

# The Bonny Bridge of Britannia

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London's new pride: The Tower Bridge!

What do you do when you wake up in the morning, feeling low-spirited? Oh, why don't you just take a look at the marvellous peace of art that proudly crosses the River Thames?

The Tower Bridge lifts your spirit, brings delight to your eyes and soothes your sorrows! The Bridge, which is 800 feet long, can be raised in the amazing time of 5 minutes although containing more than 70,000 tons of concrete!

## Eiffel Schmeiffel

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Two days ago the French inaugurated their new, ghastly Eiffel tower. The architect Gustave Eiffel, a pretentious and artsy engineer, designed 'the tower'.

Although the Eiffel tower is currently the tallest building in the world, it's believed to be an eyesore due to its pointy shape and horrid colour. The French hate it, even the Parisian pedestrians refrain from looking at it and the French novelist Guy de Maupassant stated the he would eat at the Tower's restaurant every day since "it's the only place in Paris where you can't see the Tower".



# Crime rate SKYROCKETING!

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Only a couple of days after the disappearance of London's most able detective, Sherlock Holmes, a shocking increase in criminal activity can be observed all over the city. Gypsies are now freely roaming the streets, offering their dubious goods to the unsuspecting citizen. Furthermore, the East India Company, our beloved provider of delicious tea varieties from our colonies, is complaining about shrinking sales due a constantly growing black market. The tea bags sold in that manner are of inferior quality at best, often laced with shredded agricultural waste. Ingestion is rated as a high health risk and is reported to lead to blindness, ergotism, leprosy and other serious medical conditions.



Gypsy Zophonia arrested for theft during the Queens visit.



Black market tea dealer.

# Cozy Colonies!

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The Bengal tiger can be found all over the south tip of the continent of Africa.

Thanks to our correspondents in the overseas colonies, collecting news under employment of life and limb, chopping themselves through the thickest bush to interview maneaters, or following the trace of the Bengal Tiger, we are able to proudly present you The News Of The Colonies (hot, latest current and collected under a large amount of sweat).

There's actually much new, as one could suspect...Britain is ruling the world as usual, the tigers have brains enough to stay away from our tennis courts, and things are generally just swell!



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# Sherlock Holmes kidnapped for political reasons?

– Mayor possibly involved!  
– Government denies involvement...  
As The London Times reported, the disappearance of Britannia's most brilliant detective Sherlock Holmes sent a shockwave running all through London's Society. As the undisputed master of deductive reasoning, he has greatly contributed to the perpetuation of Law and Justice in the past. So far, the Royal Court was happy to acknowledge his accomplishments and showered him with praises and accolades. This, however, may well be just a charade, carefully designed to bamboozle the public and to keep them in a false feeling of national pride and security.

Some of our sources suggest that Mr. Sherlock Holmes has long been a thorn in the Royal Court's flesh. Rumour has it that he has recently expressed his disdain for the current political ongoings. Especially Lord Mayor Henry Higglebottom has been subjected to his scorn and scowls. Arthur C. Green, who runs a grocery store in Baker Street, claims that he has in fact overheard the famous detective saying the following: "It is clear as crystal that the Mayor has put most of the money used for the construction of the Tower Bridge into his own pocket. No wonder it is so shaky and seems to collapse under each step. But somebody in a very high place is protecting him, that's for sure. Higglebottom is a ham-handed buffoon."

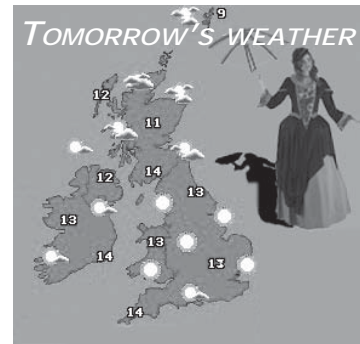
Now people are intrigued why Holmes disappeared at a time so convenient for London's ruling class and who could profit the most from this incident. Although showing great urge in trying

to solve the case as soon as possible, even Her Majesty The Queen is not excluded from accusations. But would our Government really go that far to protect their own interest?

While Scotland Yard scurries after every tidbit of information like sewer rats, the public feeling of helplessness and insecurity grows day after day.



