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## P R E F A C E

This interesting story by Jules Verne has been rewritten to suit the requirements of the Departmental Syllabus in English within the prescribed vocabulary and word list.

Special attention has been paid to the structure of sentences. The original sentences have been recast with a view to achieving simplicity and directness of style. The diction of the author has been preserved as far as possible.

It is hoped that this rendering will help the pupils to understand and enjoy this imaginative story of Jules Verne.

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# ROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

## 1. MR. FOGG AND HIS NEW SERVANT

OUR story begins on the 2nd of October, 1872. Mr. Fogg was living in Saville Row, Burlington Gardens, in London. He spent his time reading the daily papers and playing at cards in his club. He lived alone and no one ever visited him.

Mr. Fogg had only a single man-servant. Mr. Fogg was a man of regular habits. He wanted his servant to do everything on time. He dismissed his servant, James, because he had not obeyed his orders faithfully.

The clock struck half-past eleven. There was a knock at the door of his room. A man, about thirty years of age, entered and bowed.

'You are a Frenchman, are you not?' asked Mr. Fogg, 'and your name is John?'

'Jean, if you please, sir,' replied the newcomer, 'Jean Passe-partout, a surname given to me, because I am used to all kinds of work.'

'I believe, I am honest, sir; but to speak plainly, I have tried a good many things. I have been a wandering singer, a rider in a circus, then I became a professor of gymnastics, and finally I became a fireman in Paris. I have been in England for the past five years. I wish to lead a quiet life in your service and forget my name of Passe-partout!'

‘Passe-partout suits me,’ replied Mr. Fogg. ‘I have heard that you have a very good character. You know the conditions of service?’

‘Yes, sir.’

‘Very well, what o’clock do you make it?’

‘Twenty-two minutes past eleven,’ replied Jean.

‘Very well. From this hour, thirty minutes past eleven in the forenoon of Wednesday, the 2nd October, you are in my service.’

Mr. Fogg got up from his chair, took his hat, placed it on his head, and went out without saying another word.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Where did Mr. Fogg live?  
(2) Who was Jean?  
(3) Why was he called Passe-partout?  
(4) What were the things he had done before he came to Fogg?
- II. Describe the conversation that took place between Mr. Fogg and Jean.
- III. Complete the following sentences:—
  - (1) Jean wanted to serve Mr. Fogg because.....
  - (2) Fogg was willing to have Jean in his service because.....
  - (3) Jean began service under Mr. Fogg from.....or at.....on.....

## 2. JEAN IN HIS NEW HOUSE

WHEN Jean Passe-partout was alone in Mr. Fogg’s house he had time to think of his new master. During the short period that he had been in Fogg’s presence, he had observed his master.

Mr. Fogg seemed to be about forty years of age, with a fine face; a tall and well-made man.

He had light hair and whiskers, a clear brow, a somewhat pale face and splendid teeth. Jean thought that a gentleman whose life was so regular, who never stayed away from home was the right master for him.

Jean began to inspect every room. He found that his room was on the second floor. He thought it suited him very well. Electric bells and a speaking tube put him in touch with the rooms below. There was an electric clock on the shelf which was connected to a clock in Mr. Fogg's room.

Underneath the clock in his own room, he saw a card. It was a list of his daily duties. All the details of service were shown—the tea at twenty-three minutes past nine and so on. Everything that he had to do from eight o'clock in the morning until midnight when Fogg retired to bed was regulated and arranged for.

After having examined the house, Jean rubbed his hands joyfully. He said to himself, 'This suits me completely. It is the very thing. We understand each other thoroughly, Mr. Fogg and I. He is truly a machine. Well, I am not sorry to serve a machine.'

### Comprehension

- I. (1) What did Jean do in the house after his master left him?
  - (2) What did he think of his master?
  - (3) Why did he call his master a 'machine'?
- II. Write a paragraph describing Jean's room.
- III. Note the time in the blanks :—
  - (1) Mr. Fogg went out at.....
  - (2) He had tea at.....
  - (3) He retired at.....

### 3. THE BET

MR. FOGG left his house in Saville Row at half-past eleven. He placed his right foot before his left five hundred and seventy-five times, and his left foot before his right five hundred and seventy-six times; he reached the Reform Club, in Pall Mall. He immediately went up to the dining room, and here he took his usual place at the table for his breakfast.

At forty-seven minutes past twelve he rose from the table and went into the drawing-room. There a servant handed him a copy of 'The Times'. He read the paper until quarter to four. Then he read 'The Standard' until dinner-time. At twenty minutes to six he was again in the drawing-room. There he began to read 'The Morning Chronicle'.

Half an hour later, several members came in and gathered round the fire-place. There were Andrew Stuart, the Engineer, Walter Ralph, one of the directors of the Bank of England and many other rich and important men.

'Well, Ralph,' asked Thomas, 'what about this robbery?'

'Why,' said Stuart, 'the bank must lose the money.'

'I hope not,' said Walter Ralph, 'I trust we shall be able to put our hands upon the thief. Clever detectives have been sent to all the chief ports of Europe and America and it will be no easy matter to escape from them.'

‘But have you any description of the thief?’ asked Stuart.

‘Certainly we have; but he is no thief at all,’ replied Ralph.

‘What do you mean? A man must be a thief who gets away with fifty-five thousand pounds in bank-notes.’

‘No,’ replied Ralph.

‘“The Morning Post” says that he is a gentle man,’ said Mr. Fogg.

The robbery had taken place on the 29th of September. A pile of bank-notes amounting to a total of fifty-five thousand pounds, had been stolen from the counter of the chief cashier at the Bank of England. Detectives were sent to Liverpool, Glasgow, Suez, New York and other ports. A reward of two thousand pounds and five per cent of the amount got back were offered to the persons who could find out the thief.

‘Well, where can he go?’

‘I can’t tell,’ replied Stuart; ‘but the world is big enough, at any rate.’

‘It used to be,’ said Fogg.

‘What do you mean by “used to be”? Has the world become smaller, then?’

‘Of course, it has,’ replied Ralph. ‘I am of Mr. Fogg’s opinion; the world has grown smaller. You can go round it ten times quicker now than you could a hundred years ago.’

‘I must say, Mr. Ralph,’ said Stuart, ‘that you have found an easy way that the world has grown smaller because one can go round it in three months.’

‘In eighty days only,’ said Mr. Fogg.

‘That is a fact, gentlemen,’ said John. ‘You can make the tour of the world in eighty days, now that the section of the Great Indian Peninsular Railway has been opened. This is an estimate made by the “Morning Chronicle”:

‘London to Suez by rail and steamer	– 7 days
Suez to Bombay by steamer	– 13 days
Bombay to Calcutta by rail	– 3 days
Calcutta to Hong Kong by steamer	– 13 days
Hong Kong to Yokohama by steamer	– 6 days
Yokohama to San Francisco by steamer	– 22 days
San Francisco to New York by rail	– 7 days
New York to London by steamer and rail	– 9 days

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Total 80 days.’

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Stuart said; ‘I will bet you a cool four thousand that such a journey is impossible.’

‘It is quite possible,’ replied Fogg.

‘Well then, why don’t you do it?’

‘Go round the world in eighty days, do you mean?’

‘Yes.’

‘I will.’

‘When?’

‘At once; only I give you warning I shall do it at your expense.’

‘Look here, Mr. Fogg,’ he said, ‘if you like, I will bet you four thousand.’

‘All right,’ said Mr. Fogg; then to the others, he said, ‘I have twenty thousand pounds at the Bank. I will willingly risk that sum.’

‘Oh, this is a joke!’

‘No, this is not a joke. I bet twenty thousand against any of you that I will make the tour of the world in eighty days or less; that is to say in nineteen hundred and twenty hours, or a hundred and fifteen thousand and two hundred minutes. Will you take me?’

‘We do,’ replied the others.

‘Very well, then,’ said Fogg, ‘the Dover Mail starts at 8-45. I will go by it.’

‘This evening?’ said Stuart.

‘Yes, this evening. This is Wednesday, the 2nd of October. I will be due in London, in this room, on Saturday, the 21st of December; if I fail, the twenty thousand at my Bank will be yours, gentlemen. Here is my cheque for that sum.’

A statement of the conditions of the bet was made and signed by all parties concerned.

Seven o’clock struck; and it was suggested that the game should stop, while Mr. Fogg made his preparations for the ‘journey’.

