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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.*

The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure L – The Problem of Thor Bridge

1. “After breakfast even the smallest argument is unsettling.”
2. “All the cards are at present against us.”
3. “Even so trivial a matter as cooking an egg demands an attention which is conscious of the passage of time and incompatible with the love romance in that excellent periodical.”
4. “I am getting into your involved habit, Watson, of telling a story backward.”
5. “I can discover facts, but I cannot change them.”
6. “I do not think that I am in need of booming.”
7. “I guess most men have a little private reserve of their own in some corner of their souls where they don’t welcome intruders.”
8. “I have been sluggish in mind and wanting in that mixture of imagination and reality which is the basis of my art.”



9. "I prefer to work anonymously, and it is the problem itself which attracts me."
10. "If you will find the facts, perhaps others may find the explanation."
11. "It is easy to be wise after the event."
12. "It seemed a certainty when first it flashed across my mind in the cell at Winchester, but one drawback of an active mind is that one can always conceive alternative explanations which would make our scent a false one. And yet, we can but try"
13. "My professional charges are upon a fixed scale. I do not vary them, save when I remit them altogether."
14. "One drawback of an active mind is that one can always conceive alternate explanations which would make our scent a false one."
15. "Some of you rich men have to be taught that all the world cannot be bribed into condoning your offenses."
16. "The faculty of deduction is certainly contagious. It has enabled you to probe my secret. Yes, I have a case. After a month of trivialities and stagnation the wheels move once more."
17. "This case is quite sufficiently complicated to start with without the further difficulty of false information."
18. "We must look for consistency. Where there is a want of it we must suspect deception."
19. "When once your point of view is changed, the very thing which was so damning becomes a clue to the truth."
20. "Where a crime is coolly premeditated, then the means of covering it are coolly premeditated also."