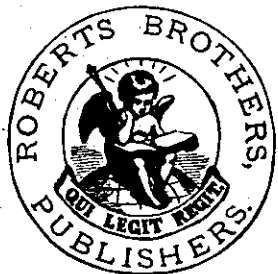


"There must be an international copyright arrangement. England has done her part, and I am confident the time is not far distant when America will do hers. It becomes the character of a great country, *firstly*, because it is justice; *secondly*, because without it you never can have, and keep, a literature of your own."—CHARLES DICKENS (*from a Speech*).



BOSTON, *March 12* 1887.

Wm. T. Foy

Dear Sir

We hardly know how to reply to your letter. We might, perhaps, assert with quite as much positiveness that we had never yet allowed our imprint to go on the title-page of a book which we had not read. It is not, of course, that we have to decide about the literary quality of anything written by the author of "The Fool's Errand" because that has been settled, but we want to know something about the nature of the new book. Can you give us a description

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large a book it will  
make (about the number  
of words) and on what  
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publish.

If you will  
do this, we shall be  
greatly obliged to  
you

Yours truly

Roberts Bros.