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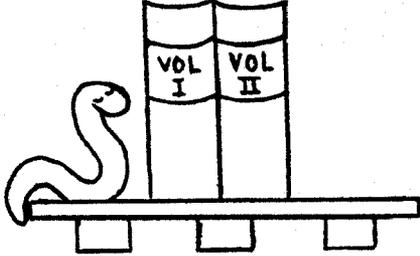
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BILLY'S PAGE



A two volume set of Sherlock Holmes adventures stands on a bookshelf in normal order. The covers are each 1/4 inch thick, and the pages of each book total three inches. If a bookworm started with the title page (page #1) of Vol. 1 and ate his way to the last page of Vol. 2, how far would he travel?

- A. Less than 1 inch
- B. 1 inch
- C. 2 inches
- D. Over 2 inches

The answer is A. Less than 1 inch. He would only travel 1/2 an inch (thickness of 2 covers) since Vol. 1 page 1 is next to the last page of Vol. 2.

Dr. Watson: "Lestrade, you always remind me of London."
Inspector L.: "Because of my English accent?"
Dr. W.: "No, because you're always in a fog!"

BE MY VALENTINE
 Knock! Knock!
 Who's There?
 Sherlock.
 Sherlock Who?
 Sherlock you alot!

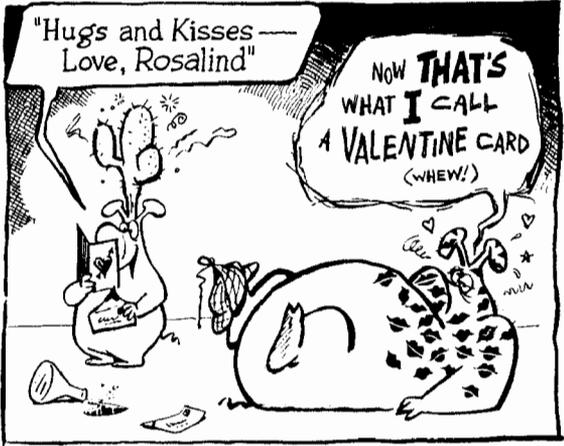
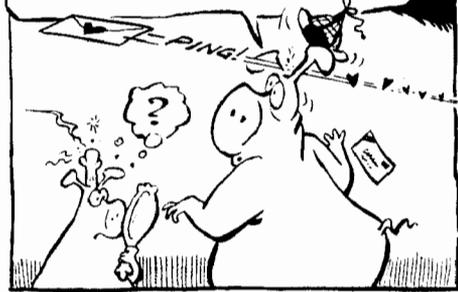
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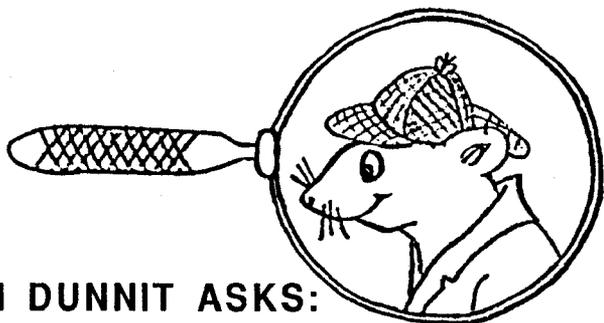
AND ONE POOR, FRIGHTENED MIME FELT COMPELLED TO WRITE TO ME, IN THE FRANTIC HOPE THAT I'LL NOT FAIL HIM



HOW? IT'S A MERE CHILD'S PLAY OF DEDUCTION. THE CLUES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AND I KNOW A DESPERATE CRY FOR HELP WHEN I SEE ONE (what the...?)



J. Decker B.S.I.



HUGH DUNNIT ASKS: WHAT IS IT?

