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# 「アリス」における英語遊び ーその6-

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## 5. ノンセンス遊び

イギリス文学におけるノンセンスの三大古典の一つといわれる「アリス」(高橋1977:16)」は、アリス姉妹によってノンセンスいっぱいの物語をするようにせがまれたルイス・キャロルが、その才能を駆使して依頼に見事に応えた結果生まれた作品であり、ノンセンスこそ「アリス」の生命線である。したがってノンセンスのない「アリス」の物語はありえないのである。そのノンセンスを作り出すためのルイス・キャロルのしかけによって、アリスは日常的世界から非日常的世界へと降りたのである(新倉1985:164)。つまりノンセンスを生み出すために、ルイス・キャロルはアリスが兎穴から落っこち、また鏡を通りぬけるという通過儀式を設定したのである。アリスが入り込んだ非日常的世界ではそれこそなにが起っても不思議のないノンセンスな世界が作り出されたのである。

そもそもノンセンスとはなにか。おもしろいことには、英語の nonsense に対して、日本語では「ナンセンス」と「ノンセンス」という二つの語があてがわれている。「ナンセンス」と「ノンセンス」はそれぞれ異なる語義が与えられている場合と同じと考えられている場合がある。「アリス」研究者の多くは「ノンセンス」を使っているが、ここで両者は異なる語義をもつものと考えて、比較することにより、ノンセンスの意味を明らかにする。まず、「ナンセンス」は、「国語大辞典」(小学館)では、「意味をなさない事柄、また意味を持たないさま。無意味、実際にはありそうもない、通常の論理を踏みはずした事柄、またそのさま」という語義が与えられている。それに対して、「ノンセンス」は「(まじめな)意味」(センス)に対立するものとして「無意味」(ノンセンス)といわれる。それは「没意味」をさすのではなく、むしろ前者の普通の意味をからかい、はぐらかすという点で「ノンセンス」なのである (新倉1985:5)。ノン

センスはまったく勝手に言葉のたがをはずして、チグハグなずれや歪みを生み出す (新倉1985:5)。ノンセンスは日常的意味の空無から新しい別の意味を出現させるのである (高橋1977:16)。ノンセンスはデタラメとは異なり、意味がないようで意味がある状態である。さらに専門的にいえば、ノンセンスは「コード化された規範の言葉 (ラング) ではなく、つねにそれから逸脱しようとする個性的なはぐらかしのパロールである」(新倉1985:6)。その基本的な原理は、「アリス」の登場人物たちは、I say what I mean, I mean what I say といって、互いに相手をやつけるために脈絡を欠いだ会話をして、お互いに nonsense とやり合うのである。

ルイス・キャロルが作り出したノンセンスには三つ、つまりノンセンス言葉、ノンセンス論理、ノンセンス出来事がある。ノンセンス言葉は、通常の言語の基準からいえばなにも意味しない逸脱であるが、文法的には完璧な形式をもつものである。ノンセンス論理は、まさに通常の論理ではありえない言い草であるが、「アリス」的世界の言い方からすればちゃんと成立している論理である。ルイス・キャロルが作り出したノンセンス出来事もこの世界の基準から見ればでたらめであるように思われるが、逆にみれば、つまり鏡を通して見るとちゃんと成立することが理解できるものである。ここではそれを場面化と呼んでいる宗宮にならって、ノンセンス場面ということにする(宗宮2001:48)。それでは以下に、三つのノンセンスを挙げていくことにする。

### 5.1 ノンセンス言葉

(1) Then the Queen left off, quite out of breath, and said to Alice, 'have you seen the Mock Turtle yet?'

'No,' said Alice. 'I don't even know what a Mock Turtle is.'

'It's the thing Mock Turtle Soup is made from,' said the Queen.

'I never saw one, or heard of one.' said Alice. (AAW 122)

Turtle Soup は英語として通常の複合語であるが、Mock Turtle Soup はルイス・キャロルの造語である。(稲木・沖田 1994b: 172)

(2) 'I couldn't afford to learn it,' said the Mock Turtle with a sigh. 'I only took the regular course.'

'What was that?' inquired Alice.

'Reeling and Writhing, of course, to begin with,' the Mock Turtle replied; 'and then the different branches of Arithmetic - Ambition, Distraction, Uglification, and Derision.'

'I never heard of "Uglification," 'Alice ventured to say, 'What is it?'

