

daily, taking five hours. We found the village most picturesquely situated upon the side of a mountain, about two thousand feet above the sea. We were kindly received by the *préfet* and by an Englishman living here in connection with some mining enterprise.

Meanwhile, as we intended starting as early as possible in the morning for our camping ground among the mountains, arrangements had been made with the hunters and beaters to pay them five francs a day for each horse and man, the man to beat if necessary, and two francs a day for a man without a horse.

After great deliberations, on the following morning the men, most of whom were collected outside the inn where we had taken up our quarters, demanded five francs a day each, independently of the horses. Their food and wine of course we had to provide; and this for twenty men for three days, as well as our own and the baggage, had been packed upon eight horses. Their demand, of course, was purposely made when everything was ready for starting, while we were already two hours behind time. Acting upon advice, and without showing the least impatience, we proceeded to remove the loads from the horses ourselves, and to declare our intention of returning, offering however, four francs. We also offered five francs to each man if a *moufflon* was killed.

This at once had the desired effect, and things having been amicably arranged we proceeded on our way, reaching our destination the same evening.