

even inviting the unsuspecting authorities of the town to their banquets.

Donkeys may be sent on to the bridge of the Paillon. Hence a path winds for about two hours through a valley, and then ascends by zigzags to *Peglione*, which has long been visible at the top of a conical rock, rising high above the forests of olives, against the wild extraordinary peaks of the surrounding



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mountains. The town itself is exceedingly picturesque and has a broad terrazone, with curious old houses on one side and a little chapel painted with quaint frescoes on the other. But far the most important view is to be found beyond the village, from a little platform backed by rocks. Hence *Peglione* is seen in the foreground, on the top of a gigantic precipice, around the foot of which sparkles the winding river, whilst beyond, billow upon billow of hill in every delicate hue of rose-colour, purple and blue, fall back to melt into the distant snow mountains.

In the whole of the rest of France there is no single view more striking than this; and though many scenes of the Pyrenees and Alps are far grander, nothing is so perfect in composition or artistic detail.

It is about an hour's walk or ride by a wild mountain path from *Peglione* to *Peglià* (see later).]

[An excursion may be made from Nice to *Turbia* (see later), returning by *Roccabruna* and *Monaco*, and following the new road thence by *Beaulieu* and *Villafranca*. A very beautiful view of Nice may be obtained by taking a little path to the r. amongst the olives, after passing a chapel, on the ascent. At a short distance further is a grand view of *Eza*, rising on a precipitous rock between the mountains and the sea, backed by a glorious succession of bays and peninsulas. The precipices which the excellent high-road traverses are sufficient to give some ideas of a journey along the old mule path from Nice to Genoa before it was made.

'Ayant appris qu'on pouvait aller à Gènes par terre, en chaise à porteurs, nous primes la résolution de faire ce périlleux voyage. J'envoyai chercher l'homme qui nous louait des mulets. Je voulus le questionner sur les dangers de la route. Cet homme, après m'avoir attentivement écoutée, me répondit en propres termes: "Je ne suis point inquiet pour vous, mesdames; mais, à la vérité, je crains un peu pour mes mulets, parceque l'an passé j'en perdis deux, qui furent écrasés par de gros morceaux de roche qui tombèrent sur eux, car il s'en détache souvent de la montagne." Cette manière de nous tranquilliser ne nous rassura pas beaucoup, mais cependant elle nous fit rire et nous partîmes.'  
—*Mme. de Genlis.*]

[A road practicable for carriages (45 fr.; time, 9 hrs.), as far as *S. Sauveur* (or *S. Salvadour*), where there is a poor inn, then a mule path for 8 hrs. (mule, 3 fr. 50 c. a day; guide, 5 fr.), then a road of 8 k. forms the communication between Nice and *Barcelonnette* (see ch. x.). The first part of the road follows the gorges of the *Var* (see p. 543), then (28 k.) of the *Tinée*.