The Gryphon lifted up both its paws in surprise. 'What! Never heard of uglifying!" 'it exclaimed. 'You know what to beautify is, I suppose?' (AAW 126-127)

Reeling, Writhing, Ambition, Distraction, Uglification, Derision は海の学校の科目名であるが、とくに Uglification は beautify: beautification = uglify: X という類推からルイス・キャロルが造った派生語である。

(3) 'Well, there was Mystery,' the Mock Turtle replied, counting off the subjects on his flappers, '-Mystery, ancient and modern, with Seaography: then Drawling - the Drawling master was an old conger-eel, that used to come once a week: he taught us Drawling, Stretching, and Fainting in Coils.'

'What was that like?' said Alice.

'Well, I can't show it you myself.' the Mock Turtle said: 'I'm too stiff and the Gryphon never learnt it.'

'Hadn't time.' said the Gryphon: 'I went to the Classical master, though, he was an old crab, he was.'

'I never went to him,' the Mock Turtle said with a sigh: 'he taught **Laughing** and **Grief**, they used to say.' (AAW 127-128)

Mystery, Seaography, Stretching, Fainting in Coils, Laughing, Grief も海の学校の科目であるが、Seaography はGeography からの類推によりルイス・キャロルの造語による混成語である。

(4) JABBERWOCKY

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves

Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;

All mimsy were the borogoves,

And the mome raths outgrabe.

(TLG 202)

ジャバーウオッキー詩の第一節のみを引用したが、これはあまりにもよく知られたノンセンセの 代表ともいえるものである。全体は英語の文法的形式を満しているが、それぞれの単語はまだ英 語の語彙として認知されていない。

(5) 'They gave it me,' Humpty Dumpty continued thoughtfully, as he crossed one knee over the other and clasped his hands round it, 'they gave it me – for an **un-birthday** present.'

'I beg your pardon?' Alice said with a puzzled air.

'I'm not offended.' said Humpty Dumpty.

'I mean, what is an un-birthday present?'

'A present given when it isn't your birthday, of course.' (TLG 273) un-birthday も辞書にもまだ認知されていないルイス・キャロルの造語であるが、英語の語とし

て十分に考えられるものである。 (6) 'I don't know what you mean by "glory,"' Alice said.

Humpty Dumpty smiled contemptuously. 'Of course you don't - till I tell you. I mean "there's a nice knocking-down argument for you!" '

'But "glory" doesn't mean "a nice knocking-down argument," ' Alice objected.

(TLG 274)

アリスがいうように、我々の辞書では glory には a nice knocking-down argument という意味はない。

(7) 'Would you tell me, please,' said Alice, 'what that means?'
'Now you talk like a reasonable child,' said Humpty Dumpty, looking very much pleased.
'I mean by "impenetrability" that we've had enough of that subject, and it would be just as well if you'd mention what you mean to stop to do next, as I suppose you don't mean to stop here all the rest of your life,'
(TLG 275)

ハンプティ ダンプティのいう impenetrability の意味はやはりこの世界の辞書の意味とは異なる。

### 5.2 ノンセンス論理

- (1) Presently she began again. 'I wonder if I shall fall right through the earth! How funny it'll seem to come out among the people that walk with their heads downwards!

  The Antipathies, I think-' ... (AAW 26)
  地球の裏側の人々は逆さに歩いているというのは、7歳のアリスの論理からすればあり得ること
- である。Antipathies (嫌いなこと) は、もちろん Antipodes (対立地) のアリスの勘違いである。
  (2) '...Let me see: **four times five is twelve**, and **four times six is thirteen**, and four times seven is oh dear! I shall never get to twenty at that rate! However, the Multiplication Table doesn't signify: let's try Geography. **London is the capital of Paris**, and **Paris is the capital of Rome**, and Rome no, *that's* all wrong, I'm certain ...' (AAW36-37)
- アリスがまだ 7 歳の少女であること示すために間違った知識をいわせている。
- (3) 'What I was going to say,' said the Dodo in an offended tone, 'was, that the best thing to get us dry would be a Caucus-race.'

'What is a Caucus-race?' said Alice; not that she wanted much to know, but the Dodo had paused as if it thought that *somebody* ought to speak, and no one else seemed inclined to say anything.

...

