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"The solution to this puzzle is elementary, my dear Watson."

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With Assistance from Frank Wood and Pat Brooks

Lean back in your most comfortable armchair, put on some violin music and prepare yourself for quite a three pipe problem. The time has come for another of the notorious Armchair Treasure Hunts.

Somewhere east of Havenstreet and south of Wickham St Paul, I have hidden a small box. The substance of the case is to locate it. Clues can be found in the following general knowledge questions, as well as in the accompanying illustrations. There will, as usual, be prizes for the first finder of the box, as well as for the best solutions to the entire puzzle.

The answer to each of the questions is a single word, name or short phrase. It is a not unreasonable assumption that the first letters of the answers may lead you to a linking sentence. This could turn out to be helpful. Use surnames (except in a few obvious examples), and omit 'the', 'an' etc. if necessary. You should ensure that all your answers fit the linking sentence. If they do not then either you are wrong, or you have found an answer other than the one I believe to be correct. In this case, try to find 'my' answer. Marks will only be given for alternatives if they are accompanied by some sort of justification.

The marking scheme gives most credit for those questions found to be the most difficult. Marks will be awarded for the general knowledge questions and finding the treasure.

If you find the treasure, then read the instructions inside. Replace it in its original position, having due regard for later seekers. It is of course not an impossibility, though improbable, that someone unconnected with the hunt may interfere with the treasure; if you are sure that you have reached the correct place and there is nothing there, please try to contact me.

As is usual with these hunts, there a few red herrings that could cause you a reversal. It is best to ensure that you have found all of the clues before attempting to apprehend your quarry. Remember, finding such treasures has nothing to do with inspiration - just perspiration.

There is no entry form as such - any piece of paper will do as long as the answers are legible. You do not need to justify answers unless you wish to, or it is implicit in the question to do so. Don't forget to attach the ticket from the Treasure box if you find it.

There are four prizes, all of Harrods vouchers. The first finder of the box will receive £50. There is another £50 for the best solution to the puzzle, and there are also second (£25) and third (£15) prizes in this category. Finally, there is a small prize for the person scoring more than, but closest to, 100 points. No person / team may win more than one prize.

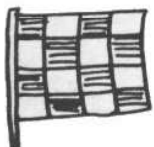
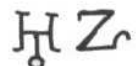
Entries must reach me by Monday 13 January. Answers and results will be sent out as soon as possible after this, but only to people who have entered the competition. If, by any chance, the treasure has not been found, then additional clues will be issued, but again, only to people who have entered the competition. I suggest that all entrants keep a copy of the questions and of their answers.

My thanks must go to Pat for putting up with me, to Michael Green for the course of action (providing the Real Death), to Frank Wood for inspiration and to the Sports and Social Club for the prizes. Also, my apologies to Sidney Paget.

Good Luck!

