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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.

The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LII – The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire

1. "Did it not occur to you that a bleeding wound may be sucked for some other purpose than to draw the blood from it? Was there not a queen in English history who sucked such a wound to draw poison from it?"
2. "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."
3. "I never get your limits, Watson. There are unexplored possibilities about you. "
4. "It is certainly delicate but I have not been struck up to now with its complexity. It has been a case for intellectual deduction, but when this original intellectual deduction is confirmed point by point by quite a number of independent incidents, then the subjective becomes objective and we can say confidently that we have reached our goal."



5. "It is the more painful because it is a distorted love, a maniacal exaggerated love for you, and possibly for his dead mother, which has prompted his action. His very soul is consumed with hatred for this splendid child, whose health and beauty are a contrast to his own weakness."
6. "It was a ship which is associated with the giant rat of Sumatra, a story for which the world is not yet prepared."
7. "One forms provisional theories and waits for time or fuller knowledge to explode them. A bad habit, Mr. Ferguson, but human nature is weak. I fear that your old friend here has given an exaggerated view of my scientific methods."
8. "Rubbish, Watson, rubbish! What have we to do with walking corpses who can only be held in their grave by stakes driven through their hearts? It's pure lunacy."
9. "The idea of a vampire was to me absurd. Such things do not happen in criminal practice in England."
10. "The swiftest surgery is the least painful."
11. "This agency stands flat-footed upon the ground, and there it must remain. The world is big enough for us. No ghosts need apply."
12. "We must not let him think that this agency is a home for the weak-minded."