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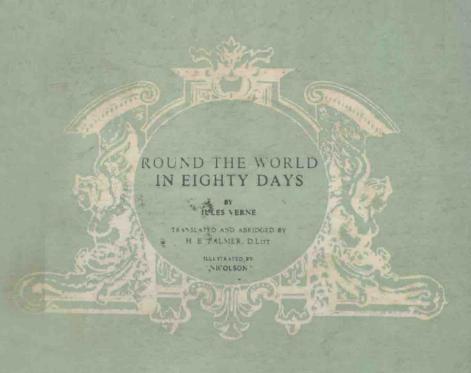
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Many writers today mix scientific facts and ideas with imaginative stories. It is a very popular mixture. Jules Verne found the secret of this mixture almost by accident.

Jules Verne was born at Nantes, in France, in 1828. He was studying law when some travel stories which he wrote for a newspaper caught the public interest. He began to write books in which scientific ideas were developed in exciting adventures. His books have been translated from the French into many languages. There are still people all over the world who enjoy them, although they were written nearly a hundred years ago.

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