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this as a  
trivial  
example of  
observation  
and  
inference.

## The Return of Sherlock Holmes

### Adventure XXVIII -- The Adventure of the Empty House

1. "Ah, there we come into those realms of conjecture where the most logical mind may be at fault. Each may form his own hypothesis upon the present evidence, and yours is as likely to be correct as mine."
2. "I think you want a little unofficial help. Three undetected murders in one year won't do, Lestrade. But you handled the Molesey Mystery with less than your usual -- that's to say, you handled it fairly well."
3. "It was not a pleasant business, Watson. The fall roared beneath me. I am not a fanciful person, but I give you my word that I seemed to hear Moriarty's voice screaming at me out of the abyss."
4. "I have some knowledge, however, of baritsu, or the Japanese system of wrestling, which has more than once been very useful to me."
5. "I trust that age doth not wither nor custom stale my infinite variety."
6. "It is no joke when a tall man has to take a foot off his stature for several hours on end."
7. "Journeys end in lovers' meetings."



8. "So long as he was free in London, my life would really not have been worth living."
9. "The famous air-gun of Von Herder will embellish the Scotland Yard Museum, and once again Mr. Sherlock Holmes is free to devote his life to examining those interesting little problems which the complex life of London so plentifully presents."
10. "There are some trees, Watson, which grow to a certain height, and then suddenly develop some unsightly eccentricity. You will see it often in humans. I have a theory that the individual represents in his development the whole procession of his ancestors, and that such a sudden turn to good or evil stands for some strong influence which came into the line of his pedigree. The person becomes, as it were, the epitome of the history of his own family."
11. "Well then, about that chasm. I had no serious difficulty in getting out of it, for the very simple reason that I never was in it."
12. Work is the best antidote to sorrow, and I have a piece of work for us both to-night which, if we can bring it to a successful conclusion, will in itself justify a man's life on this planet."
13. You may have read of the remarkable explorations of a Norwegian named Sigerson, but I am sure that it never occurred to you that you were receiving news of your friend."