First it marked out a race-course, in a sort of circle, ('the exact shape doesn't matter,' it said,) and then all the party were placed along the course, here and there. There was no 'One, two, three, and away,' but they began running when they liked, and left off when they liked, so that it was not easy to know when the race was over!' ... (AAW45) 始まりも終わりもない円を走るコーカスレース。ドド鳥の説明にもあるようにいつ始まりいつ終わるのか、だれが勝つのかだれが負けるのかまことにノンセンスの競争である。しかし濡れた身体を乾かすには絶好かもしれない。

(4) This time Alice waited patiently until it chose to speak again. In a minute or two the

Caterpillar took the hookah out of its mouth and yawned once or twice, and shook itself. Then it got down off the mushroom, and crawled away into the grass, merely remarking as it went, 'One side will make you grow taller, and the other side will make you grow shorter.'

'One side of *what*? The other side of *what*?' thought Alice to herself. (AAW 72) また円の話しであるが、丸いきのこにはアリスが考えているように、辺はなく左も右もない変な話である。

- (5) 'Well, I've seen a cat without a grin,' thought Alice; 'but a grin without a cat! It's the most curious thing I ever saw in all my life!'

  (AAW 90) 猫がいなくなったのに、その笑い顔だけが残るということは論理的には考えられない。しかし残像としては起こりうる現象である。(稲木・沖田1992:77, 宗宮2001:83-85) くわしくは、マーチン・ガードナー注(石川訳1997:100)参照
- (6) The table was a large one, but there were all crowded together at one corner of it: 'No room! No room!' They cried out when they saw Alice coming. 'There's *plenty* of room!' said Alice indignantly, and sat down in a large arm-chair at one end of the table

'Have some wine,' the March Hare said in an encouraging tone.

Alice looked all round the table, but there was nothing on it but tea.

'I don't see any wine,' she remarked.

(AAW 92)

皆が座っているそのテーブルのコーナーのところだけを見るとみんながくっつきあって座っていて、確かにアリスの座る余地はないが、大きなテーブルだからまだ他のところは空いていてアリスが座る余地がある。論理的に成立しているようで成立していない。次のところもワインがないのにワインを勧めているが、これは論理学でいう空集合であり、「ないこと」も集合の論理的概念からすれば成立している。(宗宮2001:198)

(7) The Hatter opened his eyes very wide on hearing this; but all he said was this, 'Why is a raven like a writing-desk?'

(AAW 93) raven (ワタリガラス) と writing-desk (書き物机) はどう考えても共通点はないが、質問には答えがあるというのが前提であるので、この禅の公案のような質問にこれまで多くの挑戦がなされている。ルイス・キャロル自身も答えを出している。

「なぜならば、鴉(からす)のなき声はひどく単調で、いっこうに変わりばえしませんが、それでも二いろか三いろのなき方はできます。そして鴉はどっちが前やらうしろやら、見分け難いほど全身まっ黒ですが、神さまはうしろにつけるべきものを前につけるようなへマはなさいません。ちゃんとあるべき所にあるべきものがあります。くちばしのある方が前です。」(\*[訳注] 'It can produce a few notes' は鴉の場合は二いろか三いろの違うなき声をだすという意味で、机の場合は原稿の二つや三つは産みだすの意。(tho they (notes) are very flat' は鴉の場合はなき声がひどく単調で変化に乏しいがの意、机の場合はたとえばひどく退屈な、まずい原稿ではあっ

てもの意。'it is never put with the wrong end in front' は鴉の場合は前にあるべきものは前にある。つまりくちばしのある方が前で、机の場合は抽斗しのある方が前である (石川1997:104)。

(8) The March Hare took the watch and looked at it gloomily: then he dipped it into his cup of tea, and looked at it again: but he could think of nothing better to say than his first remark, 'It was the best butter, you know.'

Alice had been looking over his shoulder with some curiosity. 'What a funny watch!' she remarked. 'It tells the day of the month, and doesn't tell what o'clock it is!'

'Why should it?' muttered the Hatter. 'Does your watch tell you what year it is?'

'Of course not,' Alice replied very readily: 'but that's because it stays the same year for such a long time together.'

'Which is just the case with *mine*,' said the Hatter. (AAW 95) 三月ウサギは、紅茶の中に、バターの代わりに時計を浸してしまった。多分時計は止まったものと考えられる。だからその時計は刻々と変わる時間は教えてはくれない。しかし時計は止まっていても、年月を指していれば年月はしばらく変わらないので、三月ウサギの言うように止まっている時計でも年月はわかるし、一日に二度正確な時間を指している。これも滑稽とはいえ、論理的には成立している。

(9) 'I've had nothing yet,' Alice replied in an offended tone. 'so I can't take more.'

