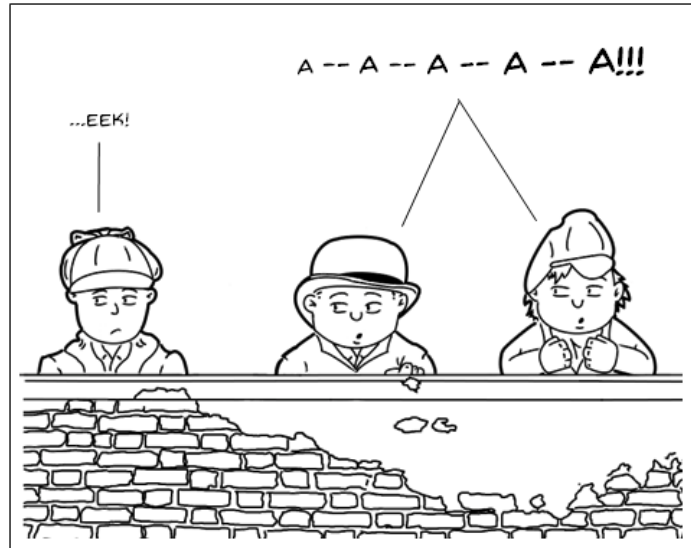
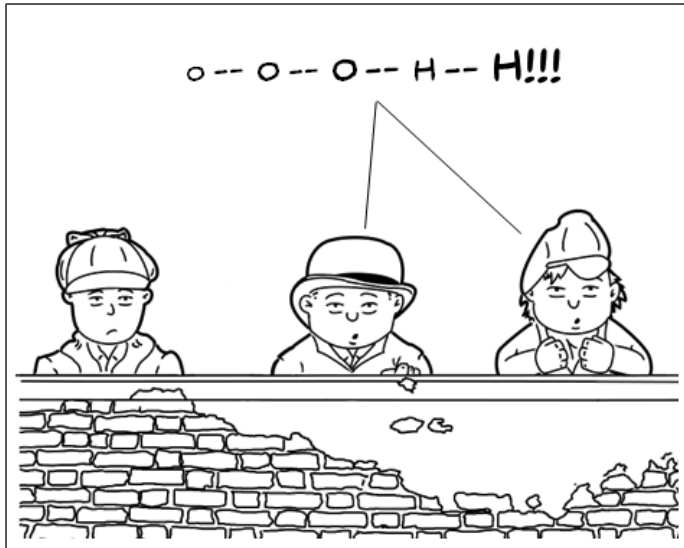
THANKS IGNATIUS, GOOD LUCK ON YOUR MATCH.

