

Today in 1888

the Sherlock Holmes adventure *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) was first serialized.

- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* saw the return of Sherlock Holmes after his "death" in a previous adventure.
- The Sherlock Holmes character was based on one of Conan Doyle's professors in college.

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Word of the day

serial A story that appears at regular intervals; from the Latin *serere* (join or connect).

Imagine...

Sherlock Holmes solved many mysteries by observation and attention to small clues. Write about how you solved the *Mystery of the Green Man* by using the following clues: a dog collar with a missing stud, a scratched ten-cent coin, and a knotted ribbon.

Quote of the day



"It is an old maxim of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Activity of the day

Whodunit?

Ah, a case worthy of the great Sherlock Holmes himself! Read the mystery story and see if you can figure out "whodunit."

When Harry left his house, it was early on a fine warm day. He fished at his favorite hole for most of the morning and then drove into town to pick up some supplies. It was almost dark when he returned home to discover his home had gone. Vanished. Stolen? Perhaps, but most certainly missing.

At the police station the officer on duty was a little bemused.

"It was there this morning, sir?"

"Yes! Of course it was! Would I not see my own house?"

"Er, were there any tracks—footprints, tire tracks?"

"Only from my vehicle."

"Any other clues that might help us, sir?"

"Well, I had left the fire going and—"

"And what, sir?"

"The ground where it had been was very wet when I got back."

"Ah," said the officer. "That explains it all!"

It does? Can you figure out where Harry's house went?

Answer: Harry's house was an igloo and it melted.

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Today in 1572

Tycho Brahe discovered "Stella Nova," a new star in the constellation of Cassiopeia.

- The star wasn't actually new; it was a supernova that had only become visible when it exploded.
- Despite being a brilliant scientist, Brahe believed that the sun and the five main planets revolved around the Earth.
- The "Great Galaxy" in Andromeda can be seen without a telescope, but is over 2 million light years away.

Word of the day

supernova A star that explodes and becomes extremely luminous in the process; from the Latin *stella nova*: *stella* (star) + *nova* (new)

Quote of the day



"Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky."

Jane Taylor

Imagine...

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star," you tunelessly hum to yourself as you adjust the focus on the telescope. Another night, another star. Gee, astronomical life sure can be boring But hold on—what's that! There shouldn't be a—well, not there anyway! What have you seen? Where is it and why is it there?

Activity of the day

Aquarius	Libra
Aries	Pisces
Cancer	Sagittarius
Capricorn	Scorpio
Gemini	Taurus
Leo	Virgo

Constellation Word Search

Which famous constellation can't be seen in the Northern Hemisphere? To find out, locate each of the constellations below in the grid. The left over letters give the answer.

S	U	R	U	A	T	A	U	S	T	R
V	I	R	G	O	A	L	I	A	S	S
C	A	P	R	I	C	O	R	N	O	P
U	A	R	B	I	L	T	H	E	R	I
S	A	G	I	T	T	A	R	I	U	S
N	S	U	I	R	A	U	Q	A	O	C
S	C	O	R	P	I	O	C	R	E	E
O	S	R	E	C	N	A	C	S	L	S
G	E	M	I	N	I	S	E	I	R	A