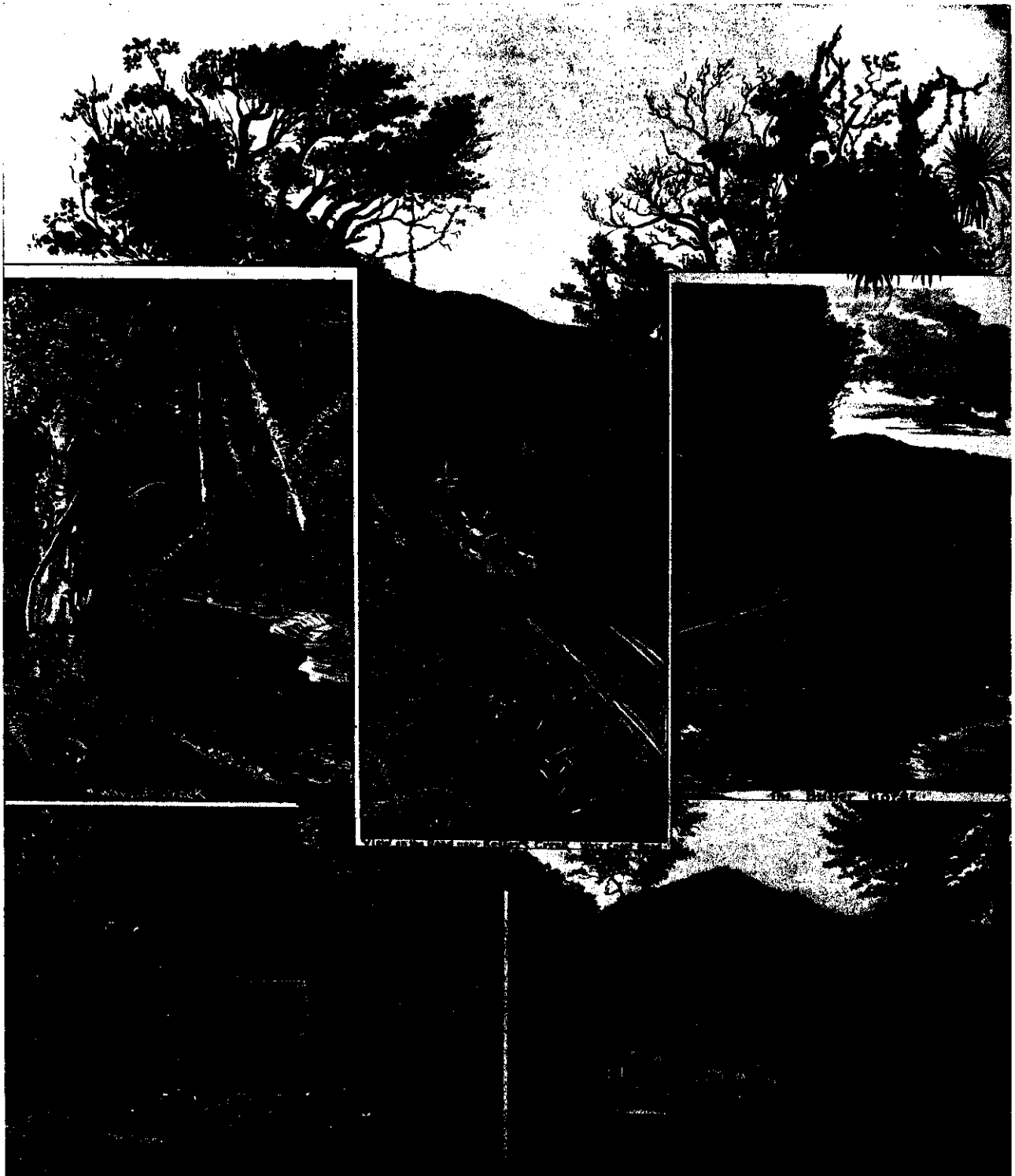


### SOME WEST COAST PICTURES.

THE road between Reefton and Westport on the West Coast, several parts of which form the subject of our illustrations on this page, has, in common with some other parts of the same district—

by coach, which leaves both places daily at about half-past seven a.m.  
Of the portion of the road from Reefton to the Inangahua Junction, a distance of 24 miles, the scenery is not in any way remarkable, but from here to Westport, along the edge of the Buller River, the views are certainly the most picturesque on the Coast, if not in New Zealand. The junction bears its name from the meeting of the Inangahua and Buller Rivers, and singularly to the meeting also of two important roads—the Reefton-Westport and the Nelson-Reefton.

seen from the road—high, stately, white cliffs, which remind you of the coast of Kent—but of recent years the scrub has completely covered the remaining bare patches, and they are now no longer visible.  
But the most important part of the journey commences on your reaching the famous Hawk's Craig. For a long distance here the road is a mere groove in the face of a high, and almost perpendicular cliff, which rises abruptly out of the river. The outer wheel of the coach passes within a few feet of the edge of the precipice, which descends perpendicularly into the water below, a distance



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notably the Kumara-Springfield Road—an attraction for tourists and globe-trotters that is possessed by very few routes in New Zealand. The scenery in many places is of a very fine description, and the many points of interest which the traveller can occupy himself with observing, and perhaps studying, render the journey an extremely pleasant one. At present the journey is, and probably will be for some years to come, judging by the intentions and movements of the Midland Railway Company, made

A feature in connection with the meeting of the rivers is the remarkable contrast presented in the different colour of the two rivers, the Buller being of a beautiful clear colour which discloses its bed at great depths, the Inangahua being of a dirty yellowish appearance, produced by the tailings from the gold mines at work in the vicinity of Reefton. There is an accommodation house here, which is usually called 'Lloyd's,' and some good accommodation may be obtained. A few miles past the junction, and nearer to Westport, are what are known as the 'White Cliffs,' which till a few years ago could be

some 30 or 40 feet. From the inner part of the road the cliff towers up to a great height, and the loosening of a boulder, whilst the coaching is passing, may be attended by the most serious results. The road continues along the bank of the Buller River as far as the Nine-mile, whence it makes its way through the bush to Westport. Whilst passing through the Buller Gorge the landscapes to be seen are most beautiful, and the dangers of the journey are consequently forgotten in admiration of the image which Dame Nature here presents to the gaze of the wondering traveller.