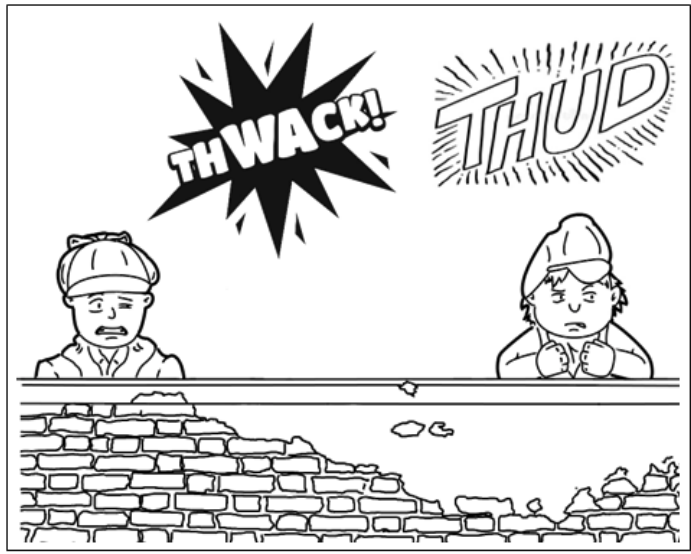
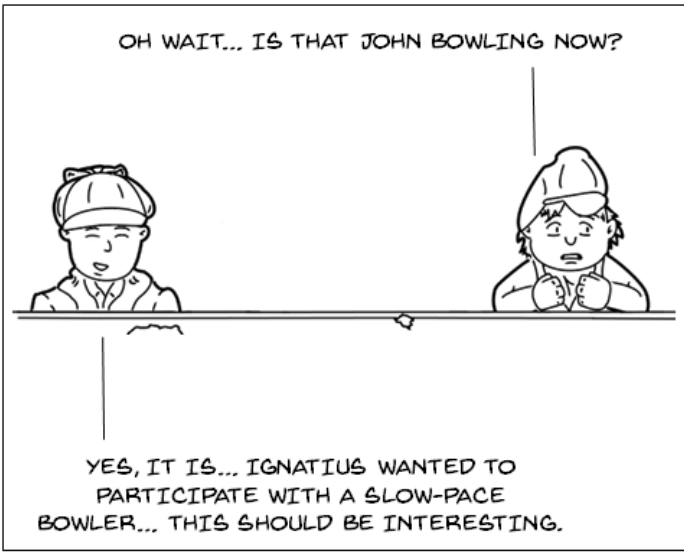
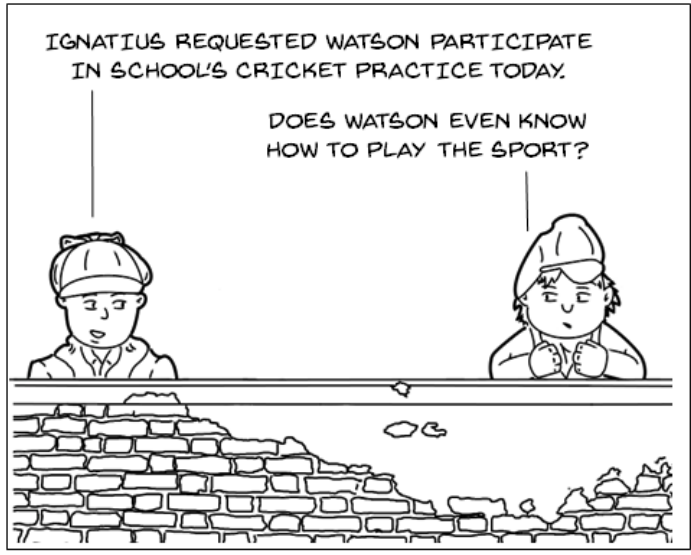
SORRY, SHERLOCK... I HAVE A SIMPLE MIND... I NEED SIMPLE ANSWERS.

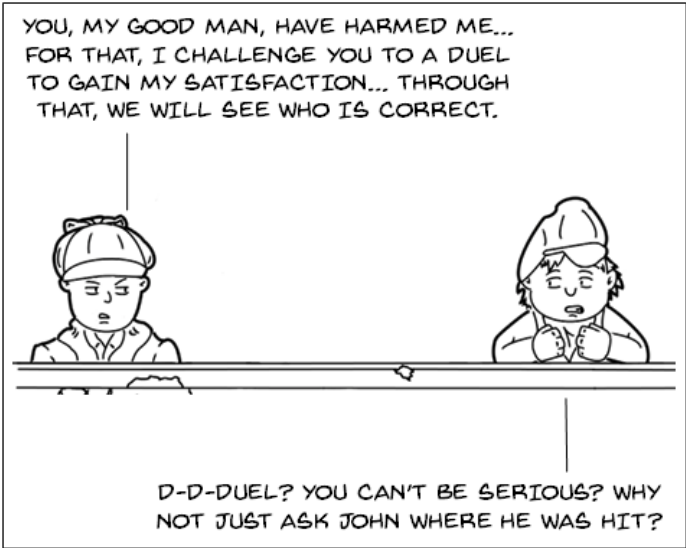
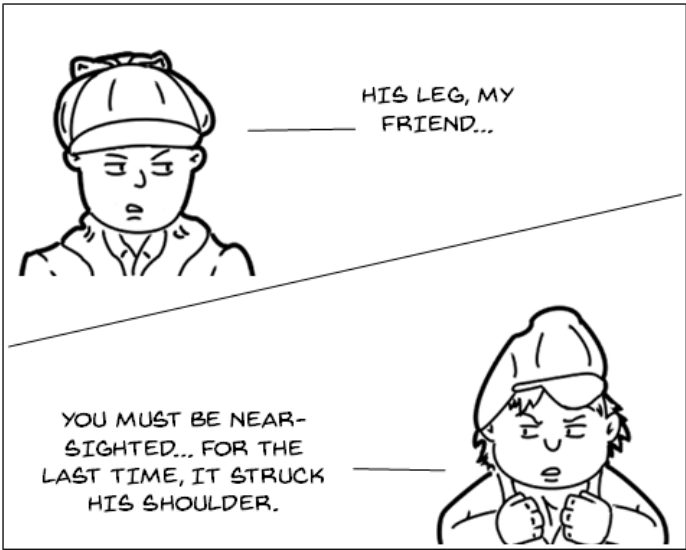




