The Hack Driver

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He is best known for his novels Main Street (1920), Babbitt (1922), Arrowsmith (1925), Elmer Gantry (1927), Dodsworth (1929), and It Can't Happen Here (1935).

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ABOUT THE WRITER

3. Lewis was awarded the Nobel Prize 'for his vigorous and graphic art of description.' He created his characters with wit and humor. His first book 'Hike and the Aeroplane' was published in 1912 under the pseudonym Tom Graham. He was born on Feb. 7, 1885, in Minnesota, USA.

2. Harry Sinclair Lewis was a famous American novelist, short story writer and playwright. He was the first writer from the United States to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1930.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHAPTER IN ENGLISH -

'The Hack Driver' is a story about a man named Oliver Lutkins. He was the only witness in a case but he ignored all the requests for appearing. Then a young lawyer went to New Mullion in search of Lutkins. There he met a noble and generous man, the hack driver. The driver took him around the village in search of Lutkins but was unable to find him. Later on, the lawyer came to know that the hack (cart) driver was Oliver Lutkins himself. The young lawyer became a laughing stock of all.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHAPTER IN HINDI -

'द हैक ड्राइवर' ओलिवर लुटकिंस नाम के एक व्यक्ति की कहानी है। वह एक मामले में एकमात्र गवाह था लेकिन उसने पेश होने के सभी अनुरोधों को नजरअंदाज कर दिया। फिर एक युवा वकील लुटकिंस की तलाश में न्यू मुलियन के पास गया। वहाँ उसकी मुलाकात एक नेक और उदार आदमी, हैक ड्राइवर से हुई। लुटकिंस की तलाश में चालक उसे गांव के आसपास ले गया लेकिन वह नहीं मिला। बाद में वकील को पता चला कि हैक (गाड़ी) चलाने वाला खुद ओलिवर लुटकिंस था। युवा वकील सभी की हंसी का पात्र बन गया।

WORD MEANING

1	Bare	naked	खुला हुआ	unclothed, undressed, uncovered
2	Eager	impatient	उत्सुक	avid, intent, fervent
3	Admire	praise, appreciate	प्रशंसा	extoll, compliment
4	Admitted	confess	स्वीकार किया	accepted, granted, recognized
5	Adventures	exploit or event	एडवेंचर्स	exploit, escapade, deed
6	Affection	love and care for someone	स्नेह	dearness, devotion, mash
7	Agreeable	pleasing, nice	सहमत	engaging, satisfying, fine
8	Anxious	concerned, worried	चिंतित	comfortless, easeless, vexed
9	Assistant	junior	सहायक	subordinate, deputy, auxiliary
10	Bargain	to negotiate the price of something	मोल तोल	covenant, treaty, entente
11	Barn	outhouse, shelter	अनाजघर	stable, mews, pound
12	Begged	To request	निवेदन करना	entreat, implore, adjure
13	Black box on wheels	refers to the horse cart	पहियों पर ब्लैक बॉक्स	....
14	Charge	to cost	लागत	expense, price, tariff
15	Cheerily	happy	खुशी से	cordially, freely, heartily.
16	Concluded	draw the judgement	निष्कर्ष निकाला	terminate, close, cease
17	Confidence	trust, belief	विश्वास	faith, credence, conviction
18	Considered	thought over	माना	examine, appraise, review
19	Cornered	forced into a place or situation	कोनों	dominate, monopolize, capture
20	Creeks	a stream or minor tributary	खाड़ियों	gulf, sound, firth
21	Deceiving	cheating	धोखा देना	hoodwink, bamboozle, skunk
22	Detective	investigator	जासूसी	spy, piper, dick
23	Digging	to till	खुदाई	cultivate, harrow, plough
24	Disappointed	upset	निराश	frustrated, hopeless, desperate
25	Disrespectful	rude, impolite	असभ्य	intractable, rough, uncivilized

