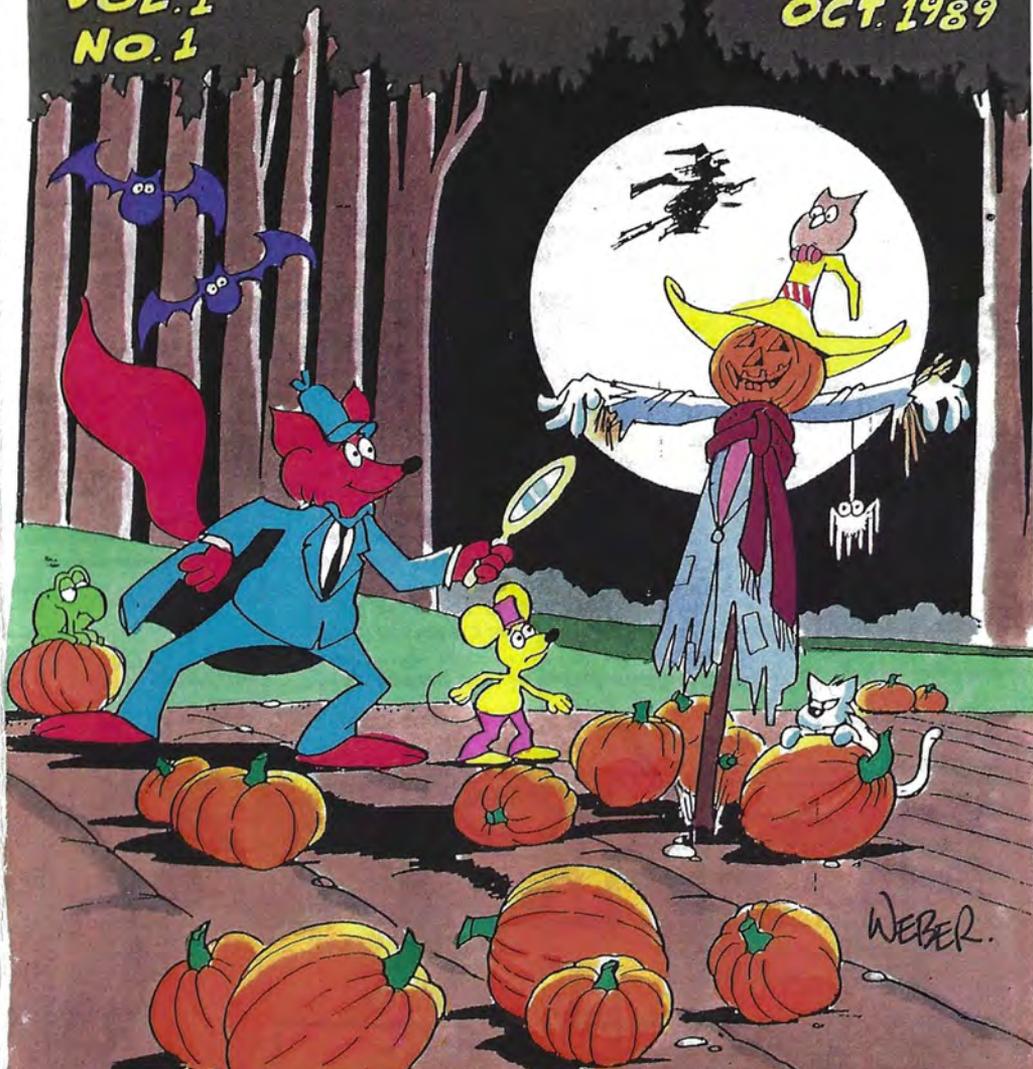


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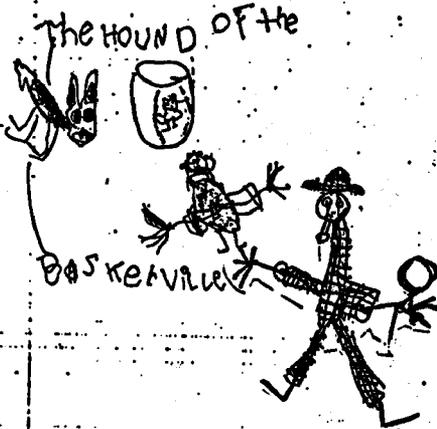
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favorite school?
Answer: Elementary
School, of course.

