

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

A Corner for Mother and the Girls.

A newspaper, not long ago, gave an account of a suit against a railroad Company in which a person who had sustained an injury which prevented him from smiling claimed \$10,000 damages. The Court awarded the claim. If the ability to smile, when it is lost, is worth \$10,000, what is it worth while we still have it?

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There's magic in a smile. "Folks who don't believe in magic miss a great deal!" Just try it on the clerk who waits on you during the rush hour in a shop—watch the tired face light up, the weary back straighten. Try it on the grumpy man who sits beside you in a crowded hall, on the fretty woman who pushes you aside and climbs on the street-car ahead of you, on the nagging youngster pulling at his tired mother's skirts as they pass you on the street, try it on all the weary, unhappy-looking folk you meet, whether you know them or not,—it always works. Frowns smooth out, lines disappear, expressions soften, harsh voices take on musical tones when they meet the magic of a smile.

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A smile is the best stimulant I know. You simply can't turn up the corners of your mouth and not feel a glow of hope and happiness. It's a queer quirk of our minds, if you like, or you may call it "a strange psychological reaction" if that suits you better, but it's good sound sense, not common sense, but quite "uncommon" sense.

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There's magic in words of appreciation, too. We take so much and give so little! Last Sunday as I left church several people were speaking of the sermon as "helpful," "inspirational," "splendid," "best sermon I've heard for a long time"; how many, one wonders, voiced this feeling to their pastor? Those who wish to complain to him are rarely reticent about it!

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But the minister is only one of many from whom we receive inspiration, fresh courage, pleasure. The singer whose golden voice lifted you, for an instant, beyond all cares, the woman whose garden delights your eyes as you pass by, the writer who gave you "the best laugh you had for a dog's age," the clerk whose courtesy made your shopping a pleasure, the friend whose cheery word or welcome letter came just when you needed it most, the nurse or deaconess whose sacrificial ministry among the sick or the poor excites your admiration and inspires you, the home-maker whose sweeping and scrubbing, dusting and baking makes of a "house" a "home," have you ever told her how you appreciate her?

Lets—

SAY IT WITH A SMILE

and

SEND THE FLOWERS NOW

This is the season for tonics. For "that tired feeling," yours or the other fellow's, try this prescription:

O Jupiter aid us!

Take of appreciation an abundance,

Of praise a liberal amount,

Sprinkle plentifully with smiles and apply with sincerity and sympathy, NOW.

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Here is the recipe for some delicious buns, the shape and size of crumpets, that we used to get piping hot from the baker's (the very baker who gave the recipe) in the recess between two examinations when I was a little girl in Switzerland. The tender meltingness of them, the crisp butter and sugary richness of the tops of them, the wholesome tooth-someness of them, is sure to find favour with mother and youngsters alike, not to mention father.

SWEET SALEES

Make a dough using 1 qt. flour, ¼ lb. butter, ¼ pint milk, ½ cake yeast.

Let the dough rise ¾ hour in a warm place. Roll out ½ inch thick, cut in rounds the size of a saucer. Put in small pie plates and let rise ½ hour. Brush with the yoke of an egg well beaten, sprinkle with sugar and two or three little pieces of butter. Bake a few minutes (till nicely brown) in a very hot oven.

WINNOGENE

MAKE IT WIDE.

It's best to keep a smilin',

For a smile's a kind o' net

That catches by beguillin'

Just the thing it wants to get.

So keep your smile a spreadin',

Crack a jolly joke or two,

And you'll find that things come headin'

Straight for smilin' folks like you.

—The Kiwanis Magazine.

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