26	Ditches	a drain or trench	खाइयों	moat, chasm, gulf
27	Earnestly	sincerely	ज़ोर देकर	seriously, gravely, soberly
28	Enormous	huge	विशाल	giant, spacious, large
29	Entirely	completely	पूरी तरह से	absolutely, totally, fully
30	Examined	to look or consider a person or place	जांच की	ensue, discover, reconnoiter
31	Exhausted	used up, finished	थका	aweary, spun, forworn
32	Expectation	belief, supposition	उम्मीद	hope, prospect, promise
33	Fleeing	running away	भागते हुए	flit, scram, skedaddle
34	Folks	people	मित्रों	humans, persons, individuals
35	Frightened	afraid or anxious	भयभीत	fearful, scared, apprehensive
36	Glowed	Here, it means impressed	चमकता हुआ	glisten, brighten, shine
37	Graduating	often getting a university degree	स्नातक	categorize, rank, grade
38	Greasy meal	oily food	चिकना भोजन	creamy, fatty, slick.
39	Hack Driver	the one drives a horse cart or hack	हैक ड्राइवर	cabdriver, Cabman, livery driver.
40	Hangs out	To spend time doing nothing in particular	हैंग आउट	dally, haunt, linger.

THE HACK DRIVER : SUMMARY IN ENGLISH

The narrator of the story explains that after completing his graduation he started working with a famous law firm in the city. He was working as an assistant clerk there. He was not very happy with his job of serving summons because sometimes he had to face harsh situations while serving them. One day, he got the task of serving summons to Oliver Lutkins who was a key witness in some cases. He lived in a small town named New Mullion.

The narrator was very excited to visit a small and beautiful town but his excitement ended by the dull appearance of the town. He saw a hack driver standing at the platform who was very cheerful and nice. He went up to him and enquired about Oliver Lutkins as he was new to the town and wanted to find him. The driver told him that Oliver was a nasty man who owed debt to many people. He also cunningly extracted information from the lawyer that he needed Lutkins for some court case.

A deal was cracked between both- he decided to hire Bill's hack and go on a search for Lutkins. Bill somehow traps the lawyer in his story and they visit different places in search of Lutkins. He always asks the lawyer to stay behind. They go to Fritz's to catch Lutkins while playing poker. But he tells them that he has gone to Gustaff for a shave. At Gustaff's they weren't able to meet him and were told that someone saw him at the pool room. Here also somebody said that he left the poolroom after buying cigarettes.

Bill described Lutkins as a cunning man and guessed that he must have gone to Gray's for a shave. In the afternoon, Bill offered him to buy lunch from his wife as it would be less costly than at the restaurant. They had lunch at wade's hill which was a very beautiful place. By that time the clerk was totally impressed by Bill's nice and cheery nature. He had even started comparing village people to city people. Later on, they went to search for Lutkins at his mother's house on the basis of information derived from one of his friends.

There the lady was horrible and they hurriedly left the place as she was about to attack them with a hot iron rod. At last, the lawyer had to leave without serving summons to Lutkins. Next day he was scolded badly by his chief and was again sent to New Mullion with a companion who knew Lutkins. Upon reaching the station, the clerk happily pointed out that Bill was such a helpful person to him.

At this time, the truth was revealed by his companion that the hack driver was none other than Lutkins himself. The clerk felt so bad and ashamed of how he had been fooled by a villager.

THE HACK DRIVER : SUMMARY IN HINDI

कहानी के नैरेटर बताता है कि ग्रेजुएशन की पढ़ाई पूरी करने के बाद उन्होंने शहर की एक प्रसिद्ध लॉ फर्म के साथ काम करना शुरू कर दिया।

वह वहां सहायक क्लर्क के पद पर कार्यरत था। वह सम्मन तामील करने के अपने कार्य से बहुत खुश नहीं थे क्योंकि कभी-कभी उन्हें उनकी सेवा करते समय कठोर परिस्थितियों का सामना करना पड़ता था।

एक दिन, उन्हें ओलिवर लुटकिन्स को सम्मन देने का काम मिला, जो किसी मामले में एक प्रमुख गवाह था। वह न्यू मुलियन नाम के एक छोटे से शहर में रहता था।

एक छोटे और सुंदर शहर की यात्रा करने के लिए कथाकार बहुत उत्साहित था लेकिन शहर की नीरस उपस्थिति से उसका उत्साह समाप्त हो गया।

उसने प्लेटफॉर्म पर एक हैक ड्राइवर को खड़ा देखा जो बहुत खुशमिजाज और अच्छा था। वह उसके पास गया और ओलिवर लुटकिंस के बारे में पूछताछ की क्योंकि वह शहर में नया था और उसे ढूंढना चाहता था।

ड्राइवर ने उसे बताया कि ओलिवर एक बुरा आदमी था जिस पर कई लोगों का कर्ज था। उसने चालाकी से वकील से जानकारी भी निकाली कि उसे किसी कोर्ट केस के लिए लुटकिंस की जरूरत है।