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MASTER STAMFORD, I ASSUME YOU
FINISHED THE DESCRIPTIVE PASSAGES
IN DAVID COPPERFIELD BY DICKENS.



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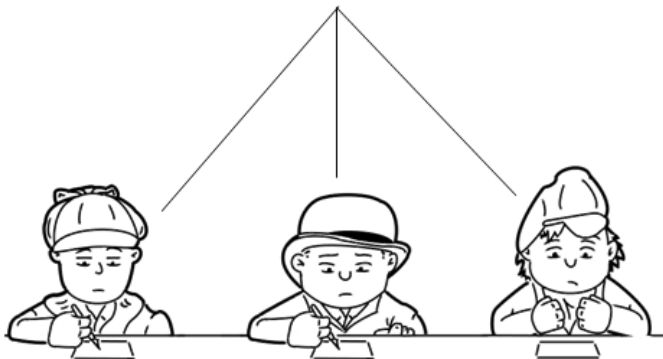
HAVE YOU CONCLUDED
ANYTHING ON HIS
STYLE OF WRITING?



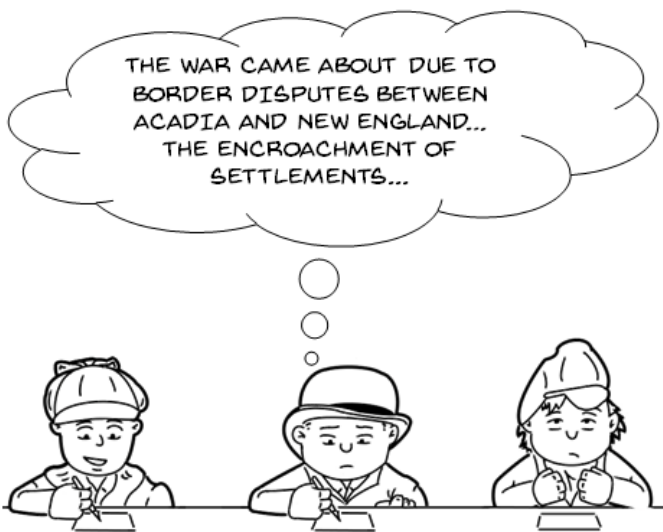
HE WAS GETTING PAID BY THE WORD?



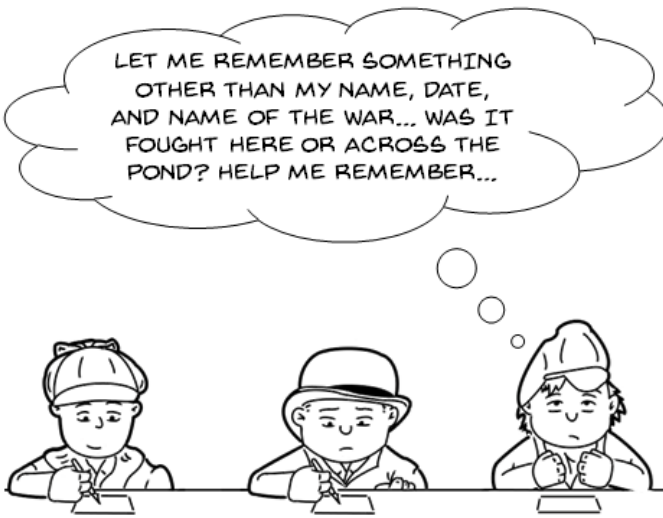
In your own words, provide the cause(s) of The Drummer's War, and an important battle fought during the war.