'You mean you can't take less,' said the Hatter: 'it's very easy to take more than nothing.' (AAW 100)

nothing (無) より多く飲むということは通常はありえない。しかしこれも論理の世界ではゼロよりも多い more (プラス) と少ない less (マイナス) が可能である。less と more の掛け合いがなされている。(稲木・沖田1992:50, 1994b:168)

(10) 'Now, I give you fair warning,' shouted the Queen, stamping on the ground as she spoke; 'either you or your head must be off, and that in about half no time! Take your choice!'

(AAW 121)

これもゼロ時間の半分というのは通常の世界ではありえないが、数学上はゼロも数の一つである。 (稲木・沖田1992:51)

(11) 'And how many hours a day did you do lessons?' said Alice, in a hurry to change the subject.

'Ten hours the first day,' said the Mock Turtle: 'nine the next, and so on.' 'What a curious plan,' exclaimed Alice.

'That's the reason they're called lessons,' the Gryphon remarked : 'because they lessen from day to day.' (AAW 128)

海の中の学校の授業時間は第一日目は10時間で、二日目は9時間というように減っていく。地上の世界の授業では逆に増えていくのが、通常の状態であるが、計算上では、だんだんにプラスさ

れることも、逆にだんだんにマイナスになることも可能である。同音異義の lesson とlessen をかけ合わせている。

(12) 'No, no!' said the Queen. 'Sentence first - verdict afterwards.'

'Stuff and nonsense!' said Alice loudly. 'The idea of having the sentence first!'

(AAW 157)

裁判では、アリスのいうように評決 (verdict) が先に行われて、その後に刑の宣告 (sentence) がなされるのであって、ノンセンスであるが、鏡の国では逆もありうる。

(13) 'You can't possibly do that,' said the Rose: 'I should advise you to walk the other way.'

This sounded nonsense to Alice, so she said nothing, but set off at once towards the Red

Queen. ... (TLG 211)

鏡の国では逆に歩くことが、正常な歩きかたになる。

沖田1994b:171)

talk!'

(14) 'When you say "hill," ' the Queen interrupted, 'I could show you hills, in comparison with which you'd call that a valley.'

'No, I shouldn't,' said Alice, surprised into contradicting her at last: 'a hill can't be a valley, you know, That would be nonsense -'

(TLG 213)
アリスがいっているように、谷 (valley) は丘 (hill) になりえない。ノンセンスである。(稲木・

(15) The most curious part of the thing was, that the trees and the other things round them never changed their places at all: however fast they went, they never seemed to pass anything. 'I wonder if all the things move along with us?' thought poor puzzled Alice. And the Queen seemed to guess her thoughts, for she cried, 'Faster! Don't try to

Alice looked round her in great surprise. 'Why, I do believe we've been under this tree the whole time! Everything's just as it was!'

'Of course it is,' said the Queen: 'what would you have it?'

'Well, in *our* country,' said Alice, still panting a little, 'you'd generally get to somewhere else – if you ran very fast for a long time, as we've been doing.'

'A slow sort of country!' said the Queen. 'Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!'

(TLG 215-216)

早く走って行けば、周りの景色は変わってしまうのが普通であるのに、不思議の国では、走って も走っても、周りの景色は変わらない。また同じ場所にいようと思ったら、できる限り走る必要 があるとはいかにも不思議の国のありかたである。

(16) Alice thought to herself, 'Then there's no use in speaking.' The voices didn't join in this

time, as she hadn't spoken, but, to her great surprise, they all *thought in chorus* (I hope you understand what *thinking in chorus* means – for I must confess that I don't), 'Better say nothing at all. Language is worth a thousand pounds a word!'

(TLG 221)

声は一緒に出すことができても、みんなが一斉に同じように考えることはできない。

(17) 'Where I am now, of course,' said Alice.

'Not you!' Tweedledee retorted contemptuously, 'You'd be nowhere. Why, you're only a sort of thing in his dream!'

'If that there King was to wake,' added Tweedledum, 'you'd go out - bang! - just like a candle!'

(TLG 244)

夢の中にだけ存在するということは、夢が覚めると、ろうそくのように消えてしまう。(宗宮2001: 114)

(18) '...Do you think it's going to rain?'

Tweedledum spread a large umbrella over himself and his brother, and looked up into it. 'No, I don't think it is,' he said: 'at least – **not under** *here*. Nohow.'

'But it may rain outside?'

