

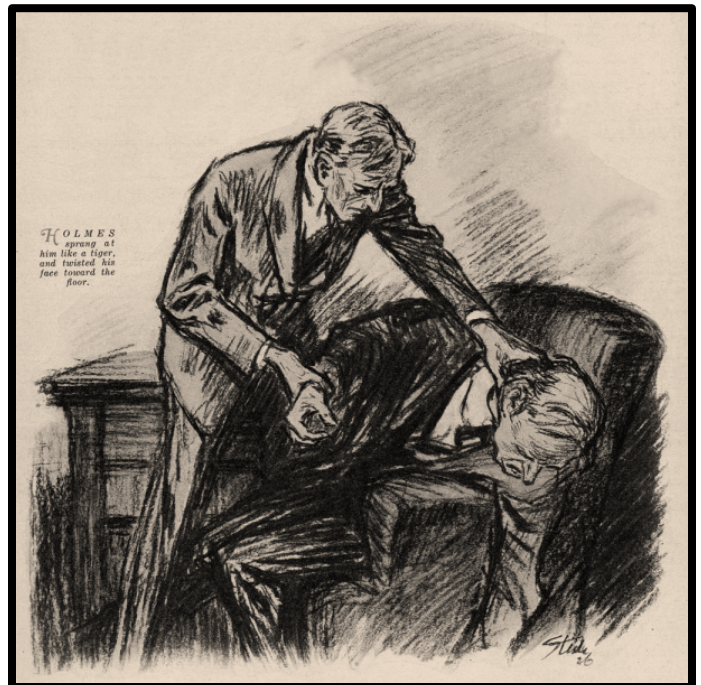


I only quote
this as a
trivial
example of
observation
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inference.

The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LVIII – The Adventure of the Retired Colourman

1. “A competence, a wife, leisure- it seemed a straight road which lay before him. And yet within two years he is, as you have seen, as broken and miserable a creature as crawls beneath the sun.”
2. “Amberley excelled at chess—one mark, Watson, of a scheming mind.”
3. “Burglary has always been an alternative profession had I cared to adopt it, and I have little doubt that I should have come to the front.”
4. “But is not all life pathetic and futile? Is not his story a microcosm of the whole? We reach. We grasp. And what is left in our hands at the end? A shadow. Or worse than a shadow- misery.”
5. “Cut out the poetry, Watson.”
6. “Don't be hurt, my dear fellow. You know that I am quite impersonal.”
7. “He felt so clever and so sure of himself that he imagined no one could touch him. He could say to any suspicious neighbor, 'Look at the steps I have taken. I have consulted not only the police but even Sherlock Holmes.'”



8. "It has been done. Thanks to the telephone and the help of the Yard, I can usually get my essentials without leaving this room."
9. "It is true that though in your mission you have missed everything of importance, yet even those things which have obtruded themselves upon your notice give rise to serious thought."
10. "Things must be done decently and in order."
11. "With your natural advantages, Watson, every lady is your helper and accomplice."