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Brougham, who was at Lord H.'s, told me that in a letter he had just received from America, from Casey or Liverpool, he was requested to commemorate Venus, as illustrative of the natural love of all animals for liberty, a circumstance which had just come within the writer's knowledge. Some young birds in a cage were from time to time visited by the old ones, their parents, from the thicket, who, it was observed had endeavored by every possible effort to widen the bars of the cage, so let the young ones out. At last, after various attempts, not being able to effect their object, they brought some poisonous berries, which they placed within the cage, and which the prisoners immediately ate of and died. A strange story to send all the way from America.—*Moore's Diary.*

Strange as Moore or Brougham might have considered this story, it is no doubt true. It is a well authenticated fact that the mocking bird pursues this course towards its young under such circumstances—not occasionally or casually, but uniformly, and with a full knowledge of what it is about. At the South persons are in the habit of taking the young birds while in a callow state from the nest and confining them in cages. The cages are suspended in the open air, and the parent birds feed their little ones with unfailing care. The young are of course more contented and healthy, and thrive better in this way than when secluded from the old ones and brought up artificially. But it is necessary to watch the movements of the parent bird with diligence as the young ones are attaining their growth and getting their feathers, otherwise all the labor of taking and securing them is sure to be lost, and by the process described by Brougham's correspondent. If the old birds are allowed access to their young after the little ones are fully fledged and prepared to set up house keeping on their own account, they invariably poison them. Every effort is made to procure the enlargement of the young bird, but failing to set them free, and apparently conscious of the futility of further attempts in their behalf, the parents feed them with something that kills them immediately.—*Buffalo Com.*

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