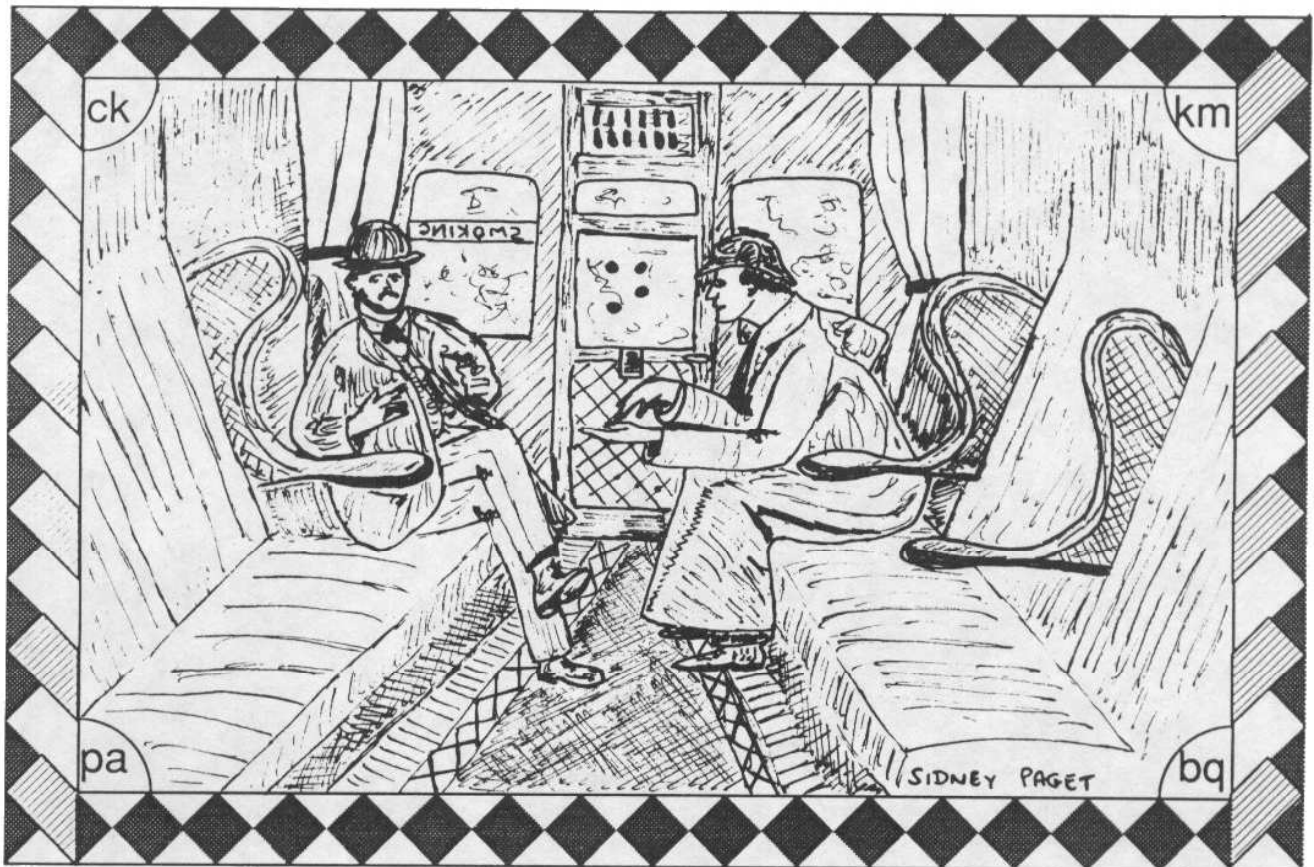
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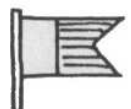
- 1 What is the connection between PG Wodehouse, Poul Anderson and John Lennon?
- 2 If AB, BC, CD and DE are common English words, what familiar word is DCABE?
- 3 Who was the sick man of Europe?
- 4 What is Joel Chandler Harris's best known work?
- 5 Many states have red, white, and blue flags. Which one has a flag of horizontal stripes; white, blue, and red from the top down?
- 6 Why do certain crustaceans fear the eleventh month of the French Revolutionary calendar?
- 7 In what year was Christmas first celebrated on the 25th December?
- 8 Who will be the army led to Ragnarok?
- 9 Writer Michael Russell produced a book on fishing under which name?
- 10 Which opera has an opera-singer as its eponymous heroine?
- 11 Two candles of the same length are lit at the same time. The first will last for six hours, the second for four. After how many hours is one twice the length of the other?





