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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.*

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure VI -- The Boscombe Valley Mystery

1. "Circumstantial evidence is a very tricky thing. It may seem to point straight to one thing, but if you shift your own point of view a little, you may find it pointing in an equally uncompromising manner to something entirely different."
2. "God help us! Why does fate play such tricks with poor, helpless worms? I never hear of such a case as this that I do not think of Baxter's words, and say, 'There, but for the grace of God, goes Sherlock Holmes.'"
3. "It makes a considerable difference to me, having someone with me on whom I can thoroughly rely. Local aid is always either worthless or else biased."
4. "It seems, from what I gather, to be one of those simple cases which are so extremely difficult."
5. "Many a man has been wrongfully hanged."
6. "Moonshine is a brighter thing than fog."



7. "Singularity is almost invariably a clue. The more featureless and commonplace a crime is, the more difficult it is to bring it home."
8. "There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact."
9. "You know my method. It is founded upon the observation of trifles."