



# Pink 'Un



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“When you see a man with whiskers of that cut and the ‘**Pink 'Un**’ protruding out of his pocket, you can always draw him by a bet”—  
Sherlock Holmes, “The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle”

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## I Find It Recorded in My Notebook . . .

The Hansom Wheels met at The Palmetto Club on February 15 with the following folks in attendance: **Richard Blenko, Joyce Crout, Mary Dematteis, Patricia Estes, Kay Hensley, Carl and Elaine Johnson, Becky and Kevin Lewis, George and Sarah Linder, Jamie McCulloch, Pat McNeely, Ashby and Joann Morton, Nadia Eileen Mostafa, Julie Smoak, Monte Steedley, Michelle Taylor, Patti Wilkes, Barbara Yongue**, and **Your Editor, Phil Dematteis aka The Tantalus**.

After we finished our dinner, I announced that the game was afoot; we toasted *the* woman, Irene Adler; and we were led in the responsive reading of The Musgrave Ritual by **Barbara Yongue**.

We proceeded to the Happy Hour Posers, in which the object is to decipher the titles of stories from the Canon encoded in the form of puns. This time, in honor of our late program director, **Bob Robinson**, whose papers had recently been donated to the Sherlock Holmes Collection of the Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota and to the Baker Street Irregulars Collection in the Eli Lilly Library at Indiana University by **Myrtle Robinson**, we used some of **Bob's** old Posers: 1. Recent trends in French auto production = latest France's Car Facts = “(The Disappearance of) Lady Frances Carfax.” 2. The entertainer's greatest dread = “The Empty House.” 3. Caress the nudist's calves = handle the basker's veals = *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. 4. The pancake chef = the crepe-ing man = “The Creeping Man.”

The Featured Presentation of the evening was “*The Hound of the Baskervilles* On-Screen.” **Jennie Paton**, who has been a Hansom Wheels member since 1990 but moved away and has been living in a ghost town\* in California for the last twenty-five years or so, is a collector of movies, TV shows, commercials—any kind of moving-image production related to Sherlock Holmes. She has more than 35,000 of these and is still acquiring

more. She didn't want to do a Zoom presentation because she gets bad audio, so she sent me clips of scenes from the endings of twenty-two *Hound* movies and TV episodes; I cut them down to eight, which **George Linder** played on his laptop, which was hooked up to a projector, and I provided commentary. They were the 1921 British silent film starring Eille Norwood as Holmes and Hubert Willis as Watson; a 1929 German silent version, *Der Hund von Baskerville*, starring the American actor Carlyle Blackwell as Holmes and the Russian actor George Seroff as Watson; the 1939 Basil Rathbone-Nigel Bruce version, the first Holmes movie *not* updated to the period when it was made but correctly set in the Victorian era; the 1959 Hammer Films production starring Peter Cushing and André Morell; the infamous 1978 comedy version with Peter Cook and Dudley Moore; the 1988 Granada Studios TV episode with Jeremy Brett as Holmes and Edward Hardwicke as Watson; a Russian TV episode from 2013, “Sobaka Baskervilley,” starring Igor Petrenko as Holmes and Andrei Panin as Watson, which has nothing to do with the original story but has Queen Victoria giving Holmes a dog as a reward for his services; and our own Hansom Wheels Christmas 1990 production starring **John Wrisley** as Holmes, the late **Bill Brown** as Watson, and a toy Snoopy as the Hound. Owing to lack of time, we had to skip the 2016 episode of the CBS TV series *Elementary* titled “Hounded,” starring Jonny Lee Miller as Holmes and Lucy Liu as Joan Watson, in which the Hound is a robot dog.

We finished up, as always, with a group reading of Vincent Starrett's Sacred Sonnet, “221B,” and went home, went to sleep, and had nightmares about our own pet dogs attacking us and tearing our throats out.

\*I'm not kidding: Randsburg is a state-certified ghost town in the Mojave Desert with a population of sixty-nine in the 2010 census.

## For April: An Unpublished Adventure!

The Hansom Wheels will meet at **7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 18**, at **The Palmetto Club**, 1231 Sumter Street. The Featured Presentation will be **Your Editor's** original story, “The Adventure of the Obvious Deductions.” The Assigned Reading will be “The Stockbroker's Clerk.” The price for dinner will be **\$40.00** per person; adult beverages will be available. If you have not already made your reservation(s), please do so by emailing [hansomwheels@aol.com](mailto:hansomwheels@aol.com) by **12:00 noon on**

**Monday, April 15**. If you want to add an extra person after you reserve, please email that same address. If you *have* made a reservation and need to **cancel, the deadline for that is also noon on the 15th**. We will be charged for all the meals we have ordered by that time, whether they are eaten or not; so if you cancel after the deadline or just don't show up, we will regretfully be forced to ask you to cough up \$40.00 (\$80.00 for a couple) anyway. See you there!

## Happy Hour Posers (Name the Adventures):

1. Carole Lombard's husband lost all of his money on a bad investment. (Answer requires British pronunciation.)
2. He played his brass wind instrument (not a bugle) as the coffin was lowered into the grave.
3. Still on the theme of wind instruments: It was a woodwind from hell!
4. Archie Andrews's rich brunette girlfriend has a sister named after a woody leguminous vine of the southeastern U.S. with compound leaves and blue, white, purple, or rose flowers.

### Photos from the Meeting

Courtesy of Richard Blenko, Mary Dematteis, and Barbara Yongue



Barbara Yongue leads  
*The Musgrave Ritual*



The Tantalus shows a scene from  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles*



Carl and Elaine Johnson and their guest, Nadia Eileen Mostafa



Ashby and Joann Morton



George and Sarah Linder



Barbara Yongue's table (from left): Kay Hensley, Michelle Taylor, Barbara, Patti Wilkes, Patricia Estes



Kevin and Becky Lewis



Mr. and Mrs. Tantalus  
(Phil and Mary Dematteis)



Jamie McCullough



Julie Smoak



Richard Blenko and Joyce Crout



Pat McNeely

Unfortunately, we didn't get a picture of Monte Steedley; but he was there, I tell you! I saw him with my own eyes!