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and chest muscles that later made o terric a hitter in the ring. While Fitzsimmons stood 5 feet 11 8-4 inches tall, yet his legs were thin and tapering, albeit muscular and service-able. He was a middleweight from the bis Hands Never Excelled in Size

mounted a trunk that could haiting be improved on for size and strength. Fitzsimmons, while not quarrelsome, never avoided a setto, and the success he had in several impromptu jousts led his friends to enter him in an amateur tourney arranged in 1860 by the great



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Carthy was stopped in nine rounds and Upham in five.
Jack Dempsey, middleweight champion of America, was advised by unwise friends to make a match with the new-comer end lost title at New Orleans January 14, 1891, being knocked out in the fourteenth round after taking a terrible beating.
After disposing of a few middleweights of small ability, Fitz took on Peter Maher, a contender for the heavy-weight title, and made him quit at the end of the twelfth round at New Orleans March 2, 1892.
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end of the twelfth round at New Or-leans March 2, 1892. It was on September 7, 1892, that Corbett beat Sullivan for the American heavyweight title, and Fritz set sail for a match with the new champion. Corbett told Fitz to "get a reputation," and the Cornishman proceeded to do so. He knocked out Jim Hall in four rounds at New Orleans, March 8, 1898; Dan

He knocked out Jim Hall in four rounds at New Orleans, March 8, 1898; Dan Creedon in two rounds at New Orleans September 26, 1894; Peter Maher in one round at Langthy, Tex., February 21, 1896, and stopped Tom Sharkey in the eighth round in San Francisco Decem-ber 2, 1896. Wyatt Earp, the referee, called the blow foul with which Fitz dropped the sailor, but the majority of those at the ringside declared the blow

villa there in the midst of the fashionable folk, much to their consternation. Their protects were futile. It was while living happily there that Mrs. Fitzsim-mons was suddenly attacked with pneunonia and died. Hard Blow to Fitz

This was a hard blow to Fitz, for Rose Julian had made him a good wife. She saved his money for him and close-ly watched his interests. It was she who sat at the ringside at Carson when her husband was battling with Corbett for the title and who encouraged the Correlement her chouting.

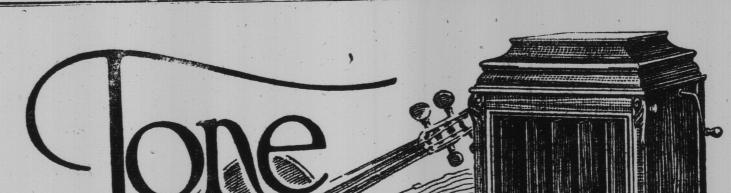
for the title and who the bindings and Cornishman by shouting: "In the slats, Bob, in the slats." After the customary year of mourning Fitz proposed to Julia May Gifford, who was well known on the comic who was well known on the comic

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acn. Five years after Corbett had won the title from Sullivan the champion was finally forced by public opinion to give the Cornishman battle, the contest taking place at Carson City, Nev., March 17, 1697, Fitz winning by a knockout in the fourteenth round. For two years Fitz did no boxing ex-

cept on the stage, but he finally accepted a match with Jim Jeffries, and it took place at Coney Island June 9, 1899, Jeff winning by a knockout in the eleventh

Fits then prepared for a return match with Jeff and by way of preparation knocked out Gus Ruhlin in six rounds knocked out Gus Ruhlin in six rounds and Tom Sharkey in two round. He then got another match with the champion, which was fought in San Francisco, July 25, 1902. For seven rounds Fitz gave Jeff a terrific beating, cutting his face badly, blacking both his eyes and otherwise marking him. Jeff's iron jaw withstood the assault, and when Fitz had disabled both his hands with his heavy nunching the

and when Fitz had disabled both his hands with his heavy punching the champion sailed in and knocked out the Cornishman in the eighth round. Fitzsimmons was 35 years of age when he won the title from Corbett and 87 when he lost to Jeff, the most advanced age at which any heavyweight champion had won or lost. Fitz was in his fortieth year when he lost his second battle to Jeff, his defeat being due solely to the inability of his knuckles to stand the strain of punch-ing the big boilermaker. Although Fitz had retired the unde-feated middleweight champion, he lost the heavyweight honors in the ring, he weighing 167 to 215 by Jeff. When Fitz won from Corbett the victor scaled 166 to 184 by the loser. Fitz decided he would gather one

to 184 by the loser. Fitz decided he would gather one more title before he got too old, and so on November 25, 1908, when he was 41 years of age, he took on George Gard-ner, holder of the light heavyweight title, and beat him on points in a twenty round bout in San Francisco. On December 20, 1905, when Fitz was 43 years of age, he lost his last title to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien by a knockout in the thirteenth round at San Francisco.

Although it was evident to all of his friends that he had reached the end of his pugilistic rope Fltz was still uncon-vinced, and he set out in an effort to vinced, and he set out in an effort to prove that he was in the running. He took on Jack Johnson, then loom-ing on the heavyweight horizon, in a bout in Philadelphia, July 7, 1907, and was knocked out in the second round. **Knocked Out By Bill Lang** Then Fitz went back to Australia, and in Sydney, where he had won his first battle, he jost his last contest. Fitz was knocked out by Bill Lang at Syd-

was knocked out by Bill Lang at Syd-ney in twelve rounds December 27,

This defeat by a mediocre performer like Lang seemed to convince Fitz that his puglistic sun had set and he did no more boxing except on the stage. He did make an effort to box in this city a few years ago, but the Boxing Commission interposed an age limit and shut bim out

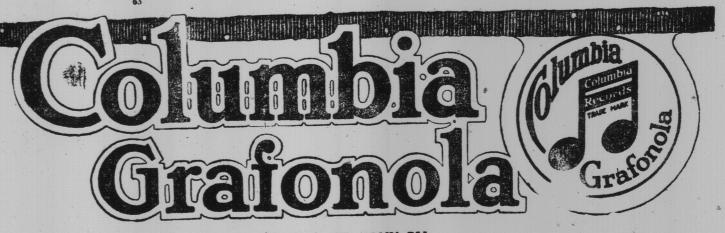
shut him out. While Fitzsimmons was not a showy boxer, yet he was a ring strategist of the first rank, and could hit a knockout mbia Grafonola, Price \$250 Other models \$21 to \$475

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