### Comprehension

- I.
  - (1) Where did Fogg go after he left his house?
  - (2) How did he spend his time there?
  - (3) Mention the names of two important members of the club.
  - (4) Who said these words:—
    - (a) ‘but the world is big enough.’
    - (b) ‘It used to be.’
    - (c) ‘You can make the tour of the world in eighty days.’
  - (5) What was Fogg’s bet?
- II. Write out in the form of a dialogue the conversation that took place at the Reform Club.
- III. Read the passage ‘The robbery had taken place..... find out the thief’ and answer the following questions:—

- (a) When did the robbery take place ?
- (b) Where did it take place ?
- (c) What was the total amount lost ?
- (d) Who were sent out to find the thief ?
- (e) To which places were they sent ?
- (f) Why were they sent to such places ?
- (g) What was the amount of reward that a person would get if he found out the thief ?

#### 4. THE START

AT twenty-five minutes past seven, Fogg took leave of his friends and left the club. At ten minutes to eight he reached home.

Jean was surprised to see him at that hour; for according to the programme his master should return home only at midnight. Fogg went straight up to his room and called for Jean. Jean did not reply. 'Jean Passe-Partout,' cried Fogg again. 'This is the second time I have called you,' said Mr. Fogg. 'But it is not midnight,' replied Passe-partout taking out his watch.

'I know that,' replied Fogg. 'We start for Dover and Calais in ten minutes.'

'Are you going out, sir?' he asked.

'Yes,' replied his master; 'we are going round the world.'

Jean opened his eyes wide, held up his arms and said 'Round the world!'

'In eighty days,' replied Fogg, 'so we have not a moment to lose.'

'But the luggage,' said Jean.

'We want no luggage; a carpet-bag will do. Pack up two night-shirts and three pairs of socks and the same for yourself. We will buy what we want as we go along.'

Jean set about making preparations for the journey. At eight o'clock he had packed his master's luggage and his own. He left his room, closed the door carefully and went downstairs to Fogg.

That gentleman was quite ready. Under his arm he carried a copy of 'Bradshaw's Continental Guide'. He took the small bag from Jean, opened it and placed therein a big roll of bank-notes.

'All right, take the bag,' Mr. Fogg said and handed it back to the man. 'You had better take care of it,' he added, 'there are twenty thousand pounds in it.'

Master and servant went out together; the door was shut and double-locked. Fogg called a carriage and drove to Charing Cross Station. It was twenty minutes past eight when they reached the railway station.

At this moment a poor beggar woman carrying a baby, looking very miserable, came up to Fogg and asked for alms. He drew from his waistcoat pocket twenty guineas and handing them to the woman, said, 'Take these, my good woman. I am glad I have met you.'

This action of his master brought tears into Jean's eyes. He began to think highly of his master.

Fogg told him to take two first class tickets for Paris; and as he turned round he saw his five friends from the Reform Club.

'Well, gentlemen, you see I am about to start and the entries on my passport on my return will show that I have done the journey.'

‘Oh, Mr. Fogg,’ replied Ralph, ‘that is quite unnecessary. We believe you to be a man of your word.’

‘All the better,’ was Fogg’s reply.

‘You won’t forget when you have to come back,’ said Stuart.

‘In eighty days,’ replied Fogg. ‘On Saturday, the 21st of December, 1872, at forty-five minutes past eight in the evening. Good bye, gentlemen.’

At twenty minutes to nine, Fogg and his servant took their places in the train. At eight forty-five the engine whistled and the train started.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Why was Jean surprised to see his master back home early?  
(2) What was the time given by his master for packing the things for the journey?  
(3) What were the things put in the bag?  
(4) When did they reach the station?  
(5) To which place did Jean take two tickets?
- II. Write, in the form of a dialogue, the conversation between Fogg and his friends before the train left.
- III. Rewrite the following sentences in order :—
  1. Jean set about making preparations for the journey.
  2. It was twenty minutes past eight when they reached the railway station.
  3. Master and servant went out together.
  4. At this moment a poor beggar woman, carrying a baby came up to Mr. Fogg.
  5. At eight o’clock Jean had packed a small bag with his master’s luggage and his own.
  6. Fogg called a carriage and drove to Charing Cross Station.
  7. This action of his master brought tears into Jean’s eyes.
  8. He gave twenty guineas to the poor woman.

## 5. THE 'BANK-ROBBER'

AFTER Fogg left London, the news of the bet spread from the club to outsiders and to all the newspapers in the United Kingdom. Many journals wrote that Fogg's attempt was really mad. There was only one paper that supported him.

People in England began to bet on his success or failure. One man called Lord Albermarle laid fifty thousand pounds on Fogg's success. He said, 'If the thing can be done, the first man to do it ought to be an Englishman.' But those who supported him became less and less in number.

Seven days after Fogg's departure, a strange piece of news was published. In fact, at nine o'clock on the evening of the seventh day, the Chief Inspector of Police received the following telegram:

From Fix, Detective, Suez.

To Rowan, Commissioner of Police, Scotland Yard.

*'I have traced the bank-robber, Fogg. Send immediate orders for arrest to Bombay—Fix.'*

At once, all began to believe that Fogg was the 'bank-robber'. His photograph at the Reform Club was examined. It was found that his features were like those of the man who was described as the robber.

People understood that the robber had run away from London; he had made them believe that he was going round the world.

## Comprehension

- I. (1) What did the people in England think about Fogg's attempt at first?
  - (2) Who was Fix?
  - (3) To whom did he send the telegram?
  - (4) What was the substance of the telegram?
  - (5) What did the people think of Fogg's tour round the world?
- II. What do you think of Fogg's attempt? Give reasons for your opinion.
- III. 'If the thing can be done, the first man to do it ought to be an Englishman.'
  - (a) Who said these words?
  - (b) How did he show his faith in Fogg?

### 6. MR. FIX AT SUEZ

ON Wednesday, the 9th of October, the steamer, 'Mongolia' was eagerly expected at Suez. This ship made the passage between Brindisi and Bombay through Suez Canal. She was one of the swiftest vessels.

Two men were waiting for the arrival of the ship at the port. One of these men was the British Consular Agent at Suez. The other was Fix, the English detective. He was a small thin man. He had received from London the description of the 'bank-robber'. He was examining every traveller at the port.

Meanwhile, there was great bustle at the port. Sailors of all nations, porters and other people were crowding together. It was a beautiful day and the east wind cooled the air.

'How long will she stop at Suez?' asked Fix.

'Four hours to take her coal on board. From Suez to Aden it is thirteen hundred and ten miles.'

‘And from Suez the boat goes direct to Bombay?’

‘Direct.’

The Consul went to his office. The detective was left alone.

Soon the ship came to the port. There was a great number of passengers on board. Some of them remained on the bridge, admiring the view, but the greater number came ashore in boats.

Fix carefully examined everyone who landed. One of the passengers came to him and asked him the way to the British Consul’s office. He showed Fix the passport. The description on the passport agreed with the description of the thief.

‘This passport does not belong to you?’ he said to the passenger.

‘No,’ replied the man addressed, ‘it is my master’s.’

‘And where is your master?’

‘He is on board.’

‘But,’ replied the detective, ‘he must come himself to the Consul’s office.’

‘Oh, is it necessary?’

‘Quite necessary.’

‘Where is the office?’

‘It is there,’ said he, pointing to a house about two hundred paces off.

‘Well then, I will go and bring my master.’

So saying, the passenger saluted Fix, and returned to the steamer.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Why was Fix waiting at the port of Suez?  
(2) What did the British Consul tell him?

- II. Write out the dialogue that took place between Fix and the man with the passport.
- III. Fill in the blanks :—
- (a) The ship 'Mongolia' made the passage between \_\_\_\_\_ and Bombay, through the \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) From \_\_\_\_\_ to Aden it is thirteen hundred and ten miles.
  - (c) From Suez it goes direct to \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. FOGG AT SUEZ

THE detective went to the Consul's office. When Fix and the Consul were talking, a knock was heard. Two strangers came in. The newcomers were the master and the servant. The master handed his passport to the Consul and requested him to sign it. The Consul read the passport, and said, 'You are Mr. Fogg?'

'Yes,' replied the gentleman.

'And this man is your servant?'

'Yes, he is a Frenchman named Passe-part-out.'

'You come from London?'

'Yes.'

'And you are bound whither?'

'To Bombay.'

Mr. Fogg paid the usual fee and the Consul signed the passport. Fogg and his servant went back to the port. There he gave his servant some orders and put off in a boat to the 'Mongolia', and went to his cabin. Taking out a notebook, he made the entries regarding the journey made so far. He noted that the journey from London had taken six and a half days. He found that he had

neither gained nor lost time. These were the entries he made in his notebook:—

Left London, Wednesday, 2nd October, at 8-45 p.m.

Reached Paris, Thursday, at 8-40 a.m.

Arrived at Turin, Friday, 4th October, 6-35 a.m.

Left Turin, Friday, 4th October, at 7-20 a.m.

Arrived at Brindisi, Saturday, 5th October, 4 p.m.

