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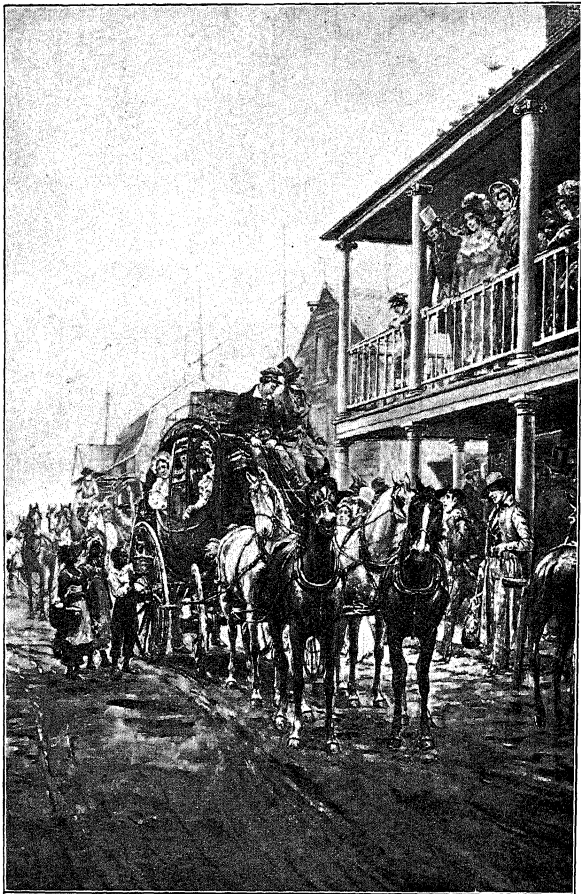
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# STAGE-COACH·AND TAVERN·DAYS

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*“ Long ago, at the end of the route,  
The stage pulled up, and the folks stepped out.  
They have all passed under the tavern door —  
The youth and his bride and the gray three-score.  
Their eyes were weary with dust and gleam,  
The day had gone like an empty dream.  
Soft may they slumber, and trouble no more  
For their eager journey, its jolt and roar,  
In the old coach over the mountain.”*

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