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AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

London: Is it possible for us humans today to travel around the world in eighty days? Inspired by his own quote, Phileas Fogg has just proven that it is indeed possible to travel around the world in eighty days. “The world has grown smaller with the coming of steamships and railroads. I dare say that you could travel around the world in eighty days.” quote from Phileas Fogg.

On Wednesday the 2nd October at the Reform Club, Phileas Fogg proposed a bet of 20,000 pounds with his fellow companions that it would be possible to travel around the world in eighty days. At first, this proposal astounded the Reform members but Mr. Fogg strongly believed that it was possible. Due to his strong belief and passion for science, a wager was announced. Fogg and his newly hired valet James Passepartout, set off to travel the world leaving London at exactly 8.45 pm on October 2nd, 1872.

From the railway in London and using a steamer they reached Suez (Egypt). Suez to Bombay (India), Calcutta to Hong Kong (China), Hong Kong to Yokohama (Japan), Yokohama to San Francisco (America), San Francisco to New York and New York to London.

On the 21st December to London, Mr Fogg hadn't realized that he had gained an extra day until his manservant visited London and realized the date in England. He quickly told Mr Fogg and they rushed to the Reform Club arriving two seconds early.

“To me it's not about the money”, says Mr Fogg.” I just wanted to prove that it was possible to travel around the world in 80 days. The achievement is more important than the money”. Phileas Fogg and Aouda(an Indian girl he rescued from death) are due to be married on Saturday.

