

A Sherlockian Toast (posted 2021-2-13)

A toast to Henry Baker's Goose
(theme of the evening was "Lions and Horses and Hounds,
Oh My! Celebrating Creatures in the Canon")
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'Twas on December 24th
In 18 (mumble cough)
One Henry Baker lost his goose
And had his hat knocked off

Through this trivial happenstance
A lost jewel came to light
And thanks to Holmes and Watson
Neither thief nor bird took flight

An error in this Yuletide tale
Puts readers in a strop
You see, a goose, unlike some fowl,
Does not possess a crop

The problem's easily remedied
It doesn't take a wizard:
Wherever the word "crop" appears
Amend it to read "gizzard"

Now raise a glass to Baker's goose
A freak of zoology
Unrecognized as such by Holmes
And also A.C.D.

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