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SEPTEMBER

1 LABOR DAY

[Labor Day is the first Monday in September and is a legal holiday in nearly every state of the Union.]

Work for some good, be it ever so slowly;
Cherish some flower, be it ever so lowly;
Labor, all labor is noble and holy.

—*Mrs. F. S. Osgood*

LABOR DAY: ITS ORIGIN AND OBSERVANCE

Labor Day owes its origin to several causes. Perhaps the earliest of these was the formation of labor societies, such as the *Knights of Labor,* which was founded in Philadelphia in 1869. At one of the meetings of this society in New York City in 1882, a suggestion was offered that one day of the year be set aside when laborers or workingmen should not labor, but might go out and show that labor in this country is free and dignified. Later, some of the states passed laws making Labor Day a holiday, because the legislators wished to show their sympathy with the working class, many of whom could not afford to miss a day's pay by taking a vacation, and so a day was set apart when they could legally enjoy themselves and not lose their wages. In other states it was adopted for political reasons, the leaders hoping thus to secure the good will and the votes of the workingmen for whom they obtained the holiday.