

ÆSOP TO DATE.

No. 2.

THE GOAT AND THE LAW.

A BEDRAGGLED and hungry William Goat, while Travelling through a Certain Country, observed a Tomato Can by the Roadside, and, in order to Appease his Appetite, swallowed It. The Landlord, who had Advertised the Can as a desirable Residence for Summer Boarders, had him Arrested and brought before the Beak—of an officiating Eagle. Here his Plea of Hunger was declared Ridiculous, the worthy Magistrate observing sententiously that the Law required Him to Die of Starvation in preference to Stealing. After serving a Long Term in Jail, the Persecuted Goat meandered with Celerity across the Boundary Line of that Country, and on Arriving in a New Land lay Down to rest Himself. But his Troubles did not End Here, for the Custom House Authorities of the New Country arrested him on the Charge of Smuggling Tin in his Interior, into the Country, with Intent to Defraud the Revenue, and once More the Law got in some fine Work. "What have I done to Merit



this Persecution?" he Queried of a Turnkey, on leaving Sing Twice Prison. "Yer ain't done nothin', an' dat's de reason youse want ter Git off de Earth!" replied that Astute Official. Then he Took a Tumble—over Niagara Falls.

MORAL.

Don't be too innocent; so many church treasurers have worked that racket already, you know.

THE PROHIBITION PLEBISCITE.

A STUDY IN PRONUNCIATION.

A STIFF Prohibitory law
Is that for which we fight,
We cannot close the demon's maw
By any plebiscite.

Look at that Manitoba vote
That didn't help a bit,
A lack of brains it must denote
To urge a plebiscite.

That temperance men uphold the scheme
Appears to me a pity,
It is a mere Utopian dream,
This useless plebiscite.

The members want to shirk their task,
It always is the way,
And so they put folks up to ask
For a plebiscite.

The thing won't go, it means defeat,
And wherefore should we risk it?
We'll oust the member from his seat
Who votes for a plebiscite.



HER DOWRY.

CHOLLY—"What is her father going to give you and Maud when you marry?"

CHAPPIE—"Only assent."

SAMJONES says that Chinese actors have a great advantage over white players. They never lose their queues.