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 Plays on the English Language in "Alice" —Part Four—

Hajime OGINO

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Looking-glassは「Through the Looking Glass」のテーマの一つであるので、それに関する興味ある造語が多く見られる。

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に関してA Mad Tea-Partyの章に相応しい複合名詞が出てくる。
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3. 2. 2. 複合形容詞
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carriage-full (TLG 222) ルイス・キャロルの造語か
curious-looking (TLG 276)
doubled-up (AAW 111)
elbow-deep (TLG 262)
good-natured (AAW 87, TLG 269, 337)
good-tempered (TLG 327)
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good-naturedly (AAW 52, TLG 216)
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inside (AAW 79 80)
meanwhile (AAW 109, TLG 228)
nohow ((TLG 235, 236, 237, 245)
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whereupon (AAW 62)

3. 3. 品詞の転換
ある語の品詞が他の品詞に用いられる場合は、通常は派生接辞を付加してその語形を変化させることが必要であるが、品詞の転換（conversion）では同一の語が、同じ語形のままで他の品詞に転用されるもので、一人二役的な効率のよい語法であり、屈折語尾をほぼ消失した英語の特徴の一つである。以下の例に見られるように、英語では多くの名詞がそのままの語形で動詞に、動詞が名詞の転用される。

3. 3. 1. 名詞の動詞転換
(1) "Take the dish-cover up!"
...
Un-dish-cover the fish, or dishcover the riddle!" (TLG 335)
(2) After a while the noise seemed gradually to die away, till all was dead silence, and Alice lifted up her head in some alarm. There was no one to be seen, and her first thought was that she must have been dreaming about the Lion and the Unicorn and those queer Anglo-Saxon Messengers. However, there was the great dish still lying at her feet, on which she had tried to cut the plum-cake. 'So I wasn't dreaming, after all,' she said to herself, 'unless - unless we're all part of the same dream. Only I do hope it's my dream, and not the Red King's! I don't like belonging to another person's dream,' she went on in a rather complaining tone: 'I've a great mind to go and wake him, and see what happens!' (TLG 299)
(3) Alice took up the fan and gloves, and, as the hall was very hot, she kept fann-ning herself all the time she went on talking: 'Dear, dear! How queer everything is to-day! ...' (AAW 36)
(4) '... I want so much to know whether they've a fire in the winter: you never can tell, you know, unless our fire smokes, and then smoke comes up in that room too ...' (TLG 193)

(5) 'That's nothing to what I could say if I choose,' the Duchess replied, in a pleased tone.

'Pray don't trouble yourself to say it's any longer than that,' said Alice.

'Oh, don't talk about trouble!' said the Duchess, 'I make you a present of everything I've said as yet.' (AAW 120)

(1) ではdishcover, (2) では dream, (3) ではfan, (4) ではsmoke, (5) ではtrouble がそれぞれ名詞と動詞に用いられている。これらの例からみると、ルイス・キャロルは英語の特徴を利用して、品詞の転換を意識的に活用していると思われる。その他に

balance (AAW 70, TLG 200)
box (AAW 31, 110)
butter (TLG 289)
chance (AAW 155)
croquet (AAW 113)
cross (TLG 209)
curtsey (AAW 26, TLG 218, 345)
dot (TLG 317)
dream (AAW 159, TLG 244, 346, 347)
drum (TLG 298)
dust (TLG 198)
face (TLG 217)
fan (AAW 40, 63, TLG 224, 323)
fancy (AAW 30, 53, 55, 56, TLG 216, 230)
fear (TLG 243, 319, 335)
hand (AAW 46, 78, 151, TLG 288, 334)
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mind (AAW 83, TLG 191, 198)
name (TLG 225)
otice (AAW 103, 106, 112, 113)
nurse (AAW 41, 84, 85)
ornament (AAW 106)
picture (AAW 160)
pin (TLG 225, 252)
powder (AAW 78)
sentence (AAW 121)
spy (TLG 211)
sugar (AAW 136)
trouble (AAW 33)

3. 3. 2. 動詞の名詞転換

(6) 'All right,' said the Cat; and this time it vanished quite slowly, beginning with the end of the tail, and ending with the grin, which remained some time after the rest of it had gone. (AAW 90)

(7) 'Then you'd better not fight to-day,' said Alice thinking it a good opportunity to make peace.

