

*'You are old,' said the youth, 'and your jaws are too weak  
For anything tougher than suet;  
Yet you finished the goose, with the bones and the beak--  
Pray how did you manage to do it?'*

*'In my youth,' said his father, 'I took to the law,  
And argued each case with my wife;  
And the muscular strength, which it gave to my jaw,  
Has lasted the rest of my life.'*

*'You are old,' said the youth, 'one would hardly suppose  
That your eye was as steady as ever;  
Yet you balanced an eel on the end of your nose--  
What made you so awfully clever?'*

*'I have answered three questions, and that is enough,'  
Said his father; 'don't give yourself airs!  
Do you think I can listen all day to such stuff?  
Be off, or I'll kick you down stairs!'*

*'That is not said right,' said the Caterpillar.  
'Not quite right, I'm afraid,' said Alice, timidly; 'some of  
the words have got altered.'*

*'It is wrong from beginning to end,' said the Caterpillar  
decidedly, and there was silence for some minutes.*

*The Caterpillar was the first to speak.*

*'What size do you want to be?' it asked.*

*'Oh, I'm not particular as to size,' Alice hastily replied;*