## A STAGE COACH.

It was midsummer in the mountains and Lillian Ferguson had never seen a fairer scene than the billows of blue hills that lay stretched out before her, with here and there the flash of a half hidden lake, or the ribbonlike glitter of a tiny river.

She stood leaning against the rustic cedar post that formed the support of the hotel piazza, while her modest litpilled up at the rear.

lady, who was bustling in and out, "the stage will be along soon."

"Oh I m in no hurry for the stage," said Lillian pleasantly. "I could stand and look at this beautiful landscape all day."

ively uttered Mrs. Peck. the landabout it at all."

"Is the stage often as late as this?", said Lillian, glancing at her neat little silver watch.

"Not generally," said Mrs. Peck But to-day there waiting, at Wells Station, for the deaf-and-dumb gentle- my own living." man."

"For whom?" said Lillian, in amazement.

"For the deaf-and-dumb gentleman, miss," explained Mrs. Peck. "A cousin of our minister's up at Crest Hill. He's been down to New York for treatment; but deary me, there ain't no treatment can ever do him any good. As deaf as a stone miss, and never spoke an intelligent word since he was born. But they do say he's a very learned man, in spite of all his drawbacks."

"I'm afraid he won't be a very lively travelling companion," said Lillian

smiling. "No. I calculate not," said Mrs. Peck, in a matter-of-fact sort of a way. Just at that moment a box-wagon drove up; the charioteer handed out a valise, and assisted a young lady to alight.

"Has the stage gone?" she cried, flinging aside her veil, and revealing a vory pretty brunette face shaded by jetty frieges of hair and flushed with excitement.

"You're just in time, Miss," said Mrs. Peck, peering down the winding road, which her experienced eye could trace when no one's else was of any avail. "It's a-comin' now!"

But Lillian Ferguson, who had been gazing at the newcomer earnestly, now came forward with an eager smile and an outstretched hand.

"Surely I am not mistaken," said she, "this is Eulalie Morton?",

"Lillian Ferguson! Oh you darling I am so glad to see you!" cried the stranger. But where on earth did you come from ?"

And thus met the two lovely girls who had graduated just a year ago from Madame De Tournaire's fashionable boarding-school in New York, and who had not seen each other since.

Just at this moment, however, there was no time for explanations. The ponderous stage, relic of a forgot ten generation. rolled up, with a creak of leathern curtains, tramp of horses, and a general confusion of arrival, to the broad wooden steps of the hotel.

the twilight, Eulalie and Lillian could | chatter ! only discover that the stage contained but one other occupant, a man who leaned back in the far corner, with the top of his face partially hidden by a large wide-brimmed hat, and its carriage to meet me," said she. "Good lower part wrapped in folds of a Per- by, Lily. You must be sure to introsian silk pocket-haudkerchief.

He inclined his head corteously as they entered, and moved a handsome traveling-case which lay on the middle seat, as if to make room for them.

Start.

"Its only a deaf-and-dumb gentleof soft pity. "The landlady told me sight, about him."

stage to ourselves. But now dear," as she settled herself in the most com beings!" fortable corner, "tell me what this unexpected encounter means."

'It m ans" said Lillian, with a shy smile, "that I am going to be nursery governess at Chessington Hall, up among the Adarondacks-that is, if I Hall. give satisfaction. I was engaged by the Educational Bureau, aweek ago."

"What a singular coincidence!" said Miss Morton, shaking her cherry colored bonnet strings. "And I am going to be companion to o d Mrs. I do envy you Lillian.

"Envy me, Eulalie?"

"Yes. Haven't you heard about it?" motherless, don't you know? They are under the care of an aunt, so Mrs. tle trunk and traveling-bags were Grove told me; and there is a handsome widower and interesting young "Don't fret, miss," said the land. bachelor at Chessington Hall."

Lilian colored, hotly. "Neither of whom I ever expect to

meet." said she.

"It will be your own fault if you don't," observed Miss Morton, "Why my dear, here is your career all chalk-"Ain't that strange, now!" reflect- ed out for you. Sentimental widower, with lots of money-pretty govlady. "Me and Peck, we never think erness-mutual facination-growing devotion-finale, a wedding! Hey! bring home soon. presto, your fortune is made.

