1 Anagrams

The anagram has a long history, but there is some confusion about the "correct" definition. Puzzlists differentiate between transposals and anagrams. A transposal is a pair of words or phrases that consist of the same letters, rearranged to destroy any similarity. An anagram is a transposal such that the two parts have a related meaning, the quality improving with the apposition. Paradoxically, the best anagrams are easily solved since the apposition is so strong.

Two Sherlockian examples appeared in The Enigma (published by the National Puzzler's League), both composed by "Nightowl" (Mary Hazard). The first is:

Sherlock story: Vile brute's final sound heard on heath

which anagrams "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Hound of the Baskervilles" (June 1989) and:

Ah, I. Adler is around; canny Holmes bars action

which comes from "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's `A Scandal in Bohemia' " (March 1997)

In the Baker Street Journal (December 1983) I presented this list of anagrams of the titles of the 60 stories in the Canon. (I have omitted "The Adventure of" throughout.) Each anagram each refers to some incident or aspect of the story, though admittedly a few (such as SILV) may be considered to be transposals. An anagrammist must work with the letters given, so please excuse unnatural contractions, telegraphic syntax, and tangential meanings. Additional anagram puzzles appear later in this collection.

2. Enve' ope gifts I harp.
3. Fe y, callow thee.
4. Th' plan ... free ... limbo.
5. He see ks boot 'n half-devil. Hurt.
6. Hurt cr uel soul, Miss. Vantage.
7. S tone phonies. Lax?
8. Test sheet. Thunde r!
9. Be at by gang here?
11. X'd ear. Both. Drab co.
12. Lt. sub pattern open. Chagrin.
13. Rue elicit lust list, hon'.
15. Haste. Vex Peru Miss.
17. Pooch does smell cab.
19. 'is face in toy date.
20. 0' a balancin' maid she.
21. South offering.
22. I've fled th' soot.
23. It deceived thy gent.
26. Whilst a S.O.B.
27. "I'm gent." He's been hurt!
28. Have tray. Talent!
29. Bloodied 'urther now.
30. Able trek. P.C.
31. Clench true bauble.
32. Thru virtual mes'age.
33. 0' "Tiger" was idle?
34. Leonine sham 't.
35. Sched'led pet bank.
36. He'll be another cob.
37. Torn bent hole. Cry.
38. One track homed.
40. 'e shot Hume-type.
41. Thing canned me.
42. Tails 'er. Stitch coyly.
43. Chop gentle denizen.
44. Gathers requireme'nts ... hints.
45. Flee fray at hovel.
46. Letcher cried.
47. Merton zaniest? Ah!
49. He dug late. Heeded ear.
50. He pled with it. What? Smitten?
51. Ecce! He's her pop? Bet?
52. L. verbalizes.
53. Heck! Sorter blocks trek.
54. S.H. & Co.? Got it later.
56. Tyre's loop. Oh, rich!
57. Best the gal here.
58. See! Dr. hit there. Grab!
59. Both of horrible temper-G.D.
60. Ere a quiet rest. Sigh.