Embarked on the 'Mongolia', Saturday, 5 p.m.

Reached Suez, Wednesday, 9th October, 11 a.m.

Total of hours in the journey,  $158\frac{1}{4}$  or  $6\frac{1}{2}$  days.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Where did Fogg go at Suez port?  
(2) Why did he go there?
- II. Write out the dialogue between Fogg and the Consul.
- III. Fill in the blanks:—  
Fogg had done the journey from London to Paris in——hours and from Brindisi to Suez in——hours.
- IV. Read the entries made by Fogg in his notebook and answer the following questions:—
  - (a) How long did it take him to travel from Paris to Turin?
  - (b) How long did he stay (1) at Turin, (2) at Brindisi?

## 8. MR. FIX AND PASSE-PARTOUT

IT was not long before Fix rejoined Passe-partout at the port. The latter was looking about him with great interest.

'Well, my friend,' said Fix, as he came up to him, 'has your passport been signed?'

'Ah, it is you,' replied Jean. 'I am much obliged to you. Everything was in order.'

'And now you are seeing something of the place?'

'Yes, but we are going so fast that it seems to be like a dream. And we are in Suez, are we?'

'Yes, you are.'

'In Egypt?'

'In Egypt, most decidedly.'

'And in Africa?'

'Yes, in Africa.'

'By the way,' said Jean, 'I must buy some shirts and a pair of shoes. We came away without any luggage except a small carpet-bag.'

'I will take you to a bazaar where you will find everything you want.' So they started off together, Jean talking all the time.

'Last Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, Mr. Fogg came home from his club, and in three quarters of an hour afterwards we started.'

'But where is your master going?'

'Straight ahead—he is going round the world.'

'Going round the world!' exclaimed Fix.

'Yes, in eighty days. He says it is for a wager.'

'Is he very rich?'

'Yes, he must be; and he carries a large sum with him all in bank-notes. He never spares expense. He promised a large reward to the engineer of the 'Mongolia', if he reached Bombay well in advance of time.'

The pair soon reached the bazaar; and leaving Jean to make his purchases, Fix went to the

Consul's office. 'I am quite certain now,' he said to the Consul, 'that this is our man.' Then he told him what he had heard about the man from his servant. 'Well,' replied the Consul, 'now, what are you going to do?' 'I shall telegraph to London with a request that a warrant of arrest be immediately sent to Bombay. I shall then embark on 'The Mongolia', and so keep my eye on him till we reach Bombay and then on English ground, quietly arrest him.'

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Where did Fix and Jean meet?  
(2) What did Fix learn from him?  
(3) What did Jean want?  
(4) Where did Jean and Fix go?  
(5) What did Jean learn from Fix?
- II. Write out the dialogue between Fix and Jean.
- III. 'Now, what are you going to do?'  
Who put this question? To whom? What was the reply?
- IV. Read the paragraph, 'The pair soon reached—— quietly arrest him' and answer these questions:—
  - (1) Who were the pair?
  - (2) Who was the person that went to the Consul's office?
  - (3) Who was the man referred to by his words, 'our man'?
  - (4) Why did the person want to go to Bombay?

## 9. A FAVOURABLE VOYAGE

THE distance between Suez and Aden is exactly thirteen hundred and ten miles and the steamers are allowed one hundred and thirty-eight hours to do the distance. The 'Mongolia' was going at a great speed.

Fogg did not appear to take any interest in the rough, Red Sea or the towns on the way. He ate well. He spent his time playing at cards with three others on board the ship.

Fix met Fogg's servant often. They chatted together. Fix tried to learn more about Fogg from Jean but the latter could not tell him anything more.

The ship reached Aden harbour, where she had to take in coal. The 'Mongolia' remained at Aden for four hours. She reached the port on the evening of the 14th instead of on the 15th; so there was a gain of about fifteen hours.

Fogg went ashore with his servant. He had his passport signed by the officer at the port. He then returned to the ship and to his game of cards.

At six p.m. the 'Mongolia' left Aden and made her way across the Indian Ocean. The weather was good with a pleasant north-west wind.

On Sunday, the 20th of October, about mid-day they sighted the coast of Hindustan. A long range of hills cut the sky-line and soon palm trees were to be seen on the shore. At half past four in the evening the ship reached the harbour. Fogg was happy to note that he had reached Bombay two days earlier.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) How did Fogg spend his time on board the ship?  
(2) Why did Fix meet Jean often in the ship?  
(3) What more did he learn from him about Fogg?
- II. Describe in a paragraph the ship's voyage from Suez to Bombay.

III. Rewrite the sentences choosing the right words:—

- (1) The 'Mongolia' remained at Aden for..... hours. (eight; two; four)
- (2) The ship had gained.....hours in the voyage from Suez to Aden. (ten; fifteen; twenty)
- (3) Fogg was.....to note that he had reached Bombay two days earlier. (happy; sorry; surprised)

## 10. JEAN'S ADVENTURE

THE great country of India was then under the rule of the British Crown. There had been a great change in the ways of travelling in the country. River steamers sailed the Ganges and the railways had opened up the country; one could go from Bombay to Calcutta in three days and thus cover a distance of about eleven hundred miles.

It was half-past four in the evening, when the Bombay passengers landed from the 'Mongolia', and the train for Calcutta was timed to start at eight o'clock.

Fogg went ashore, gave his servant orders regarding some purchases, and then he started for the Consul's office. He saw nothing of the wonderful sights of Bombay—the town-hall, the big library, the fort, the docks, the cotton market, the bazaars and mosques. He left the Consul's office, walked to the railway station and dined.

Soon after Mr. Fix landed, his first act was to go to the police office. He told them who he was and why he had come to Bombay. He learnt that no warrant for the arrest of Fogg had been received.

Jean, having purchased the necessary articles, walked about the streets of Bombay. He enjoyed

the sights on his way. He saw a grand temple on the Malabar Hill. He went in; while he was admiring the beauty of the temple, three men rushed upon him, tore off his shoes and took off his hat. Jean gave them blows in return; the three men ran off. It is an offence for any one to enter a temple with shoes on.

Jean went quickly to the railway station and reached it at five minutes to eight. He told his master the story of his adventure. Master and servant took their seats in the train. Fix was getting into another compartment. 'I will wait,' he thought. 'An offence has been done on Indian ground. I've got my man.'

At that moment the engine whistled and the train moved out into the night.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) What did Fogg do in Bombay?  
(2) Where did Jean go in Bombay?  
(3) What did Fix do in Bombay?
- II. Describe Jean's adventure in Bombay.
- III. Fill in the blanks :—
  - (a) One can go from Bombay to Calcutta in—— days by train.
  - (b) The train from Bombay to Calcutta was timed to start at——
  - (c) Fix got into the train for——
- IV. 'An offence has been done on Indian ground. I've got my man.'
  - (1) Who said these words?
  - (2) What was the offence done?
  - (3) Who did the offence?
  - (4) Who ruled over India at that time?
  - (5) Who was the man referred to?

## 11. FOGG'S ELEPHANT

THE train was carrying many passengers of all classes. There was a third traveller in Fogg's compartment. He was Sir Francis Cromarty, a general in the Army, who was going to Banaras. He had been Fogg's companion on board the ship. He had been told of Fogg's bet.

Sir Francis and Fogg got into conversation now and then. All along the way they saw wonderful sights, temples and mosques, jungles and forests, tigers and elephants, rivers and mountains. But Fogg was not interested in any of them. Jean, however, wondered at everything he saw.

At eight o'clock in the morning the train stopped near a village. The guard passed along the line, crying out, 'All change here.' Fogg and Sir Francis learnt from the guard that the railway line from that place to Allahabad was not in good condition.

Fogg and Sir Francis found that they had to make their own arrangements for the journey over a distance of fifty miles. They went to an Indian who lived close by. He had an elephant. Fogg asked the owner if he could hire his elephant. But the man refused. Then Fogg offered to buy the elephant for two thousand pounds and the man sold the animal. A young and clever Parsee was hired as the 'mahout'. He placed a sort of saddle on the elephant's back and at each end of it he fixed a howdah.



The elephant that belonged to an Indian.

Sir Francis and Fogg each occupied a howdah while Jean sat between them. At nine o'clock they left the village.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Who was Sir Francis Cromarty ?  
(2) Where was he going ?  
(3) Where did the train stop ?  
(4) Why did the train stop ?
- II. Describe how Fogg became the owner of an elephant.
- III. Fill in the blanks :—
  - (1) A young and clever Parsee was hired as the.....
  - (2) He placed a sort of.....on the elephant's back and at each end of it fixed a.....

## 12. A RESCUE

THE elephant took them through a thick forest. Fogg and Sir Francis as well as Jean were terribly shaken by the rough trotting of the elephant.

