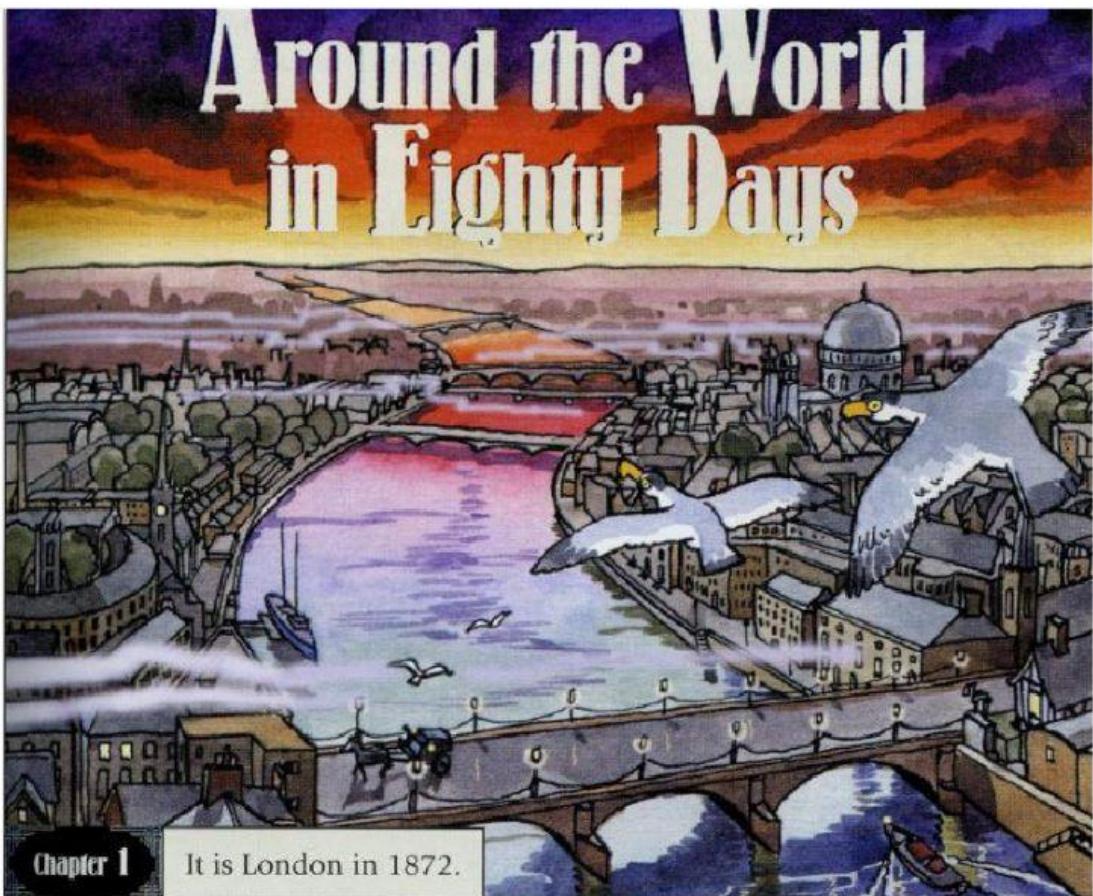
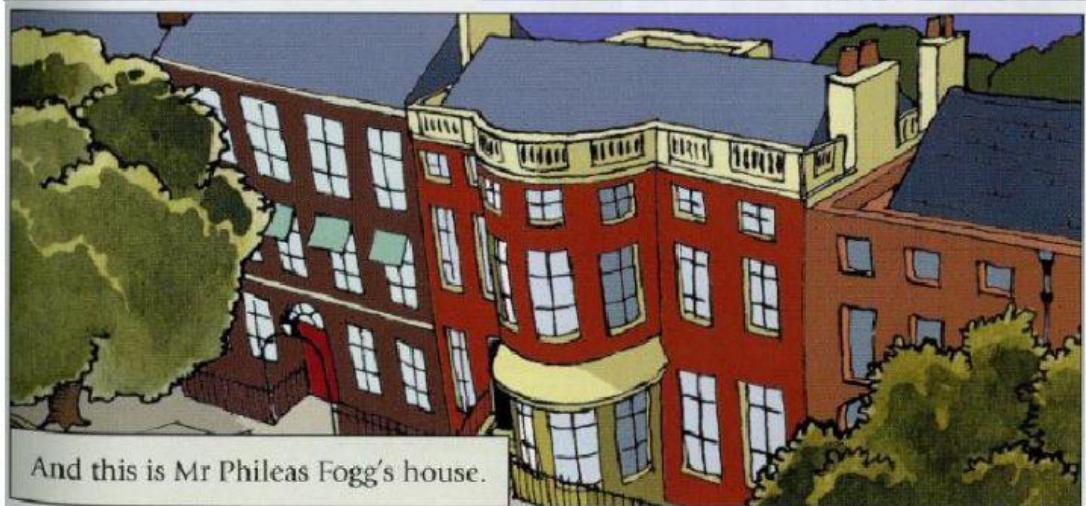