THE WAR CAME ABOUT DUE TO BORDER DISPUTES BETWEEN ACADIA AND NEW ENGLAND... THE ENCROACHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS...



LET ME REMEMBER SOMETHING OTHER THAN MY NAME, DATE, AND NAME OF THE WAR... WAS IT FOUGHT HERE OR ACROSS THE POND? HELP ME REMEMBER...



A grid of 48 stick figures arranged in 4 rows and 12 columns, representing a cypher.



WHAT? I CAN'T HELP IT IF ...'IN YOUR OWN WORDS'... IS FLAWED.



BESIDES, THIS CYPHER MAY BE USEFUL TO SOMEONE IN YEARS TO COME.

...OH...



WATSON, HOW DO YOU ALWAYS GET
ALL YOUR HOMEWORK DONE?

WELL, HOLMES, THE SECRET IS IN
MAKING THE MOST OF ONE'S TIME.



I DESPISE MAKING THE MOST OF ONE'S TIME...
HALF OF THE PLEASURES OF LIFE CONSIST OF
THE OPPORTUNITIES ONE HAS NEGLECTED.



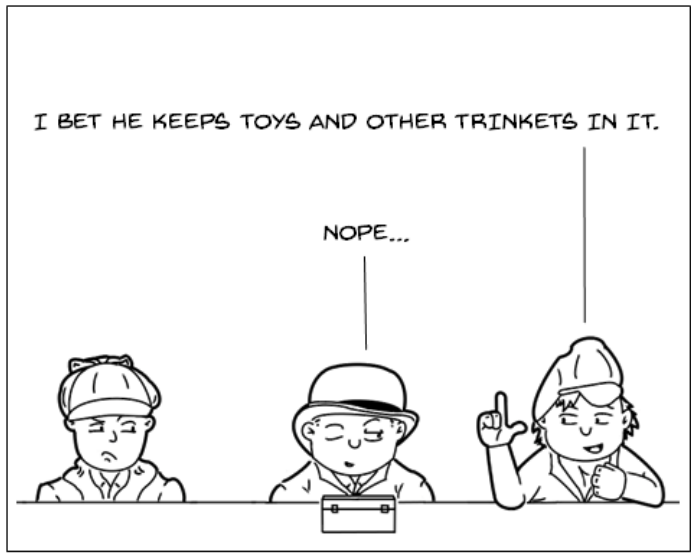
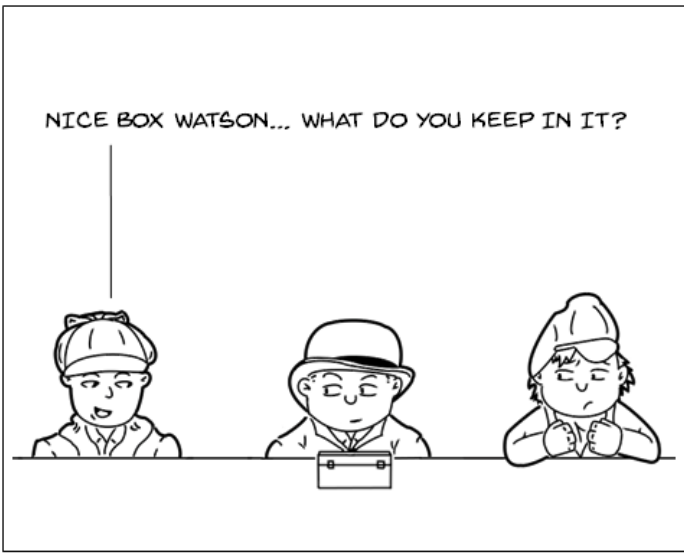
THAT DOESN'T SOUND
LIKE YOU, HOLMES.

REALLY, WATSON?

