

natural affection will sink to mere brute fondness, and what we now call home would become "a den of sullen selfishness and barbaric lust!" It is the family Bible that has given to the Christian home that unmeasured superiority in all the dignities, decencies and enjoyments of life, over the home of the heathen. It has elevated woman to that position she only occupies in the Christian household.

O then Christian parents teach your children daily from this sacred volume. Let its precepts be always fresh before your little ones, that they may be engraven upon the tablets of enduring memory; and then whatever may come in the way of temptation or trial, your children will be prepared to meet it with Christian resignation and fortitude, having made God's Word the guiding star of their youth.

JAPANESE CUSTOMS.

Is it because they live on the other side of the world that the Japanese do almost everything opposite from what we do? Their day is for the most part our night; and except that they do not walk on their heads instead of their feet, every thing seems strangely topsy-turvy. Their books begin where ours end, and are written from top to bottom, from right to left, and in perpendicular instead of horizontal lines. Keys turn in their locks towards the left; and the kitchen is in the front of the house, while the parlour is in the rear. Horses stand in the stables with their heads where we place their tails; bells to the harness are always fastened on the hindquarters instead of the front; and men mount the animals from the off side. Old men fly kites and children look on. The carpenter draws his plane *toward* him; the tailor stitches *from* him, ladies blacken their teeth instead of keeping them white; and gentlemen have trains to their trowsers. This fashion gives them an irresistibly comic air. Their feet look as if thrust into the knees of the garment, and they shuffle along much like a man walking upon stumps.

If it was only their manners that appeared to us strange and twisted, we should be amazed; but the thought of the crooked lives which grow out of an ignorance of the true God must make us sad, and fill us with a longing to send them the Gospel.—*Well-Spring*.

REMARKABLE COINCIDENCES.

Michael Servetus, the great champion of Socinianism, and John Calvin, the great defender of the faith, were born in the same year, (1509). Napoleon Buonaparte, who threatened to reduce all Europe to subjection, and the Duke of Wellington, by whom he was defeated at Waterloo, were born in the same year, (1769). Dr. Henry Montgomery of Dummur, the great advocate of Unitarianism, and Dr. Henry Cooke, of Belfast, the great defender of Calvinism, were also born in the same year, (1788).