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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.*

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure VII -- The Adventure of the Five Orange Pips

1. "I say now, as I said then, a man should keep his little brain attic stocked with all the furniture that he is likely to use, and the rest he can put away in the lumber-room of his library, where he can get it if he wants it."
2. "As Cuvier (Georges Cuvier, a French zoologist and naturalist) could correctly describe a whole animal by the contemplation of a single bone, so the observer who has thoroughly understood one link in a series of incidents should be able to accurately state all the other ones, both before and after."
3. "Except yourself, I have (no friends). I do not encourage visitors."
4. "I am the last court of appeal."
5. "I have been beaten four times -- three times by men, and once by a woman."
6. "I shall be my own police. When I have spun the web they may take the flies, but not before."



7. "It becomes a personal matter with me now, and, if God sends me health, I shall set my hand upon this gang."
8. "Problems may be solved in the study which have baffled all those who have sought a solution by the aid of their senses. It is not so impossible, however, that a man should possess all knowledge which is likely to be to him in his work, and this I have endeavored in my case to do."
9. "Tut! tut!" cried Sherlock Holmes. "You must act, man, or you are lost. Nothing but energy can save you. This is no time for despair."