

Disadvantages of Chinese.

A Chinaman was called as a witness in the police court of Los Angeles in the case of a driver who had run over a dog. The judge asked him what time it was when he saw the man run over the dog.

"Me no sabe," replied the witness. "I say," repeated the judge, "what time it was when you saw this man run over the dog?" "Me no sabe," repeated John, smiling blandly. "We shall have to have an interpreter," commented his Honor, as he realized that the witness did not understand

English; and accordingly another Chinaman was hailed into court to act as interpreter. "Ask the witness," commanded the judge, "when he saw this man run over the dog." The interpreter turned to his fellow countryman and said: "We chung lo, ho me choo lung wow, e-ho me no chow chee, loo know so-loo bing gong tong yit ben."

To which the witness replied: "Wong lin kee, wo hoo, wing chong lung yue lee, kin sing, choy yoke coey ying lung ding wah, sing suey way san yick ing toy bing coey bow tsue, po tong pe gou hung mow kim quong yuen lee chow yo ben tong." The interpreter then turned to the judge and said: "Him say 'Two o'clock.'"

