

Fun, Fact and Fancy.

Why should we celebrate Washington's birthday more than mine? asked a teacher. "Because he never told a lie," shouted a little boy.

Child—"Does the Lord take the papers?" Mother—"No, my child; why do you ask?" Child—"Oh! I thought he didn't, it takes our minister so long to tell him about things!"

A bolt of lightning struck a tree in front of a Chicago alderman's house the other night, and in his fright the alderman remarked: "Hold on, I'll restore the money!"

Leap year. Maid of 37 summers sings: "Mother may I go out to pop? Yes, my darling daughter, If you fall this year you must shut up shop, You've kept longer than you'd order."

A wild goose flew into Oregon, and its crop being opened revealed a new kind of grain. From it forty bushels have been raised, and the Oregon farmers are sitting on the fences with their elbows on their knees wondering what they shall call the new kind of whiskey they will make from it.

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Puzzles Things Away.—Do women ever think how much time they spend in picking up and putting away? Of course we do not mean to intimate that it is wasted, or that all this labor is done unnecessarily. Women have a vast amount of such work to perform, and few men realize its extent or necessity until some accident or circumstance brings it home to them.

A married man said once that he never realized the amount of work done in bringing things out and putting them away until he happened to sit idly watching the operation of setting the table—"getting tea," as it was called—at a neighbor's house, washing the dishes and clearing them up. It struck him for the first time, how much real labor had to be done in lifting and carrying between table and pantry, and he determined to lessen such labor in the house as much as possible by constructing a kitchen in his house with every facility and convenience. He thought, with a thought of consternation, if one "tea," requires that amount of labor, what must the work of a house of a life-time amount to. A very pretty problem, which we should like to have answered. It is a fact, however, that "putting things away" becomes a sort of mania with some neat housewives, and not only gives them a vast amount of trouble, but also their tempers, and is a source of annoyance to every member of the family. From a habit probably of being on one spot all the time, eternally seeing and doing the same things, it becomes a sort of mania, and is in fact a symptom of disease. We think a good plan in such a case would be for the husband to insist on his wife taking a journey, making a visit home or spending a couple of weeks at a watering place. The change of scene, the breaking up the monotony of her life, would do her a world of good. Her ideas would be enlarged, her thoughts travel out of their accustomed routine; and when she returned she would take up life less as a burden and more as a basket of flowers, from which it is possible to extract beauty and fragrance.

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