Is this the last we will see from our beloved detective Sherlock Holmes?



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# HOROSCOPES



**ARIES**  
 If you have been to IMWe before, today is the day to find new friends and get rid of old ones: singing badly and loudly in the shower will make enemies of the best of neighbours.  
 If you are new, you will find a new friend in this fascinatingly creative and energetic person who proclaimed their love for life by singing in the shower this morning.



**TAURUS**  
 How empty your life is today! People around you are getting old. Where was everybody last night? You may not remember yourself, but it's a pretty safe bet you spent some good proportion of the night in the Dungeon ... almost alone! Where's the party?



**SCORPIO**  
 The planets are edgy today. They are looking for trouble, and YOU are in their way. God hates you. Staying in bed will get you enveloped in an inexplicable case of spontaneous auto combustion; getting out of bed will have you slip and stumble through your day at every step, resulting in broken shins and shredded wrists. You will survive, and what does not kill you, makes you stronger. When your wrists are healed up tomorrow, get out your boxing gloves and start hitting back. Victory is yours in the long run.



**LEO**  
 Time for language class: "Antipathy" is the name of the game today. No point in joining the madding crowd in the Dungeon tonight. Go to sleep, you need it, and fate will reward you. Tomorrow people will love you again. A bright new day, a fabulous new chance. The plebs of the dungeons will sing songs to your virtues.



**CANCER**  
 Strange feeling in your lungs today? Ants crawling in your stomach? Throbbing pain in the back of your head? Kidneys feeling like they need a treatment with a water hose and a blowtorch? All is not lost! Hold on to that last thought, you might have hit on a solution. Get the blowtorch and go find Dr. Frónc.



**AQUARIUS**  
 The stars are vague about your life today. Nothing is known for certain, but the path of virtue happens to coincide with the stairway up to the Adlerhorst, the Top of the Tower. When you meet the sweet guy or girl you've unsuccessfully tried to impress over dinner with stories of your matchbox collection, just don't talk. Let nature take its course, and you will start IMWe this year on a very positive note. - VERY positive, if you get the hint.



**VRGO**  
 You have discovered a soft spot in your heart for a wonderful POTAS (politically correct term meaning "person of the appropriate sex"). Statistically likely to be a boy if you are a girl, and a girl of you are a boy; can be otherwise, or any combination thereof; if you are opposed to gender classifications of yourself please see the above as exemplary only) - When you meet them in the middle of London bridge tonight, you may try to canoodle with them.



**CAPRICORN**  
 Capricorns are the lucky bastards of the day! Nothing will go wrong, whatever you do, so dare and share. Luck awaits just around the corner, and a bar of chocolate to boot. Not everybody can be as happy today, so invite them for a drink to cheer them up, or give them a little kiss on the cheek (or somewhere ...).



**LIBRA**  
 You are beautiful today! Sweet Lady Luck smiles on you. Beware of being too sure of yourself. A feeling of superiority will land you with the wrong friends. To make up for your haughty attitude, perform some humble task tonight. Serve up coffee to a friend, give them a long massage, straighten out every bristle on their toothbrush and whip up some foam on their beer tonight!



**GEMINI**  
 Got lost in the London fog today? Missed breakfast? Can't find home in the strange new city? Not to worry! The sun will rise above your head. But be careful; do not hold your head up in the clouds, lest the shiny rays of the spring sun singe your hair.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
 Chance favors the prepared mind! So be aware that Cleanliness is next to godliness. For is it not said that Don't fall before you're pushed? A wonderful truth, and all the more relevant for the unmarried Sagittarius today. "First come, first served" cannot always be your maxim. Sometimes, you just have to give the Devil his due. And lastly, bear in mind that haste makes waste and he who sleeps forgets his hunger.



**PISCES**  
 Pisces are animals of the water, and as such, you have to pay special attention to all other star signs in your peer group. Avoid the horny Aquarius, don't team up with sickly Cancer, but have no fear of taking out your moods on helpless Scorpio today. But beware of his revenge come tomorrow! You had a lot of fun in your IG today, so how about organizing your own tomorrow. Fishing maybe?