13, Mallord Street

- 12 Where did Sir Walter Raleigh take up residence in 1600?
- 13 Born Albert Henry DeSalvo, he was known as the Measuring Man and the Green Man. Under what name did he become infamous?
- 14 Consider the following sequence: 0, 100, 160, 200, 160, 100. What happens on a Sunday and why?
- 15 Who is the person appointed to carry the censer at religious ceremonies?
- 16 Which high flyer beat Major Timothy Mace into second place?
- 17 Which angel is next in command to Gabriel?
- 18 To which science is Buys-Ballot's Law important?
- 19 The centre of gravity of an empty can of beer is in the same place as that of the same can full of beer. When beer is poured out, however, the C of G lowers, then rises again. If the can is 8 inches high, weighs 1.5 ounces, and the beer 12 ounces, determine the level of beer at which the C of G is at its lowest point.
- 20 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle published a series of articles in the Telegraph in 1907 in an attempt to clear whom?
- 21 Which brewery brews Xmas Ale?
- 22 Where can beryllium, gold, lithium and europium be found flowing through the British countryside?

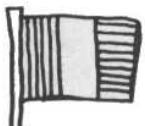


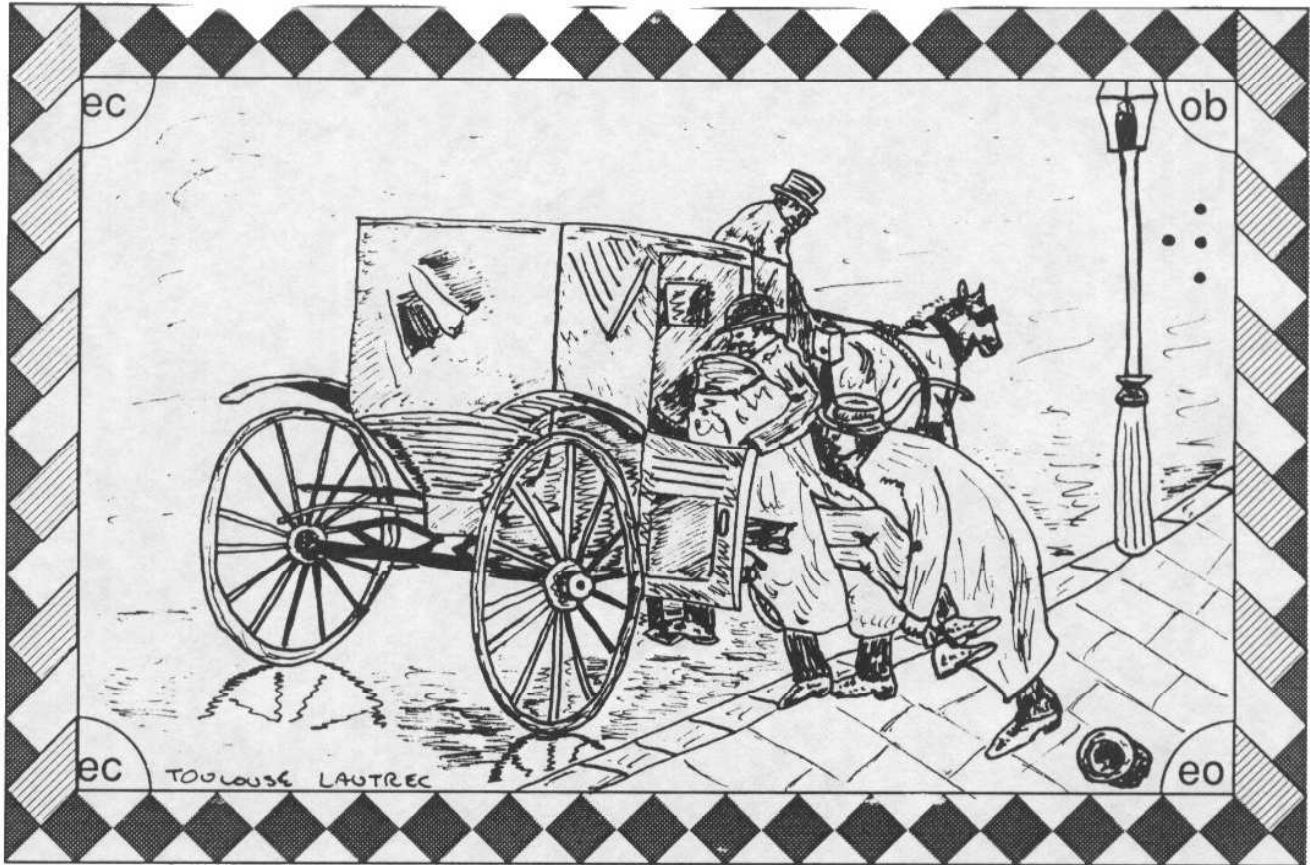


The Fenland College of Arts and Technology



- 23 Where would you find Rossby waves?
- 24 Who was the Lord of Uraniburg with the golden nose?
- 25 What drink is made from 1 sugar cube, 2 drops Angostura Bitters, ice cubes, whisky and a slice of lemon?
- 26 What is next in this series - Sergeant, Nurse, Teacher, Constable?
- 27 Who was nobody?
- 28 Who played his last game against Nigeria, scoring 77 not out?