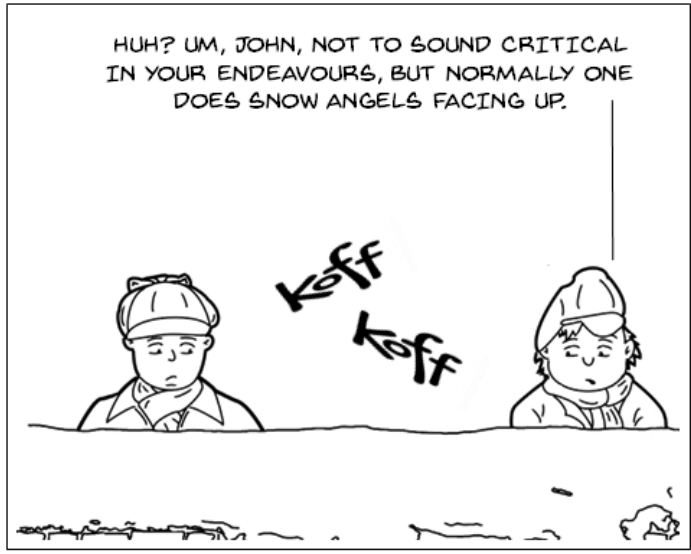
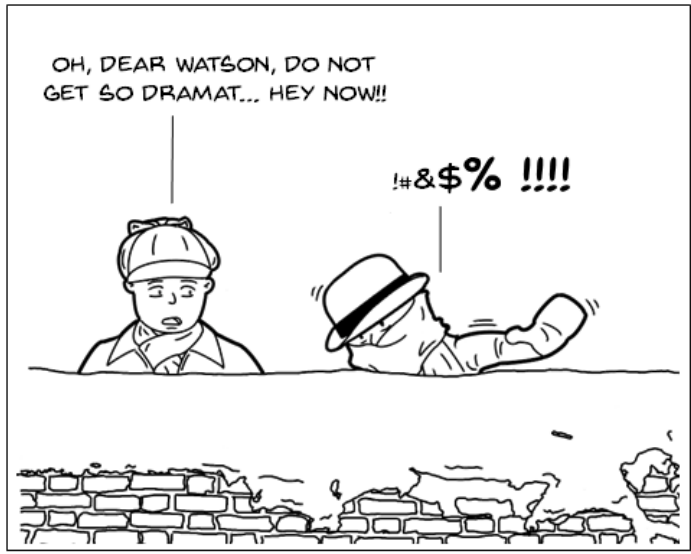
WELL, ALMOST.



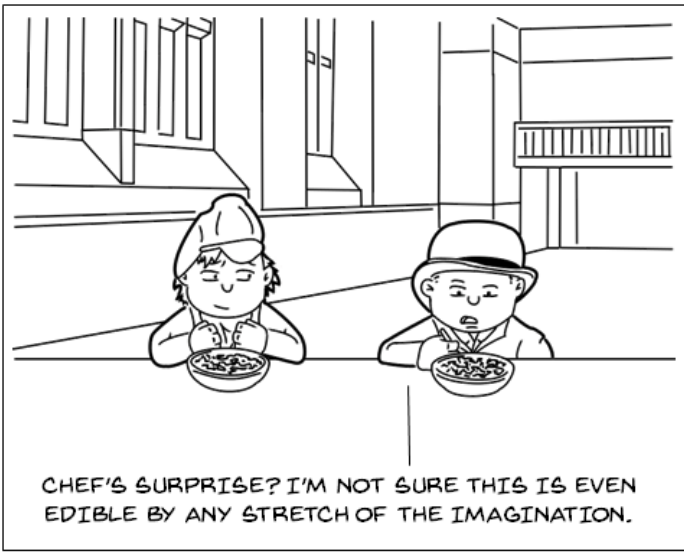
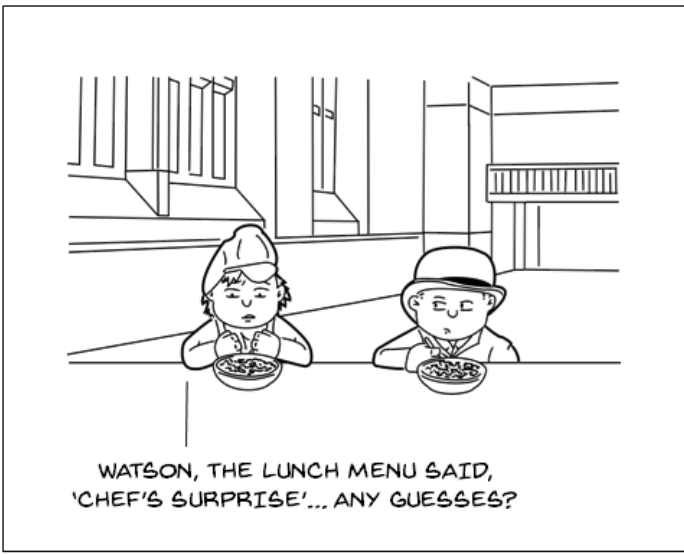
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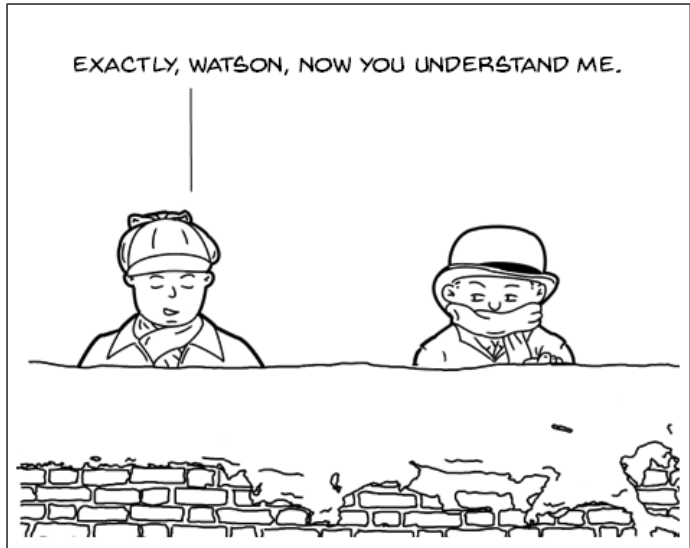


