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A CITIZEN MAY HAVE MANY SYMPATHIES BUT ONLY ONE ALLEGIANCE

YOU DON'T THINK MUCH of a man who doesn't keep his word, even in small things; you have contempt for the man who borrows from you and immediately forgets all about paying back; you want nothing to do with the man who assumes an obligation with hardly a thought regarding fulfillment; you disdain the man who accepts the hospitality of another and then goes out and speaks jeeringly of his host; you detest the man who accepts favor from another and rewards it by unkind, and slanderous remarks. None of these things are condoned for a moment by the disciples of the square deal, for at the base of all is ingratitude, blackest and most detestable of vices.

But all these things combined are as so many grains of sand to the majestic mountains in comparison with swearing allegiance to this or any other country, and promptly forgetting it; to enjoy the protection of the flag and at the same time speak in derision of the things that it represents; to take advantage of the opportunities of the country and give nothing in return; to swear to support the constitution of the United States of America and then go forth to hoist the rag of radicalism. Are these to be admired and paraded as admirable virtues? No people in the world know better the meaning of the word allegiance than the people from the Northlands. Fidelity in allegiance was a part of their old Pagan religion:

"Not for all the sun sees, or the close earth wombs, or the profound sea hides in unknown fathoms, break thou thine oath!"

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