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The Collapse of *Alice*'s Wonderland: Mayo's Faulty Two-Step Framework and a Possible Solution to Patent-Eligibility Jurisprudence (Note)

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In *Mayo Collaborative Services v. Prometheus Laboratories, Inc.*, the Supreme Court established a two-step framework to determine whether a supposed invention that involves a “natural law” can be a patent-eligible subject matter. Two years later, the Supreme Court extended this framework in *Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank International* to “abstract ideas,” and cemented the framework as the test to determine patent-eligible subject matter. Recent cases demonstrate that this framework has collapsed from a two-step inquiry into a one-step inquiry, leading to bizarre results and legal uncertainty. This Note examines why the *Mayo* framework should never have been extended to abstract ideas in *Alice*, and proposes a solution to determine patent eligibility under 35 U.S.C. §.