- 29 The Netherlands signed a peace treaty in April 1986, ending a 335 year old war with whom?
- 30 Frank : I have three children.
Steve : Oh yes, how old are they?
Frank : Well, let's make you think a bit. The product of their ages is 36.
Steve : Well, I can't work it out from that!
Frank : OK, the sum of their ages equals the number of your house.
Steve : Hmmmm. No, sorry, I still can't work it out from that.
Frank : OK, well my eldest boy has a wart on his left thumb.
Steve : Ahhh, well his age is..... What?
- 31 Who rode through the night to warn the people of Massachussetts of the coming of British Troops?
- 32 In which large open area did Michael Henchard die wretchedly in a hut?
- 33 Who was served the first potato crisp?



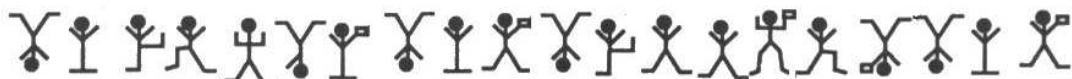


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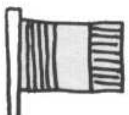
- 34 Where is the only bronze statue of Sherlock Holmes in Britain?
- 35 About whose work did Rossini say "Wonderful moments, but awful quarter hours"?
- 36 What is Hell when In Camera?
- 37 What is the longest word in Shakespeare?
- 38 What film combines the days of Anne Boleyn, Charlton Heston's days in Peking, David Niven's days of circumventing, 4 times more Dalmatians than Disney's, Truffaut's Fahrenheit reading and Bo's score plus one?
- 39 Counting Y as a vowel, give a 9 letter word with only one vowel.
- 40 Who invented the trampoline?
- 41 In which part of Britain does Southern Vectis operate?
- 42 Who is Clotho and Lachesis' companion?
- 43 What was used for fuel in the first Egyptian trains?
- 44 What is the curious habit of cannibals called when they will not eat the flesh of their own kin?

