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INTRODUCTION

Some years ago, a man from Athens decided to leave the big city where he was born and raised, and to visit his grandfather's little mountainous village, which was named Neohori. After he arrived at the last point to which other means of transport could take him, he decided to walk the rest of the distance. He walked for several hours upon the mountainous path and he began to get tired and anxious to arrive. By good fortune, on a turn of the path, he saw a man making mud bricks. He stopped and, tired as he was, asked the man how much further he had to walk to reach Neohori. But the man kept on working on the bricks, paying no attention. He asked for a second and a third time, but no answer was given. Then the city man started walking again on the same mountainous path, murmuring to himself: "Well, he might be deaf".

He had not gone more than 200 feet when he heard the man behind him calling and saying: "Countryman, Neohori is an hour and fifteen minutes away!"

Surprised, the traveller returned back to the brickmaker and said: "Well, friend, at first I thought you were deaf. Why didn't you answer me and tell me right away now far Neohori was when I asked you?"

The man raised his eyes to him and said: "My dear fellow, I wanted to see how fast you walked to tell you how soon you would arrive".