

A Case of Identity



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

1. "Indeed, I have found that it is usually in unimportant matters that there is a field for the observation, and for the quick analysis of cause and effect which gives the charm to an investigation."
2. When a woman has been seriously wronged by a man she no longer oscillates, and the usual symptom is a broken bell wire.
3. "Life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent."
4. "Never trust to general impressions, my boy, but concentrate yourself upon details."
5. "It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important."
6. "Oscillation upon the pavement always means an *affaire de coeur*."
7. "You did not know where to look, and so you missed all that was important. I can never bring you to realize the importance of sleeves, the suggestiveness of thumb-nails, or the great issues that may hand from a boot-lace."
8. "It is a curious thing that a typewriter has really quite as much individuality as a man's handwriting. Unless they are quite new, no two of them write exactly alike."
9. "A certain selection and discretion must be used in producing a realistic effect. Depend upon it, there is nothing so unnatural as the commonplace."
10. "That fellow will rise from crime to crime until he does something very bad, and ends on a gallows."
11. "The larger crimes are apt to be the simpler, for the bigger the crime the more obvious, as a rule, is the motive."
12. "It is my business to know things. Perhaps I have trained myself to see what others overlook."

