

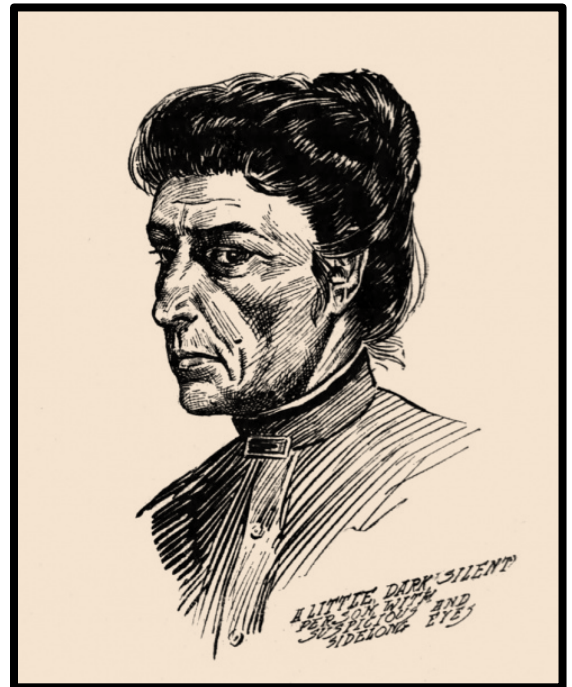


I only quote
this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXIX -- The Adventure of the Norwood Builder

1. "All my instincts are one way, and all the facts are the other, and I much fear that British juries have not yet attained that pitch of intelligence when they will give the preference to my theories over Lestrade's facts."
2. "But he had not that supreme gift of the artist, the knowledge of when to stop. He wished to improve that which was already perfect -- to draw the rope tighter yet round the neck of his unfortunate victim -- and so he ruined all."
3. "From the point of view of the criminal expert, London has become a singularly uninteresting city since the death of the late lamented Professor Moriarty."
4. "I pay a good deal of attention to matters of detail, as you may have observed."
5. "The community is certainly the gainer, and no one the loser, save the poor out-of-work specialist, whose occupation has gone. With that man in the field, one's morning paper presented infinite possibilities. Often it was only the smallest trace, the faintest indication, and yet it was enough to tell me that the great malignant brain was there, as the gentlest tremors of the edges of the web remind one of the foul spider which lurks in the center. Petty thefts, wanton assaults, purposeless outrage- to the man who held the clue



all could be worked into one connected whole. To the scientific student of the higher criminal world, no capital in Europe offered the advantages which London then possessed.”

6. “The work is its own reward.”

7. “There is no prospect of danger, or I should not dream of stirring out without you.”