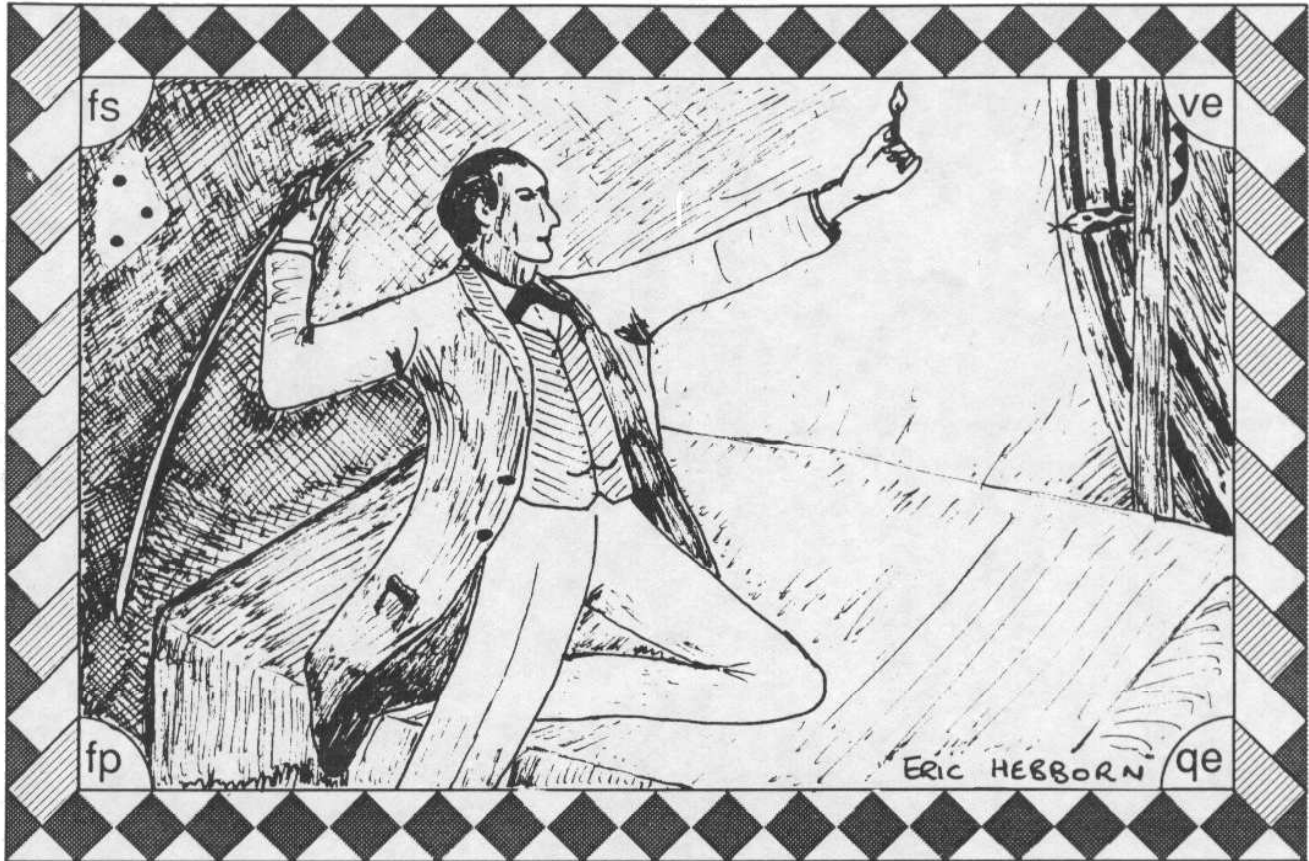




6, Primrose Hill Studios, Fitzroy Road

- 45 What is Jeeves' first name?
- 46 A hole 6 cm long is drilled through the middle of a sphere. What is the volume of material remaining?
- 47 What connects Morocco, Rio and Singapore?
- 48 What stringed instrument produces a musical sound when a current of air is passed over the strings?
- 49 If JOHN = 5, GORDON = 4, ALAN = 3, who equals 2?
- 50 In what game are the goals known as 'Good Calx' and 'Bad Calx'?
- 51 Who is Jane Porter's boyfriend?
- 52 What was Nicholas Breakspear's other name?
- 53 Who is the only sitting councillor of the Monster Raving Loony Party?
- 54 My Great Aunt Agatha was born on June 5, 1895. On what day of the week?
- 55 The OS Landranger series of maps all have a photograph from the area they cover. On which number map is the photograph a mirror image of reality?



