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"Roses and Teeth for Ludwig Wittgenstein"

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"A new born child has no teeth."
"A goose has no teeth."
"A rose has no teeth."
This last at any rateÃ¢ "
one would like to sayÃ¢ "
is obviously true!
It is even surer that a goose has none.
And yet it is none so clear.
For where should a rose's teeth have been?
The goose has none in its jaw.
And neither, of course, has it any in its wings;
but no one means that when he says it has no teeth.
Why, suppose one were to say:
the cow chews its food and then dungs the rose with it,
so the rose has teeth in the mouth of a beast.
This would not be absurd,
because one has no notion in advance where to look
for teeth in a rose.
(Connexion with "pain in someone else's body".)
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