At eight o'clock they had crossed the principal heights of certain hills; they halted for a time at a ruined bungalow on the slopes of the hills. The distance travelled was about twenty-five miles. After supper they slept soundly. At six o'clock in the morning they continued their journey. At two o'clock in the afternoon they entered another thick forest.

As they were going along, at about four o'clock, they heard some strange sounds. The Parsee leaped down, tied the elephant to a tree and went into the wood. He came back and told them that a procession was coming that way and that they must hide themselves. He led the elephant to a thicket. They all hid themselves behind the bushes.

Soon, the procession passed by them. At the head of the procession a dead body was being carried. A young, beautiful woman was being led behind. A number of men and women brought up the rear. They were singing a sad tune.

Various kinds of sounds were heard. These sounds were coming nearer and nearer. They were mingled with the beating of tom-toms and the clash of cymbals. Mr. Fogg and his party could easily find out what kind of people were going at the head of the procession. Passeur was about to ask something. The Parsee signed to him to hold his tongue.

The woman was young, and as fair as a European. Her head, neck, shoulders, ears, arms, hands and ankles were covered with jewels, bracelets or rings. She wore a gold laced tunic and a thin muslin robe.

Behind this young woman, came a guard, armed with swords and long pistols.

The dead body was that of an old man clothed in the dress of a rajah. The turban was set with pearls, the robe was of silk and gold, the girdle was set with diamonds and he was wearing the beautiful weapons of an Indian prince.

The musicians brought up the rear of the procession. But the cries of the women drowned the noise of the musical instruments.

Sir Francis turned to the guide and said, in a low voice, 'Is it a *suttee*?' The Parsee said, 'Yes,' and put his fingers to his lips.

After the procession had passed out of sight, Fogg said, 'What is a *suttee*?' 'A *suttee* is a human

sacrifice,' said the general. 'The woman you saw now is the wife of the dead man. She will be burnt alive along with his body tomorrow morning at day-break.'

Fogg ordered the guide to lead his party to the place where the procession would stop. After some time the Parsee led them to the place. By the time they reached the place it was night. They hid themselves behind the trees and waited. Jean got up to a branch that bent low to the ground near the funeral pyre.

Early in the morning, the young woman was dragged to the funeral pyre on which the dead body had been placed. Just at that time, it seemed that the dead man had come back to life. He was standing with his wife in his arms. The crowd of people around the pyre were struck with fear. They all ran off from the place.

Fogg and Sir Francis came near the spot. 'Let us be off,' cried out the man who had come back to life. It was really Jean Passe-partout, who had saved the lady from death. In a moment the four friends disappeared in the woods and the elephant was trotting rapidly away.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Why was Fogg's journey through the forest delayed?  
(2) 'What is a *suttee*?'—who put this question?  
What was the answer? Who gave the answer?
- II. Describe how the Indian lady was saved from death.
- III. It was really..... that saved the lady from death.  
(Fill in the blank: Jean; Fogg; Sir Francis; the guide. Give reasons for your answer.)
- IV. Read the paragraph, 'As they were going along...behind the bushes' and answer the following questions:—

- (1) Who were the persons going along ?
- (2) Where were they going ?
- (3) Why did the party hide themselves ?
- (4) Where did they hide themselves ?
- (5) Who was the Parsee ?

### 13. THE PARTY-AT CALCUTTA

SOON after they had disappeared in the woods, they heard loud cries. They understood that the trick had been discovered. A bullet whizzed by.

For, there, upon the burning pyre lay the rajah's dead body. The funeral party then found out that a rescue had been successfully made. They at once dashed into the forest, followed by the soldiers. Bullets were fired and arrows were shot, but Fogg and his companions got away and in a few moments they were out of the reach of the arrows and bullets both.

The rash attempt had proved successful. An hour later, Passe-partout was laughing happily at the success of his bold plan. Sir Francis shook hands with him. His master said, 'Well done.' It was great praise, indeed, at his hands. But Passe-partout replied that the success belonged to his master. He laughed again when he thought how he had played the part of the husband of a beautiful lady, the widow of a dead rajah. He told them how he got down to the funeral pyre from the branch of a tree at dead of night and rose up when the fire was lit.

Meanwhile, the elephant, guided by the Parsee was going rapidly through the dark forest. After an hour's ride, the party reached a plain. They rested

for a while and again started, towards Allahabad. They reached Allahabad at about ten o'clock. The young lady was allowed to rest in a private waiting room. Jean was sent into the city to purchase clothing and other necessary articles.

When Jean came back they all went to the railway station. The train was about to start. Fogg gave the Parsee guide his hire as agreed. 'Parsee,' said Fogg, 'you have been most useful and faithful to us. Would you like to have the elephant? If so, he is yours.' The guide was taken by surprise; he received the gift with pleasure and left the party.

Fogg, Sir Francis, Jean and the lady—all got into the train for Calcutta. While they were in the compartment, the lady told them in good English her sad story. Her name was Yasodha. She thanked them for saving her life. She said that she had rich relatives at Hong Kong and that she could live safely with them if she could be taken to them.

At half past twelve, the train reached Banaras. Sir Francis bade farewell to Fogg and others and got down. From Banaras the train passed through the beautiful plains of the Ganges. Night fell and still the train rushed on. At last at seven o'clock in the morning, they reached Calcutta.

The steamer for Hong Kong was not to leave till mid-day. So Fogg had still five hours to spare. He was due at Calcutta on the 25th October—23 days after leaving London; and he was at Calcutta on that day. He had neither gained nor lost any time so far.

As Fogg was leaving the station, a policeman came near him and asked him, 'Mr. Fogg, are you

not?' 'Yes, I am,' said Fogg. 'And this is your servant?' said the policeman. 'Yes,' replied Fogg. 'Will you be so good as to follow me?'

Mr. Fogg, Mrs. Yasodha and Jean were all taken in a four-wheeled carriage. The carriage stopped before a big house. The policeman ordered them to go into a room. He then went out and locked the door.

At half-past eight, the door opened. The policeman entered and led them into a big hall. This was the court. The magistrate took his seat.

'Mr. Fogg,' called the clerk.

'Here I am.'

'Passe-partout.'

'Here.'

'Good,' said the magistrate, 'the charge is that your servant, Passe-partout, went into a temple in Bombay with his shoes on.'

'And as a proof, here are the shoes,' said the clerk.

'My shoes!' exclaimed Passe-partout.

Jean saw the temple priests at the court. Fix, the detective, was also there. Indeed the arrest had been made by his efforts.

'You hear the charge,' said the judge to Fogg.

'Yes, your honour, I admit that the charge is true.'

'Then,' said the judge, 'you will remain in prison for eight days, and your servant will be in prison for fifteen days.'

Fogg said, 'I offer two thousand pounds as surety. I shall lose the sum if we do not appear

before you, on any date fixed by you, your honour.'

The judge ordered him to pay the money as surety and let them go. Fogg and his party drove away at once in a carriage to the port. Fix saw them getting into a boat to embark on 'The Rangoon', bound for Hong Kong.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Why did Fogg give away the elephant to the guide?  
(2) Where did Sir Francis get down?  
(3) When did Fogg reach Calcutta?
- II. (1) Describe the trial of Fogg and his servant.  
(2) How did they get permission to go free?
- III. Fill in the blanks :—  
(1) The arrest of Fogg and his servant was made by the efforts of———.   
(2) Fix saw them getting into a———-to———- bound for———-.
- IV. Answer 'Yes' or 'no' to the following questions :—  
(1) Was Jean sent into the city of Allahabad to take rest in a room?  
(2) Did Jean come back?  
(3) Did the Parsee guide like the gift of the elephant?  
(4) Did Sir Francis follow Fogg to Calcutta?  
(5) Was Fogg arrested at Calcutta?

## 14. AT HONG KONG

'THE RANGOON' was an iron screw steamer. She was as fast as 'The Mongolia'. The first part of the voyage passed very pleasantly. Everything was favourable. 'The Rangoon' passed the beautiful Andaman islands. Fix, too, was on board the ship. He hoped to get the order for arresting Fogg at Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, was in fact, in the hands of the British. If Fogg escaped to China, Japan or America, he could not arrest him. So, Fix thought of telegraphing to Hong Kong from Singapore for the arrest of Fogg.

In the meanwhile, Fix met Jean on board the ship and chatted with him. He learnt from him all about Fogg's adventure on the way. He heard about the story of the young lady who was with Fogg.

'The Rangoon' reached Singapore; and while she stayed at the harbour, Fogg went into the town with his party, and after a couple of hours' drive, he returned to the ship.

