

HOW TO SWEETEN LIFE.

The world sizes you up exactly as it finds you. Grouchy, pessimistic dispositions are shunned—left friendless and alone. Cheerful optimism attracts as a magnet.

You may have a secret sorrow, but the world is not interested. Think and talk something else.

Do not be a self-sympathizer, believing that you are "misunderstood." Become interested in others, and your own troubles will dwindle into insignificance.

Smiles and sunshine attract everywhere. We never stop to consider whether the sun feels like shining or not. We are cheered by it just the same. If the world sees a smile on your face, it will believe you to be happy, and that will help a lot. Smile anyway.

There is no place in the scheme of things for the disagreeable man or woman, except to serve as warning for others not to become so.

It is as well to cultivate forgetfulness in regard to past troubles as to develop memory in regard to the pleasantness of life. By the way, have you made any body happy today? It may not be too late. Try and see. Hold on tight, and do not give way to any angry mood. The storm will sweep past but see that you remain completely undisturbed.

Life is so short for most of us that we have not the time to spare to mope.

No one will take the trouble to be nice to you unless you find the time to be agreeable. Popularity means being pleasant as much as anything else.—B. KN WLES.

KEROSENE AS A CLEANSER

The soot that coats the frying pan can easily be taken off by sopping it with kerosene and scraping it off shortly

afterwards with a pot chain.

Kerosene should never be handled near the fire.

To cut the grease on the kitchen range kerosene is indispensable, but the stove should be perfectly cold before applying.

First dampen a rag with the oil and rub over the stove and follow this with a thorough rubbing with old newspaper, after which go over it with a rag dampened with a little benzine to evaporate the oil.

Do not build fire in the stove until this is evaporated, which will be generally a few hours.

Then wipe off nice and clean, after which give a coat of varnish. You will be surprised how little it will need blacking after the stove has been varnished.

The top is about the only part that becomes soiled, and which will need to be attended to with brush and blacking; the rest will need nothing more than wiping off with a soft rag.

Putting kerosene and ammonia in water when washing glass ornaments will give them a brightened appearance.

Washing the window panes with kerosene will keep them from frosting in cold weather, while at the same time giving a brighter light within the rooms.

Plan to set out a strawberry bed next spring. It is just about as easy to grow strawberries as to produce potatoes. Don't set out plants taken from an old bed, however, for they are worthless. Set out young plants.

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