

Down
the Rabbit-Hole¶

ginning to get very tired of
bank, and of having nothing to do:
the book her sister was reading, but it
'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice
was considering in her own mind (as well as she
and stupid), whether the pleasure of making a
up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White
nothing so VERY remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so VERY much out of the way to hear the
Rabbit say to itself, 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!' (when she thought it over afterwards, it occurred
to her that she ought to have wondered at this, but at the time it all seemed quite natural); but when the
Rabbit actually TOOK A WATCH OUT OF ITS WAISTCOAT-POCKET, and looked at it, and then
hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a
rabbit with either a waistcoat-pocket, or a watch to take out of it, and burning with curiosity, she
ran across the field after it, and fortunately was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole
under the hedge.¶ In another moment down went Alice after it, never once considering how in
the world she was to get out again.¶ The rabbit-hole went straight on like a tunnel for some
way, and then dipped suddenly down, so suddenly that Alice had not a moment to think
about stopping herself before she found herself falling down a very deep well.¶ Either
the well was very deep, or she fell very slowly, for she had plenty of time as she
went down to look about her and to wonder what was going to happen next.
First, she tried to look down and make out what she was coming to, but
it was too dark to see anything; then she looked at the sides of the
well, and noticed that they were filled with cupboards and
book-shelves; here and there she saw maps and pictures
hung upon pegs. She took down a jar from one
of the shelves as she passed; it was labelled
'ORANGE MARMALADE', but
to her great disappoint-
ment it was emp-
ty: she did

Alice was be-
sitting by her sister on the
once or twice she had peeped into
had no pictures or conversations in it,
'without pictures or conversation?'¶ So she
could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy
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