

SOLUTION: Each row contains a pair of clues to 2 different 5-letter words that are only one letter off. Fill in the grid, then read off the letters used for the right-hand column of clues (post-change, if you think of it as transforming one word to another).

small meal	S	N H	A	C	K	small house
pedometer count	S	T	E O	P	S	points along bus route
stone fruit	P	E	A R	C	H	birdcage roost
to group together	C S	L	U	M	P	a bad sports season
salesman	S	H	I E	L	L	conch
holy cup	G F	R	A	I	L	easily broken
mix or mingle	B	L	E	N E	D	lose vital fluid
GOAL!	S	C	O A	R	E	EEK!
roughly push	S	H T	O	V	E	heat furnisher
parasites	T H	I	C	K	S	bumpkins
fraternal or identical	T	W	I	N	S E	string or cord
small ships	B	O	A	T R	S	tusked swine
eyelid movement	B S	L	I	N	K	move covertly

FINAL ANSWER: "HORSE FEATHERS"