'We must have a bit of a fight, but I don't care about going on long,' said Tweedledum. 'What's the time now?' (TLG 249)

(8) 'I don't like the look of it at all,' said the King: 'however, it may kiss my hand if it likes.'

'I'd rather not,' the Cat remarked.

'Don't be impertinent,' said the King, 'and don't look at me like that!' He got behind Alice as he spoke.

'A cat may look at a king,' said Alice. 'I've read that in some book, but I don't remember where.' (AAW 113)

(9) 'Yes, to be sure,' said the King: 'and the best of the joke is, that it's my crown all the while! Let's run and see them.' And they trotted off, Alice repeating to herself, as she ran, the words of the old song:-

... 'Does - the one - that wins - get the crown?' she asked, as well as she could, for the run was putting her quite out of breath. (TLG 289-290)

(10) And so she did: wandering up and down, and trying turn after turn, but always coming back to the house, do what she would. Indeed, once, when she turned a corner rather more quickly than usual, she ran against it before she could stop herself. (TLG 205)

上の例で (6) では end、(7) では fight、(8) では look、(9) では run、(10) では turnが、動詞と名詞に交互に用いられている。その他に

answer (AAW 93, 96, 143, TLG 313, 323, 325, 328)
attempt (AAW 56)
bark (AAW 61, 63)
blame (AAW 104)
blow (AAW 73, 83, 110, TLG 300)
bound (AAW 130, TLG 232)
change (AAW 60, 73, 75, 76, 101)
comfort (AAW 55, TLG 224, 232)
cry (AAW 138)
dance (AAW 129, 130, 132)
delight (AAW 28, 62, 73 TLG 232, 335)
disgust (AAW 102)
doze (AAW 101)
end (AAW 24, 41, 70, 135, 147, 154, TLG 205, 283, 302, 304)
escape (AAW 38, 63, 112)
excuse (TLG 220, 221)
fall (AAW 25, 27, 56, TLG 197, 268, 309, 310)
fight (AAW 114, TLG 290, 292, 295, 300)
help (TLG 282)
hiss (AAW 74)
hold (AAW 56, 63, 85, TLG 204, 262, 306, 337, 339)
hug (TLG 236, 237)
hurry (AAW 29, 41, 61, 63, 74, 99, 146, 153)
kick (AAW 59, TLG 331)
kiss (TLG 345)
laugh (TLG 268, 337, 345)
leap (AAW 40)
look (AAW 63, 85, 114, 122 TLG 227, 232, 270, 298, 316)
love (AAW 110, TLG 286)
move (TLG 217, 302)
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promise (AAW 100)
pull (TLG 338)
reach (TLG 249)
remark (AAW 93, 95, 100, 128, TLG 275, 279, 306, 334, 344)
reply (AAW 85, 141)
run (TLG 242)
rush (AAW 61, 62, 63)
scream (AAW 110, 157, TLG 255, 280, 307)
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shake (AAW 84)
shudder (TLG 280)
sigh (TLG 327)
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sob (AAW 160)
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talk (TLG 239)
taste (AAW 138)
toss (TLG 220)
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twist (TLG 206)
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visit (TLG 236)
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watch (AAW 24)
whisper (TLG 289)
wink (AAW 74)

3. 3. 3. 形容詞の名詞転換

(1) 'I haven't tried it yet,' the Knight said gravely: 'so I can't tell for certain - but I'm afraid it would be a little hard.' (TLG 308)

(2) ... and just now, as I said, she was hard at work on the white kitten, which was lying quite still and trying to purr - no doubt feeling that it was all meant for its good. (TLG 187-188)