# Around the World in Eighty Days



Chapter 1

It is London in 1872.

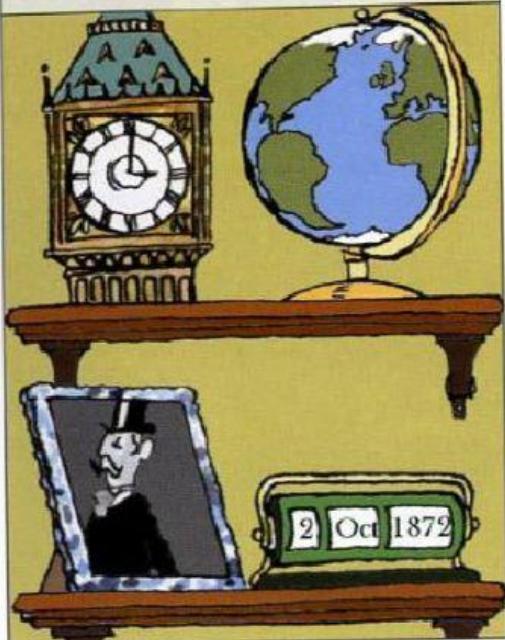


And this is Mr Phileas Fogg's house.

**around** all the way round

**world** where we all live; people live in lots of different countries in the world

Mr Phileas Fogg is an English gentleman. He lives in London.



He hasn't got a wife or children, but he has got a French servant – Passepartout.



Fogg goes to his club every day.



He eats at his club at 12 o'clock. In the afternoon he reads there. In the evening he eats there again. Then he talks with his friends, and at midnight he goes home.

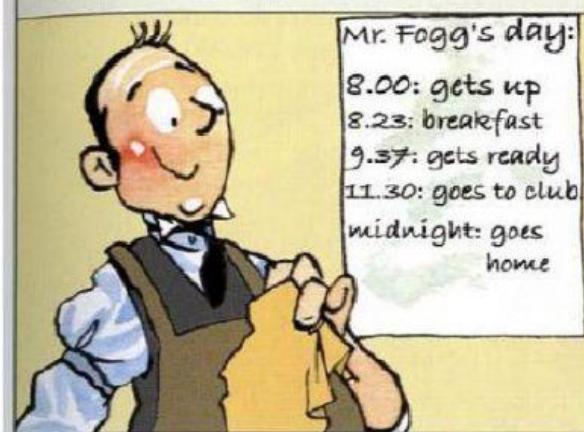
**gentleman** a man from a rich family who does not need to work

**servant** a person who works for someone rich

**club** a place where gentlemen meet

**Passepartout** /'pæspə:tʊ:/

Passepartout is happy. He wants a quiet job.

