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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.

The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LVI – The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier

1. “A confederate who foresees your conclusions and course of action is always dangerous, but one to whom each development comes as a perpetual surprise, and to whom the future is always a closed book, is indeed an ideal helpmate.”
2. “I do not waste words or disclose my thoughts while a case is actually under consideration.”
3. “I have found it wise to impress clients with a sense of power.”
4. “I see no more than you, but I have trained myself to notice what I see.”
5. “It is my business to know things. That is my trade.”
6. “That process starts upon the supposition that when you have eliminated all which is impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth. It may well be that several explanations remain, in which case one tries test after test until one or other of them has a convincing amount of support.”



7. "Watson has some remarkable characteristics of his own to which in his modesty he has given small attention amid his exaggerated estimates of my own performances."
8. "When you have eliminated all which is possible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."
9. "The good Watson had at that time deserted me for a wife, the only selfish action which I can recall in our association. I was alone."