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“Madame la Marquise, votre bras est bien fait,  
Votre taille est bien prise, et votre pied parfait ;  
J’aime sur votre joue cette mouche de velours,  
Votre ravissante moue et vos piquants discours !  
Mais songez, toute belle, que peut-être à l’instant  
Votre grand fils Valère revient du régiment !  
Adieu, les succès à la Cour !  
Il faut que chacun ait son tour.”

*Old French Song.*

“ ‘ . . . and what is the use of a book,’ thought Alice,  
‘ without . . . conversations?’ ”

*Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.*



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