

## Mystery

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There were two mysteries that troubled me for many years. One was daylight savings time. The other was the solution of Jules Verne in his story "Around the World in Eighty Days."

I finally solved the daylight savings time, at least to my satisfaction. The solution to that mystery is greed and exploitation. At the time daylight saving came to be accepted we were mostly an agricultural economy, wages were paid monthly, not hourly. By starting earlier and working later, because the light lasted longer, the employee was easily exploited. In the fall when the days got shorter and light was needed to see, the cost of energy made late evening work too expensive.

But Jules Verne's solution that going one way around the globe shortens the year by a day makes me uncomfortable. If it is true that going one way shortens the year, what if with modern technology, we were to circle the earth in eight hours, would we shorten the year by three days? Will I become younger just by flying around the globe? Hardly, so there is something I do not know, or understand. So for me the score is one mystery solved, and one still a mystery.