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CHRSTIMAS REALLY IS THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF THE YEAR, ISN'T IT, HOLMES?

THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF THE YEAR?



YES, THE PERFECT ENDING TO THE CALENDAR... A TIME FOR PUDDING CAKE, MINCED PIES, AND GEESE!

GEESE??



A TIME WHEN MEN FEEL A LITTLE EASIER DOFFING THEIR HATS TO ONE ANOTHER.



JEWELS! GEESE! HATS! WATSON, DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! CHRISTMAS HAS NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH JEWELS, GEESE, AND HATS!

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SO, HOLMES, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF OUR SISTER SCHOOL'S MUSIC PAGEANT? I WAS ENTHRALLED BY THE NEW STUDENT'S SOPRANO VOICE.



UNLESS MY EAR DECEIVES ME, I BELIEVE SHE WAS ACTUALLY SINGING AT A MEZZO-SOPRANO LEVEL.

LOOK, HERE SHE COMES NOW.

I HAVE STUDYING TO DO... OR SOMETHING.



HI, I'M LOST... CAN YOU HELP ME FIND THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE?

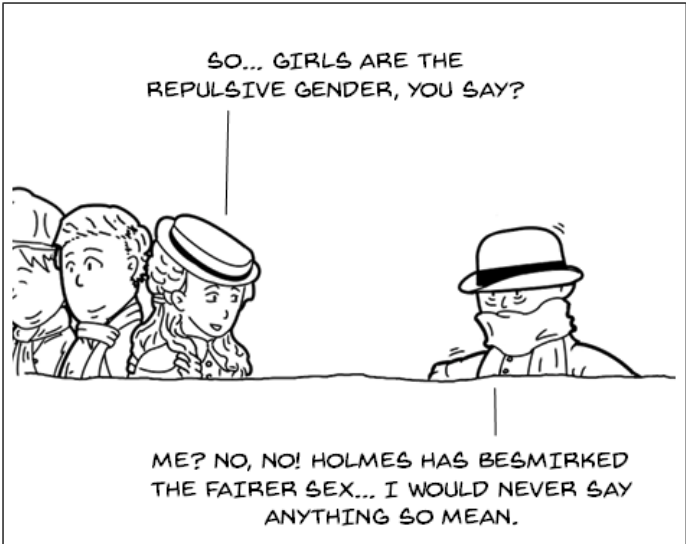
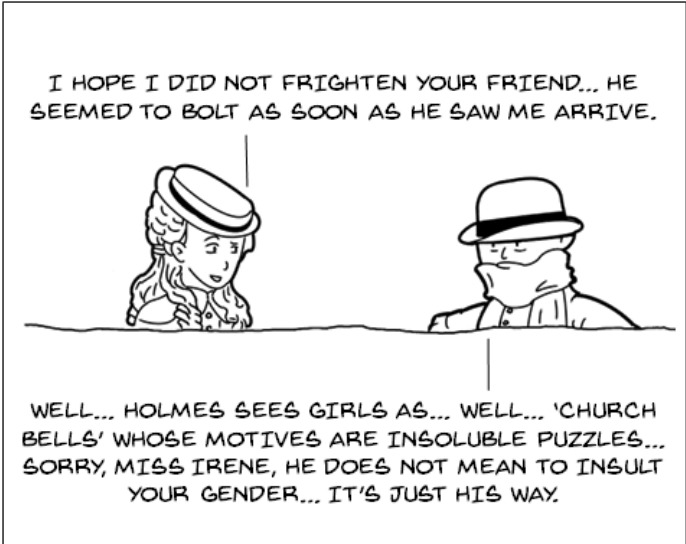