दोनों के बीच एक सौदा हो गया था- उसने बिल के हैक को किराए पर लेने और लुटकिंस की खोज पर जाने का फैसला किया। बिल

किसी तरह वकील को अपनी कहानी में फंसा लेता है और वे लुटकिन्स की तलाश में अलग-अलग जगहों पर जाते हैं।

वह हमेशा वकील से पीछे रहने को कहता है। वे पोकर खेलते हुए लुटकिंस को पकड़ने के लिए फ्रिट्ज के पास जाते हैं। लेकिन वह उन्हें बताता है कि वह गुस्ताफ के पास दाढ़ी बनाने गया है।

गुस्ताफ में वे उससे नहीं मिल पाए और उन्हें बताया गया कि किसी ने उन्हें पूल रूम में देखा है। यहां भी किसी ने कहा कि वह सिगरेट खरीदकर पूलरूम से निकला था।

बिल ने लुटकिन्स को एक चालाक आदमी के रूप में वर्णित किया और अनुमान लगाया कि वह दाढ़ी के लिए ग्रे के पास गया होगा।

दोपहर में, बिल ने उसे अपनी पत्नी से दोपहर का भोजन खरीदने की पेशकश की क्योंकि यह रेस्तरां की तुलना में कम खर्चीला होगा।

उन्होंने वेड की पहाड़ी पर दोपहर का भोजन किया जो एक बहुत ही खूबसूरत जगह थी। उस समय तक क्लर्क बिल के अच्छे और खुशमिजाज स्वभाव से पूरी तरह प्रभावित हो चुका था ।

उसने गाँव के लोगों की तुलना शहर के लोगों से करना भी शुरू कर दिया था। बाद में, वे उसके एक मित्र से प्राप्त जानकारी के आधार पर लुटकिंस की माँ के घर पर उसकी खोज करने गए।

वहाँ महिला भयानक थी और वे जल्दी से वहाँ से चले गए क्योंकि वह उन पर लोहे की गर्म छड़ से हमला करने वाली थी।

अंत में, वकील को लुटकिन्स को सम्मन दिए बिना ही वापस जाना पड़ा। अगले दिन उनके मुखिया ने उन्हें बुरी तरह डांटा और फिर से लुटकिंस को जानने वाले एक साथी के साथ न्यू मुलियन भेज दिया।

स्टेशन पहुँचने पर, क्लर्क ने खुशी-खुशी इशारा किया कि बिल लुटकिन्स को खोजने में उनके लिए एक मददगार व्यक्ति था।

इस दौरान उनके साथी ने इस सच्चाई का खुलासा किया कि हैक करने वाला कोई और नहीं बल्कि खुद लुटकिन्स थे। क्लर्क को बहुत बुरा लगा और शर्म आ रही थी कि कैसे उसे एक ग्रामीण ने मूर्ख बनाया है।

THE HACK DRIVER : ANALYSIS IN ENGLISH -

The narrator is a junior assistant clerk in a famous law firm in the city. His work is to prepare briefs and serve the summons. He had to go to the dirty corners of the city to serve summons to the victims and was, at times, beaten up by strong people.

He had to go to New Mullion to serve a summon to Oliver Lutkins. At the railway station, he met a forty-year-old, friendly man, who introduced himself as Bill. He claimed to have seen Lutkins an hour ago.

The village streets were muddy, so the lawyer hired the hack for the search of Lutkins. The driver took him all around- to the Fritz, Gustaff's shop, the barber's, and the poolroom. They could not find Lutkins. They had their meal and were informed that Lutkins visited his mother's farm. A rather large woman welcomed them there, with an iron from an old stove. He gave up and returned.

The lawyer was sent back by his boss with a colleague who knew Lutkins. It was revealed that Bill was Oliver Lutkins. The story teaches everyone not to bestow trust in people when they do not know them.

THE HACK DRIVER KEY POINTS

1 The Hack Driver is an amusing tale of a young, innocent lawyer who goes to the village to serve a summon to Oliver Lutkins.

2 He meets a man at the railway station, who introduces himself as Bill. Bill said that he knew everyone in the village and promised to look for Oliver Lutkins.

3 He takes the lawyer to several places to look for Lutkins and extracts a lot of money from him. After a long search, they could not find Lutkins.

