

by the Lady-Principal, and conducted by her to her own room, which was next to Minnie's, and she had therefore seen her before the others, who had only caught a passing glimpse of her as she passed through the large hall.

"What dress had she on," asked Nellie, "was it not a silk one, and is she not very handsome?"

"Yes, she is a beauty and no mistake," replied Minnie, "and her dress is a corded silk. Madame Giatto introduced me to her, but she only presented the tips of her fingers, and would go in no other room but Ida's. I know Ida is bringing her cousin with her, and will not be able to have her now in her room."

"Why would she not go in any other room," asked Lucy Heaslip, "surely there is plenty of room in ours?"

"She told Madame Giatto that she could not sleep in a room with many beds, and she asked to have her bed in Ida's room, it looked so cosy, and has such a lovely view; and as she looked a little homesick, Madame G. gratified her in this whim. Did you see her luggage carried in? Dear me! she has as many boxes and