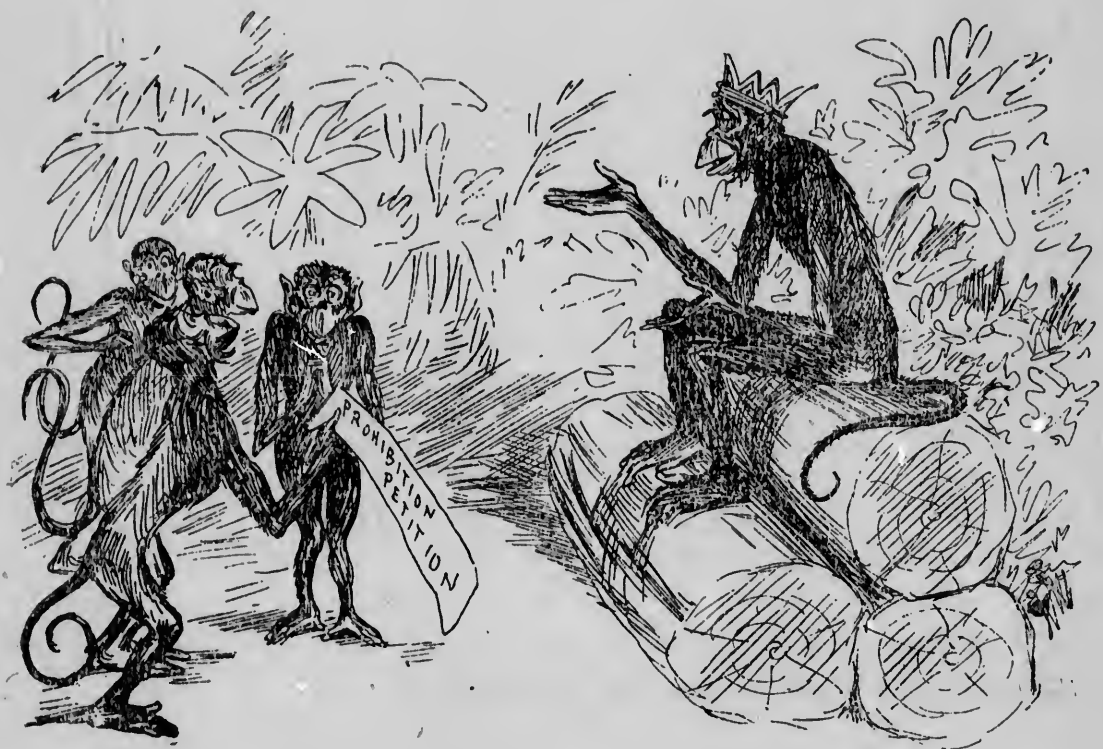




FABLE XVII.

THE CHIMPANZEE PETITION.

A Deputation of Monkeys waited on their King, an idiotic old Chimpanzee who enjoyed Absolute power. "Your Majesty is aware," said the Spokesman, "that some time ago you were pleased to grant to the Gorillas the privilege of dealing in the juice