THE TEA PARTY

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Four coins are used in Tea Party magic. First of all, secretly toss one coin and it will now show up which of either heads or tails stands for Yes while the opposite side will stand for No. The magician will not know which is which.

Now choose, again secretly, one of the four characters at the tea party. The depictions are those drawn by the original artist J. Tenniel.

Trick 1. Secretly choose one of two quirks. "Convivial" and tell the truth to four questions or "Contrary" and lie to all four. Place four coins on the four colors according to your appropriate quirk answering the question "Is your chosen character here?"

Trick 2. Chose now between three quirks: "Convivial", "Contrary" or "Confused". If you choose "Confused" alternately answer true, false, true, false OR false, true, false, true in the order pink, blue, green and yellow.

For either Trick tell the magician on which colors the heads occur. The magician can quickly name your character even not knowing your quirk or whether heads means Yes or No.
How to determine the character.

On the circular table regard the top and bottom colors to be either pink or green on both. The left and right colors are both either blue or yellow.

Starting at the Mad Hatter on the circle trace either Heads or Tails on the colors. You will always end at the chosen character no matter what quirk was chosen.