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And a deep'ning carpet of sodden leaves,
And a south ward suin
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 athwar the sky.

An evening lamp sheds its mellow glow
Where children are playing to and Tro. 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 falls like some successes. A man does not have to advertise his piety.
Only
Only the foolish man measures life by the number of birthdays.
A fellow never knows what a hold a babit 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 nelghborhoud 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
MASSACHUSETTS DEMOGRACY
Boston, October 1.-The demorats of the state gathered in Fa neuil hall today for the annual state convention of the party, with only two avowed candidates in the field or 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 confldence and pride in the Bryan, who stands today the foremost champion of the rights of the people."
The other nominations were as Lieutenant governor, Charles J. Barton.
Secretary of state, James F. Aly ward.
Treasurer and recelver general win H. Kennedy
Auditor, Simon Viger, Lawrence Attorney general, John A. Thayer

MR. ReOSEVEL/'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-
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 fssue, 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 stil pending against other leading railroads.
Among the shippers that have been convicted are some of the greatest corporations in the United States. company company, the aggregate fine actually paid belng more than $\$ 150,000$ Swift \& Co., Armour Packing com pany: the Cudahy Packing company; Nelson Morris \& Co., each of whom was fined $\$ 15,000$, and the cases have now been carried to the su preme court. The Standard Oil case is still pending. This is a record of actual achievement, and besides


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