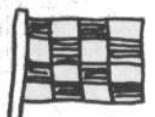


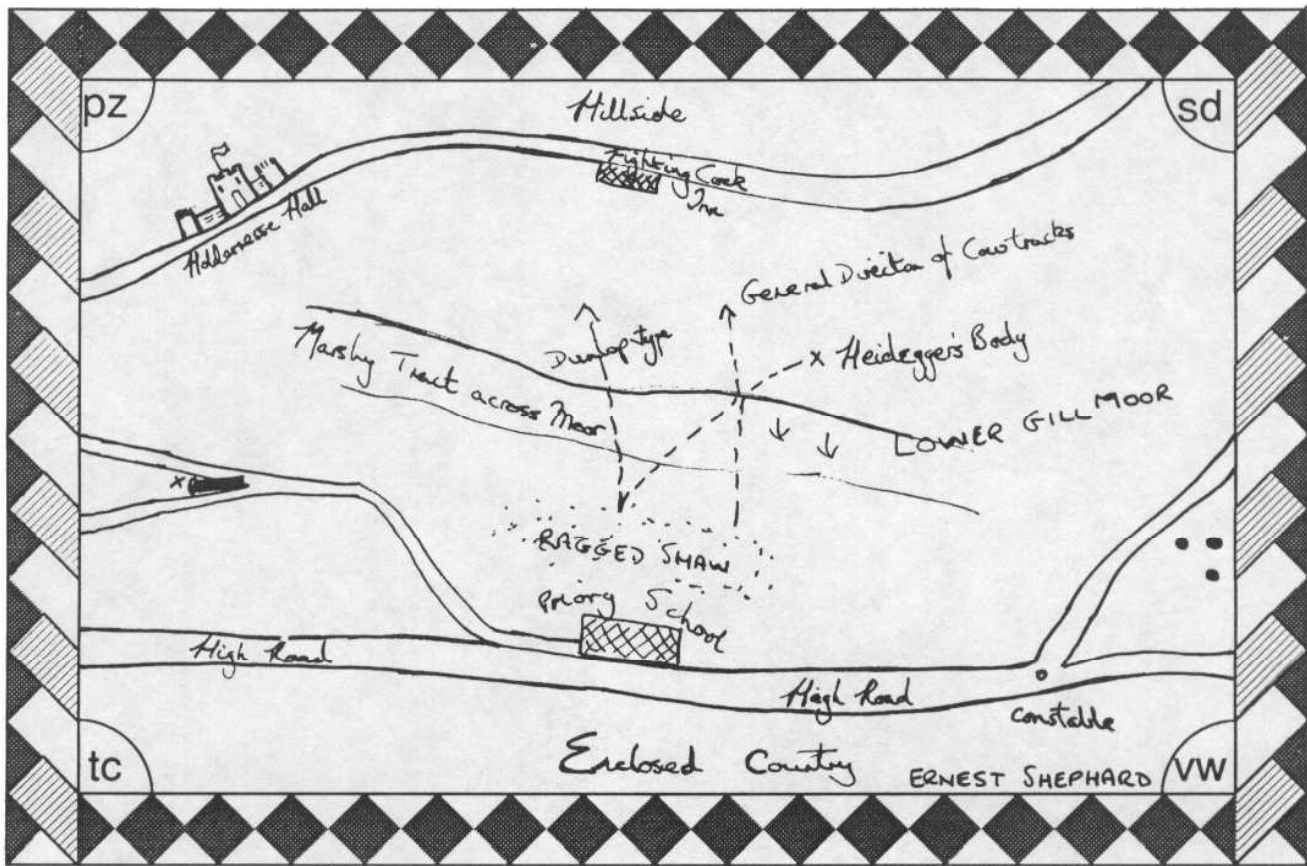
221B, Baker Street



- 56 Michel Darbellay achieved fame, on his own, in 1963. Where?
- 57 By what name was William Joyce more commonly known?
- 58 In what are the terms Piste, Roulette, Tirage and Carreau used?
- 59 Who is the odd one out - Frank MacLowery, Tom MacLowery, Billy Clanton and Ike Clanton?
- 60 Which is the only film in which every member of the cast was nominated for an Oscar?
- 61 Who invented green eggs and ham?
- 62 Who was turned down for the lead in "Queen Christina" after failing a screen test with Greta Garbo?
- 63 Charlie Parker sometimes played a saxophone made of an unusual material. What was it?
- 64 Which World War II aircraft was made largely of balsa wood?
- 65 In which country is television not broadcast on a Thursday?
- 66 If my three were a four
And my one were a three
What I am would be nine less
Than half what I'd be.

