

The Hack Driver

Summary of the Chapter

In this lesson, a young lawyer is made to serve summons instead of practicing law. He hates his job as sometimes he is beaten up. Once he is directed by the law firm to serve summons to one Mr. Oliver Lutkins, who lived in a village called New Mullion. The young lawyer goes to the village with some expectations of village life but he is disappointed. He meets a hack driver who is a very helpful man according to him.

Quick Revision Notes

- The narrator completed his graduation in law and joined a big firm as a junior assistant clerk.
- He was given the dirty and dangerous job of serving summons.
- He gets an opportunity to go to a village to serve summons.
- A helpful hack driver at the station offers to take him in his cart and find Lutkins.
- The driver takes him to all the places where Lutkins could be found but fails to locate him.
- He shows him the village and describes the country life.
- They do not find Lutkins but the lawyer is very happy to find such a friendly and helpful man.
- They visit Lutkin's home and meet his mother who frightens them away.
- The Lawyer ends up paying for six hours to the hack driver.
- He returns to the city. His chief is angry at his failure to find Lutkins.
- The chief sends the lawyer back the next day with a man who knows Lutkins.
- The lawyer shows him the helpful hack driver.

- His companion tells him that the hack driver was Oliver Lutkins.
- The lawyer feels embarrassed and unhappy when he serves summons to a laughing Oliver Lutkins.