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a Shaukai for eating chicken... And just so being born here don't make a true American - nor being born  
yonder a deejit, else Arnold had been a patriot and Lafayette a traitor - else  
Wilson who helped frame the Constitution would have been an enemy - and Garrison  
who burnt it because a ~~league~~ ~~not~~ ~~kept~~ ~~a~~ ~~friend~~, if that were true - then  
natives would not have been Tories in the Revolution when Scotch-Mercer was dying for us  
at Princeton and German de Rall at Cambridge. Then natives protestant  
preachers would not have been preaching against the war of 1812 - and natives  
building blue lights on the coasts when the son of an Anthonymur was leading our  
hosts to victory. Then Cornius would not have sold Captivity Mexico to welcome our  
Ingrate soldiers to graves - and Leatholic Shields the ~~Leathoman~~ would not  
have been reported among the dead. - True Americanism - never care whether  
a man comes into the world head foremost or feet foremost - whether by natural de-  
livery or cut from the side - whether with teeth or without - whether on this quarter  
section of the globe or that. ~~It doesn't measure the merit of the man upon the infant's~~  
~~Again long or the act that rendered it into daylight. But it judges the man by what~~  
he is - by the latent that he has and the use he has made of it - just as God  
will judge him. We are not better or wiser than the ~~eternal~~ that we should in-  
quire after cradle-places. God does not apportion ~~Heaven's~~ honors and ex-  
alted seats according to nativities - why should the habit places of the earth  
be so distributed? America don't care for the brogue or the tongue provided that  
tongue despises falsehood and loves to speak the truth. Don't hate the German accents  
if it stammers out the heart's impulses for Liberty.

Being born wrong ain't the only crime a man may be guilty of, the R-nism makes it so. He may  
be a native and still be a thief-liar, adulterer - murderer. Yet R-nism takes no note of  
these - no oath against them. Indeed it embraces them as brothers - as Kois and jail birds.  
For if you would organize against these - openly - and take pledges - not oaths to vote against them  
I might join you. So I couldn't either. I wouldn't promise never to forgive them as you with the  
adopted - for they may repent and God may forgive them - why should not I.  
Beside they may have stammy families. No sir I would take no pledge. I would  
say I do not expect to become a lunatic nor lose my senses. I will reserve to myself  
the right to judge of each case as it comes.  
But R-n makes an unpardonable sin of what God did. Why don't they blame him. There is no  
life so pure as to escape its condemnation provided it begun in the parallels of latitude. It exalts the  
prodigal son born here over the patriarchal father born yonder. It forgets there is no birth  
or baptism better than that of good deeds in peace and blood in war. I would like it better  
if instead of asking of birth Creed it would say "won you ever in the Pentecostany CC"