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PUMPKIN PATCH PUZZLE



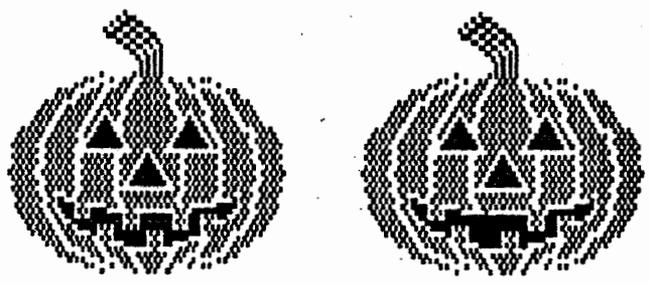
We need your help!
 Our pumpkin patch
 is in a frightful
 state. We asked
 Freaky Franky



to carve up eight
 identical pumpkins
 for Halloween and
 he blew it! Can
 you find the two
 Jack-O-Lanterns
 that are the same?
 You'll need to pay
 attention to small
 details just like
 Sherlock Holmes
 did. Good Luck!

Answer:

Starting in the
 upper left corner,
 while counting,
 numbers one and
 seven are the
 same. How did
 you do?





THE BOOK CORNER
"From Sherlock's Shelf"
Reviews by Kathy Belcher



There are many children's stories that imitate Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes. The main character, whether it be a dog, mole, mouse or child, wears a deerstalker, carries a magnifying glass and uses a deductive reasoning that would make Sherlock proud.

Listed below are books geared for second/third grade readers, however Preschool "listeners" will find these stories interesting if the reader is an enthusiastic one. Older readers will find enjoyment in these tales also.

1. "The Detective of London" by Robert Krous and Bruce Kruce - This story involves a dog detective investigating the disappearance of dinosaur bones. Set in London during Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, the color drawings are accurate reproductions of London landmarks.

2. "Detective Arthur In The Case Of The Mysterious Stranger" by Mary J. Fulton - Detective Arthur keeps careful notes on a mysterious stranger. Arthur is convinced that the stranger is a robber and is ready to capture him red-handed when.....

3. "Nate The Great" and "Nate The Great Goes Undercover" by Marjorie W. Sharmat - In the first tale, Nate investigates the mysterious disappearance of a dog painting. In the second book, he tries to figure out who is raiding Oliver's garbage can each night. Cute illustrations and easy to read text make this book a favorite with most children.

Check your local library for these books or do some detective work of your own at your nearest bookstore.

CHALLENGE

You and a friend can now test your clue-finding skills in the fog drenched streets of London. Shortly before dawn, the safe at Cox and Co. Bank was dynamited, and several thugs wearing jack-o-lantern masks were seen fleeing the building. Sherlock Holmes has deduced that this caper was the handiwork of the evil Professor Moriarty's gang. Holmes must now round up his colleagues before he can apprehend the villains. Likewise, Moriarty is collecting his gang in order to make his escape. If Holmes gathers his friends first, the thugs will be

H I K I D L W W N M K
Q L H E V E H A V E A
F T O X C S L O T O F
A W L W A T S O N M F
X C M Y C R O F T W U
M W E H G A D B E R N
U Y S D A D D E Y H I
W O O L I E B Y E B Y

SHERLOCK HOLMES'S TEAM



Sherlock HOLMES - the world's first and only consulting detective.

Dr. John WATSON - friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes.



Inspector G. LESTRADE - an inspector at Scotland Yard.

MYCROFT Holmes - the older brother of Sherlock Holmes.