(TLG 245-246)

雨は傘の中には降らないが、傘の外に降るのはあたり前であるが、それをわざわざ作り出して成立させていることがむしろノンセンスである。

(19) 'That's the effect of **living backwards**,' the Queen said kindly: 'it always makes one a little giddy at first -'

'Living backwards!' Alice repeated in great astonishment. 'I never heard of such a thing!' '-but there's one great advantage in it, that one's memory works both ways.'

'I'm sure mine only works one way,' Alice remarked. 'I can't remember things before they happen.'

'It's a poor sort of memory that only works backwards,' the Queen remarked.

(TLG 253-254)

後ろ向きに生きることはこの世ではできないが、鏡の国では正常になる。また記憶は過去に関するものだけであるが、鏡の国では未来のことも記憶できる。

- (20) '...He's in prison now, being punished; and the trial doesn't even begin till next Wednesday: and of course the crime comes last of all.' (TLG 255) 罪と裁判が逆転して起こることは、なんでもありえる鏡の国では可能である。
- (21) ...'My finger's bleeding! Oh, oh, oh, oh!'

. . .

'What is the matter?' she said, as soon as there was a chance of making herself heard.

'Have you pricked your finger?'

'I haven't pricked it yet,' the Queen said, 'but I soon shall - oh, oh, oh!'

まだ怪我をしていないのに出血がはじまった。

(22) 'Fivepence farthing for one – two pence for two,' the Sheep replied.

'Then two are cheaper than one?' Alice said in a surprised tone, taking out her purse.

(TLG 265)

アリスが驚いたように卵が一つより二つが安い。

(23) 'Why do you sit out here all alone?' said Alice, not wishing to begin an argument.

'Why, because there's nobody with me!' cried Humpty Dumpty. 'Did you think I didn't know the answer to that? Ask another.'

(TLG 269)

誰も一緒にいなければ、一人ぼっちである。答えになっていない。(宗宮2001:199)

- (24) 'Let's hear it,' said Humpty Dumpty. 'I can explain all the poems that ever were invented and a good many that haven't invented just yet.'

  (TLG 275-276) まだ作られていない詩を説明できるとは、さすがに鏡の国である。(宗宮2001:41)
- (25) 'I shouldn't know you again if we *did meet*,' Humpty Dumpty replied in a discontented tone, giving her one of his fingers to shake; 'you're so exactly like other people.'

(TLG 282)

会っていれば、お互いに知っているはずである。

- (26) 'That's just what I complain of,' said Humpty Dumpty. 'Your face is the same as every-body has the two eyes, so ' ... 'nose in the middle, mouth under. It's always the same.

  Now if you had the two eyes on the same side of the nose, for instance or the mouth at the top that would be some help.'

  (TLG 282)
- 顔の片側半分だけに目が二つあり、口が顔の上にある顔とはどんな顔になるだろう。
- (27) 'You don't know how to manage Looking-glass cakes,' the Unicorn remarked. 'Hand it round first, and cut it afterwards.' (TLG 296)
- ケーキを分け与えた後で、切るとはさすがに鏡の国のやり方である。
- (28) 'I wonder, now, what the Rules of Battle are, 'she said to herself. as she watched the fight, timidly peeping out from her own hiding place: 'one Rule seems to be, that if one knight hits the other, he knocks him off his horse, and if he misses, he tumbles off himself and another Rule seems to be that they hold their clubs with their arms, as if they were Punch and Judy what a noise they make when they tumble! Just like a whole set of fire-irons falling into the fender! And how quite the horses are! They let them get on and off them just as if they were tables!'

Another Rule of Battle, that Alice had not noticed, seemed to be that they always fell on their heads, and the battle ended with their both falling off in this way, side by side; when they got up again, they shook hands, and then the Red Knight 白の騎士と赤の騎士の戦闘規則とはなんぞ。その第一の規則は、一方の騎士が他を打ちし時、彼は相手を必ず馬より叩き落す。ただし打ち損じたときは自ら馬より転落する。その第二の規則は、お互いに人形劇のパンチとジュディのような格好で腕に棍棒をもつこと。もうひとつの第三の規則は、落ちるときは、必ず頭から落ちること。そして二人が並んで転げ落ちたときに戦いは終わる。これらは規則といえば規則といえるが、戦いの勝敗を決める規則になりえるか。

(29) He was dressed in tin armour, which seemed to fit him very badly, and he had a queer-shaped little deal box fastened across his shoulders, upside-down, and with the lid hanging open. Alice looked at it with great curiosity.

