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Sherlock would feel at home

Harold and Teddy Nivers are such great fans of Sherlock Holmes, they've built their entire lives around the storybook detective — right down to the smallest detail.

They eat, drink and dress according to the styles of Holmes' day; they've even designed their new home to look like the boarding house on Baker Street where the world-famous sleuth lived.

Victorian period furnishings fill the elegant 10-room English Tudor in Rocky Hill, Conn. Wooden beams cross the ceilings, ornate carpeting covers the floors and a pair of gargoyles stand guard at the bar.

"It's just our way of escaping the rush of modern life," Teddy Niver told The NEWS. "We just feel comfortable that way. We enjoy the period."

Teddy said she and her husband, a piano and organ salesman, even wear Victorian-style clothing in the evenings

— he in a wing collar and tweed smoking jacket and she with her hair up in Victorian curls and in a floor length gown.

Harold Niver first became interested in Sherlock Holmes a half-dozen years ago when he was laid up in bed with a long illness.

"He started reading the stories and it was like eating peanuts after that," said Teddy. "He got into this large collection and already he has at least 2,800 items."

People who visit the Nivers are overwhelmed by the size of their collection. Sherlock Holmes' image is everywhere — in paintings, on books, even on the family car's license plate which reads "SHRLOK."

Teddy Nivers estimates that as many as 200 people nationwide collect Holmes memorabilia and belong to Holmes "societies," but as far as she knows, she and Harold are the only Sherlockians to have built a Sherlock Holmes house.



Teddy and Harold Nivers find the lifestyle of Sherlock Holmes so fascinating that they have adapted their own along the lines of the fictional detective. Harold likes to wear English tweeds, and a deerstalker cap. Teddy wears Victorian gowns and they have furnished their home in Victorian style. Even the family car bears the imprint of famous "Shrlok."