TOBY - the dog used for tracking by Sherlock Holmes in "The Sign Of The Four".

WORD SEARCH

caught and justice will be served. If Moriarty should find all of his henchmen first, then the villains will escape to plot yet another crime. RULES: 1. One player will take Holmes's side, the other player will take Moriarty's. 2. Each player shall search his letter grid for the 5 names described below his grid. 3. Only part of each name is hidden in the grid. 4. The first player to find all 5 names wins. 5. If you can not find another player, play one side at a time and time yourself on each - the grid you finish fastest will determine the winner. Have Fun!

M R M I L V E R T O N
G O O H I T H E R E Y
C Y R K I D H A V E D
T L I A F U N W I T H
M O A K N R T H I S P
H T R Y G A M E I D O
F T T H O P E Y O U Q
S E Y E N J O Y I T Z

PROF. MORIARTY'S TEAM

Prof. James MORIARTY - the mathematical professor Sherlock Holmes called "the Napoleon of Crime".



Col. Sebastian MORAN - chief of staff for Moriarty's evil organization.

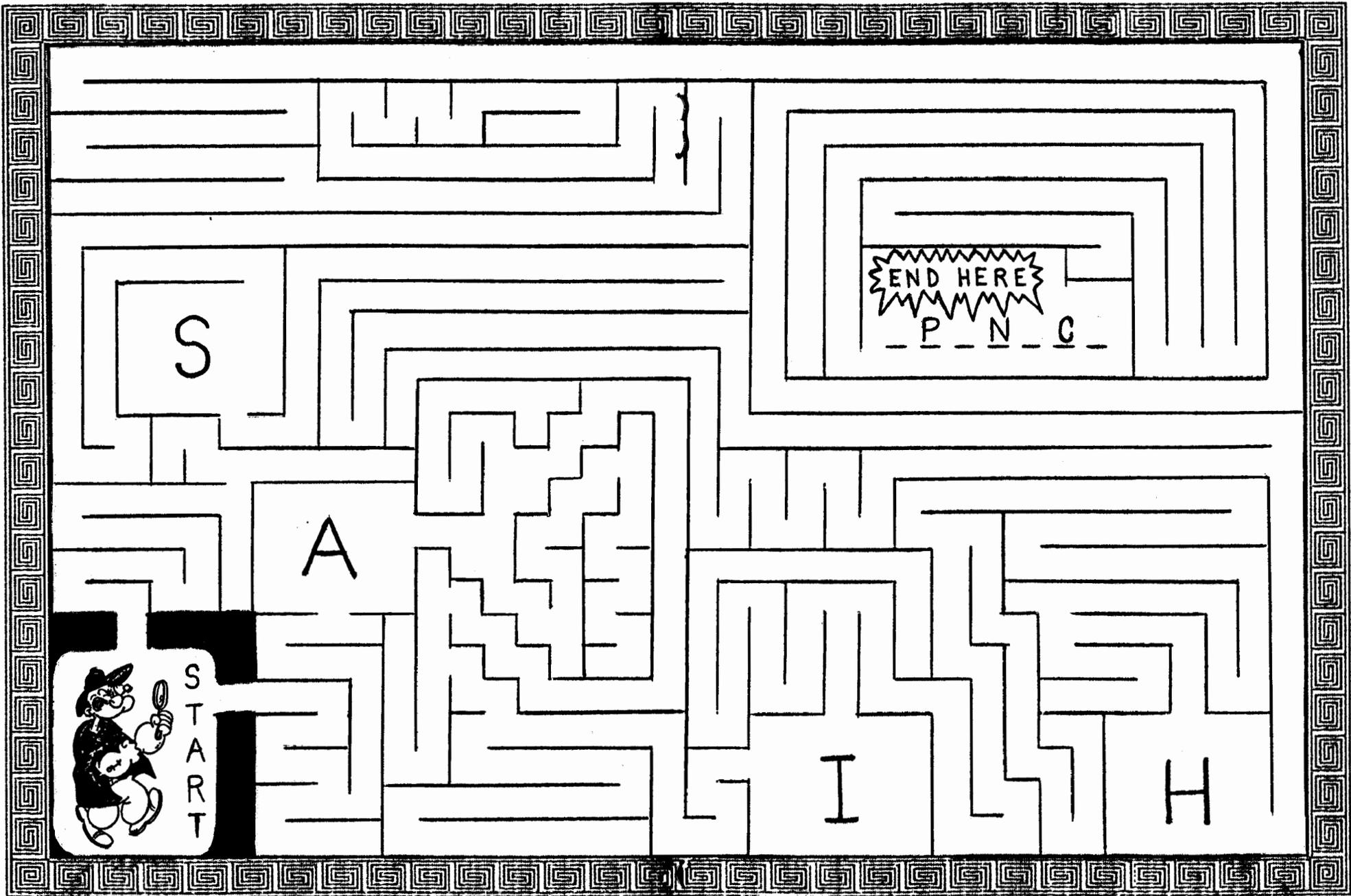
John CLAY - the swindler/thief from "The Adventure of the Red-Headed League".



