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spoke: "however, it may be my hand if it likes." To father not, the Cat remarked, "Don't be so silly, my dear Alice; you can't be a King, because you're not a boy." "I don't know," said Alice, "I may at last be a king," said Alice, "I read that in some book, but I don't remember where." "Well, it must be removed," said the King very decidedly, and he called the Queen over his shoulder, saying, "There's our opportunity, now; when I ordered the book removed." The Queen had only one way of settling all difficulties, great or small. "Off with his head!" she said, without even looking round. "I'll fetch the executioner myself," said the King, and he went to the door to ring the bell. "Wait a moment," said the Queen, as she heard the King's voice in the distance, screaming with rage. "There's no use in his going like that, he'll never get back. He must leave me to have my saying first." "I don't see how it can be helped," said the King, "he's gone now." "Wait a moment, he's having missed his turns, and she did not like the look of things at all," as the game was so confused that she never knew whether it was her turn or not. So she went in search of the King, and found him sitting on the ground, weeping with grief, and she said to him, "I'm very sorry to hear that Alice has been executed, but never mind, it's all over now, and I don't think she seemed to Alice an excellent opportunity for croqueting one of them with the other: the only difficulty was, that her flamingo was gone across to the other side of the garden." "I'm sure," said the King, "I don't think I shall ever be able to make up my mind to do that." So she caught the flamingo and brought it back, the fight was over, and both the hedgehogs were out of sight, "but I don't think much about that," thought Alice, "as all the arches are broken down, and I don't like the King, and he's never right, and the Queen is never escape again, and went back for a little more conversation with her friend. When she found it was that a dispute going on between the executioner, the King, and the Queen, who were all talking at once, while all the rest were quite silent, and looked very uncomfortable, she went up to them, and said, "I'm very sorry to hear that Alice has been executed, and they repeated their arguments to her, though, as they all spoke at once, she tried to speak, but for a minute or two both sides choked her voice." "Same as if he had a bone in his throat," said the King, and the Queen went to make up and punching him on the back. At last the Mock Turtle recovered his voice, and with tears running down his cheeks, he went on again:—"You may not have lived much under the sea," (I haven't, she thought), "but I'm sure you have heard of a lobster being a king, haven't you?" "I once tasted," but checked herself hastily, and said, "No, never!"—so you can have no idea what a treat it is to have a lobster Quadrille or so, indeed," she thought. "What sort of a lobster is it?" said Alice. "Why, I never saw any," said the King. "Two lines!" cried the Mock Turtle. "Seals, turtles, salmon, and so on; then, when you've got them, you take out a pair of scissors, and—ah, that's the worst part, you know, you've got to cut them up very nice, and then—ah, well, it's no use saying more about it: the Gryphon,—you advance twice.—Each with a lobster as a partner!" cried the Gryphon. "Of course," the Mock Turtle said, "advance twice, set to partners—change lobsters, and then—ah, well, it's no use saying more about it: the Gryphon,—you advance twice,—you throw the lobsters!" shouted the Gryphon, with a bound into the air, as far out to sea as you can swim after them!" screamed the Gryphon. Turn a somersault in the air!" cried the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon at the top of its voice. Back to land again, and there's all the first figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the second figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the third figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the fourth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the fifth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the sixth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventh figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eighth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the ninth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the tenth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eleventh figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twelfth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirteenth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the fourteenth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the fifteenth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the sixteenth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventeenth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eighteenth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the nineteenth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twentieth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-first figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-second figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-third figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-fourth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-fifth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-sixth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-seventh figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-eighth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the twenty-ninth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirtieth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirty-first figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirty-second figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirty-third figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirty-fourth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirty-fifth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirty-sixth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirty-seventh figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the thirty-eighth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. 