



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

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXX -- The Adventure of the Dancing Men

1. "Every problem becomes very childish when once it is explained to you."
2. "I am fairly familiar with all forms of secret writings, and am myself the author of a trifling monograph upon the subject, in which I analyze one hundred and sixty separate ciphers, but I confess that this is entirely new to me."
3. "I have no desire to make mysteries, but it is impossible at the moment of action to enter into long and complex explanations."
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5. "It is not really difficult to construct a series of inferences, each dependent upon its predecessor and each simple in itself. If, after doing so, one simply knocks out all the central inferences and presents one's audience with the starting-point and the conclusion, one may produce a startling, though possibly a meretricious, effect."
6. "What one man can invent another can discover."