I'm only three digits
Just three in a row
So what in the world must I be?
Do you know?



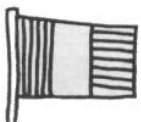


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The Bank of England

- 67 Great, Swell, Choir, Solo. What is the next in the sequence?
- 68 What was the first name of the commander in chief of the allied forces in the Gulf?
- 69 What do I get if I take 2 baby grands, subtract 5 hogs, add a pony in white, take away 4 pieces and 2 monkeys, add 4 ponies and 2 horses, and finally subtract Jack's alive?
- 70 It has happened at least forty times in the last 4000 years, with the last time being less than 40 years ago. However, it will not happen again for at least 4000 years. When?
- 71 What is the world's second highest peak?
- 72 What word has 6 letter a's as its only vowels?
- 73 What was Rob Roy's war cry?
- 74 What is the next in this series: CAE, HDS-P, RBT, WMB, RPA, YSOBEL, TROYTE, WN?
- 75 What was the longest Formula One motor race?
- 76 What is "the right one"?
- 77 To what does Angus Prune always listen?



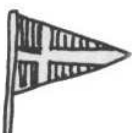


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16, Durham Villas, Campden Hill

- 78 Who was the solitary monk who shook the world?
- 79 Which bird uses a crocodile as a dinner plate?
- 80 What is the world record score for placing seven tiles in a game of scrabble?
- 81 Which book celebrated the events of 16th June 1904 in Dublin?
- 82 What is Robin Hood's Larder?
- 83 Where are the words "ut Rosa phlos florum, sic ista domus est domorum" written?
- 84 A number of cannon balls is stacked in a square pyramid. If they can be spread out into a perfect square, how many balls are there?
- 85 Which is the most frequently pictured castle?
- 86 What did Joseph Conrad learn when he was 19?
- 87 Who was the first mayor of Terminus?
- 88 In which state of the USA was "Galloping Gertie"?



One day, an Inquisitive Man went in search of some treasure. He started from his home and walked for many days, until he came to a beach. Here he found a lion and a wyvern standing, staring at two Viking ships. One was moored head on to the beach, the other sideways. He approached them.

"Why don't we go on board?", he said.

The three of them boarded the one facing the beach, which looked more seaworthy and carried a Union flag. With no more ado, the ship set sail, and so they began their voyage. The Inquisitive Man was slightly worried that the only navigation equipment they carried appeared to be a globe of the world, but he kept his peace.

After some days, they came alongside a quay and disembarked. They moved towards a domed hall, and entered it. The floor of the huge circular chamber was marked with a slim, five pointed star inside a pentagon. A coal black horse stood, passively, on the other side of the room, waiting. On a pillar in the centre of the floor there was a chessboard, its squares marked in blue and white. One piece was on the board, in the shape of a snake, coloured green, but with a white base marked with a broad red cross. Marked on the side of the pillar was a circle, crossed by a lightning flash.

On the wall directly opposite the only door was a device reminiscent of the shape of rugby goalposts. In the middle of the left hand wall was a large, ornate letter 'D' and, on the wall opposite it, a shield, decorated with a red cow over a symbolic river, on a white ground.

The Inquisitive Man walked into the room, but his companions stayed by the door. He moved to the chessboard and reached to pick up the snake. The horse reared, the wyvern made a cry and the lion roared, but he still moved the piece. Immediately, there was a flash and a tremendous crash of thunder, blinding and deafening him. He felt a sense of movement.

When his sight recovered, the dome and his companions had disappeared. He was standing on a hillside, holding a key in his hand. Stretching from his feet into the valley below him was an enormous smooth black area, covered with wheeled vehicles of varying ages, colours and shapes. Though sweat was running down his forehead, his mind raced as he moved off up the hill.

"If they're playing fair with me, this should help me to my goal."

"But who killed Laura Palmer?"



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