Hugh Dunit, our mysterious mouse detective has listed eight clues to the above question. Using your best detective skills, and a little luck, read one clue at a time (in any order) and see how many clues it takes you to solve the mystery of **What Is it?**

- 1) I used to be last and I'm shorter than my eleven sisters.
- 2) I am longer when you leap.
- 3) My name comes from the Latin word which means "to make clean".
- 4) People living in Olde England called me Kale-monath, for kale is a kind of cabbage.
- 5) Later my name was changed to Sol-monath, in honor of the sun.
- 6) Due to an old, German superstition, the badgers and ground hog have a special day with me.
- 7) I offer a time for love.
- 8) Unscramble **FURY BARE** to discover my name.

Answer on page 23.



Shadow Art

You can create some HANDsome art work with your bare hands and some light. Below we've illustrated four animal shadows from the Sherlock Holmes adventures.



The horse from **SILVER BLAZE**



The goose from **THE BLUE CARBUNCLE**

After you've mastered these examples, experiment with others. If you come up with new shapes be sure to let us know!



The ape used in **THE CREEPING MAN**



The dog from **THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES**

OLMES 'N WATSON

THE WEAPON USED
IS UNUSUAL



THO' THE WOUND IS
NOT SERIOUS...

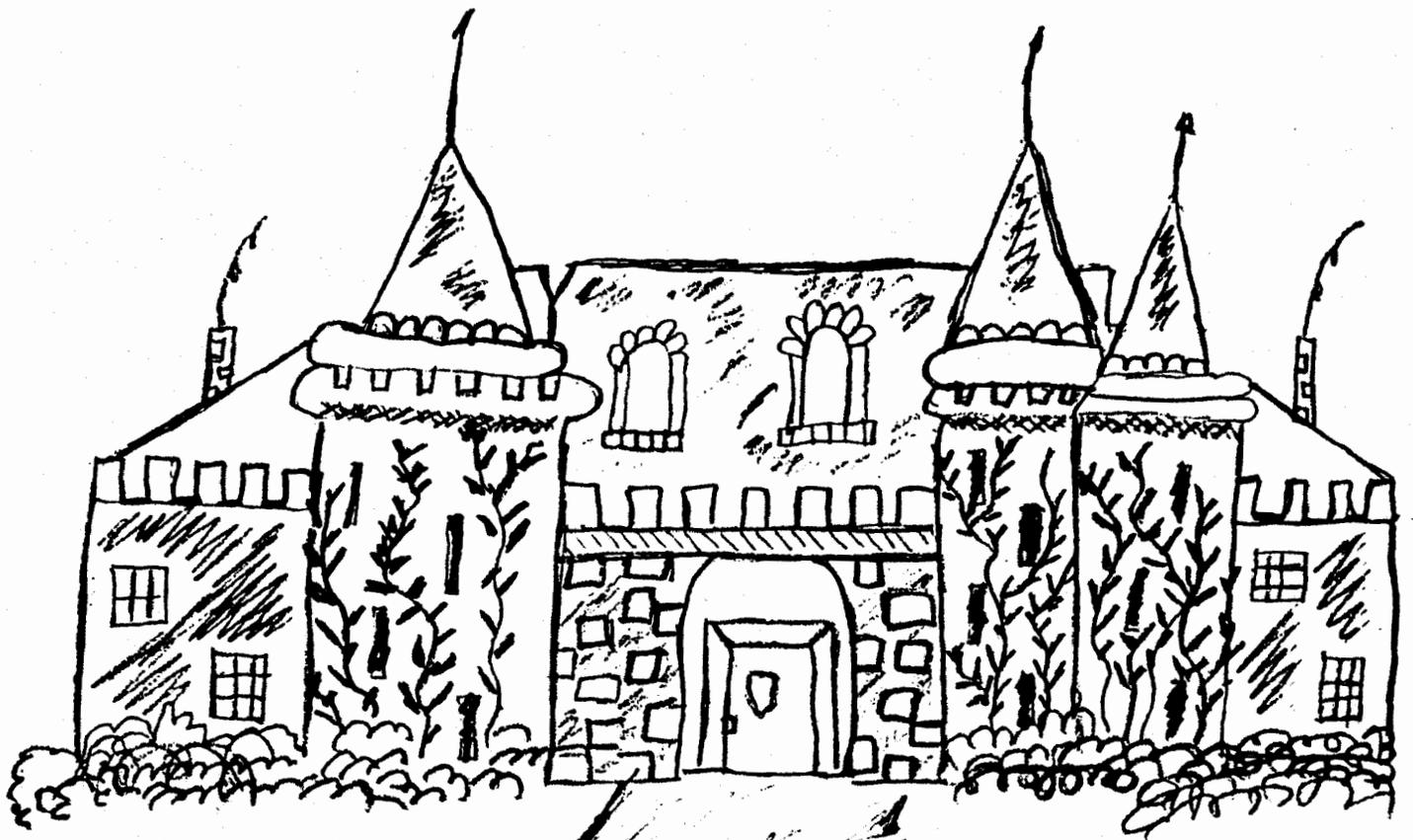




In The Spotlight

Which shadow exactly matches our Sherlockian friend?





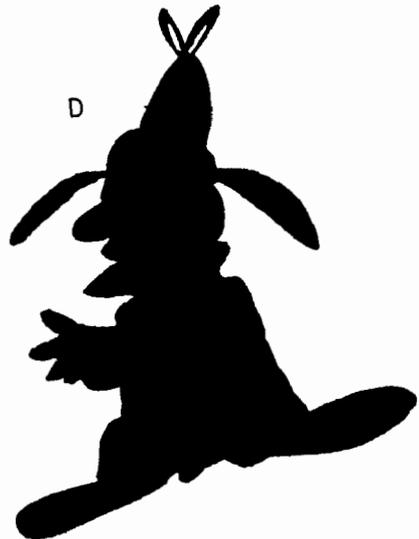
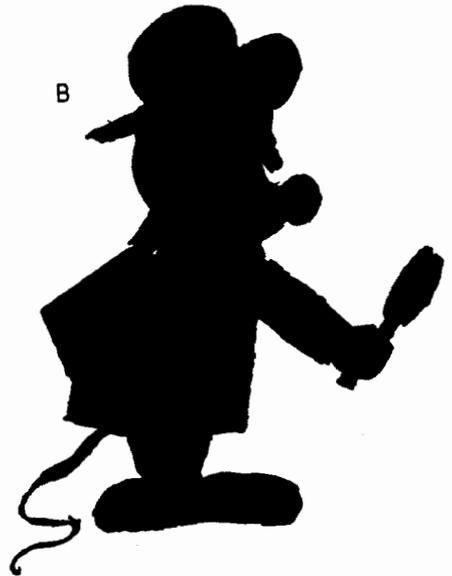
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Silhouette Shakedown

Private Eye Phil, the Groundhog Gumshoe, is an expert concerning shadows. He had been following a group of suspects, but somehow lost them all. They have since hidden somewhere in this issue. Luckily they left their silhouette behind. Help Phil find the fugitives!



