

"NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP."

The Wichita Eagle says that this room was left at the office by an unknown man who came to ask for work.

BULL AGAINST LION.

A QUEER COMBAT IN CENTRAL AMERICA. Mr. W. O. Wolcott, an American now doing business in Venezuela, saw the whole thing from beginning to end.

There had been a bull fight at 2 o'clock in the afternoon between three native mountain steers and a band of bull fighters from the City of Mexico.

Despite the gaudy promises of the morning the bull fight was rather of a disappointment than a success. There were too many bull fighters and too few steers.

A proposition to tear down the bull ring and set the whole thing on fire, with an incidental killing of the managers, induced the managers to call for a parole.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said he, in soft, flowing Spanish, "I have the honor to inform you that with an ever present desire to well deserve your good opinion, we have prevailed upon a distinguished inhabitant of our beautiful and patriotic city to assist us in bringing to a satisfactory termination this interesting occasion."

"Behold," called out the manager, moving quickly to one side, "we bring on the great fight."

prosperity on his endeavors. It is a queer world, ever in Central America.

"The manager, now re-instated in the regard of the spectators, explained that owing to the ferocious nature of the mountain lion it would be necessary to take some means to prevent him from leaping out of the ring into the crowd.

"The bull, too!" called out a voice. "Fair play for the lion!" and the cry was taken up.

"What would you have?" said the manager. "Shall I let loose the lion among you all?"

"No, no. Tie the bull in front of the lion. Give them an equal chance."

"The animals watched each other for a few moments, each one moving restlessly as though uncertain what to do.

"The lion landed full upon the bull's broad back and dug in his cruel claws. The bull roared. His roar was answered by a greater, louder roar from the thousands of human throats in the circle outside the ring.

"Then the Numbers Go. It is not generally known that when a person commits suicide in a hotel, the number of the room in which he ends his life is henceforth dead and another one takes its place.

that it was the room where the tragedy had taken place.

UNCLE SAM'S FISH DISPLAY.

The World's Fair Will Have the Greatest Aquarium Ever Known. The fish exhibit at the World's Columbian Exhibition is to be a wonderful one, and not the least interesting portion of it, naturally, will be the Aquarial or Live Fish display.

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THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. Blamed the Types—Plenty of Time for Sleep—Pressed Into It—A Misunderstanding, Etc., Etc.

Lecturer (hopping mad)—Sir, I want you to apologize for your outrageous criticism.

"Well, I'm rather stuck on you," remarked the fly to the boarding-house butler, as she slumped in.

"Mamma," said Phil, walking gravely out of the study evidently bearing a heavy mental load, "when you smile at me like that your expression is as sweet as—"

"The hardened-looking wretch in this cell, I presume," said the fair caller with a shudder, "is some low thief."

"No, my girl's folks are going to move into this neighborhood," [Good News.

"Pa, can any one keep lighthouses?" "No, my son, lighthouse keepers are appointed by the Government."

"An' faith an' doesn't she stand all day at the railroad directing people to the cars?" [Boston Courier.

A SATISFACTORY INVESTIGATION.

First Statesman—"How is the official investigation into those boodle charges coming on?"

"The consumption of intoxicating liquor in this country staggers me," exclaimed a temperance orator from the platform.

"I thought you said you never would accept Charlie," said Maude.

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"What! None of the roast, Bessie?" "No, papa," replied the little Boston two-year-old, thoughtfully.

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