JEquals

The template class `JEquals` resides in the name space `JLANG` and constitutes an auxiliary *base* class. It implements the (not-)equal operators == and != of a derived class.

A possible implementation of class `JEquals` is.

```
template<class T>
class JEquals {
  friend bool operator==(T first, T second) { return  first.equals(second); }
  friend bool operator!=(T first, T second) { return !first.equals(second); }
};
```

To make this work, a derived class `X` should provide for the policy method `bool equals(const X&) const`.

```
class X :
  public JEquals<X>
{
  public:
  bool equals(const X&) const { // implementation }
};
```

For example.

```
  struct A :
    public JEquals<A>
  {
    A(int value) :
      value(value)
    {}

    bool equals(const A& object) const
    {
      return this->value == object.value;
    }

    int value;
  };

  A a1(0);
  A a2(1);

  cout << (a1 == a1) << endl;
  cout << (a1 != a1) << endl;
  cout << (a1 == a2) << endl;
  cout << (a1 != a2) << endl;
```

will produce

```
1
0
0
1
```

The class `JEquals` allows for a second template parameter. In that case, the (not-)equal operators are extended and also apply to a value corresponding to the second data type. In this case, a second corresponding policy method `bool equals(const T&) const` should be provided where `T` refers to the second template argument.

For example.

```
struct B :
  public JEquals<B, A>
{
  B(int value) :
    value(value)
  {}

  bool equals(const B& object) const
  {
    return this->value == object.value;
  }

  bool equals(const A& object) const
  {
    return this->value == object.value;
  }

  int value;
};

B b1(0);
B b2(1);

cout << (b1 == b2) << ' ' << (b1 == a2) << ' ' << (a2 == b1) << endl;
cout << (b1 != b2) << ' ' << (b1 != a2) << ' ' << (a2 != b1) << endl;
cout << (b2 == b2) << ' ' << (b2 == a2) << ' ' << (a2 == b2) << endl;
cout << (b2 != b2) << ' ' << (b2 != a2) << ' ' << (a2 != b2) << endl;
```

will produce

```
0 0 0
1 1 1
1 1 1
0 0 0
```