How does Lout Work

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Getting Started

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This is a sample

First Example

She was, no doubt, thinking of George Eliot's unblinking but compassionate delineation of her characters, of the subtlety of psychological analysis and the maturity of moral comment which underlie this complex and varied novel of English provincial life in the early nineteenth century.

That explains everything except the part that produces the heading. It's an interesting glimpse of the way that Lout's symbols cooperate with each other

Second Example

This is the second table.