Grimesby ROYLOTT - villain from "The Adventure of the Speckled Band".

Charles Augustus MILVERTON - the man whom Sherlock Holmes called "the worst man in London".





- THAT'S A MAZE-ING -



The residents of Sweet Haven have asked Private Eye Popeye to investigate the recent robberies that have plagued their community. Help the one-eyed sailor/sleuth travel through the maze, find the missing clues, and fill in the blanks at the end of the maze to discover the treasure they have lost.

GOOD LUCK!

WHO'S BEEN NIBBLING ON MRS. APPLETON'S PIE?

By Karen Gilpin

Mrs. Appleton had an apple tree in her back yard. She took great care of her tree all summer. Everyone said that her apples were the best in town. There was nothing Mrs. Appleton enjoyed more than using her apples to make delicious goodies. She made apple bread, apple cake, apple cookies, and carmel apples for Halloween. But she took special pride in her apple pies.

Mrs. Appleton woke up bright and early one morning and decided it would be a good day to bake a pie. She went outside to pick some apples from her tree. While she was working, Mr. Cramer, the milkman came by. He called to Mrs. Appleton, "Good morning. It's a beautiful day isn't it?"

Mrs. Appleton replied, "A good day for making apple pie!"

Mr. Cramer said, "I sure would like to help you eat that pie, but I've got to finish my deliveries." Then he went on his way. Mrs. Appleton kept on picking her apples. Soon a squirrel came by.

"Hello Mrs. Appleton! I just wanted to thank you for letting me eat the apples that fall on the ground. They sure are delicious. They'll also help me grow big and fat for the winter." said the squirrel.

"I'm glad you like them Mr. Squirrel. I don't use apples that fall to the ground because they have bruises on them. I only use perfect apples." Mrs. Appleton replied.

Mrs. Appleton finished picking the apples she needed for her pie and went into her kitchen. Before she could get started cleaning and peeling the apples, her doorbell rang. It was Mr. Nailor,

the postman. "Good morning Mrs. Appleton. Here's your mail." he said.

"Good morning Mr. Nailor. It sure is a fine day for making pie, wouldn't you say?" said Mrs. Appleton.

Mr. Nailor replied, "It's a good day for pie any day, especially if it's one of your apple pies. I sure would enjoy a piece after I finish my mail route."

Mrs. Appleton just smiled and returned to her work in the kitchen. She set to work peeling and slicing her apples. She was peeling the last apple when she noticed a worm hole in it. She began to slice it and she found the worm! "Oh dear, this one will never do. I only use perfect apples for my pies." she said. And with that she tossed the apple, worm and all, in the trash.

Mrs. Appleton finished her pie, baked it, and set it on the windowsill to cool. But to her surprise, when she came back to check on the pie, it had been nibbled on! Who had been nibbling on Mrs. Appleton's pie?! She looked around the window. There were fingerprints on the windowsill. She looked outside to see if there were any footprints. There were footprints under the window. Then she spied Mr. Squirrel. "Mr. Squirrel," she called, "have you been nibbling on my pie?"