'I see you're admiring my little box,' the Knight said in a friendly tone. 'It's my own invention - to keep clothes and sandwiches in. You see I carry it up-side down, so that the rain can't get in.'

'But the things can get *out*,' Alice gently remarked. 'Do you know the lid's open?' 'I don't know it,' the Knight said, a shade of vexation passing over his face. ...

(TLG 302-303)

箱を逆さに下げっていれば、確かにふたは開いていても雨は降り込まない。しかし箱を逆さまに してふたが開いていれば、食べ物や衣服を入れれば、アリスのいっているように落ちてしまう。

(30) 'Have you invented a plan for keeping the hair from being blown off?' Alice enquired. 'Not yet,' said the Knight. 'But I've got a plan for keeping it from falling off.'
'I should like to hear it, very much.'

'First, you take an upright stick,' said the Knight. 'Then you make your hair creep up it, like a fruit-tree. Now the reason hair falls off is because it hangs *down* – things never fall *upwards*, you know. It's a plan of my own invention. You may try it if you like.'

(TLG 304-305)

髪が抜け落ちないようにするためには、それをまっすぐに立てた棒に絡ませておけばよいのは確かである。しかも垂れ下がっておれば、落ちるという理由も理解できる。なぜならものは上向きには落ちないものだからである。白の騎士のいう論理は成立している。それだけになおノンセンスが生み出される。

(31) 'Well, just then I was inventing a new way of getting over a gate – would you like to hear it?'

'Very much indeed,' Alice said politely.

'I'll tell you how I came to think of it,' said the Knight. 'You see, I said to myself, "The only difficulty is with the feet: the *head* is high enough already." Now, first I put my head on the top of the gate – then the head's high enough - then I stand on my

head - then the feet are high enough, you see - then I'm over, you see.'

(TLG 308)

これも白の騎士の得意な論理で、塀を越えるには頭の高さはいいとしても、足を塀の高さにする ためには逆さまになって、足を上げることである。しかし逆さまになれば頭はどこにある。

(32) The Knight looked down proudly at his helmet, which hung from the saddle. 'Yes,' he said, 'but I've invented a better one than that - like a sugar-loaf. When I used to wear it, it fell off the horse, it always touched the ground directly. So I had a *very* little way to fall, you see - But there *was* the danger of falling *into* it, to be sure. That happened to me once - and the worst of it was, before I could get out again, the other White Knight came and put it on. He thought it was his own helmet.'

(TLG 308)

これもまた白の騎士のすばらしい発明のヘルメットのようである。落馬してもヘルメットが先に落ち、騎士はその中へほんのちょっとだけ落ち込めばよい。問題はその中に落ち込むことだ。しかも自分が落っこちてはまり込んだそのヘルメットを、別の白の騎士が来て、自分のヘルメットだと思って被ってしまった。さてどうなるか。

(33) 'She can't do Addition,' the Red Queen interrupted. 'Can you do Subtraction? **Take nine** from eight.'

'Nine from eight I can't, you know,' Alice replied very readily; 'but-' (TLH 322) 8から9を引くということは、算数しか知らない小学生のアリスには無理である。しかし数学では計算できる。

(34) The Red Queen said, 'There's a poor thin way of doing things. Now *here*, we mostly have days and nights two or three at a time, and sometimes in the winter we take as many as five nights together - for warmth, you know.'

'Are five nights warmer than one night, then?' Alice ventured to ask.

'Five times as warm, of course.'

'But they should be five times as cold, by the same rule - '

'Just so?' cried the Red Queen. 'Five times as warm, and five times as cold - just as I'm five times as rich as you are, and five times as clever!'

Alice sighed and gave it up. 'It's exactly like a riddle with no answer!' she thought.

(TLG 325)

暖をとるために「鏡の国」では一日に昼と夜が何度もある。アリスの計算方式が通じない鏡の国 の世界である。しかもその計算方式がだんだんとエスカレートする。

### 5.3 ノンセンス場面

(1) And so it was indeed: **she was now only ten inches high**, and her face brightened up at the thought that she was now the right size for going through the little door into that lovely garden. ... (AAW 30)

これからアリスの身長が縮んだり、伸びたりする。

(2) And she went on planning to herself how she would manage it. 'They must go by the carrier,' she thought; 'and how funny it'll seem, sending presents to one's own feet! And how odd the directions will look!

...