4 The following day, the lawyer and his colleague go to the village and come to know that the driver was Lutkins. Everyone was laughing at the lawyer as he felt ashamed of himself.

5 THEME- The lesson talks about a character who was duped. He should have been careful and should not have taken his work for granted. The world is full of fraudsters and imposters. He was easily tricked and fooled by villagers, where he had least doubts. He wasn't cheated personally even financially as well. He spent his day roaming around with a trickster who turned out to be the same at the end.

6 MESSAGE- A young lawyer went to a village to serve a summons on Oliver Lutkins. He met Bill who fooled him and made him believe that he was helping him. He took him to various places in search of Lutkins and everywhere he pretended that Lutkins had just left that place. Convinced himself that someone tried to help him but failed.

1. Oliver Lutkins

He was a fat man of forty years. He was a friendly man. His working clothes were dirty and well-worn. He met the narrator and was convinced that he would be a great help to him. He was paid for the time he would spend in search of Lutkins.

2. The narrator

The narrator is definitely a romantic idealist. He is freshman from a law school. He wants to solve a real case. But, as a part of training, he is sent to serve summons. He finds it difficult to understand. He simply dislikes his job as he has to go to all dirty places. Further, he has a very romantic view of the country. He believes that villages are all pure and peaceful.

3. The Lawyer -

The lawyer is an innocent, young man. After graduation, he works as an assistant clerk at a famous firm in the city. He is unhappy with his job and does not like city life. He often thinks about running away. He is a gullible person. He easily trusts Bill and is easily fooled by him. He is rather naive for trusting a stranger he met at the railway station.

THE HACK DRIVER : ANALYSIS IN HINDI -

नैरेटर शहर की एक मशहूर लॉ फर्म में जूनियर असिस्टेंट क्लर्क है। उसका काम ब्रीफ तैयार करना और सम्मन देना है। पीड़ितों को सम्मन देने के लिए उन्हें शहर के गंदे कोनों में जाना पड़ता था और कई बार मजबूत लोगों द्वारा पीटा जाता था।

उन्हें ओलिवर लुटकिंस को सम्मन भेजने के लिए न्यू मुलियन जाना पड़ा। रेलवे स्टेशन पर, उनकी मुलाकात एक चालीस वर्षीय, मिलनसार व्यक्ति से हुई, जिसने अपना परिचय बिल के रूप में दिया। उसने दावा किया कि उसने एक घंटे पहले लुटकिंस को देखा था।

गाँव की गलियाँ कीचड़ भरी थीं, इसलिए वकील ने लुटकिंस की तलाश के लिए हैक हायर किया। ड्राइवर उसे चारों ओर ले गया– फ्रिट्ज, गुस्ताफ की दुकान, नाई और पूलरूम में। वे लुटकिन्स को नहीं खोज सके। उन्होंने अपना भोजन किया और उन्हें सूचित किया गया कि लुटकिन्स अपनी मां के खेत में गए थे। एक पुराने चूल्हे के लोहे के साथ, एक बड़ी महिला ने वहां उनका स्वागत किया। उसने हार मान ली और लौट आया।

वकील को उसके बॉस ने एक सहयोगी के साथ वापस भेज दिया जो लुटकिन्स को जानता था। यह पता चला कि बिल ओलिवर लुटकिंस था। कहानी सभी को सिखाती है कि जब वे लोगों को नहीं जानते तो उन पर भरोसा न करें।

MCQ'S FROM THE CHAPTER -

1. Who is the author of the story "The Hack Driver"?

    A)   HG Wells

    B)   Robert W. Peterson

    C)   Guy De Maupassant

    D)   Sinclair Lewis

2. What job did he get after doing his graduation?

    A)   partner in a law firm

    B)   lawyer

    C)   senior associate

    D)   junior assistant clerk

3. What was he supposed to do?

    A)   fight cases

    B)   present legal briefs

    C)   serve summons

    D)   all of the above

4. What did he hate?

    A)   unpleasant work

    B)   the side of city it revealed to him

    C)   both of these

    D)   None of the above

5. How far was New Mullions from his place of employment?

A)   40kms

B)   45kms

C)   42kms

D)   48kms

6. How did he travel to New Mullions?

    A)   Car   B)   Train

    C)   Rickshaw   D)   Bus

7. How did he expect New Mullions to be?

    A)   sweet and simple

    B)   muddy streets

    C)   raw shops

    D)   None of the above

8. What was the only pleasant sight?

    A)   delivery man

    B)   the weather

    C)   raw shops

    D)   None of the above

9. What was the man's first guess on his purpose to find Lutkins?

    A)   to get money back

    B)   to present him a summon

    C)   to arrest him

    D)   None of the above

10. "Bill seemed to _____ Lutkins' talent for dishonesty. "

