

.... A Daring Voyage.

Much was made recently of the proposed voyage of the Four Winds to the South Sea Islands and around Australia, but about March, 1915, Captain Smith took the 28-ton yacht Iona to the South Sea Islands. She was schooner-rigged, and had been owned by the late Mr. E. F. Belts. She had been purchased by the Oceanic Rubber Trading Co. for use as a trading schooner. Captain Marshall Smith was engaged to take her round to Sydney and deliver her up. He had as a crew Mr. H. Burgess, of Port Adelaide (as mate), and two deck hands, and reached Sydney in ten days. . So pleased were the owners with the way he had handled the little craft that, they asked him to take her on to the islands, which he did. The schooner Alcairo was brought round from Melbourne by him a few years ago, and about 17 months ago he navigated Mr. N. C. Birks' yacht "Stormy Petrel" to Port Adelaide from Sydney. This, by an octogenarian, was an example of indomitable pluck.