Oh, dear what nonsense I'm talking!'

Just then her head struck against the roof of the hall: in fact she was now more than nine feet high, and she at once took up the little golden key and hurried off to the garden door.

(AAW 34)

今度はアリスの身長が伸びて、9フィート以上になって、頭と足が遠くなって、足にプレゼント を贈るには配達人が必要になった。

(3) ...But she went on all the same, shedding gallons of tears, until there was a large pool all round her, about four inches deep and reaching half down the hall.

(AAW 34)

(AAW 99)

身長が伸びたアリスが流した涙が4インチの深さの水たまりになった。

- (4) 'I wish I hadn't cried so much!' said Alice, as she swam about, trying to find her way out.

  'I shall be punished for it now, I suppose, by being drowned in my own tears! That will be a queer thing, to be sure! However, everything is queer to-day.'

  (AAW 39) 自分が流した涙に溺れるとは、アリスが言っているように変てこりんである。
- (5) So she swallowed one of the cakes, and was delighted to find that she began shrinking directly. As soon as she was small enough to get through the door, she ran out of the house, and found quite a crowd of little animals and birds waiting outside.... (AAW 61)

### ケーキを食べたアリスの身長が縮んだ。

(6) 'There might be some sense in your knocking,' the Footman went on without attending to her, 'if we had the door between us. For instance, if you were *inside*, you might knocked, and I could let you out, you know.'... (AAW 80)

部屋の内側にいる人が、ドアをノックすることはない。

(7) 'Once upon a time there were three little sisters,' the Dormouse began in a great hurry; 'and their names were Elsie, Lacie, and Trillie; and they live at the bottom of a well-'

井戸の底に住んでいる人はいない。

(8) '...you know you say things are "much of a muchness" – did you ever see such a thing as a drawing of a muchness?' (AAW 102)

muchness (たくさん) を描くとはどんなことか。

(9) A large rose-tree stood near the entrance of the garden: the roses growing on it were white, but there were three gardeners at it, busily painting them red. Alice thought this a very curious thing. (AAW 104)

赤いバラを白のペイントで塗り替えていた。トランプゲームには赤と白のカードが必要であるためか。

(10) ... Alice thought she had never seen such a curious croquet-ground in all her life; it was all ridges and furrows, the balls were live hedgehogs, the mallets live flamingoes, and the soldiers had to double themselves up and to stand on their hands and feet, to make the arches.
(AAW 110)

アリスが見たクローケー場は、グランドは畦と畝、ボールは生きたハリネズミ、木槌は生きたフラミンゴ、アーチは兵士たちが四つん這いになって作っていた。

(11) 'Of course,' the Mock Turtle said: 'advance twice, set to partners -'

'- change lobsters, and retire in same order,' continued the Gryphon.

'Then, you know,' the Mock Turtle went on, 'you throw the -'

'The lobsters!' shouted the Gryphon, with a bound into the air.

'- as far out to sea as you can -'

(AAW 130)

ダンスの相手ロブスターを海の中に放り込むとはなんと乱暴なダンスだろう。

(12) 'Boots and shoes under the sea,' the Gryphon went on in a deep voice, 'are done with whiting. Now you know.'

'And what are they made of?' Alice asked in a tone of great curiosity.

'Soles and eels, of course,' the Gryphon replied rather impatiently: 'any shrimp could have told you that.'

(AAW 134)

海の底では、靴を磨くのに、ヒラメとうなぎから作った白粉を使う。

(13) ... 'What are tarts made of?'

'Pepper, mostly', said the cook.

'Treacle,' said the Sleepy voice behind her.

(AAW 148-149)

タルトが胡椒とか水あめで作られている。

(14) At this moment the King, who had been for some time busily writing in his note-book, called out 'Silence!' and read out from his book, 'Rule Forty-two. All persons more than a mile high to leave the court.'

(AAW 152)

身長が1マイル以上の人は法廷を去らなければならないという42条の規則。

(15) '...Let's pretend the glass had got all soft like gauze, so that we can get through. Why, it's turning into a sort of mist now, I declare! It'll be easy enough to get through -' She was up on the chimney-piece while she said this, though she hardly knew how she got there. And certainly the glass was beginning to melt away, just like a bright silvery mist.

(TLG 195)

アリスの思惑通り、鏡がやわらかくなって、霧のように融けはじめた。これでアリスは鏡の世界 へと入ることができて、物語がはじまる。

(16) ... and for some time she stood silent, watching one of them that was bustling about among the flowers, poking its proboscis into them, 'just as if it was a regular bee,' thought Alice.

