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Paths for Happiness

WHEN our country was new, our forefathers made paths from the seashore to their new homes. Then they made paths from their homes to the homes of their friends. Soon little neighborhoods sprang up along our New England coast. Then they made paths from one little village to another. This path making has gone on until we now have paths all over our country, in fact all over the world. First men made paths, then roads, highways, railroad lines, and water lanes across the ocean, and now we even have paths or air lanes for airplanes.

In my mail this month there was a letter from a reader who told of a different kind of path that she is making.

Paulette says that for the past month she has been making paths for happiness. Making paths for happiness is a new idea. What is a path for happiness like? How can we make such a path, and is a path for happiness necessary? Does happiness just come to us without any effort on our part or do we have to do something to get happiness? Paulette has answered at least one of these questions in her letter. She says she makes a path for happiness by smiling.

Perhaps after all it is necessary for each one of us to make his own path for happiness, just as our forefathers made paths from one home to another. Surely if we are not ready to receive happiness it cannot come to us. Get up cross and pouting some morning and see how much happiness comes to you!

What do you have to do to get happiness? First of all you get tired of unhappiness and make a path for happiness to come to you by doing something nice for someone else. Or you speak a cheerful word to show the family that you are through pouting. Then how gladly and joyously they come to you, bringing happiness! Mother may make a special dish for your lunch. Father may take you with him on an errand. Brother may let you fly his kite. Sister may mend your baseball mit.

Smiles and little thoughtful acts, kind words and love pats! Little paths for happiness, yes; but little paths grow to be roads, roads grow to be highways spreading all over the world! Make your own little paths and watch your happiness come to you.

Jane Palmer
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Fairy Rings

By Arnold Baxter

Out on our dew-gemmed, shining lawn
The fairies dance till break of dawn;
I see their footprints in the grass
Where round and round they dancing pass
Under the moonlight's silver ray,
All through the magic fairy day.

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