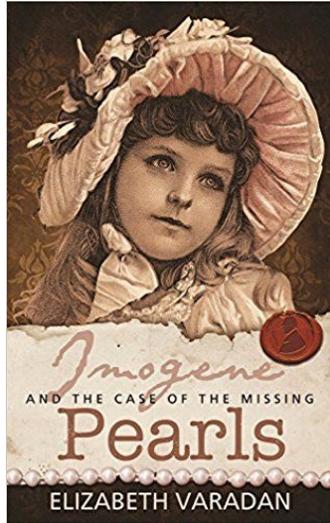


Victorian Dining with Imogene, Rusty, & Sherlock Holmes



1.) Junior Sherlockians-in-Training, begin your study of Victorian dining by rereading this selection of text from *Imogene and the Case of the Missing Pearls* (p. 37-38).

They were at the front patio by then. The detective looked her over, head to toe. "By the way, did you enjoy the scone you had before you left Twinkle beside the rosebush?"

Imogene gasped. "How did you...?"

"There's a bit of fresh dirt on the toe of your boot. Also, a rose petal is clinging to your cotton stocking, just above your boot top, along with two gray cat hairs. You must have brushed against the bush when you put Twinkle down. And the crumbs caught in the fold of your overskirt look to my expert eye like scone crumbs. Certainly not toast crumbs."

Dazzled, Imogene whispered, "It's all true."

"Good day." He gave her a nod and opened the gate for his companion. Dr. Watson tipped his bowler hat. Imogene watched them proceed up the street. A moment later, the detective hailed a hansom cab, and they climbed into the two-wheeled carriage that rumbled on its way, the horse hooves clapping loudly on the cobblestone street.

Imogene closed the gate carefully and went around to the back. Spying her cat stretched out under the rosebush, she said, "Twinkle, you would never believe how Mr. Holmes can figure out so much from crumbs and cat hairs and dirt on a boot."

To think that even such small clues could be so important!

I must be sure to look for clues like that, Imogene thought. Hoping for another scone, she went down the stairs to the kitchen.

(Varadan, Elizabeth. *Imogene and the Case of the Missing Pearls*. MX Publishing, 2015.)

2.) Now, review this list of foods and drinks the characters enjoyed in the story. (The list was compiled by Ella, a 11-year-old Junior Sherlockian, while she read the pastiche.)

Foods and Drinks
Enjoyed by the Characters

- coffee
- raspberry scones
- puddings
- toast crumbs
- roast duck
- vegetable soup
- milky tea and toasted muffins
- poached eggs and sausage
- loaves of bread
- “grind some beans”
- tarts
- veal
- stew
- tea with milk and sandwiches of buttered bread
- current dumpling “for tonight’s pudding”
- bacon, boiled egg, toast, tarts, and gooseberries for breakfast
- pea soup
- roasted lamb sandwiches
- lamb cutlets
- cherry tarts
- brisket of beef and suet dumplings
- cold beef, cheese, fruit for a light supper
- baked custard pudding

3.) Finally, cook or bake one of the Victorian dishes the characters enjoyed. Julia Carlson Rosenblatt and Frederic H. Sonnenschmidt have shared four recipes, from their

cookbook Dining with Sherlock Holmes: A Baker Street Cookbook, with Junior Sherlockians-in-Training. Therefore, you might attempt their recipe for [scones](#), an [English dill loaf](#), [bread pudding](#), or a [treacle tart](#) with custard sauce!

