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THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES.

I do solemnly declare on oath in open Court that I will support the Constitution of the United States, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty and particularly to the (sovereign of which I am a subject) and that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic and bear true faith and allegiance to the same: So Help me God.

PREFACE.

The title of this treatise indicates, to some degree at least, its purpose and character; but it is thought that a few observations respecting the institutions and government under which we live, and with which not only every prospective citizen, but every citizen whether native-born or naturalized, should be familiar, may make the book more useful.

Every civilized State has its sovereign power. In the Old-World kingdoms the monarch is the sovereign, but in the United States of America the people is the sovereign, and the law for the government of the people is the expressed word and utterance of the people. All sovereign power, that is, the power to govern and to make laws for that purpose, resides in the people, and if a law is not wise and good the people, through elected representatives, may revoke it. Hence, every citizen being in this sense a part of the law-making power in this country, it becomes the earnest duty of every one, as a unit of the whole people, to understand the character of our government and the principles upon which it is based.

It is the duty of every immigrant, intending to reside permanently in the United States to acquire citizenship, for not until then is he really a member of his adopted country. But the number of those who neglect to do so, either through lack of knowledge of the privileges and rights enjoyed by citizens, through indifference, or for some other reason, is really large. The alien immigrant who fails to become naturalized is not without the protection of our laws, but he does not enjoy the same rights and privileges as the citizen. On the other hand, the naturalized citizen stands on a par with and enjoys the same protection under our laws—either here or abroad—as the native-born citizen. Often important mistakes, leading to much loss of time and trouble, are made by persons intending to become citizens, because they have failed to meet in some essential part the requirements of the law relative to naturalization. Furthermore, there seems to be