However, this was anything but a regular bee; in fact, it was an elephant – as Alice soon found out, though the idea quite took her breath away at first. ... (TLG 219) 遠くで花の蜜を吸っていたのは蜂ではなくて像だった。

(17) 'Tickets, please!' said the Guard, putting his head in at the window. In a moment every-body was holding out a ticket: they were about the same size as the people, and quite seemed to fill the carriage.

(TLG 220)

みんなが持っていた切符は人と同じくらいの大きさで、車中いっぱいにあふれるようであった。

(18) All this time Tweedledee was trying his best to fold up his umbrella, with himself in it: which was such an extraordinary thing to do, that it quite took off Alice's attention from the angry brother. But he couldn't quite succeed, and it ended in his rolling over, bundled up in the umbrella, with only his head out; and there he lay, opening and shutting his mouth and his large eyes - 'looking more like a fish than anything else,'
Alice thought. (TLG 247)

トウイードルディーは自分が傘の中に入ったままたたもうとしたが、うまくいかなった。

(19) So the two brothers went off hand-in-hand into the wood, and returned in a minute with their arms full of things – such as bolsters, blankets, hearth-rugs, tablecloths, dish-covers and coal-scuttles. 'I hope you're a good hand at pinning and tying strings?' Tweedledum remarked. 'Every one of these things has got to go on, somehow or other.'
(TLG 247-248)

兄弟は森から身につけるがらくたを抱えて戻ってきた。

(20) The shop seemed to be full of all manner of curious things - but the oddest part of it all was, that whenever she looked hard at any shelf, to make out exactly what it had on it, that particular shelf was always quite empty: though the others round it were crowded as full as they could hold.

(TLG 260)

店の棚はいろんなものであふれているが、アリスが目をこらして見つめる棚だけがなんにものっ

かっていない。

(21) 'Yes, a little – but not on land – and not with needles –' Alice was beginning to say, when suddenly the needles turned into oars in her hands, and she found they were in a little boat, gliding along between banks: so there was nothing for it but to do the best.

(TLG 261)

針が突然ボートのオールに変わった。

(22) So she went on, wondering more and more at every step, as **everything turned into a tree the moment she came up to it**, and she quite expected the egg to do the same.

. . .

However, the egg only got larger and larger, and more and more human: when she had come within a few yards of it, she saw that it had eyes and a nose and mouth; and that it was HYMPTY DUMPTY himself. ... (TLG 266-267)

なにもかにもが木に変わって、卵は人間の顔をしたハンプティダンプティになった。

- (23) ... 'I don't think it *ever* happened before, that **anyone had to take care of two Queens asleep at once!** No, no in all the History of England it couldn't, you know, because there never was more than one Queen at a time. Do wake up, you heavy things!' she went on in an impatient tone; but there was no answer but a gentle snoring. (TLG 328) アリスがいうように、一つの国には女王さまは一人であるが、チェス盤ではそれぞれ一人ずつ赤と白の二人の女王さまがいる。
- (24) And then (as Alice afterwards described it) all sort of things happened in a moment. The candles all grew up to the ceiling, looking something like a bed of rushes with firework at the top. As to the bottles, they each took a pair of plates, which they hastily fitted on as wings, and so, with forks for legs, went fluttering about in all directions: 'and very like birds they look,' Alice thought to herself, as well as she could in the dreadful confusion that was beginning.

At this moment she heard a hoarse laugh at her side, and turned to see what was the matter with the White Queen; but, instead of the Queens, there was the leg of mutton sitting in the chair. 'Here I am!' cried a voice from the soup-tureen, and Alice turned again, just in time to see the Queen's broad good-natured face grinning at her for a moment over the edge of the tureen, before she disappeared into the soup.

There was not a moment to be lost. Already several of the guests were lying down in the dishes, and the soup ladle was walking up the table towards Alice's chair, and beckoning to her impatiently to get out of its way. (TLG 337) なんでも起こりうる「アリス」の中で、最後にろうそくの背がのびて天井にまで達し、瓶は二枚の皿を羽にして、フォークを足にして飛び回っている。マトンの足が椅子に座っている。白の女

王がスープの中に消えた。お客さんの幾たりかはお皿の中に横になっているし、スープのおたまはテーブルの上にのぼって、アリスの方に歩いてきて、道を空けるように合図している。

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