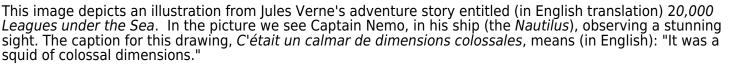


CAPTAIN NEMO and the NAUTILUS

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One of the greatest adventure writers of all time was the Frenchman, <u>Jules Verne</u> (1828-1905). According to his publisher, <u>Pierre Jules-Hetzel</u>, Verne wanted to:

...outline all the geographical, geological, physical and astronomical knowledge amassed by modern science.

Modern science, for him, meant 19th-century information.

Verne published a science fiction story about space flight in 1865. It was called *From the Earth to the Moon*. He included an illustration of his fictional travelers experiencing <u>weightlessness</u>.

<u>His original books</u>, which often contained as many as 60 illustrations, were awe-inspiring to people who had never imagined air flight, <u>space travel</u>, journeys to the <u>center of the earth</u> or to the <u>bottom of the sea</u>.

At least one of the illustrations—from <u>Autour de la lune</u> (or "Round the Moon" in English)—was amazingly <u>prophetic</u> (see <u>Chapter XXII</u>). <u>Apollo 8's</u> Frank <u>Borman</u> actually <u>splashed</u> <u>down</u>, in the Pacific <u>Ocean</u>, just a few miles away from the point mentioned in the book.

When he wrote 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Verne introduced the world to <u>Captain Nemo</u> and to a fantastic underwater vessel he named the *Nautilus*. The <u>original</u> illustrations of Nemo (which, in Latin, means "no one") were based on <u>Jean-Baptiste Charras</u> (historian of the <u>1815 battle</u> of <u>Waterloo</u> who was, in real life, exiled in 1852). Scholars believe that <u>Nemo's life</u>, however, was based (at least in part) on the freedom fighter <u>Gustave Flourens</u>.

Verne—who had a <u>beautiful home</u>, with a courtyard, in <u>Amiens</u> (a <u>northern French town</u> famous for its 13th century <u>Cathedral of Notre Dame</u>)—was extraordinarily prolific. Because <u>he and his wife Honorine</u> lived to old age, Jules had time to create all kinds of <u>awesome creatures</u> appearing in many <u>fantastic stories</u>. They are still enjoyed by people the world over.

Fifty years after the death of this visionary, the United States launched its first <u>nuclear submarine</u>. It was called <u>Nautilus</u>, after <u>Captain Nemo's</u> squid-fighting <u>vessel</u> of the same name.

As The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen combined fictional American and British characters to fight a common enemy, what was 19th-century life like in those countries? And how did the two nations—who had fought each other at the beginning of the century—get along at the end?

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Les trains de projectiles pour la Lune. (Page 240.)





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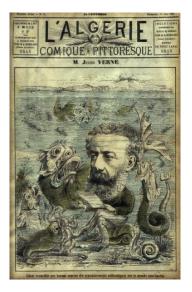
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