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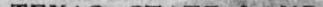
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### WHETHER COMMON OR NOT

#### In Late Fall

Low, gray clouds, and a cold, drear rain;

A trickling mist on the windowpane. A cheerless wind blowing 'round the eaves.

And a deep'ning carpet of sodden leaves.

And a southward sun

Tells of summer done.

With its rich, rare harvest of golden sheaves.

A chilling frost, and a crisp air keen;

The sumac glows with a myriad sheen:

The ripe nuts fall from the branches high

And the day dies out with a sob and sigh,

But the firelit hearth

Is a scene of mirth

When shadows are falling athwart the sky.

An evening lamp sheds its mellow glow

Where children are playing to and fro.

The world shut out and the home joys in

Forgot the day and its busy din. And the cares of day

Fast fade away

When the evening joys of home begin.

#### **Brain** Leaks

Nothing fails like some successes. A man does not have to advertise his piety.

Only the foolish man measures life by the number of birthdays.

A fellow never knows what a hold habit has on him until he tries to quit it.

The man who sits down and waits for something to turn up usually finds that it is his toes.

Half of the wives in a neighbornood envy the woman whose husband is "handy about the house." Certainly they did not name this season "fall" because of any action on the part of the price of coal.

day. Mr. Roosevelt's letter is very long, a large part of it referring to Mr. Haskell. Inasmuch as Mr. Haskell has resigned and is not an issue, it is not necessary to print that portion of the president's letter, so it is omitted.

Mr. Roosevelt's letter follows:

September 27, 1908.—Dear Sir: I have seen your letter, published in been convicted are the Chicago and Alton; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; the New York Central; the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, while scores of cases are still pending against other leading railroads.

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#### MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRACY

Boston, October 1.-The democrats of the state gathered in Faneuil hall today for the annual state convention of the party, with only two avowed candidates in the field for governor, Senator James H. Vahey of Waterton and E. Gerry Brown of Brockton. The selection of the state ticket and sixteen presidential electors, and the adoption of the platform was the business before. the gathering.

James H. Fahey was nominated by acclamation for governor.

The platform as adopted records "our confidence and pride in the great leader of democracy, W. J. Bryan, who stands today the foremost champion of the rights of the people."

The other nominations were as follows:

Lieutenant governor, Charles J. Barton.

Secretary of state, James F. Alyward.

Treasurer and receiver general, Erwin H. Kennedy.

Auditor, Simon Viger, Lawrence. Attorney general, John A. Thayer,

MR. RCOSEVELT'S FIRST REPLY TO MR. BRYAN

On September 27 Mr. Roosevelt gave to the newspapers a letter, addressed to Mr. Bryan, replying to Mr. Bryan's letter printed on Sun-

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