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this as a
trivial
example of
observation
and
inference.*

The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LVII – The Adventure of the Lion’s Mane

1. “At this period of my life the good Watson had passed almost beyond my ken. An occasional week-end visit was the most that I ever saw of him. Thus I must act as my own chronicler. Ah! had he but been with me, how much he might have made of so wonderful a happening and of my eventual triumph against every difficulty!”
2. “Exhausted nature had taken refuge in its last storehouse of vitality.”
3. “He seemed to live in some high, abstract region of surds and conic sections, with little to connect him to ordinary life.”
4. “I am an omnivorous reader with a strangely retentive memory for trifles.”
5. “I hold a vast store of out-of-the-way knowledge without scientific system, but very available for the needs of my work. My mind is like a crowded box-room with packets of all sorts stowed away therein—so many that I may well have but a vague perception of what was there.”
6. “It is a most singular thing that a problem which was certainly as abstruse and unusual as any which I have



faced in my long professional career should have come to me after my retirement, and be brought, as it were, to my very door.”

7. “It was monstrous, incredible, and yet it was always a possibility. I would test it to the full.”
8. “Let us follow it up in every direction and we can hardly fail to come upon the motive, which in turn should lead us to the criminal.”
9. “My house is lonely. I, my old housekeeper, and my bees have the estate all to ourselves.”
10. “Suspicion, vague and nebulous, was now beginning to take outline in my mind.”
11. “That the dog should die was after the beautiful, faithful nature of dogs.”
12. “To accept such praise was to lower one's own standards.”
13. “Women have seldom been an attraction to me, for my brain has always governed my heart, but I could not look upon her perfect clear-cut face, with all the soft freshness of the downlands in her delicate coloring, without realizing that no young man would cross her path unscathed.”
14. “You have known what it was to be in a nightmare in which you feel that there is some all-important thing for which you search and which you know is there, though it remains forever just beyond your reach.”