

ROLLING A BARREL ROUND THE WORLD



TWO Venetians, Zanardi Ottilio and Vianello Eugen, have undertaken a trip around the world, during which they intend to visit every country, and have pledged themselves not to enter a dwelling house during that time.

They carry a barrel containing a stove and all the implements they need. This barrel serves them as shelter, and they are, according to the terms of the wager they are said to have made, compelled to trundle this barrel before them during the whole trip.

The barrel is made of stout oak, and reinforced with iron hoops. It will of course have to be replaced several times during the trip, for the two Italians expect to be twelve years on their journey.

If they succeed in their undertaking they are to receive 150,000f., (\$30,000.)

They started from Venice on July 20, 1909, and have so far traversed Switzerland, France, England, Belgium, and Holland, arriving in Berlin on May 18, 1910. As companions they took along two dogs, which however succumbed to the exertions of the trip.

They were replaced in Switzerland by a St. Bernard puppy, which is placed in the barrel if tired in order to withstand the strain of the odd way of traveling. The puppy serves as a companion, and is expected to afford protection after it has grown up.

So far the two travelers have covered 3,400 miles in ten months. From Berlin they go to Russia, and by way of Siberia to Japan and China. They are certain of winning their wager by visiting every known country of the earth within the prescribed time of twelve years.