

Extract from Alice through the Looking Glass

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"Can you add?" asked the White Queen. "What is one and one and one and one and one and one?"

"I don't know" replied Alice. "I lost count"

"She can't add," the Red Queen said. "Can you take away? Take nine from eight."

"You can't take nine from eight unless..."

"She can't take away. Can you divide? Divide a loaf by a knife"

"I suppose..." started Alice but the Red Queen answered for her. "Bread and butter of course. She can't do sums a bit."

"Can you do sums?" Alice said, turning on the White Queen, for she didn't like being found fault with so much.

The White Queen shut her eyes and gasped "I can add if you give me time but I can't take away under any circumstances."

Extract from the Monkey's Paw

His wife made no reply. She was watching the mysterious movements of a gentleman outside, who, peering in an undecided fashion at the house, appeared to be trying to make up his mind to enter. In mental connection with the two hundred pounds, she noticed that the stranger was well dressed and wore a silk hat of glossy newness. Three times he paused at the gate and then walked on again. The fourth time he stood with his hand upon it and then with sudden resolution flung it open and walked up the path. Mrs. White at the same moment placed her hands behind her and hurriedly unfastening the strings of her apron, put that useful apparel beneath the cushion of her chair.

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