

the leaves of this book foul. Such a use of it, it seems to us, is unwarrantable.

The Bible says: "Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of God; nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, for thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these cometh of the evil one."

Cleanly people, who do not wish to kiss a book sodden with grease and foul with filth, are allowed to affirm, which is certainly preferable. Others practice a harmless sort of evasion, by holding the book in such a way that they can kiss their thumbs without being observed by the officer of the court, who, by the way, is rarely very watchful, and is satisfied if one goes through with the form rather than the spirit of the oath.

A CHILD'S IDEA OF HOME.

A little brother and sister were talking about home and their love for it. "I wouldn't swap my home for any other in the world," said the sister. "Oh, I don't feel so," was the boy's response. "I think that Willie A——'s home is as pretty as ours. It's bigger, and it's got more things in it. I think I'd like to swap ours for that." "But would you like to give up your father and mother for his?" asked his sister. "And would you rather have his sisters than yours?" "No, I wouldn't want that," said the boy. "Well, to swap home means that," said the sensible sister, "for a house itself isn't a home. A home is your father and mother, and brothers and sisters, and everything you have in the house." Wasn't that well said? Isn't there a truth in those words which is hid from many of the wise and prudent, and revealed unto babes? A well furnished house is not a home. A home is the life and love which the family in the house represents. Who would swap his home for a rich neighbor's?"

The foundation of domestic happiness is faith in the virtue of woman; the foundation of all political happiness is confidence in the integ-

rity of man; and the foundation of all happiness, temporal and eternal—reliance on the goodness of God.

A schoolboy being requested to write a composition on "Pins," produced the following: "Pins are very useful. They have saved the lives of many men, women and children—in fact, whole families." "How so?" "Why, by not swallowing them." This matches the essay of another boy on "Rivers": "Rivers is very useful things; when your hat falls into the water, you can get into a boat and row out to it and get it." The third boy defined salt as "the stuff that makes potatoes taste bad when you don't put on any."

It was at the close of their meal, and she merrily and expectantly curious asked, "John, what attraction, what charm had I above all the other handsome and amiable girls that induced you to marry me?" And he, after protracted meditation, cruelly answered "I give it up!"

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