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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.*

His Last Bow

Adventure XLIII -- The Adventure of the Devil's Foot

1. "I fear that if the matter is beyond humanity it is certainly beyond me. Yet we must exhaust all natural explanations before we fall back upon such a theory as this."
2. "I have heard your reasons and regard them as unconvincing and inadequate. We will pass that."
3. "I have never loved, Watson, but if I did and if the woman I loved had met such an end, I might have done as our lawless lion-hunter has done."
4. "I take it in the first place that neither of us is prepared to admit diabolical intrusions into the affairs of men."
5. "I think, Watson, that I shall resume that course of tobacco-poisoning which you have so often so justly condemned."
6. "I thought I knew my Watson."
7. "It is not for me, my dear Watson, to stand in the way of the official police force. I leave them all the evidence which I found."



8. "Let us get a firm grip of the very little which we do know, so that when fresh facts arise we may be ready to fit them into their places."
9. "Let us walk along the cliffs together and search for flint arrows. We are more likely to find them than clues to this problem. To let the brain work without sufficient material is like racing an engine. It racks itself to pieces. The sea air, sunshine, and patience—all else will come."
10. "Meanwhile, we shall put the case aside until more accurate data are available, and devote the rest of our morning to the pursuit of Neolithic man."
11. "The Cornish horror - strangest case I have handled."
12. "There is a thread where which we have not yet grasped and which might lead us through the tangle."
13. "How do you know that?"
 - "I followed you."
 - "I saw no one."
 - "That is what you may expect to see when I follow you."