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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.*

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XL -- The Adventure of the Second Stain

1. "And yet the motives of women are so inscrutable. How can you build on such a quicksand? Their most trivial action may mean volumes, or their most extraordinary conduct may depend upon a hairpin or a curling tongs."
2. "Come, friend Watson, the curtain rings up for the last act."
3. "It is a capital mistake to theorize in advance of the facts."
4. "Now, Watson, the fair sex is your department."
5. "Only one important thing has happened in the last three days, and that is that nothing has happened."
6. "You are two of the most busy men in the country and in my own small way I have also a good many call upon me. I regret exceedingly that I cannot help you in this matter, and any continuation of this interview would be a waste of time."
7. "We also have our diplomatic secrets."

