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**AROUND THE WORLD
IN 80 DAYS**

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Phileas Fogg, the English Gentleman

Chapter 1

Phileas Fogg Meets Passepartout

On October 2, 1872, Phileas Fogg bet his life savings that he could travel around the world in 80 days.

Mr. Fogg, an English gentleman, lived at No. 7 Saville Row in London, but not much else was known about him. He never went to the business and social places where important Londoners gathered. Nor did he hold a regular job. He seemed to be quite rich, but nobody knew where all his money came from. He spent most of his time at the Reform Club, reading in the library there and playing

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whist, a popular English card game. Otherwise, he kept mostly to himself.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Phileas Fogg was that his life centered upon the clock. His own clock told not only the hour, minute and second, but also the month and year. Fogg was never early and never late, and his activities followed the same pattern day after day.

For example, at exactly 11:30 every morning, Phileas Fogg went to the Reform Club. He ate lunch and dinner there each day at exactly the same time, in the same room, at the same table, and always alone. At exactly midnight, he returned home and went straight to bed.

Phileas Fogg had no wife, children, relatives or close friends. He shared his large house with a servant, but had just fired him for bringing shaving water that was two degrees too cold. Now he was awaiting a new



Watching the Clock as Usual