その他 good (TLG 256)
(3) A Goat, that was sitting next to the gentleman in white, shut his eyes and said in a loud voice, 'She ought to know her way to the ticket-office, even if she doesn't know her alphabet!' (TLG 221)

3. 3. 4. 形容詞の動詞転換
(1) 'Two lines!' cried the Mock Turtle. 'Seals, turtles, salmon, and so on; then, when you've cleared all the jerry-fish out of the way - ' (AAW 129)
   その他 clear (TLG 238)
(2) ...and the soldiers had to double themselves up and to stand on their hands and feet, to make the arches. (AAW 110)
   その他 double (AAW 85)
(3) 'As wet as ever,' said Alice in a melancholy tone: 'it doesn't seem to dry me at all.' (AAW 44)
   その他 dry (AAW 35)
(4) 'She's tired, poor, thing!' said the Red Queen. 'Smooth her hair - lend her your nightcap - and sing her a soothing lullaby.' (TLG 327)

3. 3. 5. 形容詞の副詞転換
(1) 'Well, I've tried to say "How doth the little busy bee," but it all came different!' Alice replied in a very melancholy voice. (AAW 67)
(2) 'I should win easy,' said the Lion. (TLG 296)
(3) He let go the bridle, and stretched out both his arms to show Alice what he meant, and this time he fell flat on his back, right under the horse's feet. (TLG 307)
(4) Alice laughed loud: but she managed to turn it into a cough, for fear of his feelings. (TLG 249)
   その他 loud (AAW 85)
(5) 'That is not said right,' said the Caterpillar.
   'Not quite right, I'm afraid,' said Alice, timidly; 'some of the words have got altered.' (AAW 70)
   その他に
   begin quick (TLG 250)
   began wrong (TLG 236)
   boil hot (TLG 240)
   coming on very dark (TLG 245)

— 64 —
come in handy (TLG 304)
come thick and fast (TLG 240)
feel sure (TLG 233)
hang loose (TLG 321)
lying still (TLG 187, 199)
open wide (AAW 135)
shout loud (TLG 245)
sit silent (AAW 96, 126, TLG 219)
sit still (TLG 229)
snore loud (TLG 243, 328)
spread thick (TLG 242)
stand silent (TLG 230)
stand still (TLG 234)
start fresh (TLG 271)
stretch wide (TLG 251)
trot quick (TLG 242)

3. 3. 6. 動詞の形容詞転換
(1) 'Much more smoothly than a live horse,' Alice said, with a little scream of laughter in spite of all she could do to prevent it. (TLG 307)

3. 3. 7. 副詞の名詞転換
(1) 'It isn't directed at all,' said the White Rabbit; 'in fact, there's nothing written on the outside,' " (AAW 153)

3. 3. 8. 名詞の固有名詞転換
(1) Alice sighed wearily. 'I think you might do something better with the time,' she said. 'Than waste it in asking riddles that have no answers.'

'If you knew Time as well as I do,' said the Hatter, 'you wouldn't talk about wasting it. It's him.'

'I don't know what you mean,' said Alice.

'Of course you don't!' the Hatter said, tossing his head contemptuously.

'I dare say you never even spoke to Time!' (AAW 96)

(2) 'I see nobody on the road,' said Alice.

— 65 —
‘I only wish I had such eyes,’ the King remarked in a fretful tone. ‘To be able to see Nobody! And at that distance too! Why, it’s as much as I can do to see real people, by this light!’ (TLG 286) (稲木・沖田 1994:71)

その他 Nobody (TLG 289)

3.4 混成

語形形成の一つである混成 (blending)は、二つ以上の語を組み合わせて、切り張りして一つの新しい語を作り出すやり方であり、英語の造語力を示すもので、かなり自由に行なわれる。言葉遊びを得意とするルイス・キャロルの好むものであって、多くの研究者が注目しているが、ここではそれをまとめて取り上げる。