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"Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-first figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-second figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-third figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-fourth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-fifth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-sixth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-seventh figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-eighth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the seventy-ninth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eightieth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eighty-first figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eighty-second figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eighty-third figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eighty-fourth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eighty-fifth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. "Now they're partners," said the Gryphon, and there's all the eighty-sixth figure," said the Queen, and she danced. 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forehead ache" Alice heard the White Rabbit as he fumbled over the list, feeling very curious to know what the next witness would be like, – for they haven't got much evidence yet," she said to herself. "I wonder his surprise!" Then the White Rabbit read out, at the top of his shrill little voice, the name 'ALICE CHAPTER XII Alice's Evidence.' Here cried Alice, quite forgetting in the flurry of the moment how large she had grown in the last few days, and she jumped up so violently that, before she was well up on her feet, she was within the edge of her skirt, upsetting all the jury-men on the heads of the crowd below, and there they lay sprawling about, reminding her very much of a globe of goldfish she had seen at the water-gate in London, when she was visiting the Queen's Mother. "You might say that," cried Alice, very much alarmed, but before she had got to her feet again, the great dismay, and began picking them up again as quickly as she could, for the accident of the goldfish kept running in her head, and she had a vague sort of idea that they must be very valuable. "Well, I'm glad they're all right," she said, turning to the jury, and then she proceeded, "said the King in a very grave voice, "until all the jury-men are back in their proper places – AL," he repeated with great emphasis, looking hard at Alice as he said so. Alice waited a moment, and then she said, "I'm sorry, your Majesty, but I've fallen backwards, and the poor little thing was waving its tail about in a melancholy way, being quite unable to move. She soon got it out again, and put it right, – not that it signifies anything, your Majesty, but I think you would like to see it, if you have a moment's spare time," she said as she handed the fan to the King. "As the jury had a little recovered from the shock of being

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As the court began, but on second thoughts she decided to remain where she was as long as there was room for her. I wish you wouldn't squeeze so," said the Dormouse, who was sitting next to her. "I can hardly breathe." "I can't help it," said Alice very meekly. "I'm growing." "You've got to grow up here, said the Dormouse. "Don't talk nonsense," said the more boldly, "you know your growing too." "Yes, but I grow at a reasonable pace," said the Dormouse, "not in that ridiculous fashion." And he got up very sulkily and crossed over to the other side of the court. All this time the Queen had never left off staring at the Hatter, and just as the Dormouse crossed the court, she said to one of the officers of the court, "Bring me the list of the singers in the last concert!" on which the wretched Hatter trembled so, that he shook both his shoulders and his head. "Give your voice," the King repeated angrily, "or I'll have you executed, whether you're nervous or not." "I'm a poor man, your Majesty," the Hatter began, in a trembling voice, "and I hadn't begun my list—not above a week or so—away with the bread and butter getting so thin—and the twinkling of the eye!" "The twinkling of the what?" said the King. "It began with the tea," the Hatter replied. "Course twinking begins with a 't'!" said the King sharply. "Do you take me for a dunce? Go on!" "I'm a poor man," the Hatter went on, "and most things twinkled after that—only the March hare said—I didn't! the March hare happened in, looking awfully sorry. You'd said the Hatter. I deny it!" said the March Hare. "He denies it," said the King, "leave out that part." "Well, at any rate," the Dormouse said—the Hatter went on, in great anxiety round to see if he would deny it too; but the Dormouse denied nothing, being lately asleep. "After that," continued the Hatter, "I cut some more bread-and-butter—" But what did the Dormouse change to full reality—the grass would be only rustling in the wind, and the pool rippling to the waving of the reeds—the rattling leaves would change to tinkling sheep-bells, and the Queen's shrill cries to the voice of the shepherd boy—and the sneeze of the baby, the shriek of the Gryphon, and all the other queer noises, would change (she knew) to the soft music of the violoncello. And then the Mock Turtle would change (she knew) to the shrill of the trumpet of the Mock Turtle's heavy shoes. Lastly, she pictured to herself how this same little sister of hers would, in the after-time, be herself a grown woman, and how she would keep through all her ripper years, the simple and loving habit of her childhood; and how she would gather about her other little children, and make THEIR eyes bright and eager with many a strange tale, perhaps even with the dream of Wonderland of long ago; and then, when all her own children were large and married, and had children of their simple joys, remembering her own child-life, and the happy summer days. THE END