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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.*

His Last Bow

Adventure XLVI -- The Adventure of the Dying Detective

1. "Among your many talents dissimulation finds no place."
2. "Because it is my desire. Is that not enough?"
3. "I am somewhat exhausted; I wonder how a battery feels when it pours electricity into a nonconductor."
4. "If I am to have a doctor whether I will or not, let me at least have someone in whom I have confidence."
5. "If you approach me, Watson, I shall order you out of the house."
6. "Indeed, I cannot think why the whole bed of the ocean is not one solid mass of oysters, so prolific the creatures seem. No doubt there are natural enemies which limit the increase of the creatures. Shall the world, then, be overrun by oysters? No, no; horrible!"
7. "Malingering is a subject upon which I have sometimes thought of writing a monograph."
8. "My correspondence is a varied one and I am somewhat upon my guard against any packages which reach me."



9. "Of all ruins, that of a noble mind is the most deplorable."
10. "The best way of successfully acting a part is to be it."
11. "Well, Watson, we seem to have fallen upon evil days."
12. "When we have finished at the police-station I think that something nutritious at Simpson's would not be out of place."
13. "You fidget me beyond endurance. You, a doctor – you are enough to drive a patient into an asylum."