まず、ルイス・キャロルはJabberwockyという詩の中でいろいろな混成語を作り出して、ノンセンスな歌を作っている。その説明の中で、自らが作り出した混成語をportmanteau word (かばん語)と呼んで、そのことが言語学でもよく知られている。

(1)  ’Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
    Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
    All mimsy were the borogoves,
    And the mome raths outgrabe.
    ...
    One, two! One, two! And through and through
    The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
    He left it dead, and with its head
    He went galumphing back.
    And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
    Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
    O frabjous day! Callooh! Calay!
    He chortled in his joy. (TLG 202)

ルイス・キャロル自身の説明に基づいて、Jabberwockyのなかの混成語を分析する。

brillig  = broiling + thing
slithy  = lithe + slimy
gimble  = gimlet + hole
mimsy  = miserable + flimsy
mome  = from + home
galumphing = gallop + triumphant (辞書に登録されている。)
chortle = chuckle + snort (辞書に登録されている。)
次に、ルイス・キャロルは混成語を使ってLooking-glass insects としていくつかの昆虫をつくりだしている。

(2) 'Well, there's the Horse-fly;' Alice began, counting off the names on her fingers.

'All right,' said the Gnat: 'half way up that bush, you'll see a Rocking-horse-fly, if you look. It's made entirely of wood, and gets about by swinging itself from branch from branch.

'What does it live on?' Alice asked, with great curiosity.

'Sap and sawdust,' said the Gnat. 'Go on with the list.'

Alice looked at the Rocking-horse-fly with great interest, and made up her mind that it must have been just repainted, it looked so bright and sticky; and then she went on.

'And there's the Dragon-fly.'

'Look on the branch above your head,' said the Gnat. 'and there you'll find a Snap-dragon-fly. Its body is made of plum-pudding, its wings of holly-leaves, and its head is a raisin burning in brandy.

'And what does it live on?' Alice asked, as before.

'Frumentry and mince-pie, the Gnat replied; 'and it makes its nest in a Christmas-box.'

'And then there's the Butterfly,' Alice went on, after she had taken a good look at the insect with its head on fire, and had thought to herself, 'I wonder if that's the reason insects are so fond of flying into candles - because they want to turn into Snap-dragon-flies!'

'Crawling at your feet,' said the Gnat (Alice drew her feet back in some alarm), 'you may observe a Bread-and-butterfly. Its wings are thin slices of Bread-and-butter, its body is crust, and its head is lump of sugar.' (TLG 225-227)

Rocking-horse-fly = Rocking-horse + horse-fly
Snap-dragon-fly = Snap-dragon + dragon-fly
Bread-and-butterfly = Bread-and-butter + butterfly


(3) ...So she began rather timidly: 'Am I addressing the White Queen?'

'Well, yes, if you call the a-dressing,' the Queen said. 'It isn't my notion of the thing, at all.'

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'But I don't want it done at all!' groaned the poor Queen. 'I've been a-dressing
myself for the last two hours.'

It would have been all the better, as it seemed to Alice, if she had got some one else to dress her, she was so dreadfully untidy.' (TLG 251-252)

a-dressing = address + dress

(4) "... Let's consider your age to begin with - how old are you?"

'I'm seven and a half exactly.'

'You needn't say "exactly,"' the Queen remarked: 'I can believe it without that. Now I'll give you something to believe. I'm just one hundred and one, five months and a day.' (TLG 257)

exactly = exactly + actually

(5) 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. (AAW 122)

Mock Turtle Soup = Mock Turtle + Turtle Soup

この混成語はルイス・キャロルの見事な造語力を示すものである。

(6) '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.' (AAW 127)

Seaography = sea + geography

3. 5. 短縮

短縮は語の一部だけを残して、他の部分を切り捨てる造語法である。

(1) Alice's Right Foot, Esq.

... (AAW 34)

Esq. = Esquire

(2) 'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves,

Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;

... (TLG 202)

gyre = gyroscope

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