The ship continued her voyage, but there was a heavy wind, and a very heavy sea. In fact, on the 3rd and 4th of November, there was a storm. The 'Rangoon' could go only slowly. At last, when the weather improved, the ship continued the journey at great speed. At 1 p.m. on the 6th of November, the ship reached the port of Hong Kong and the passengers went ashore.

Mr. Fogg inquired when the steamer for Yokohama in Japan was to leave.

'Tomorrow, morning at the flood time,' replied the pilot.

'What is the name of the steamer?' asked Mr. Fogg.

"The Carnatic" replied the pilot.

'Ought she not have sailed yesterday?'

'Yes, but one of her boilers required repairing. So, she will not start till tomorrow.'

'Thank you,' said Fogg.

Fogg went with the young lady and Jean to a

hotel; he left them there and went out. He went in search of her relatives. He ordered Passe-partout to remain in the hotel until his return, so that the young lady might not feel lonely.

Fogg made his way to the big bazaar. He thought that the rich relatives of the princess must be living somewhere in the bazaar. He met a merchant there and asked him about Jejeeh, the relation of the lady. The man told Fogg that he knew the gentleman but he added that the Indian had left China two years ago and gone to live in Holland, for he had mainly traded with the Dutch merchants.

Fogg returned to the hotel, and told Mrs. Yasodha that her cousin had left for Holland.

Mrs. Yasodha made no reply for a moment; she passed her hand across her brow and appeared lost in thought. At length in a gentle voice, she said, 'What should I do, Mr. Fogg?'

'It is simple enough,' he replied; 'come on to Europe.'

'But I should not be a burden to you.'

'No, you will not be a burden to me in the least. Passe-partout!'

'Sir.'

'Go to the "Carnatic" and book three seats.

Passe-partout was delighted that the young lady was continuing her journey with them, for she had been very kind to him. He at once left the hotel to carry out his master's orders.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Why did Fix follow Fogg to Hong Kong?
- (2) What more did Fix learn from Jean about Fogg?

(3) What was the cause of the delay in the voyage?

II. Complete the following sentences :

(1) The 'Carnatic' ought to have sailed on———.

(2) The 'Carnatic' started one day later because  
———.

(3) Yasodha consented to follow Fogg to Europe  
because———.

III. Read the paragraph, 'Fogg made his way———  
with the Dutch merchants' and answer the  
following questions :—

(a) Why did Fogg go to the big bazaar ?

(b) What was the name of the lady's relation ?

(c) What did Fogg learn about him ?

(d) Which is the native land of the Dutch ?

## 15. PASSE-PARTOUT IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG is only an island. It fell into the hands of the English in 1843. In a few years, the British made it an important city with a fine port, Victoria. The island is at the mouth of the Canton river, sixty miles from Macao, upon the other bank. Hong Kong has beaten the other ports in trade. There are docks, hospitals, shops, a church, a government house and good roads. It looks like a town in England.

Passe-partout, with his hands in his pockets, walked towards Port Victoria. He was looking at the people as they passed. The city looked to him like Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore or any other town occupied by the English in the East.

At the port there were a number of ships of all nations. There were trading ships and warships. Passe-partout observed many of the natives, elderly men clothed in a strange manner. He went to a barber's for a shave. There, he learnt from a man



The Steamer on its way to Hong Kong.

who spoke pretty good English, that the old men were permitted to wear the royal colour, namely yellow. He thought it very funny. He then returned to the port.

Fix was already there and they went together to the office. Jean took three seats in the 'Carnatic' and Fix took one. They learnt that the ship would leave the port that evening at eight o'clock and not the next morning.

'Very good,' said Jean, 'I will go and tell my master.' But Fix took Jean to a hotel nearby and offered him some refreshment. After some time Fix told him the story of the bank-robbery in London.' 'Listen,' said Fix in a sharp tone, 'I am a detective. I have been sent out by the police authorities in London to arrest your master as the robber. I am waiting for the warrant from London.' Jean did not believe him.

'Well, then, what do you want me to do?' he asked.

'You must help me to keep your master in Hong Kong, and I shall give you a reward of thousand pounds.'

'Mr. Fix,' said Jean, 'I am still in his service. I refuse to play false to my master.'

On the table were some pipes of opium, Fix handed one of them to Jean. Jean smoked the pipe and fell back senseless. Fix quietly left the hotel.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Why did Passe-partout go into the city of Hong Kong?
- (2) Where did Fix take him?
- (3) What did Passe-partout learn from Fix about his master?

II. 'I refuse to play false to my master.'

Who said these words? What happened to the speaker then?

III. Rewrite the sentences in order :—

- (1) 'Very good, I will go and tell my master,' said Jean.
- (2) Jean returned to the port.
- (3) But Fix took Jean to a hotel nearby and offered him some refreshment.
- (4) They learnt that the ship would leave the port that evening at eight o'clock and not the next morning.
- (5) Jean met Fix there and they both went to the office.
- (6) Jean took three seats in the 'Carnatic' and Fix took one.

## 16. FIX AND FOGG

WHILE Mr. Fix and Passe-partout were in the hotel, Fogg and Mrs. Yasodha were walking through the town. As she had agreed to go to England, she wished to make some purchases for the voyage; for a lady could not travel for long with only a hand-bag. So, she bought some necessary clothing and Mr. Fogg was happy.

'It is in my own interest that I advise you to get these things,' he said again and again when she was not willing to spend his money, 'and it is a part of my plan.'

Having purchased what they wanted, they returned to dinner at their hotel. Mrs. Yasodha then retired to rest; but Mr. Fogg was reading the 'Times' and the 'Illustrated News'.

Fogg was not a man to be surprised at the absence of his servant at bedtime. He believed that the steamer would not start for Yokohama till

the following morning. So, he did not trouble himself about anything.

Fogg and Yasodha waited at the hotel till eight o'clock on the following morning. When they went to the harbour, they learnt that the 'Carnatic' had left the previous evening.

At this moment, a man who had been watching them, approached. It was Fix.

'Were you not one of the passengers on board the "Rangoon" yesterday?'

'Yes, sir,' replied Fogg, 'but———'

'Excuse me, but I expected to find your servant here.'

'Do you know where he is?' asked the young lady quickly.

'What!' exclaimed Fix, 'is he not with you?'

'No,' replied she.

'Excuse me, you wanted to sail in the "Carnatic"?''

'Yes, sir.'

'So, did I, madam. Now we shall have to wait twelve days for another steamer.'

Fogg quickly turned towards the docks in order to find another ship. A sailor offered to take them in his ship; not to Yokohama, one thousand six hundred and fifty miles, but to Shanghai, only eight hundred miles distant.

'I must catch the American mail steamer, the "San Francisco",' said Fogg.

'Well, why not? The "San Francisco" starts from Shanghai and not from Yokohama on the 11th, at seven o'clock in the evening. So we

have four days. We shall be able to reach Shanghai in time.'

'I will give you a hundred pounds a day and a bonus of two hundred pounds, if you reach the place in time.'

The pilot settled the bargain. 'Sir,' said Fogg, turning to Fix, 'would you like to sail in this ship with us?'

'Thank you, sir,' said Fix.

So, the pilot-boat No. 43 started at three o'clock, with the three passengers, but without Jean.

### Comprehension

- I. Describe the conversation that took place between Fix and Fogg when they met.
- II. (1) Why did Fogg want to go to Yokohama?  
(2) To which place did the sailor offer to take him?  
(3) Why did Fogg agree to go to that place?  
(4) What was the amount that he agreed to pay?  
(5) Who were the passengers in the ship?
- III. Write the following dialogue in order. (Write the name of the speaker before the words):—  
'No,' replied she.  
'Yes, sir,' replied she.  
'Do you know where he is?'  
'Excuse me, you wanted to sail in the "Carnatic"?'  
'So did I, madam. Now we shall have to wait twelve days for another steamer.'  
'What!' exclaimed Fix, 'is he not with you?'  
'Yes, sir,' replied Fogg, 'but——'  
'Were you not one of the passengers on board the "Rangoon" yesterday?'

## 17. THE DANGER SIGNAL

‘THERE is no need for me to urge you to speed,’ said Fogg to the pilot, when they had gone out to sea.

‘I will do all I can,’ said the pilot.

The ship ran before the wind at great speed. Night fell. At midnight, Fogg and Mrs. Yasodha went below. Fix had already turned in, but the owner and his crew remained on deck all night.

By sunrise the next morning, the ship had made a hundred miles. She sailed along the coast that day. But at eight o’clock, a storm and rain came on. The storm continued the whole day and night. The next morning, however, the weather was better.

At noon, the pilot told Fogg that they were within a hundred miles of Shanghai. But Fogg wanted to reach the port at Shanghai that evening, because the American ship would leave the port at seven.

At seven o’clock they saw a cloud of smoke at a distance. The American ship had started.