OF COURSE... YOU'RE THE EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM GREY COAT HOSPITAL? YOU HAVE A LOVELY VOICE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH... YES, MY NAME IS IRENE, FROM AMERICA... DID I FRIGHTEN YOUR FRIEND? HE RAN OFF IN A HURRY.



WHO, SHERLOCK? I BELIEVE HE'S SUFFERING FROM A FELINE WHO RECENTLY PILFERED HIS TONGUE.



GOOD AFTERNOON, JOHN.



HEE HEE... SHE KISSED ME... KISSED...
ME... OH NO! DID I GET CUDIES? OH, NO!
NO, NO, NO! I NEED TO FIND HOLMES!



GOT TO GET TO HOLMES! NOT AGAIN!!



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SO, HOLMES AND I ARE TO HELP TUTOR YOU IN YOUR FIRST LESSONS... FIRST QUESTION... NAME THE DAYS OF THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER 'T'.



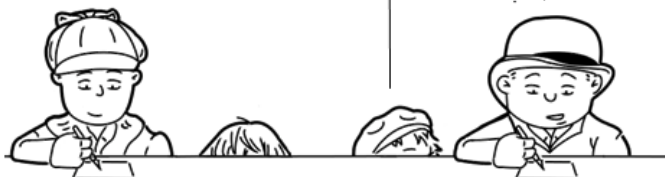
UMMM... TODAY, AND TOMORROW?

HMMM... I GUESS THAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE ANSWER.



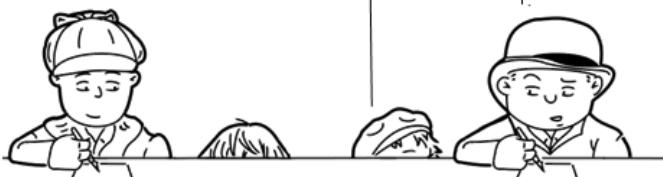
MOVING ALONG... THIS ONE IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT... HOW MANY SECONDS ARE IN A YEAR... SO, IF WE KNOW THERE ARE 60 SECONDS IN A MINUTE, 60 MINUTES IN AN HOUR, AND...

...12 SECONDS?

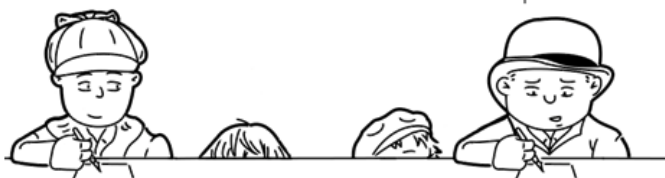


12? HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THAT?

YOU KNOW... JANUARY 2ND, FEBRUARY 2ND, MARCH 2ND...

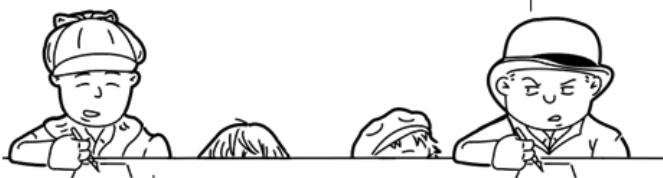


WHILE YOUR ANSWERS ARE... CORRECT IN A WAY, I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS HOW YOUR LESSONS ARE... WAIT...