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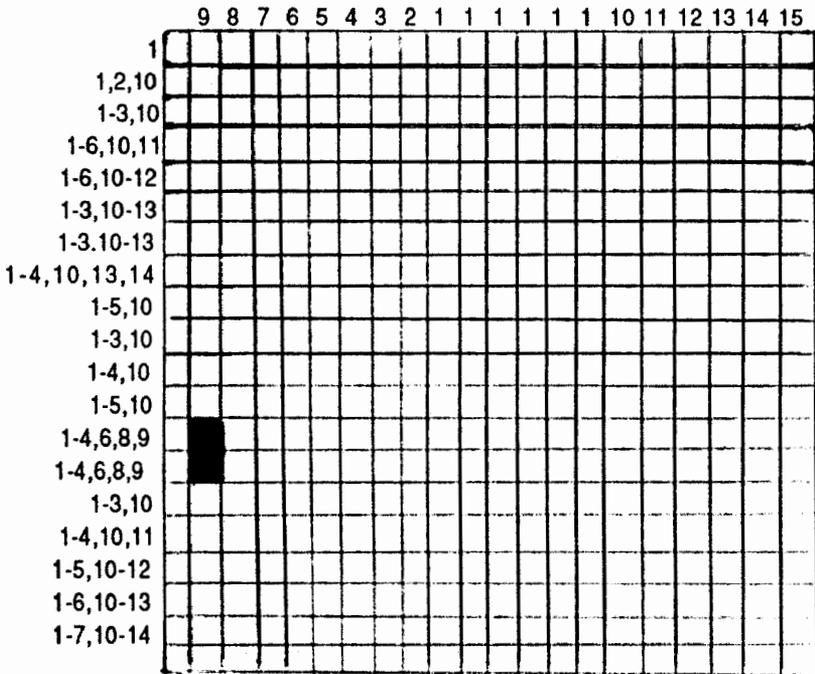
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Shady Business II

Hidden in the grid below is a shape. Pick a number in the top row and look down the left column. Shade in every box that shares that number. As an example, those for #9 are already shaded for you. What is the mystery shape?

(Answer on page 23)



Harold Helps
A Shadow

by
Ellen Campbell



Illustrations by
Glenn Campbell

Harold, Jeremy and Sylvia were enjoying Sylvia's cheese pie when a faint knock sounded at the door. Jeremy went to answer it, but found no one there. He closed the door and another faint knock sounded. This time Harold went to the door with a bright flashlight to scare away any pranksters. They opened the door and Harold thrust his glowing flashlight into the night.

"No, not that," came a soft but frightened voice.

Harold demanded, "Tell us who you are."

"Look at the ground," the voice said. "But not with that flashlight, the moonlight is strong enough for you to see me if you look carefully."

When they looked they saw a small ground hog. He asked, "Are you Harold Mouse the famous detective?"

"Yes, and let me guess." Harold responded. "If I look at my calendar, my deduction is that you are Punxsutawney Sam, the famous ground hog that determines whether or not we have six more weeks of winter by examining your shadow."

Sam whispered, "You are good! Yes, that's me."

Sylvia had joined them at the door and now asked, "But why are you here? Tomorrow is Ground Hog day."

Sam whispered even more quietly. "You see,



someone came into our hole and shined a bright light on me while someone else held me down. Then they traced my outline on some sticky black paper. While I was trying to get free they took my shadow. I can't go near any bright light until I have my shadow back. The light was in my eyes so I couldn't see who did this."

Harold started thinking, "Jeremy, gather our infrared glasses so that we can see in the dark. Sam, lead us to your hole. We must look for clues." As they got close to the hole they noticed some sticky black tracks. They followed the



tracks to the local pond. There they found two teams of otters having toboggan races on opposite sides of the pond.

After hiding the ground hog, Harold went up to the leader of one of the teams and asked, "What are you otters doing, racing in the dark?"

The largest of the otters paused, looked at the mice and said, "I don't know why I should talk to a mouse. But, since you asked, we are the finest otter toboggan team on the lake. We are practicing for our victory."

At that moment another large otter climbed off of his sled next to Harold, "What do you mean? WE are the finest toboggan team on the lake. When the sun rises we'll show you!"

The otters glared at each other and turned to continue their practicing.

Harold called out to them, "What will you do if the ice starts to melt?"