"No, I've been here under the apple tree eating these bruised apples." answered the squirrel. He then added that he had not seen anyone but her, Mr. Cramer and Mr. Nailor all morning.

This was a puzzle. Mrs. Appleton went to her porch swing and sat down to think. (She did her best thinking on her porch swing.) Pretty soon Mr. Cramer came by in his delivery truck. He stopped to ask if Mrs. Appleton wanted some ice cream for her pie. Mrs.

Appleton said "No, someone's been nibbling on my pie and I can't figure out who could have done it. This is a puzzle." She then told Mr. Cramer she had seen footprints and fingerprints and Mr. Squirrel had only seen him, Mr. Nailor, and her. So Mr. Cramer sat down to think too.

When Mr. Nailor drove by and saw Mr. Cramer and Mrs. Appleton on her porch he decided to stop. Mrs. Appleton explained everything to the mailman. Mr. Nailor sat down to think too. They all sat and thought for a while, then Mr. Cramer said, "Let's take a look at that pie and the windowsill." So they all went into the kitchen to see the pie. They looked at it for a while when suddenly Mr. Nailor exclaimed, "Ah-hah! Who's that?" Mrs. Appleton and Mr. Cramer looked closer, and sure enough, there was someone on the windowsill next to the pie. It was a small, fat worm.

"Who are you?" asked Mrs. Appleton.

"I'm Edgar. You seem to be puzzled by something. May I be of any help?" the worm asked politely.

"Well, we're trying to figure out whose fingerprints these are on the sill and whose footprints those are on the ground below the window." said Mrs. Appleton. Edgar crawled slowly over to the fingerprints.

"Hmm. . . These fingerprints were made with flour. Has anyone been using flour around here?" asked Edgar.

Mrs. Appleton looked surprised and said, "Well, yes, I used flour to bake my pie."

"Then these must be your fingerprints." said Mr. Nailor to Mrs. Appleton. Edgar continued, "The footprints on the ground are pretty small. They also have a kind of

squiggly pattern and they are definitely flat because there's no heel imprint. I'd guess these footprints were made by someone wearing sneakers."

The three people all looked down at their shoes. Only one was wearing sneakers. It was. . . Mrs. Appleton! Mr. Cramer said, "Those are your footprints, and your fingerprints! You must have been nibbling your own pie!"

Edgar started to laugh. "Ha! Ha! Mrs. Appleton didn't nibble on her pie." But before he could say anything else, Mr. Squirrel jumped up to the windowsill. He said, "I've been listening and Edgar is right. Mrs. Appleton made those footprints when she walked into the house with the apples. And I didn't see anyone, even Mrs. Appleton, after she put the pie down to cool."

"Right you are Mr. Squirrel. Mrs. Appleton did not nibble on her own pie." said Edgar.

The three looked at each other and all said at once. "Who has been nibbling on the pie?"

Edgar just giggled, "I did!"

"Why didn't you tell us that?" They all asked.

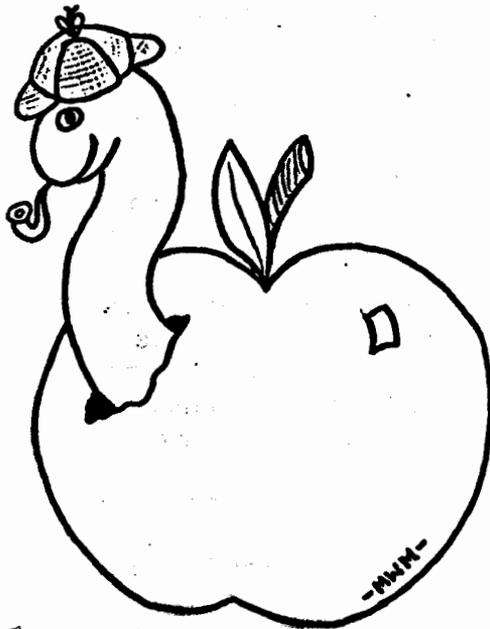
"You didn't ask until just now. You were asking about the fingerprints and footprints." said the fat little worm. "I don't have fingers or feet and I was too small for Mr. Squirrel to see."