Mr. Fogg ordered the pilot to show a danger signal. In a moment the cannon in the ship fired a signal of suffering that could be heard over the sea.

### Comprehension

- I. (1) Why did Fogg want to reach Shanghai by seven o’clock that evening?

(2) Where was the ship at seven o'clock?

(3) Why was the danger signal given?

II. Give an account of the voyage of the ship to Shanghai.

## 18. PASSE-PARTOUT IN JAPAN

PASSE-PARTOUT came out of the hotel after Fix had left him. As he walked along, he cried out, 'The "Carnatic!" The "Carnatic!"'

When he ran to the port, the ship was about to start. He rushed to the ship and fell senseless on the deck.

Slowly he got back to his senses. He came to know where he was. He got up and went to the captain. He learnt from him that his master and the young lady were not there. He understood that they had missed the ship. He was now on his way to Japan. His passage had been paid, but he had not a penny in his pocket.

At last, the 'Carnatic' entered the harbour Yokohama on the morning of the 13th. Passe-partout went on shore. He wandered through the streets, looking at the shops and tea-houses. At night-fall he returned to the harbour.

Next day, he again went up and down the streets. He saw a circus notice and went to the director. The director engaged him as a clown.

The show began at three o'clock. The house was crowded with people young and old of all races. Passe-partout was given an important part in a feat. But he suddenly left his place, ran to the gallery and fell at the feet of one of the spectators. 'Oh, my master, my master, you!' 'Yes, it is I.'

The master and servant had met again. They went out with the young lady and at half-past six, stepped on the deck of the American mail steamer, the 'San Francisco'.

### Comprehension

- II. (1) How did Passe-partout reach Japan?  
(2) How did he spend his time in Yokohama?  
(3) When and where did he meet his master again?
- III. (1) When he ran to the port, the ship was about to start.  
What was the name of the port?  
What was the name of the ship?  
(2) At last, the 'Carnatic' entered the harbour of ————on the morning of the 13th.  
What was the name of the Harbour?  
(3) Jean fell at the feet of one of the spectators.  
Who was the person?

## 19. CROSSING THE PACIFIC

WE can easily guess what had happened at Shanghai. The signal made by the pilot was seen by the mail-steamer. Fogg and his party were soon on board the steamer. The pilot got his reward as promised.

Fogg reached Yokohama on the 14th and went on board the 'Carnatic'. He learned that a man named Passe-partout had arrived by the boat the day before.

He set about searching for his servant and it was by chance that he visited the Circus show and his servant found him among the spectators.

The steamer in which they sailed was called the 'General Grant'. The Pacific was as calm as Fogg himself. It was true to its name. The ship

sailed on and on the 23rd of November, Fogg found that he had travelled half-way round the world in fifty-two days.

Now where was Fix at that moment? Fix was actually on board the 'General Grant'. When he reached Yokohama, he got the warrant from the office of the English Consul. But it was of no use at that place.

'Well,' he thought, 'if the warrant is of no use here, it will be useful in England. The fellow is returning to his native land, thinking that the police cannot follow him. I will follow him, and I hope the fellow will have some of the money left. He must have already spent more than five thousand pounds.'

Fix at once thought of following Fogg to England and arresting him there. So he too went on board the ship.

He made up his mind to travel by the 'General Grant' and was on board the ship, when Mr. Fogg and Mrs. Yasodha arrived. He was surprised to see Passe-partout in the dress of a clown.

Fix was afraid to meet Passe-partout, after what had happened at the hotel. He did not know how he could explain his action. He, therefore, quietly went downstairs and hoped to remain there without meeting Passe-partout. But that very day, he came face to face with Passe-partout.

Passe-partout, without a word, caught him by the throat, and gave him a good beating. The bystanders looked on, happy to see a little fighting on board. Passe-partout felt quite satisfied.

Fix got up in a very bad condition, and asked his attacker whether he had quite finished.

‘For the present, yes.’

‘Then let me speak to you.’

‘But———’

‘It is all in your master’s interest.’

Passe-partout, overcome by the coolness of the detective, followed Fix to the fore part of the ship.

‘You have given me a good beating,’ said the detective. ‘So far, so good. I expected it; but you must listen to me. I am now in his favour.’

‘Oh, then, you believe him to be honest at last?’

‘By no means, I still think he is a thief. Be quiet, hear me out. So long as Mr. Fogg was on British territory, I did all I could to detain him till the warrant for his arrest arrived. It was I who put the Bombay priests on your track. I took you away from your master at Hong Kong and made him lose the Yokohama steamer.’

Passe-partout clenched his fists and raised his hand as he listened.

‘But now,’ continued Fix. ‘Mr. Fogg appears likely to return to England. All right, I will follow him. But in future, I will do as much to keep his way clear and help him to go back to England, as I have done so far to prevent his progress. I have changed my game, and have done so in my own interest. Your interest is the same as mine. It is only in England you will find out if your master is honest or not.’

Passe-partout listened attentively and felt that Fix meant what he said.

‘Are we friends?’ asked Fix.

‘Friends, no; allies, yes, but only to a certain point; for at the least sign of your unfaithfulness, I will twist your neck.’

‘That’s a bargain,’ said the detective calmly.

Eleven days afterwards, on the 3rd of December, the ‘General Grant’ entered the Golden Gate of San Francisco.

Fogg had neither gained nor lost a day.

### Comprehension

- I. Describe how Fogg happened to meet his servant.
- II. (1) Why is the Pacific so called?  
(2) Why did Fix decide to follow Fogg to England?  
(3) How did Passe-partout treat Fix when he met him?  
(4) What was the bargain between them?
- III. Rewrite the following sentences in the proper order:-  
Fogg and Mrs. Yasodha visited the circus show by chance.  
The signal made by the pilot was seen by the mail steamer.  
Fogg heard from the captain that a man named Passe-partout had arrived by the boat the day before.  
Fogg and his party were soon on board the steamer.  
He set about searching for his servant.  
His servant had found him among the spectators.

## 20. IN SAN FRANCISCO

It was at seven o’clock in the morning, that Fogg and his companions landed in America. Fogg first learnt that the next train for New York left at six o’clock in the evening; so they had a whole day before them. They drove to a hotel. Passe-partout was delighted to see San Francisco’s

wide streets, the rows of lofty houses, the churches, cabs and tramcars.

After breakfast, Fogg went with Mrs. Yasodha to the English Consul to have his passport signed. On the way, he met Fix by chance. Fix said that he was happy to see him and that he would travel with him to Europe. They got mixed up in an election meeting in a street. There was a fight between two parties. Luckily, they escaped from the crowd. But Fix received a blow on his head while trying to save Fogg.

The party returned to the hotel. After dinner, they took a carriage and drove to the railway station. At a quarter to six, they got into the train.

### Comprehension

Fill in the blanks :—

At seven o'clock in the morning, Fogg and his friends landed in——. They drove to a——. They had their ——there. They then went to the consul's office to have the ——signed. On the way they met——. They got mixed up in an ——meeting. There was a fight between two ——at the meeting. ——received a blow while trying to save——. The party returned to the——. After dinner they drove to the——. At a quarter to six, they got into the——.

## 21. IN THE PACIFIC EXPRESS

THE Pacific Express runs 'from ocean to ocean', from the Pacific to the Atlantic going right across the continent of America. New York and San Francisco are connected by a continuous rail road three thousand seven hundred and eighty-six miles

in length. The railroad between the Pacific and Omaha passes through country in which Red Indians live. Fogg hoped to reach New York in seven days, in time to catch the steamer to Liverpool on the 11th.

The railway carriage in which Fogg's party travelled was long without being divided into sections. There were drawing room cars, smoking cars and refreshment cars. At night each passenger was provided with a bed.

The next day, the train entered the State of Nevada by the Carson Valley. The scenery was very grand. On the way, thousands of big buffaloes marched across the railway line and the train had to stop for the latter to pass.

During the night of the 6th December, the train went in a south-easterly direction for about fifty miles and then went up in a north-east course towards Salt Lake. The train got to Ogden at two o'clock and did not start till six. So Fogg and his companions had time to visit the City of the Saints by a branch line.

Leaving Ogden station the train went northwards as far as Weber River, about nine hundred miles from San Francisco. From this point it turned westwards across a mountain range.

On the 7th of December, they stopped at Green River. The winter snow was falling and Jean was worried about the weather. But the train crossed the Rocky Mountains in a few hours.

While the train was going through a plain, it came to a stop. Many of the passengers got out of the train. They heard the signalman say, 'You

cannot pass. The bridge is unsafe and will not bear the weight of the train.'

But the engine-driver and the guard were bold. They ordered the passengers to get in. The engine-driver backed the train for nearly a mile, then whistling again he started forward. The train went at a terrible speed and safely passed over the bridge!