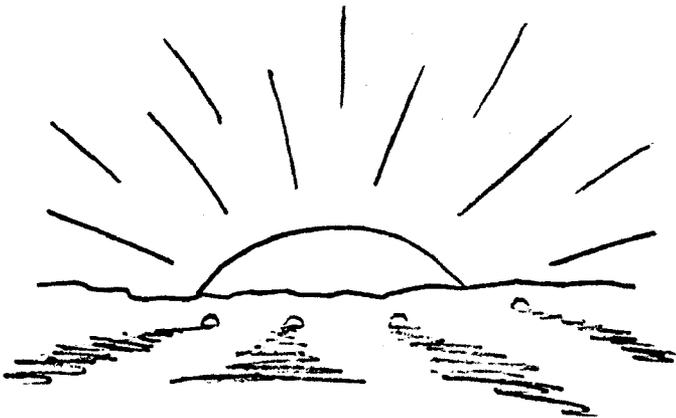
The first otter turned around and spat out, "I can promise you, it won't until I've won. I took care of that problem."

Harold quickly shined his flashlight at the large otter. An even larger shadow was trailing behind him. It was the oddest shaped shadow, and it didn't move the same way the otter did.



Harold pulled Jeremy and Sylvia with him back to Sam's hiding place. They quickly gathered some pine tree sap and stuck it all over the ground hog. Then they placed themselves at the end of the toboggan run.

When the otter leader reached the end of the run, Harold shined his flashlight at him. Sam threw himself on the otter's odd-shaped shadow. He was stuck to his shadow again, with the help of the pine sap. Jeremy jumped between the otter and the ground hog. He grabbed the toboggan rope just as Sylvia rounded the corner with Golden Sun, their horse friend. Jeremy held out the rope for Golden Sun who took in his teeth and held on so the otter could not follow them on his toboggan. The mice and Sam raced for the ground hog hole. They reached it just as the sun began to rise and all the town's people were coming to see if Sam would see his shadow. He did. The otters came running up just as it was announced that there would be six more weeks of winter.



The largest otter growled, "My plans are ruined."

The rest of the otters gathered around and demanded an explanation.

Harold stepped up to the circle and said, "I believe I can explain."

The otters said, "Please do. This one certainly doesn't seem to be talking."

"This fellow wanted to win the race. I'll guess that his team was first in the finals to start at sunrise. If the ground hog didn't see his shadow then Spring would begin. He was hoping that the ice would melt before the other team had a chance to try. Therefore he would be the winner." Harold explained.

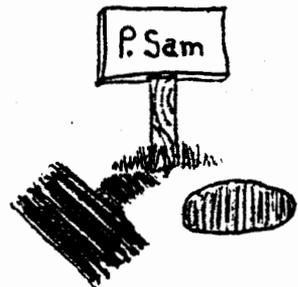
"Yes," the largest otter growled at the crowd.

The rest of the otters held a meeting and their leader pronounced judgement upon the large otter. "You are disqualified." he said. "These games are about skill and fair play. You may have the skill, but you don't have sportsmanship. You and your helpers are out of the races for the next two years."

"Harold, thank you," the otters said as they headed back to the lake.

"Yes, Harold, thank you," Sam agreed when he could get away from the crowd. He was busy cleaning pine sap from his fur.

Sylvia spoke up, "Now, how about a victory cheese-cake over at our hole? Golden Sun, I saved some hay for you, will you join us?"



IT'S ELEMENTARY
- Our Answer Page -

Hugh Durnit Asks: "What Is It?" (page 6)

Our mystery subject for this issue is the month of February. Sherlock Holmes, knowing his Olde English well, figured out the answer with just one clue #4, Watson had his suspicions after his first clue, #6, but it took a second clue, #7, to confirm his guess. Lestrade only took one clue, remarkably, #8. He loves to unscramble words.

"In The Spotlight" (page 11)

Shadow #4 exactly matches our Sherlockian friend.

"Silhouette Shakedown" (page 14)

Phil's fugitives are found as follows:

- A - Hugh Durnit - page 6
- B - Harold Mouse - page 19
- C - The large otter - page 20
- D - Sherlockian friend - page 11
- E - Piggerton - page 5
- F - 'Olmes - page 9
- G - Owl - front cover
- H - Slylock & Max - back cover
- I - Piggerton's assistant - page 4

"Shady Business II" (page 16)