"Eulalie, how can you talk so?" cried Lilian, flushed and indignant. "I am not on a husband-hunting expedition; I am simply trying to earn

"The more goose you are, to neglect such an opportunity as this," said Eulalie, langhing. "If you don't try man entered the room, with Mrs. for the widower, I shall! Grove Hartlhigh on his arm. Rookery is only half a mile from Chessington Hall, after all; and a rich hosband would solve the problem of my life at once."

"This is too ridiculous, Eulalie!" said Lilian. "I could not respect myself if I were to plot and plan like this. I know it is unjust; but you have made me dislike Mr. Chessington already."

"The more the better," said Miss Morton. "There will be all the better chance for me. They say he is very handsome; and one could (a) by send the two children away to boarding school. I can assure you. I'll have no old-maid aunts and intere ing uncles about the premises."

"Eulalie, let us talk of something else," said Lilian, resolutely. "Tell me all that has happened to you since graduation day."

Eulalie laughed out a merry, ring-

"Well, if you must know," said she "I've been trying my best to get a nice husband, but without any success."

"Is matrimony, then, the end and aim of all the world?" said Lilian, with queenly disdain.

"As far as I am concerned, yes," acknowledged Miss Morton, with charming frankness.

"Pardon me, Eulalie," said Lilian, "but it seems to me that you have degenerated frightfully since those dear old days at Madame de Tournaire's." Miss Morton yawned.

"How tedious all this is!" said she. "Miss Ferguson turned lecturer, eh ? How I wish that poor fellow in the corner wasn't deaf and dumb! I'd flirt with him, just to aggravate you,

Lilian made no answer. She leaned her head out of the stage window, and watched the purple dusk creep up the mountain side, counting the stars as one by one they shone out. Anything The sun was already down. In was better than Eulalie's shallow

Grove Rookery was soon reached' and Miss Morton bade her old school-

mate an effusive farewell-"I see that the old lady has sent the duce me to the charming widower dumb gentleman."-Helen Forest when I come over. Au revoir, darling Graves.

au revoir!" The deaf-and-dumb gentleman left the stage very soon. Miss Ferguson "Is there another passenger?" said | watched with some interest, but no

Miss Morton, with a little, nerveous carriage of any discription seemed to be waiting for him.

He disappeared into the woods like men," Lillian explained, her eyes full a shadow, and vanished from her

"I suppose, poor fellow, that he lives "What a nuisance!" cried Eulalie. near here, thought she. How dread-"I had hoped we should have the full it must be, thus to be cut off from all companionship with one's fellow

But even while there reflections passed through her mind, the stage stopped again, before a glittering facade of lights, half veiled in swaying summer foliage-Chessington

"Here you are, miss," said the driv-

Through the summer evening dusk, Lilian could see the marble railed terrace and the broad carriage drive, while two child figures danced up and Grove, of Grove Rookery, the very down, and uttered joyful exclamations next place to Chessington Hall. How of welcome-little Blanch and Alice Chessington.

"Are you the new governess?" they said. "Are you Miss Ferguson? Welsaid the brunette. "The Chessington come-welcome to the Adirondacks! children your future charges, are We are so glad that you have come!" And in an instant their arms were

> twined around Lilian's neck. At the end of a month Lillian Fer. guson felt completely and thoroughly tranquil pigtail wearer does not, after at home with her new pupils.

visited all the grottos and cascades; they had surrounded her with an at mosphere of the sweetest affection.

equally kind; and Alfred Hartleigh, life be his home? -St, Louis Republithe interesting young uncle, had al can. ready taken into his confidence as to the beautiful bride he was going to

But it certainly was very strange that she had never seen Adrian Chessingted himself, the father of her lovely little pupils. Until one pleasant morning, when, just as she had come out to receiv Miss Eulalie Morton, who had driven ever in the Grove Rookery carriage to call, a tall, handsome gentle-

"The deaf-and-dum gentleman!" Lilian in voluntairy exclaimed.

"Poor fellow, so it is!" said Miss Morton, who advanced airily, shaking out the light muslin flounces of her dress. How he does haunt us, to-be

"Ladies," said the deaf-and-dumb gentleman, "you are mistaken. I can hear and speak, to-day, as well as anybody. I should have spoken to you month ago in the stage-coach, if it had not been for the unfortunate circumtance of my having just been to the tentist and had my lower jaw broken in the extraction of a double tooth. I perceive that you were mistaking me for my unfortunate friend Mr. Denton. a deaf-nute, who lives near here; but he had been detained until the next day, and with my bandanged jaw, it was impossible for me to speak and explain matters."

