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4. Mr. Stapleton, a mutual friend who was much concerned at his state of health, was of the same opinion.
5. As he was sitting up late, Dr. Mortimer was able to reach Baskerville Hall within an hour of the event.
6. Princetown, which is a prison, is 14 miles from Baskerville Hall.
7. As you value or life or your reason keep away from the moor.
8. If their intentions are evil, they might do you a mischief.
9. There is nothing like a case where everything goes against you to stimulate the grey matter.
10. I really think that we may eliminate Mr. James Desmond entirely from our calculations.

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12. Since I wrote last, I have met one other neighbor.
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14. The one danger is that he should strike before we are ready to do so.
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