

**BOY AND FITZSIMMONS MEET**

*Boyz and the Champion Plug*  
Giggle Formally Introduced.  
It is a chance—just a chance—  
Robert Fitzsimmons, champion  
of the world, will give up his  
hat and follow Dwight L. Moody,  
evangelist. Fitzsimmons has not  
told his intentions, but the great  
and the great fighter have  
and the story of falls failing on  
ground and bad may result in a  
lot to evangelism.

one of the dark corners of the  
theatre at Chicago, when Moody  
had his auditors, "Fit," alone and  
seated, watched and listened. Of  
great thought in the Auditorium but  
knew of the presence of the prime  
champion. When he came out of  
theater into the hotel corridor,  
his party were awaiting his ar-  
to take the 8:30 o'clock train over  
Baltimore & Ohio road, "Bob" only  
"He's not half bad; he's a vain-"  
"mild morning, while a number  
admirers of the champion were in  
Auditorium hotel corridor, one of  
party said: "Bob, this is Sunday,  
don't you go to church this after-  
and let Moody tell you a few  
words?"

"Fit" rubbed his bright red  
head a moment and then said: "Good  
as I guess I will go." He made his  
way to the clerk of the hotel a few  
minutes later and asked him if he had  
"pull" with Moody. "I would like  
meet that man," he said. "I wonder  
we can make a date?"

A few friends arranged the details,  
when Mr. Moody came to the Auditorium  
in the afternoon the friends  
attempt to get him into the  
corridor, but he was in a hurry  
went to the theater. "Fit" was  
even more anxious to grasp the  
hand of the great evangelist, and with  
Chicago men went back to the  
theatre.

Sir Moody, this is Mr. Fitzsimmons,"  
said one of the party. Mr. Moody  
tended his soft hand and it was  
eased by the hasty fist of the fighter,  
said to meet you, sir," said "Fit."  
and then he turned and made  
break for the door. Not until  
was gone did Mr. Moody know he  
shaken hands with the champion  
of the world.

**OPENINGS IN CHINA.**

*Opportunities for Americans to Sell Machinery There.*  
Many opportunities for American  
manufacturers to sell machinery and  
her wares in China are pointed out  
time to time by the United States  
in their reports to the state  
department. These are signs of the  
great industrial revolution that has  
taken place in the celestial empire as a  
result of its awakening by the Japanese.  
In a report just received, Sheridan  
had, consul at Tien Tsin, tells his  
to Tongshan, 80 miles from Tien  
sin, where the Chinese have estab-  
lished extensive car works, employing  
men and building the rolling stock  
the Tien Tsin railroad extension,  
axles, wheels, springs and couplers  
imported. The consul says he was  
impressed at the excellence of finish  
of new passenger cars. He advised  
American manufacturers to send catalogues  
and price lists to the engineer  
chief of the imperial railways at  
Tien Tsin. Makers of plating and  
machinery should be especially on  
to give what he says, for this trade. At  
the same place the Chinese Engineering  
and Mining company is taking out  
100 tons of coal daily, and as extensive  
enlargements of the plant are to be  
there is another opportunity for  
American manufacturers of mining  
machinery to place their goods.  
Mr. and further gives notice that as the  
result of several big fires, the Tien  
sin authorities are considering the  
creation of a fire engines for  
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**CHANCE FOR AUTHORS.**

*Prize Offered by Belgians in an International Contest.*

By a decree of December 14, 1874, the  
of the Belgians instituted an unusual  
prize of 25,000 francs for the encouragement  
of intellectual works.

The prize forming the object of the  
international or mixed competition is  
to be awarded in 1901 to the work giving  
most satisfaction on the following  
question:

"The military history of the Belgians  
from the Roman invasion until the  
present day."

The work may be written in one of the  
following languages:

French, Flemish, English, German,  
Italian or Spanish.

Foreigners who desire to take part in the  
competition, should send their  
works printed or in manuscript, before  
the 1st of January, 1901, to the ministry  
of the interior and of public instruction  
at Brussels.

**NEW LACE MACHINE.**

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determined upon a step that will have an  
important influence upon the development  
of the rich gold fields of the Yukon  
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an area greater than that of Mommoth  
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*Shea Pacific Water.*  
In 1871 there were no shafts in  
water. In that year a few thousand  
were introduced by the United  
fish commission. Last year the  
sold for nearly \$40,000.

*Pretty Stenographers.*  
There are 40 young women employed  
in the Exchange building in Kansas City, and it is said that  
are not over two plain ones in  
lot.

*Yellowstone Geysers.*  
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**UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.**

*Complaint Entered Against an Official of Nicaragua.*  
The attention of the state department  
has been drawn to the peculiar  
official conduct of Col. Torres, the  
acting intendante general of Bluefields,  
towards American merchants there, and  
his discrimination against them prob-  
ably will be the subject of a protest  
by our government. From the  
account of the matter which reaches the  
state department through Consul O'Hara  
at San Juan Del Norte, the Nicaraguan  
government decreed that land would be  
admitted duty free for two years, and  
that two years, and then came a separation  
by mutual consent. This happened  
nearly nine years ago. After the separation  
Mrs. Potter went back to her  
father's house. She no longer sold  
sugar and tea, but she had many opportuni-  
ties of meeting the gold-brained  
young men of New York, Atlantic and  
Larchmont Yacht clubs, and she made  
many conquests. This happened  
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of the decree was to be effective until  
December 1. In answer to their  
representations they were promised, as a  
set off, by Col. Torres, that the operations  
of the decree would be continued during  
May of this year, so as to give them  
the full six months exemption and  
avoid a refund of the duty for November.  
The merchants accepted this com-  
promise in good faith, but December 12 Col. Torres took a new stand, and holding  
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**THE GRANT CELEBRATION.**

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added to the programme in the shape of  
a parade of the guests of the city from  
the Fifth Avenue hotel to the monument  
in the morning before the dedication  
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**WOMAN BACHELORS.**

Miss Frances E. Willard and Others  
Condemn Indiana Organization.

Miss Frances E. Willard, who is visiting  
in New York, said, concerning the  
Woman's Bachelor club, organized at  
Edwardsburg, Ind., and its threatened  
invasion of the east:

"To begin with, the name of the club  
is a misnomer, and I would not belong  
to an organization with such a title. I  
am under the impression that it is de-  
signed to live but a short time. It will  
not spread. It is a rush light and will  
fail. As to the effect such a movement  
will have on the morality of its mem-  
bers, I regret that such organizations  
have a tendency to form among those  
who belong to them either the liquor or  
tobacco habit. It is gratifying to know  
that women generally are not addicted  
to such habits. I cannot see any good  
that can come from a woman's bachelor  
club."

Mrs. Mary T. Burt had little or no sym-  
pathy with the bachelors. "I cannot un-  
derstand how a woman properly trained  
at home can join an organization like  
the Woman's Bachelor club," said she.

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