

A CAGED MOCKING BIRD.

I passed a cobbler's shop upon the street,
And paused a moment at the door-step,
Where,

His cap sat, with beaded face and grim,
Plying a listless awl, as in a dream
Of pastures winding by a shady stream.

TESTING A LOVER :-

By WALTER J. MOWBRAY.

My dear Dorothea, I see I must
once more protest. Yet you must know
already what my views are upon this matter.

He got up quickly, and left the room.
As soon as the door was shut,
Dorothea drew her chair close to that
of the lawyer.

It was a fortnight later, and Lucian
Orme sat alone in his private office.
There was a tap at the door, and a
clerk entered.

She looked into his gray eyes, and
held out her hand. "Except you," she
said shyly. "I know I can trust you."

There was no time to do anything
else. So the man kept his seat. It
could not make him any the less dis-
interested to be obliged to listen to the
approaching discussion of legalities.

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see his secret. Then she rose to go.
"Good-by," she said timidly.

She stopped. There was a glow on
her face as she triumphantly pro-
claimed her plans. There was a slight
movement in the direction of the win-
dow. But Ashley held his peace.

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Orme watched him. His step
was jaunty, his head erect. There
was no disguising the fact that he
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Lucian Orme drew his chair a lit-
tle nearer to her own.
"Dorothea," he said gently, "we have
been old friends for ever so long. All
that concerns your welfare is of grave
importance to me. Let us forget for a
little while that I am your lawyer,
and you my client. Let us remember
only that we are friends. Can you
do this?"

She looked at him tearfully. He had
never seemed so strong before. She
wondered how it came about that she
had never before realized what a noble
man he was. It seemed so natu-
ral to run to him whenever she was
in trouble.

He pointed to the little heap of
ashes, and was silent.
"Has not written to me," said the
girl. "But that horrid old woman has.
They were married half an hour ago.
Oh, dear! what a miserable, heart-
breaking world this is!"

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The Farm

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Five vaine from alfalfa. It seems prob-
able that the first might be substituted
for the last, and with similar results,
provided the first is well cured, sweet
and free from must or dust. But if it
must be fed, shake out all the dust
possible and moisten the hay.—Weekly
Witness.

For the Winter Celler.
In many cellars in the country the
space must be used for the storage of
fruits and vegetables as well as for the
other purposes for which cellars are
generally used. In order that perishable
articles may keep in them to the best
advantage the cellar must be capable
of ventilation, but at the same time
must be frost-proof. This latter can
be brought about by the proper protec-
tion of the walls, banking up with soil
will generally accomplish this, as well
as the spaces around the windows. No
better method of cellar ventilation can
be devised than that here described.
Build an air-shaft of two-inch planks,
which are about a foot wide; they
must be long enough to reach from the
floor to near the ceiling of the cellar.
Cover the upper end with a piece of
planking.

A hole two bricks wide and one
brick long is made in the cellar wall,
and a hole of corresponding size is cut
in the plank of the air shaft, directly
opposite the hole in the wall. Then,
at the bottom of the shaft, next to or
near the floor, cut out another piece
about a foot square. Cover all the
openings with wire netting, set the
air shaft close to the hole in the wall
and secure it in position. In the event
of an unusually cold streak of weather,
boards may be placed over the opening
in the bottom of the shaft, or, better
still, a number of newspapers may be
folded and wrapped around the bottom
of the shaft. The illustration shows
the plan clearly, so that any one can
readily put it in operation.—Indianapolis
News.

Cattle Feeding Experiment.
The following from some careful cat-
tle feeding experiments of one of the
experiment stations will be found very
interesting to cattle feeders:
In the second trial a lot of two-
year-old steers on alfalfa and alfalfa
hay made an average daily gain in
188 days of 1.58 pounds per head. The
gain made by a similar lot fed wheat
hay and cured sorghum in addition to
green alfalfa and alfalfa hay was 1.59
pounds per head per day, and by a
lot fed some rolled barley in addition
to alfalfa fresh and cured, wheat hay,
and cured sorghum 1.87 pounds.

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the tragic in the fall of majestic trees.
One has just been cut down near Burg-
dorf, in Switzerland, which really de-
serves to be described as a monarch
of the forest. It was an oak. At a
height of sixteen feet from the ground
the trunk measured not less than four
and one-half feet in diameter, which
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three inches. The concentric rings
showed the tree to have been planted
about the year 1090. Of these rings
311 could be counted.—London Globe.

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needs them all because of the presence
of Christianity."—Philadelphia Record.

THE BRONZE PANEL REPRESENTING THE INAUGURATION OF
WASHINGTON, PRESENTED TO THE HALL OF FAME.

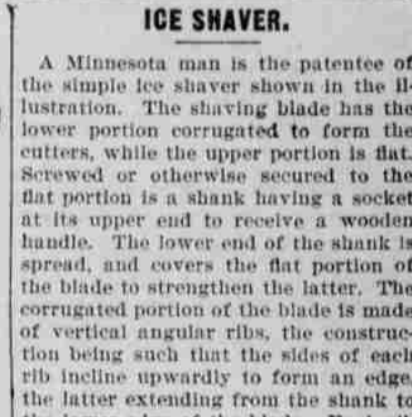
Von Behring, Who Found Consumption Cure



Dr. Von Behring is famous as the discoverer of the antitoxin for diph-
theria. He is connected with the University of Berlin. After ten years of
study on the subject he has again astonished the world by announcing the
discovery of a cure for tuberculosis. His paper on the new cure, read be-
fore the Tuberculosis Congress in Paris, has caused discussion in medical
circles all over the world. His final report on the consumption cure is being
awaited with keen interest.



Improved Family Scale.
The illustration shows an improved
family scale of the dial type, the particu-
lar feature of which is the slanting
position of the dial, thereby enabling
the indications of the pointer to be read
with greater facility. The ordinary
vertical dial requires the user to bend
over in order to distinguish with any
degree of accuracy its indications. In
other particulars the scale conforms to
the conventional design of this type.—
Philadelphia Record.



ICE SHAVER.
A Minnesota man is the patentee of
the simple ice shaver shown in the il-
lustration. The shaving blade has the
lower portion corrugated to form the
cutters, while the upper portion is flat.
Screwed or otherwise secured to the
flat portion is a shank having a socket
at its upper end to receive a wooden
handle. The lower end of the shank is
spread, and covers the flat portion of
the blade to strengthen the latter. The
corrugated portion of the blade is made
of vertical angular ribs, the construc-
tion being such that the sides of each
rib incline upwardly to form an edge,
the latter extending from the shank to
the lower edge of the blade. Each rib
terminates in a point. The blade is
made from a flat sheet of steel, the ribs
or corrugations being formed by press-
ing them up in the well-known manner.
The points are made by either indent-
ing one end of the sheet of steel before
it is pressed in such shape as to pro-
duce the points, or by leaving the plate
straight and cutting or grinding the
end of the blade at an angle. This per-
mits the points to be easily and quick-
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GIFT TO THE
HALL OF FAME
Chancellor MacCracken, of the New
York University, was able to announce
the first important gift to the Hall of
Fame. The gift is a celebrated bronze
relief by Thomas Crawford, represent-
ing the inauguration of George Wash-
ington in 1789 in New York City. The
prominent persons represented are
George Washington, John Adams, who
stands on the right; Alexander Hamil-
ton, General Knox and St. Clair, Rog-
er Sherman and Baron Steuben. The
relief is a replica of one of the panels
of the bronze doors cast for the Sen-
ate wing of the Capitol at Washing-
ton, and was cast from the same molds
and at the same time. The doors were
cast in 1808 by James T. Ames.