The train went on without any difficulty to Denver, the capital of Colorado State, rich in gold and silver mines. Just as they passed a station called Plum Creek, the train was attacked by a band of Indian robbers. There was a fight between the passengers and the Indians. The train was stopped near Fort Kearney station, where soldiers came to help and the Indians ran back into the woods.

### Comprehension

- I. Describe the railway journey made by Fogg and his party in the Pacific Express till it was stopped near Fort Kearney station.
- II. Complete the following sentences :—
  - (1) The train had to stop till the buffaloes——.
  - (2) The train passed over the bridge by going——.
  - (3) A band of——robbers attacked the passengers as they passed a station called——.
  - (4) The passengers were saved because——.

## 22. FOGG MISSES THE TRAIN

THREE of the travellers, including Passe-partout, were missing, but it was impossible to say whether they had been killed or taken prisoners.

Several others were wounded. The wounded men were attended to. Mrs. Yasodha was safe, and Fogg who had been in the thick of the fight was not hurt at all. Fix had a flesh-wound in the arm; but Passe-partout was missing and Mrs. Yasodha could not help weeping.

Meanwhile, the travellers all got out of the train; the wheels of the train were covered with blood and pieces of flesh. Across the whitened plain, the Indians were disappearing in the south along the river.

Mr. Fogg stood motionless with folded arms, and Yasodha looked at him without speaking, but he understood her; he had to make up his mind. If his servant was a prisoner, should he not rescue him from the Indians?

‘I will find him, living or dead,’ he said simply to Yasodha.

‘Oh, Mr. Fogg!’ exclaimed the young lady, seizing his hands, upon which her tears fell fast.

‘Living,’ added Mr. Fogg, ‘if we lose no time.’

By this resolution, Fogg sacrificed everything; indeed he was prepared to ruin himself. A delay of even one day would make him lose the steamer at New York and his bet. But he thought it was his duty to find his servant and he did not hesitate.

The Commander of Fort Kearney was present; his company were under arms to guard against any attack.

‘Sir,’ said Mr. Fogg to him, ‘three passengers are missing.’

‘Dead?’ asked captain.

‘Dead or prisoners,’ replied Fogg; ‘I must find out which. Is it your idea to follow the Indians?’

‘That would be a very serious thing,’ replied the captain. ‘The Indians may go back beyond the hills and we cannot follow them leaving the fort without any soldiers.’

‘Sir,’ replied Fogg, ‘the lives of three men are in danger.’

‘No doubt; but can I risk forty to save three?’

‘I do not know if you can, sir; but I know you must.’

‘Sir,’ replied the captain, ‘no one here is fit to teach me my duty.’

‘Very well,’ said Fogg coldly, ‘I will go alone.’

‘You, sir,’ exclaimed Fix ‘do you mean to go alone after the Indians?’

‘Do you wish to leave the unfortunate men to die? I shall certainly go.’

‘You shall not go alone,’ said the captain who was moved by Fogg’s words, ‘you are a brave fellow.’

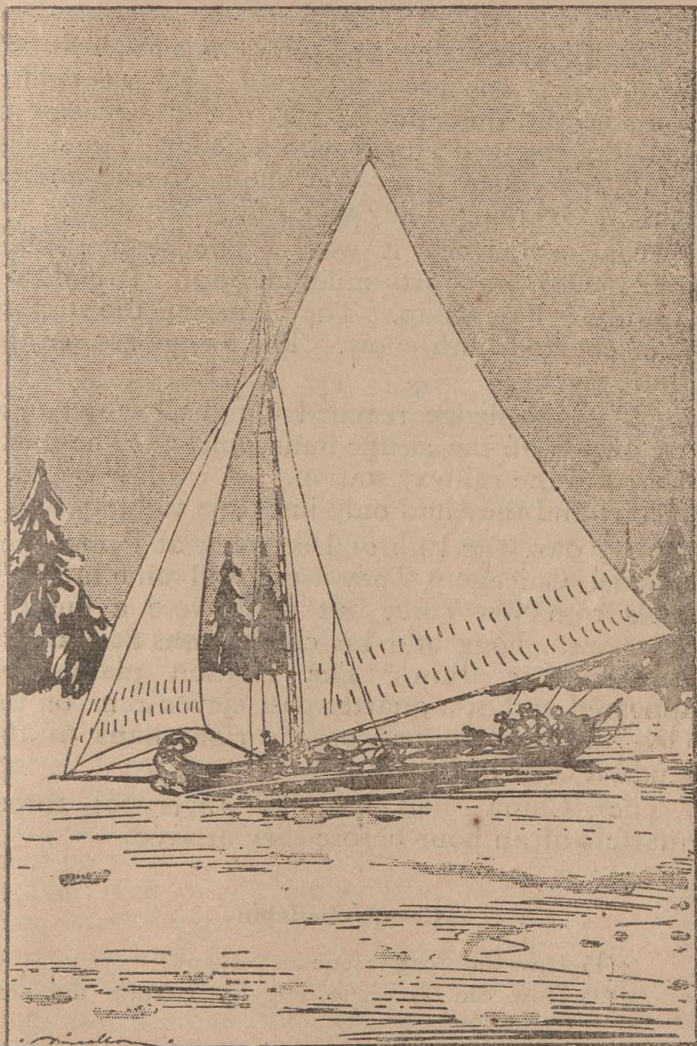
‘Now then, thirty volunteers,’ added he, turning to the troops.

The whole company advanced at once. The captain had to pick his men and a steady old officer was put in command.

‘Thanks, Captain,’ said Fogg. Fix had to stay behind by the side of Mrs. Yasodha.

Night fell. The weather was very cold. Fix and the lady passed a sleepless night.

At sunrise, the next day, Fogg’s party returned. Jean and the two other passengers had been saved



The Sledge.

from the hands of the Indian robbers. Fogg had done his duty by his faithful servant.

But he found that he would have to wait till the evening for the next train. He was twenty hours behind time and he did not know what to do. Fix engaged a man with a sledge. The sledge could take them over the snow, to the nearest station, Omaha. They all got into the sledge.

What a journey it was! The sledge glided over the snow at forty miles an hour. It had sails and it was like a ship. The plain and the streams were covered with snow. The sledge crossed the Platte river.

At last the sledge reached Omaha. Fogg paid the owner of the sledge handsomely. The party rushed to the railway station. A train was about to start and they had only just time to jump in.

Next day, the 10th of December at 4 p.m. they reached Chicago. They were still nine hundred miles from New York, but there were a number of trains. Fogg and his companions at once got into another train. The Hudson plain soon appeared and at a quarter-past eleven p.m. on the 11th, the train stopped on the right bank of the Hudson river in New York.

The 'China' had left for Liverpool three-quarters of an hour before they arrived.

### Comprehension

- (1) How did Fogg rescue his servant?
- (2) How did Fix help Fogg in getting the next station?
- (3) When did the party reach Chicago?

- (4) When did they reach New York?
- (5) When did the 'China' leave for Liverpool?
- (6) What qualities of Fogg are learnt in this Chapter?

### 23. FOGG GETS INTO A SHIP

NEXT day was the 12th of December. Fogg and his companions were staying in a hotel. Fogg left the hotel and went to the Hudson river to see if there were any ships about to start. He got into a boat and found himself on board the 'Henrietta'. He met the captain and learnt that the ship was to sail to Bordeaux in an hour.

'Will you take me to Bordeaux, then?'

'Not if you gave me two hundred dollars.'

'I will give you eight thousand dollars for five passengers.'

This reply from Fogg had its effect on the captain and he agreed to take them in his ship. Fogg and his companions were all on board by nine when the 'Henrietta' was ready to start.

The 'Henrietta' steamed rapidly eastward. In the meanwhile, Fogg had won the whole crew to his side; Captain Speedy was locked up in his cabin. The ship was going towards Liverpool and not to Bordeaux.

On the 13th, they passed the Banks of Newfoundland. The weather was bad, but still they kept on.

The 16th of December was the seventy-fifth day since Fogg's departure from London. They had done half the voyage across the Atlantic.

One day, the engineer came on deck and told Fogg that they did not have enough coal to go to Liverpool. On the 18th, about midday, Fogg

ordered Jean to release Captain Speedy. He offered the captain sixty thousand dollars as the price of the upper portion of the ship which was of wood. Captain Speedy accepted the offer and took the money. The dry wood was cut and burnt. On the 19th of December, they burnt the masts and spars. Next day, the upper works were burnt.

It was found that they had only twenty-four hours left to reach Liverpool. The ship was passing Queenstown. Suddenly, Fogg ordered the ship to be driven to Queenstown. About 1 a.m. the 'Henrietta' entered Queenstown harbour.

