



*I only quote  
this as a  
trivial  
example of  
observation  
and  
inference.*

## The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure XX -- The Adventure of the Musgrave Ritual

“A collection of my trifling achievements would certainly be incomplete which contained no account of this very singular business.”

“A man always finds it hard to realize that he may have finally lost a woman's love, however badly he may have treated her.”

“I am generally recognized both by the public and by the official force as being a final court of appeal in doubtful cases.”



“I have taken to living by my wits.”

“I put myself in the man's place, and, having first gauged his intelligence, I try to imagine how I should myself have proceeded under the same circumstances.”

“Yes, my boy; these were all done prematurely, before my biographer had come to glorify me.”

'Whose was it?'

'His who is gone.'

'Who shall have it?'

'He who will come.'

('What was the month?')

'The sixth from the first.'

'Where was the sun?'

'Over the oak.'

'Where was the shadow?'

'Under the elm.'

'How was it stepped?'

'North by ten and by ten, east by five and by five, south by two and by two, west by one and by one,  
and so under.'

'What shall we give for it?'

'All that is ours.'

'Why should we give it?'

'For the sake of the trust.'