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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.*

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XII -- The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor

1. "American slang is very expressive sometimes."
2. "Circumstantial evidence is occasionally very convincing, as when you find a trout in the milk, to quote Thoreau's example."
3. "Do not dream of going, Watson, for I very much prefer having a witness, if only as a check to my own memory."
4. "Draw your chair up and hand me my violin, for the only problem we have still to solve is how to while away these bleak autumnal evenings."
5. "I assure you, without affectation, that the status of my client is a matter of less moment to me than the interest of his case."
6. "I believe that the folly of a monarch and the blundering of a minister in far-gone years will not prevent our children from being some day citizens of the same world-wide country under a flag which shall be a quartering of the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes."



7. "I read nothing except the criminal news and the agony column. The latter is always instructive."
8. "It is very good of Lord St. Simon to honour my head by putting it on a level with his own."
9. "My correspondence has certainly the charm of variety, and the humbler are usually the more interesting. This looks like one of those unwelcome social summonses which call upon a man either to be bored or to lie."
10. "Still, jealousy is a strange transformer of characters."
11. "They often vanish before the ceremony, and occasionally during the honeymoon; but I cannot call to mind anything quite so prompt as this."