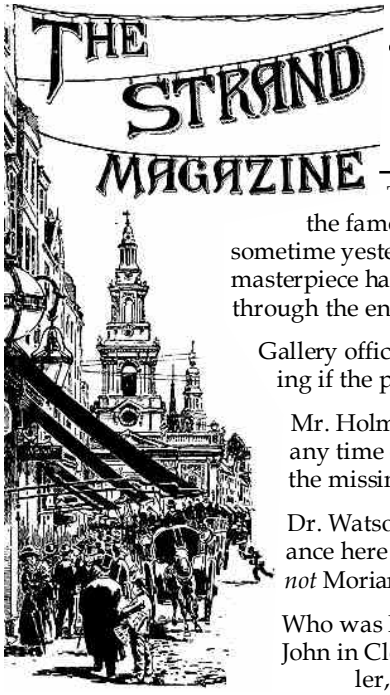

Who purloined the Paget?

The great detective Barton Holmes and his friend and assistant Dr. John Watson reported today that the famous painting entitled "Holmes and Moriarity fight to the death at Reichenbach Falls", was stolen sometime yesterday. In place of the painting, they found a sheet of paper which simply said "Moriarity". The Paget masterpiece had been loaned to the Barton Gallery by the National Portrait Gallery for a special exhibit running through the end of this week.

Gallery officials were not available for comment. Dr. Watson was heard to say that it would be very embarrassing if the painting was not returned to the National Gallery on time.

Mr. Holmes said that he expects the evil Moriarity to hide clues around the area, and they may be found at any time during the course of today. The members of the Barton Street Irregulars will be asked to help recover the missing Paget.

Dr. Watson asked this reporter to tell the Irregulars that Moriarity himself is *not* expected to put in an appearance here in London. However suspicious any staff member might appear, Cubs can be assured that they are *not* Moriarity in disguise. Sometimes a photographer is just a photographer.

Who was Paget? Sidney Paget was born in 1860, the fifth of nine children of the vestry clerk of St. James and St. John in Clerkenwell. In 1881 Paget entered the Royal Academy Schools. Here he befriended Alfred Morris Butler, an architecture student who may have become the model for Paget's illustrations of Dr. John Watson. Paget's drawings appeared in the *Strand Magazine*, the *Pictorial World*, *The Graphic*, the *Illustrated London News*, and the *Pall Mall Magazine*, and his work became well known in both the United Kingdom and United States.

Sidney Edward Paget

Today, Sidney Paget is best known as the creator of the popular image of Sherlock Holmes from the original publication of Conan Doyle's stories in *the Strand Magazine* between 1891 and 1908. As Holmes' popularity grew, Paget's illustrations became larger and more elaborate. Almost every Holmes story in the The Strand featured a full-page illustration as well as many smaller pictures within the text. The deep, shadowy look of Paget's illustrations has had a large influence on every film version of the Holmes stories. Paget is credited with giving the first deerstalker cap and Inverness cape to Holmes, details that were never mentioned in Arthur Conan Doyle's writing.

It might never have happened, because he was originally hired to illustrate *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by mistake - the publishers accidentally sent him the letter of commission rather than his younger brother, Walter Paget. The publisher's mistake was the world's gain.

At left: a detail from the stolen painting.

PLAN TO MELT THE NORTH POLE AND IMPROVE THE WORLD'S CLIMATE

One of the most colossal engineering enterprises ever contemplated, is sketched in the Paris edition of the *New York Herald*. Mr. C. L. Riker, a Brooklyn engineer, proposes to dam the Labrador current at a cost of £38,000,000, and thus improve the climate conditions of the civilised world.

All that is needed, writes Mr. Riker, is to build a jetty about 200 miles long extending eastward from Newfoundland, near Cape Race. This would stop the Labrador current, whose cold is capable of making 2,000,000 tons of ice every second, from running right into the Gulf Stream, whose heat is equal to the burning of 2,000,000 tons of coal every minute. They meet now on the Grand Banks, where the water is only about 250 feet deep.

If such a jetty were built, the Labrador current would be turned eastward and would be sunk so far when the Gulf Stream met it that the latter would pass over the great cold river from the North Pole. The Gulf Stream would require only three months to melt every inch of ice around the Pole.

No more icebergs in the steamship lanes, no more fogs as now prevail about the meeting of the cold and warm currents, and the whole of Eastern North America a garden of paradise with no great cold or heat are some of the results he foresees from building the jetty.

Cape Hatteras, he believes, would disappear owing to the increased speed of the Gulf Stream, which he estimates would flow closer to the Jersey coast and redeposit along the coast about 6,000,000 acres of land. Siberia would become a summer resort.

The melting of the Arctic ice cap, Mr. Riker estimates, would shift the equalising balance of the globe, and then the weight of the Antarctic ice cap would make what is now the North Pole shift towards Northern Europe, with the result of producing a nightless summer in the area of Scotland without a dayless winter.

When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth. - Sherlock Holmes

Barton Street Irregulars Schedule for Friday

7:00AM	Reveille *(Wake up!)*
7:45	Flag Raising
8:00	Breakfast *(Yummy!)*
8:45	Happy Hour
9:00	Program Session 1
10:00	Program Session 2
11:00	Program Session 3
12:30PM	Lunch
1:00	Vesper Service - Chapel
2:00	Program Session 4
3:00	Program Session 5
4:00	Program Session 6
5:00	Free Time / *2d Year Webelos depart for overnight*
5:45	Retreat - Parade Field
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Free Time
7:45	Movie
9:00	Quiet Time

An Orange Den Irregular shows proper Cricket form - he is training to play for the Ashes in next month's Test match against Australia.

With the Mountaineering Club on the off-White Cliffs of Dover

At right, two Irregulars learn to tie the difficult Googly Knot

An irregular must be able to make his own detective gear!

Good shot!

Rumors of Moriarity's Agents in Camp

The members of the Baker Street Irregulars are warned that there may be a group of known associates of the evil Moriarity in camp on Friday morning. Mr. Barton Holmes warned that they may be disguised in green uniforms with colorful patches, and they may approach members of the Irregulars with questions.

Be warned! They might be trying to find out the whereabouts of other valuable paintings like the Purloined Paget, or gathering information about the Holmes Academy.

Remember - whatever you tell them, *do not mention anything about learning how to prepare and administer undetectable poisons!*

An Irregular must be able to shoot a rifle. Fortunately, though, it is not required that he be able to walk on water.

Make Highfalls your home away from home!

The management invites all members of the Order of the High Falls to relax in the Highfalls Club, conveniently located in Barton House.