A) dislike   B) hate

C) criticise   D) admire

11. Where did Fritz send them?

A) Gray's barber shop

B) Gustaff's barber shop

C) poolroom

D) no where

12. Where did they go after visiting Swede's shop?

A) Gray's barber shop

B) Gustaff's barber shop

C) poolroom

D) his mother's farm

13. What is the meaning of the word "enormous"?

A) huge

B) vast

C) broad

D) all of the above

14. Where did they go for lunch?

A) Wade's hill

B) Bill's home

C) Oliver's home

D) Oliver's mother's farm

15. Where did the go after lunch?

A) Gray's barber shop

B) Gustaff's barber shop

C) poolroom

D) Oliver's mother's farm

16. What did Oliver's mother have in her hand while she ran after them?

A) a pistol

B) a knife

C) an iron rod

D) None of the above

17. Did he find Lutkins on his first visit?

A) yes

B) no

C) maybe

D) None of the above

18. Was he able to serve the summon to Lutkins?

A) yes

B) no

C) maybe

D) None of the above

19. Who was Lutkins?

A) Fritz   B) Swede

C) Gray   D) Bill

Class–10: English

20. How many times did he have to visit New Mullions?

A) 1   B) 2

C) 4   D) 5

21. Who accompanied him on his trip to New Mullions the second time?

A) his boss

B) his friend

C) his sister

D) a man familiar with Oliver Lutkins

22. What vehicle did Bill have?

A) Autorickshaw   B) cab

C) hack   D) cart

23. In which direction was Oliver's mother's farm?

A) south   B) east

C) north   D) west

24. The summons for Lutkins were for what case?

A) theft

B) murder

C) cheating

D) as a witness

25. How was Bill's appearance

A) red faced

B) cheerful

C) thick in the middle

D) all of them

26. According to Bill, Oliver owed him fifty cents for a game of ___

A) chess   B) poker

C) horse race D) all of them

27. Name the barber in the story

A) Garry   B) Mustafa

C) Gustaff   D) Guard

28. From where did they get lunch?

A) Community meal

B) Bill's home

C) cafe

D) restaraunt

29. What was Bill's other name?

A) Magnuson

B) Magie

C) Maddie

D) Magpie

30. Who was Oliver Lutkins?

A) Fritz   B) Gustaff

C) Bill   D) Gray

1	D	11	B	21	D
2	D	12	A	22	C
3	C	13	D	23	C
4	C	14	A	24	D
5	A	15	D	25	D
6	B	16	C	26	B
7	A	17	B	27	C
8	A	18	B	28	B
9	A	19	D	29	A
10	D	20	B	30	C

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS –

1. Why is the lawyer sent to New Mullion? What does he first think about the place?

Ans. The lawyer was sent to New Mullion to serve summon to a man who was needed as witness in a law case, named Oliver Lutkins. He had expected the place to be a sweet and simple country village.

2. Who befriends him? Where does he take him?

Ans. The lawyer was befriended by a man named Bill He told him that he would help him to find Lutkins.

He took him to the entire place where Lutkins was expected. However, Oliver Lutkins was not found anywhere as he was himself Oliver Lutkins.

3. With whom the narrator met first when he went to New Mullion? Where did he take him?

Ans. The narrator met a hack driver when he went to New Mullion to find Lutkins against whom he had a summon. They went to Beneke, Gustaff's barber's shop and finally to Lutkins house. The hack driver and the lawyer visited the whole village in search of Lutkins. At last, the lawyer found that the hack driver was the real Lutkins.

4. Who was Oliver Lutkins? What did he do to fool the young lawyer?

Ans. Oliver Lutkins was the prime witness in a law case from New Mullion town. He fooled the lawyer who was sent to his town to serve the summons. Befriending him as a hack driver who was willing to help him, they visited the whole town but they were unable to find Lutkins.