### Comprehension

- (1) How did Fogg get into the 'Henrietta'?
- (2) To which place was the ship going?
- (3) How did Fogg arrange to take the ship to Liverpool?
- (4) How did Fogg get over the shortage of coal in the ship?
- (5) Why did Fogg take the ship to Queenstown?

## 24. FOGG IN AND OUT OF PRISON

As soon as the 'Henrietta' reached Queenstown, the party went ashore at once. They got into a train at half past one and were in Dublin at day-break.

There they got into the mail steamer which was to start for Liverpool at twenty-minutes to twelve (noon). He was within six hours' run from London now.

But at that moment, Fix came and putting his hand upon Fogg's shoulder, said,

'Are you really Fogg?'

'Yes' was the reply.

'Then, I must arrest you in the Queen's name.'

Fogg was then put in prison. Mrs. Yasodha and Jean waited outside. They were anxious to see Fogg again.

Fogg, in prison, was as cool as ever. He waited calmly. The clock struck two.

At 2-33 p.m. Mrs. Yasodha, Fix and Passepartout rushed in.

'Ah, sir!' exclaimed Fix, 'a thousand pardons. The true thief who looks exactly like you is arrested. You are free! free!'

Fogg was free again! He walked quietly up to the detective and with a movement of his arm, knocked him down.

'Well hit!' cried Jean.

Fogg and his party at once got into a cab and drove to the railway station. Fogg learnt that the train for London had left five and thirty minutes before. He at once ordered a 'special'.

The special train rushed up to London in five hours and a half. The clock pointed to ten minutes to nine.

Fogg had finished his journey round the world, but had done it five minutes too late!

He thought he had lost his bet.

### Comprehension

- (1) When was Fogg arrested?
- (2) When was he set free?
- (3) Why did he go to London in a special train?
- (4) When did he reach London?
- (5) What did he think of his bet?

## 25. SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS

FOGG quietly went into his house with Jean and Mrs. Yasodha. He knew that he was completely ruined.

The night passed, No one in the house slept that night.

Next day, Fogg told his servant to attend to the lady's breakfast. After some time, he went to her room. He told her quietly that he was ruined, but he was ready to give her all that he still had. The lady was overcome with pity, and she admired his nobility.

'Mr. Fogg,' said she, 'do you care to have a companion and a friend? Will you take me for your wife?'

He was at first astonished. Then he said simply, 'I love you, and I am yours for ever.'

Passe-partout asked, 'Will the wedding take place tomorrow, Monday?'

'Shall we say, tomorrow?' asked Fogg.

'If you please,' she replied blushing.

Passe-partout was sent out to inform the clergyman.

The true bank-robber, James Strand, was arrested in Edinburgh on the 17th of December. The people who thought that Fogg was the robber now began to think of his return.

The five members of the Reform Club met on Saturday, the 21st December. Fogg was due there at a quarter to nine in the evening. A great crowd had gathered near the Reform Club.



‘ Will you take me for your wife? ’

The five friends looked at each other. They were anxiously talking about their chances of winning the bet.

The hands of the clock were pointing to twenty minutes to nine.

'Then we have nothing to do,' replied one of the members, 'but to present his cheque at the Bank tomorrow.'

'Five minutes more,' said another.

They kept looking at the clock.

'Eight forty-four!' cried one.

One minute more and they would win their bet. They began to count the seconds.

At the fifty-fifth second, a loud roar was heard from the street.

At the fifty-seventh second, Fogg entered the room and said in his usual calm tone,

'Here I am, gentlemen.'

It was 8-35 when Jean left the clergyman's house, but what a state he was in! His hair was in disorder. He ran home without his hat.

In three minutes he was back in Saville Row, and he rushed into Mr. Fogg's room.

'What is the matter?' asked Mr. Fogg.

'Oh, sir the marriage—impossible.'

'Impossible!'

'Impossible for tomorrow.'

'Why so?'

'Because tomorrow is Sunday.'

'What! Today is Saturday?'

'It is, it is,' exclaimed Passe-partout, 'we arrived twenty-four hours before our time, but we have only ten minutes left now!'

Fogg rushed downstairs, jumped into a cab, promised the driver a hundred pounds, ran over two dogs and reached the Reform Club at 8-45.

So, Fogg had completed the journey round the world in eighty days, and had won his bet of twenty thousand pounds.

Fogg had gained a day because he travelled eastward. There are three hundred and sixty degrees and these multiplied by four minutes give exactly twenty-four hours. That is the day Fogg had gained.

Thus Fogg succeeded in winning the bet. His charming wife made him the happiest of men.

### **Comprehension**

- (1) What did the members of the Reform Club think before Fogg came in?
- (2) How was Fogg able to come to the club in time?
- (3) How had he gained a day during the journey?

## LIST OF NEW WORDS

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anxious  
approach  
astonish  
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### B

bargain  
bet  
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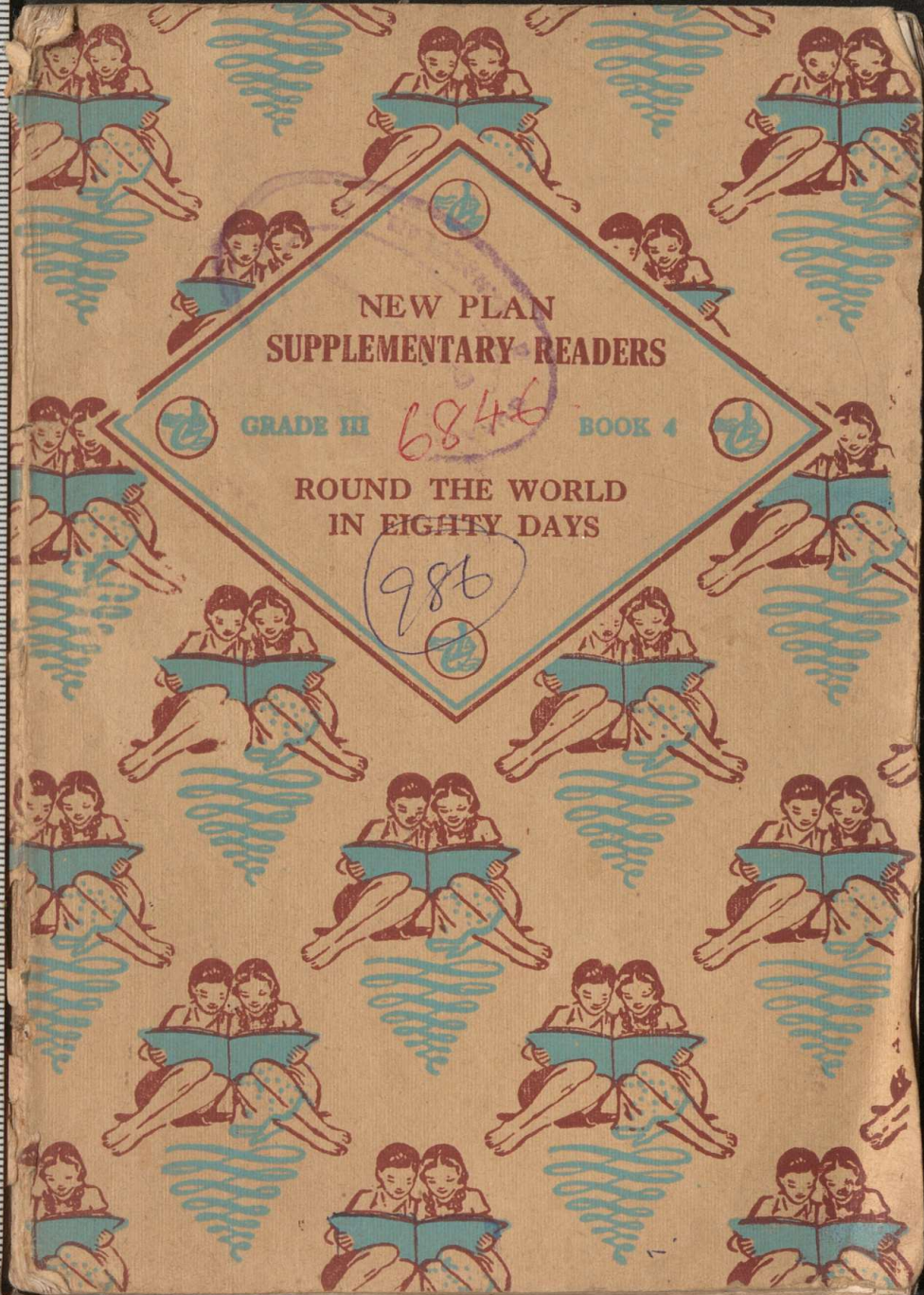
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