"But why did you nibble on my pie?" asked Mrs. Appleton.

"I was in the apple you threw away. I didn't want to stay in the trash, so I decided to go back outside and try some more of your apples. When you and Mr. Squirrel were talking this morning, you mentioned that you didn't use the bruised apples. I was going to eat some

of them. That way, I wouldn't get picked again to be used in another pie. But, it's a long way for a worm to travel to get outside. So, I'm sorry, but I nibbled on your pie because I was hungry from my long trip. That's why, and I'm truly sorry if I ruined your pie." Edgar explained and apologized.

Mrs. Appleton smiled. "Thank you for saying you're sorry. You haven't ruined anything. I made an extra pie so I would have it to share with Mr. Cramer and Mr. Nailor after they were through with their work. If Mr. Squirrel doesn't mind, he can share the pie you nibbled on. Now we all can have pie. There's nothing better than hot apple pie on a cool autumn day." Mr. Cramer brought in some ice cream from his dairy truck and everyone spent the rest of the day eating apple pie.



"...a remarkable worm said to be unknown to science."

A quote from the Sherlock Holmes adventure
"The Problem of Thor Bridge"
by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



Slylock fox

CHIEF MUTT CANT DO POLICE WORK TODAY BECAUSE OVERNIGHT HIS WOOL UNIFORMS WERE DESTROYED. DR. WEIRDLY SAYS THAT THE CHIEF'S CLOSET MUST HAVE BEEN INVADED BY HUNGRY MOTHS. UPON INSPECTION, SLYLOCK FOX DID INDEED FIND MOTHS FLYING IN THE CLOSET. DOES SLYLOCK AGREE WITH DR. WEIRDLY'S EXPLANATION?



SOLUTION — NO, SLYLOCK KNOWS THAT ADULT MOTHS DO NOT EAT WOOL. IT IS ONLY WHEN THEY ARE BABES IN THE CATERPILLAR STAGE THAT THEY DO. SLYLOCK THINKS THAT DR. WEIRDLY SECRETLY PUT THE ADULT MOTHS IN THE CLOSET AS A DECOY, AND THAT WEIRDLY IS REALLY THE ONE WHO DESTROYED CHIEF MUTT'S UNIFORMS.

Slylock fox

CHIEF MUTT HAS ACCUSED WANDA WEASEL OF SPEEDING. WANDA CLAIMS SHE HASNT EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT SINCE LEAVING HER JOB AT THE DINER 15 MINUTES AGO. SLYLOCK FOX KNOWS WANDA WEASEL IS LYING. HOW?



SOLUTION — THE DINER MANAGER CONFIRMED THAT WANDA LEFT WORK FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO. THE ONLY WAY SHE COULD HAVE COME TEN MILES IN FIFTEEN MINUTES IF SHE WERE TRAVELING AN AVERAGE OF FORTY MILES PER HOUR.

Slylock fox

Someone stole wood furniture from several homes in the forest. Slylock Fox suspects Shady Shrew took the furniture and used it as firewood. Shady denies stealing the furniture and claims the only wood he burned was logs. What evidence suggests Shady is lying?



SOLUTION — Slylock found nails among the logs in the fireplace. Logs do not usually contain nails, but furniture does.

Slylock fox

Granny Squirrel left a glass containing her false teeth on an open windowsill. Now the teeth are missing. Slylock Fox and Max Mouse are searching for them. Show your own detective skills by telling Slylock where the teeth are.



SOLUTION — You have probably noticed the teeth protruding from the frog's mouth. Since frogs don't have teeth, you have found the loot snitcher.