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CHAPTER I — INTRODUCTORY.

HOW WE MET.

THE papers which are here collected enter in some detail into the success and failure of a large number of young people of my acquaintance, who are here named as

ALICE FAULCONBRIDGE,	HORACE FELLTHAM (<i>a very different person</i>),
BOB EDMESTON,	JANE SMITH,
CLARA,	JO GRESHAM,
CLEM WATERS,	LAURA WALTER,
EDWARD HOLIDAY,	MAUD INGLETREE,
ELLEN LISTON,	OLIVER FERGUSON, <i>brother to</i>
EMMA FORTINBRAS,	ASAPH and GEORGE,
ENOCH PUTNAM, <i>brother of</i>	PAULINE,
HORACE,	RACHEL,
ESTHER,	ROBERT,
FANCHON,	SARAH CLAVERS,
FANNY, <i>cousin to</i> HATTY	STEPHEN,
FIELDING,	SYBIL,
FLORENCE,	THEODORA,
FRANK,	TOM RISING,
GEORGE FERGUSON (ASAPH	WALTER,
FERGUSON'S <i>brother</i>),	WILLIAM HACKMATAACK,
HATTY FIELDING,	WILLIAM WITHERS.
HERBERT,	
HORACE PUTNAM,	

It may be observed that there are thirty-four of them. They make up a very nice set, or would do so if they belonged together. But, in truth, they live in many regions, not to say countries. None of them are too bright or too stupid, only one of them is really selfish, all but one or two are thoroughly sorry for their faults when they commit them, and all of them who are good for anything think of themselves very little. There are a few who are approved members of the Harry Wadsworth Club. That means that they "look up and not down," they "look forward and not back," they "look out and not in," and they "lend a hand." These papers were first published, much as they are now collected, in the magazine "Our Young Folks," and in that admirable weekly paper "The Youth's Companion," which is held in grateful remembrance by a generation now tottering off the stage, and welcomed, as I see, with equal interest by the grandchildren as they totter on. From time to time, therefore, as the different series have gone on, I have received pleasant notes from other

young people, whose acquaintance I have thus made with real pleasure, who have asked more explanation as to the points involved. I have thus been told that my friend, Mr. Henry Ward Beecher, is not governed by all my rules for young people's composition, and that Miss Throckmorton, the governess, does not believe Archbishop Whately is infallible. I have once and again been asked how I made the acquaintance of such a nice set of children. And I can well believe that many of my young correspondents would in that matter be glad to be as fortunate as I.

Perhaps, then, I shall do something to make the little book more intelligible, and to connect its parts, if in this introduction I tell of the one occasion when the *dramatis personæ* met each other; and in order to that, if I tell how they all met me.

First of all, then, my dear young friends, I began active life, as soon as I had left college, as I can well wish all of you might do. I began in keeping school. Not that I want to have any of you do this long, unless an evident fitness or "manifest