Eulalie Morton's face glowed scarlet-She literally knew not what to say But Liliam Ferguson stood calm and un moved.

"Then," she said, smiling, "all our sympathy was thrown away upon you."

He inclined his head. "Exactly," he said. I found the next day; that it was necessaay to put myself under the care of an Albany surgeon, so that I have been sort- of an exile for a few weeks. Pardon me being so late to welcome you to

Chessington Hall. But the welcome is none the less warm because it is tardy." Eulalie Morton never came to Chessington Hall again, nor could she so much as think of her conversation

in the stage, that night, without hot indignation at herself. "What a fool I was!" she cried. Mr. Chessington, however, as much as he liked and admired Lillian Fer-

guson, never asked her to marry him. "When I widowed once it was for ever," he said. And Lillian never coveted the prize

of his heart; perhaps because she was engaged to a rising young clergyman near Philadelphia.

"If only I had Lily's opportunities! said Miss Morton. "But I wrecked my chances when I spoke out my mind so freely before the deaf-and

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THE PHILOSOPHIC CHINESE.

The mental condition of the Asia tic is repose. He takes things easy, He is industrious, vigilant provident to a minuter degree than an enlighten ed American; but he does not fret him. self with the many subjects that at tract and detract the minds of pro gressive peoples. His religion has been established for a thousand years. and he leaves it alone. Political economy, that subject of interminable disthemselves his superiors, he cares ply nothing about, and the civilized dog. ma of human rights he knows nothing about. Competition, that cause of so much harassing anxiety and disaster in enlightened countries, never dis' turbeds the Chinese. Trade production and prices are regulated by the guilds, which have reduced the busi: ness of life to an unvarying system. and the incessant strikes and quarrels between labor and capital, and the pitiless mortal rivalries between cities, communities, firms and individuals that illustrate life in the advanced countries are unknown in the Acadian land. The Chinese life is a trifle monotonous, but who will say that the all, extract more real sweet from his They had ranged the woods, and sublunary conditions than the restless and insatiable American who pays a part of his annual income to the sup: port of the towering and crowded asy: Mrs. Hartleigh, their aunt, wa lum, which may at one time of his

The Switzerland of Africa, the chief feature of which is the lofty mount Killimarjaro rising some 18000 feet above the level of the sea, and covered with perpetual snow, though only three degrees south of the equator, les about 250 miles northwest from Mombast, and through it runs the natural road to the Victoria Nyanza. Travelers unite in describing the secnery as marveously lovely, uniting the luxuriance of the tropics with the grandeur of Switzerland. The beau: tiful vale of Taveti is spoken of as a very Arcadian bower of bliss. Lying 2,400 feet above the sea, 7 miles in length by one in breadth, irrigated with cool waters from the melting snows on the mountains, richly culti vated, sorrounded by gigantic forest trees rising 80 to 100 feet before branching into a luxurious canopy, with a profusion of ferns and flower; ing shrubs of every hue in the intervale this valley is a very forest haven of refuge. It is entered through a narrow defile, across which are thrown thick barriers of wood, forming an impenetrable defense, zealously guard: ed, with a single opening for a gate. The inhabitants form a republic, are of mixed origin and are diligent agri; culturists.

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career is a brief one, at the longest. "Nervous girl" wants to know how to cure a tickling sensation about the face. Get him to shave off his mous

Imitation cod liver is now made in Paris. What anybody wants to imi; tate the stuff for is a mystery. Some: thing as unlike it as possible would be more taking.

"Something new in butter dishes, I see." said Mrs. Pompano as she glance over the advertisements. 'What is it?" asked Pompano eagerly "Good butter."

A Boston oculist advertises to sup ply "cork nose spectacles." Without being positive we presume that spec' tacles for cork noses are the same as those for the ordinary kind of noses.

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FABLE OF THE MAN AND THE

A Printer who was Awakened at Midnight by the voice of a Cat beneath his Window, got out of Bed in a Ter rible Rage and began Flinging Missiles of every Description at the Prowl ing Feline.

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