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begun to dream that she was walking hand in hand with Dinah,
and saying to her very earnestly, "Now, Dinah, tell me the truth:
did you ever eat a bat?" when suddenly, thump! thump! down she
came upon a heap of sticks and dry leaves, and the fall was over.

Alice was not a bit hurt, and she jumped up on to her feet in a
moment: she looked up, but it was all dark overhead; before her was
another long passage, and the White Rabbit was still in sight,
hurrying down it. There was not a moment to be lost: away went
Alice like the wind, and was just in time to hear it say, as it turned
a corner, "Oh my ears and whiskers, how late it's getting!" She was
close behind it when she turned the corner, but the Rabbit was no
longer to be seen: she found herself in a long, low hall, which was lit
up by a row of lamps hanging from the roof.

There were doors all round the hall, but they were all locked; and when
Alice had been all the way down one side and up the other, trying
every door, she walked sadly down the middle, wondering how she
was ever to get out again.