5. Give a character sketch of Lutkin's mother.

Ans. Lutkin's mother was nine feet tall and four feet thick. She was quick as a cat. She could talk a lot. She was like a terror. She was living in a poor farmyard and she was brave too.

6. With what impression did the lawyer come back to the city?

Ans. The lawyer was greatly impressed by the behavior of the hack driver, Bill and his helping attitude towards his problem. Oblivious to the identity of the hack driver as Lutkins himself, he presumed the hospitality offered to him as the general attitude of the country folk. He liked the simplicity and forthcoming behavior of Bill. He set in his mind to settle at New Mullion.

7. Why did the narrator feel unpleasant while going through the training period?

Ans. The narrator was a junior assistant clerk and during the training period, he was sent to dirty village to serve summon to a man, named Oliver Lutkins. That's why he was feeling unpleasant.

8. Why was the lawyer sent to New Mullion?

Ans. The lawyer was sent to New Mullion to serve summons to a man called Oliver Lutkins, who was the prime witness in a case. Because Oliver Lutkins didn't respond to letters which the court had sent earlier.

9. When the lawyer arrives at the railway station, what makes him glad?

Ans. The narrator was glad, on reaching the railway station. As he found a man willing to help him. He also helped him to find out the hack driver with whom he could go to the Lutkins place.

10. What did the hack driver charge the narrator?

Ans. The hack driver charged two dollars an hour for his work. He also added money for further increase in the hours as well as for the food he offered from his home.

LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS-

1. Write the character sketch of the hack driver.

Ans. Oliver Lutkins, 'the Hack Driver' comes across as a clever person who has little consideration for others and exploits their gullibility to his convenience. He cheats the lawyer on the pretext of helping him in locating Lutkins and thereby extracts money from him in an unfair manner. The fact that he laughs at him the following day when the lawyer delivers the summon, shows that he lacks consideration and does not repent his action. He seems to have little respect for law as he has disobeyed the earlier summons. But the narrator also depicts him as a person with a sense of humor that one almost forgives his tricks as a practical joke.

2. How did the narrator get to know about Bill's reality?

Ans. Bill was a witness in a case. The narrator was sent by his firm to serve summons to Lutkins at New Mullion. The narrator could not identify him as he had never met him before. The fun-loving Lutkins took advantage of the narrator's ignorance and befooled him. He introduced himself as Bill and offered to him find Lutkins. He took him all around the village but with no success. Satisfied with Bill's help, the narrator returned without serving the summon.

Next morning he visited New Mullions again with a man who knew Lutkins by face. At the station the lawyer saw Bill talking to Lutkins' mother in a friendly manner. The lawyer was surprised to know from his companion that Bill was no other man than Lutkins himself.

3. Why do you think Lutkins' neighbors were anxious to meet the lawyer?

Ans. The lawyer was sent to serve summons to Lutkins at New Mullion. Bill had befooled the lawyer by taking him all over the village and posing that he was helping him in his search for Lutkins. The villagers knew the reality that he was having fun and befooling the lawyer by not revealing his real identity. They also joined him in the fun as they were part of their meeting.

The lawyer was described as an innocent boy who was easily duped and the whole village had enjoyed it. Lutkins neighbors were the only one who had missed seeing the lawyer the previous day. So they were anxious to see him.

4. How did the hack driver reveal Lutkins?

Ans. Reaching New Mullion, the narrator happened to meet the hack driver. The narrator asked about Lutkins. Bill presented himself to assist him. But he was Lutkins himself.

The hack driver painted the negative image of Lutkins. He said that Lutkins was very popular among his fellow villagers. He was a careless, dishonest wanderer and could be seen here, there, everywhere. He was always upto one thing or the other. He was fond of playing poker at Fritz's shop. He owed money to several people. He was not really bad but it was hard to recover money from him.

5. Describe the narrator's first visit to New Mullion?

Ans. The narrator came to New Mullion to serve summons to Lutkins. At the station he met a cheerful agreeable hack driver who was Lutkins himself. The fun-loving Lutkins, introduced himself as Bill, the hack driver. He offered the author to help him in finding Lutkins, whereas he had no intention to help him out as he was Lutkins himself. He took him all over the village but with no success. He entertained the narrator with his lucid description of the village folk, charged him two dollars per hour and half a dollar for food. The narrator returned to the city without serving the summons but he was happy. He was impressed by the warm affection, kind and helpful nature of Bill and his present job. He had made up his mind to settle in New Mullion.