

## Merry Moments

As We Journey Through Life Let Us Laugh by the Way

### As He Figured It.

Victor and Edwin, aged six and four, respectively, had just been seated at the table for dinner. There were five older persons present and this was really the first time that either of those kids had been allowed to sit up for the big meal of the day. Victor looked across the snowy board as the desert was brought in, made a hasty calculation and burst into a loud and long wail.

"What's the matter, Victor?" asked one of the elders.

"There's seven of us, and there ain't but six desserts. Poor little Edwin ain't going to get none!"—New York Globe.

### What Little Things Lead To.



Teacher—The sphinx has eyes, but it cannot—

"See!" cried the children.  
 "Has ears, but it cannot!"  
 "Hear!" they responded.  
 "Has a mouth, but cannot!"  
 "Eat!" said the chorus.  
 "Has a nose, but it cannot!"  
 "Wipe it!" thundered the class.

### More.

Brown came into his lawyer's office.

"Smith was at my house last night," he said, "and he picked up a chair and hit me over the head."  
 "We'll sue him for damages to your head," said the attorney.

"Well," replied Brown, "I was thinking of suing him for the damages to the chair."—Exchange.

### An Invitation.

The Stranger—When you get time, drop in and see me and I'll give you some honest work.

Blinky the Peterman—When I git time? Huh! De jury jus' now give me t'ree years' time for burglary.

The Stranger—So I thought, I'm warden of the penitentiary.—Chicago News.

### An Impossibility.

"Does your wife ever attend your lectures?"

"Of course not; that would never do."

"Why not?"  
 "Could any wife sit and hear her husband talk for two hours without interrupting him?"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### Of Little Value.

Young Mother—The question is, Mr. Bache, what are we going to make out of baby?

Mr. Bache—I can't see a cent in him. If he only had two heads or three legs, now, he would pay dividends.—Kansas City Times.

### Effective.

The late Charles E. Brookfield knew the mid-Victoria celebrities, and one of his many stories relates to an incident that occurred when he was staying with Tennyson and Fitzgerald. Tennyson had his feet on the mantel shelf, and "Old Fitz" was much annoyed. After some vain expostulation, Fitzgerald said: "Do take your feet down, Alfred; you look like a Longfellow." Tennyson's feet came down instantly.

## SPANKED THE RUFFIAN.

Remington Did the Job Well and the Disturber Subsidized.

The late Frederic Remington had a personality as original and vivacious as his artistic style. His friends have scores of amusing anecdotes to tell of him. It was E. W. Kemble who introduced me to Frederic Remington in 1890, writes Mr. Augustus Thomas in the Century Magazine. The two illustrators were close friends, and they understood one another perfectly.

They sat together one night on a late train out of New York, Remington by the car window and Kemble next to the aisle. An obstreperous commuter who had been drinking was disturbing the passengers with his noise. Neither conductor nor brakeman could make him behave himself. The men passengers seemed afraid of him. The rowdy grew intolerable.

As he passed Kemble's side on his third blatant parade through the car Remington reached out into the aisle and, with a mighty grip, lifted him from his feet like a naughty boy and laid him face downward over Kemble's lap. Then, as Remington held the ruffian fast, Kemble spanked him, while the man's legs wriggled frantically for a foothold. The correction, prolonged and vigorous, was acclaimed by roars of laughter from the other passengers. When it was over Remington stood the offender on his feet. The man began a profane tirade. Before he had got half a dozen words out Remington had him face down again and Kemble was at work as before. That was enough, and when they let the fellow go he rapidly disappeared into another car.

### Coronets.

The coronet of a duke consists of alternate crosses and leaves, the leaves being a representation of the leaves of the parsley plant. The princes of the blood royal also wear a similar crown. The state headgear of a marquis consists of a diadem surrounded by flowers and pearls placed alternately. An earl, however, has neither flowers nor leaves surmounting his circlet, but only points rising, each with a pearl on the top. A viscount has neither flowers nor points, but only the plain circlet adorned with pearls, which, regardless of number, are placed on the crown itself. A baron has only six pearls on the golden border, not raised, to distinguish him from an earl, and the number of pearls render his diadem distinct from that of a viscount.

### His Method.



Jim—Does Si waste a lot of time drinking?

Bill—No; but he loses a lot of time waiting for somebody to ask him!—Chicago News.

### Kept Him Thirsty.

"Tommy, you should drink what water you want before you go to bed. I had to get you a drink four times last night."

"Well, mother, I kept dreaming I was eating salt mackerel."—Exchange.

### The Art of Conversation.

"Your wife must be awfully clever! She talks like a book!"

"Yes; I have known her silence to be eloquent and her frown to speak volumes!"—Judge.

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### The Name

The city derives its name from the falls of the Little Luckiamute River, which flows through the city from the West.

The first sale of town lots occurred in 1889, though donation land-claim settlers came here many years before that date. In 1900 the population was 269; in 1910, 969; 1914, about 1,250.

### The Location

Falls City is situated in the south central part of Polk County, Oregon, in section 21, township 8, S., range 6, W., Willamette meridian, 27 rail miles southwest of Salem, and 73 rail miles southwest of Portland, in the narrow western end of the Little Luckiamute River valley, surrounded on the north, south, and west by the foothills of the Coast Range mountains. Elevation, 886.38 ft above sea level. Transportation—Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad, which extends from Salem to Black Rock, a rail distance of 30 miles, with S. P. main line connections at Dallas, Gerlinger, and Salem, and with the Oregon Electric at Salem.

Falls City is incorporated as a city, contains about 800 acres, valuation for taxation \$252,000. The city administration is composed of mayor, seven councilmen, auditor and police judge, marshal, treasurer, engineer, health officer. Salaries: Marshal and water superintendent, \$60; auditor, \$25; attorney, \$25.

### Water and Wood

The city of Falls City owns the gravity water system. Its first cost was \$30,000. Pure mountain water is piped from springs on Judge Teal's ranch, 3 miles away, at an elevation of about 300 feet above city level.

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