I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING THIS IS YOUR DOING, HOLMES... DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE TEACHING THE YOUNG'UNS THIS WAY?

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CLUE WHAT YOU ARE IMPLYING.



HELLO, MR. MORLEY... MR. NEWNES... WE HAVE NOT SEEN YOU IN A WHILE... ANY EXCITING SCANDALS DEVELOPING FOR THE SCHOOL PAPER?



WE'RE WORKING OUT DETAILS OF A NEW CLUB... WE PLAN TO MEET DURING LUNCH, AND DISCUSS THE EVENTS OF THE DAY, AS WELL AS STORIES WE HAVE READ...



UMMM... SOUNDS SLIGHTLY BORING TO ME.

I MIGHT GO SO FAR AS TO STATE, THE CLUB WILL PURSUE THE ONLY LASTING SATISFACTION ALLOWED TO HUMANITY, TO WIT, THE SYMPATHETIC STUDY OF OTHER MEN'S MINDS.



SO, JOHN AND SHERLOCK, CAN WE COUNT ON THE TWO OF YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR NOBLE PURSUIT?



SORRY, BUT I TEND TOWARD CLUBS THAT MAY INVOLVE THE USE OF PLAYING CARDS.

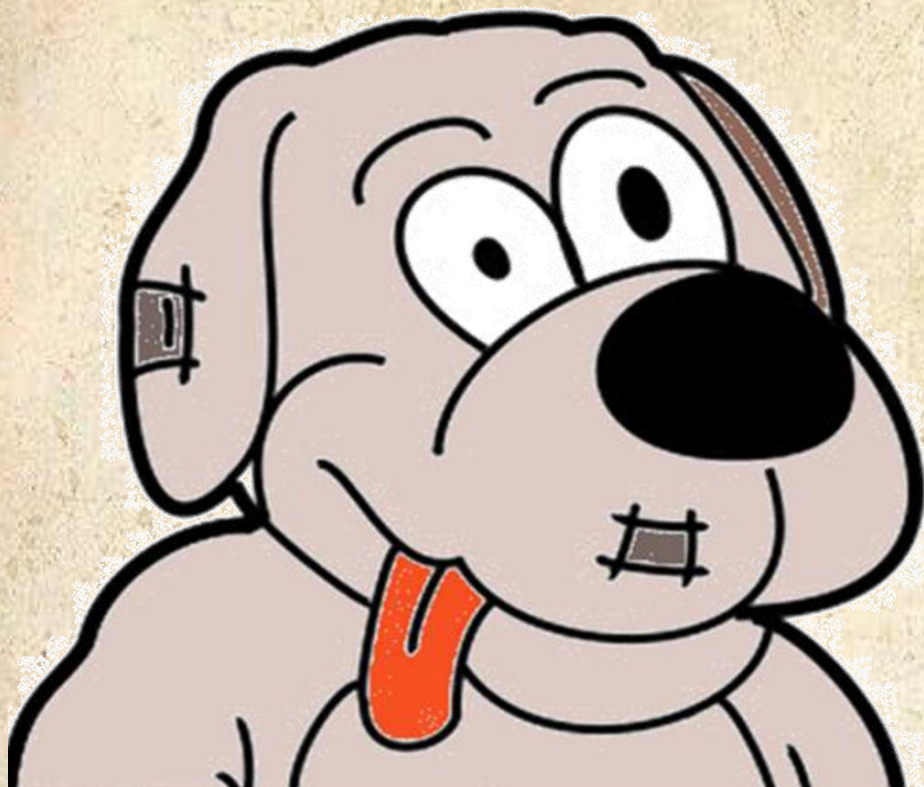


GEE, SUCH 'PRIMA DONNAS,' AS IF YOU TWO ARE EVEN REMOTELY INTERESTING.

BUT WHO KNOWS, SOME DAY WE MAY DISCUSS YOUR EXPLOITS.



... AND I TEND TO FOCUS ON THE MORE SENSATIONAL ASPECTS OF LIFE, WHICH IS MORE INTERESTING THAN DISCUSSING PRESENT-DAY POLITICS OR SOCIAL ISSUES.



Home of the Hounds