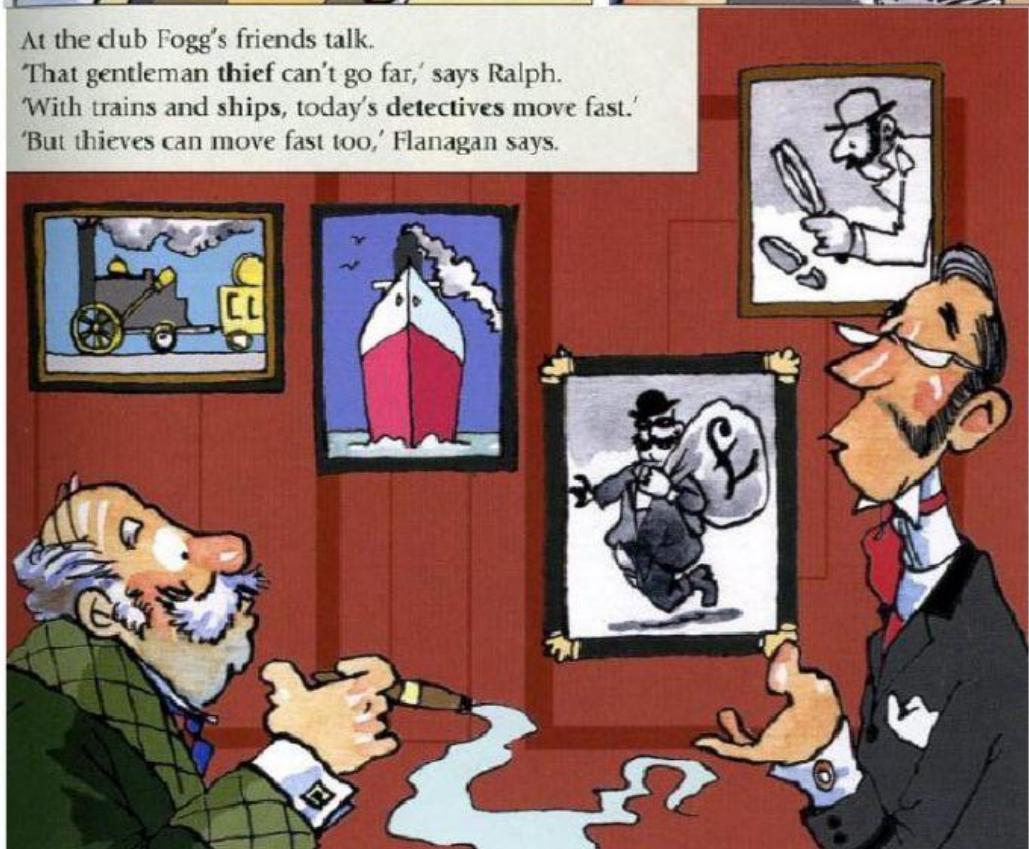


But one evening, Fogg sees something interesting in *The Times*.



At the club Fogg's friends talk.

'That gentleman thief can't go far,' says Ralph.  
'With trains and ships, today's **detectives** move fast.'  
'But thieves can move fast too,' Flanagan says.

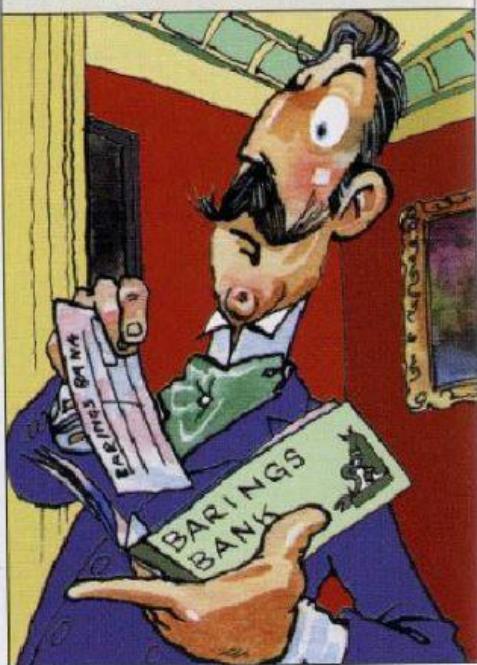


'Today you can go round the world in eighty days,' says Fogg.

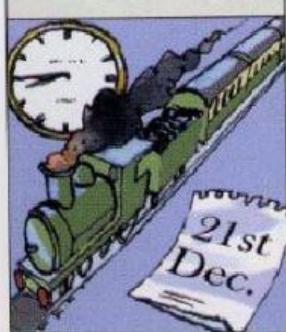


'Do it, and I pay you £20,000,' says Stuart.

'I'm leaving tonight,' answers Fogg. 'Perhaps I can't do it, Stuart. But then I pay you £20,000.'



The train for France leaves before nine in the evening. Fogg must be back in London by 21st December.



Fogg gives £20,000 in a bag to his servant. 'We're leaving for France,' he says. Passepartout isn't very happy.

