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CATHERINE BROGAN'S SCHOOL DAYS

(Chapter Three)

After our happy school days at St. Patrick's were over, Margaret Driscoll, my dearest chum, went to continue her studies at Loretta Academy, Niagara Falls, Canada, far up in the beautiful hills overlooking the world-famous cataract. There the love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar veritably took possession of her young heart. Two terms of her first year at the academy sped by swiftly, and Margaret was on her way home for Easter vacation, most on telling her parents of her great desire to consecrate her life to God.

All the long way home from Loretta, Margaret's heart sang happily—sang to the sway of the coaches, to the scream of the whistles, to the grinding of the brakes. Even though the horrid train stopped for such inexplicably long intervals at "every red barn, and twice at every double house," her heart throbbed and sang with joy.

Home Once More
Home once more; home from school; home for vacation, home to tell Mother, Dad and Dick, and then back to Loretta, to stay forever. "With These, Dear Lord," she whispered. "I never dreamed that my surrender would bring such happiness. To-night, the eve of Easter, I will give Mother her greatest gift, her little Margaret to give back to God. How proud she will be. It seems to me that the first prayer I ever heard her say was 'Dear Lord, grant that I may be found worthy to give at least one of my children to you!'"

And Dad and Dick, how glad they would be. How good God was. The train slid on smoothly in the bright April afternoon. For a long time she was silent. Then her thoughts flew to home again. Dick would be at the station. His school had closed several days before hers. How glad she would be to see the big brother. What happy times they had had together in bygone days. "But I'll be still happier with you, Dear Lord, and I will not lose Dick or Dad or Mother, either."

Presents for Everybody
"Groveiland," shouted the cross-looking conductor, and Margaret roused from her dreams, began to collect her wraps and bundles—Dad's cigars, Dick's fishing tackle, mother's silver forks—yes, she had them all—something for everybody. And the next stop would be hers if no unfortunate cow tried to cross in front of the train.

Strangely enough her thoughts were now traveling backward instead of forward. The nun! The convent! Loretta! How often she had laughed and said: "Not for me, thank you. It's a beautiful life, but

not for me." And then had come the retreat, and suddenly, very suddenly had come, in the hushed silence of her listening heart, the Great Call. And now, now it was for her. "How good God is," she whispered as the train slid into Danaville.

"Peg!" shouted a strong voice and presently Margaret found herself crushed in a tremendous bear hug. "Did you bring the whole city of Buffalo with you?" Dick asked. "What have you got for me? O, I suppose I can wait until we get home." He led the way to the waiting Ford. "Old Elizabeth is as good as ever. Not so much for looks, but she gets there just the same." He piled the bundles into the back seat, cranked the Ford, and jumped in. Old Elizabeth reared on her back wheels an instant and then shot off down the steep hill, rattling in true Ford fashion.

Dick Had a Secret
Margaret chattered lightly about school, the girls and their pranks, while Dick, after the first outburst, seemed strangely silent. Perhaps she better tell Dick her secret. "Dick," she said, but stopped short, for Dick had begun to speak. "Peg," he said looking at her, "guess I'll tell you first. I'm going to be a priest; just made up my mind. Never thought I'd be one. Wasn't sure until a few days ago. Mother will be happy, won't she? Always wanted to give one of us to God. Well, to-morrow she'll have her chance. Good thing she'll have you left, though. Mom's getting frail. Needs somebody to look after her. Almost glad you never wanted to be a nun. If you had I couldn't go. Mom and Dad need one of us. Of course it would be different, if you wanted to be a nun. Queer how God fixes things, isn't it? But say what makes you so quiet? Don't you like the idea?"

"It's wonderful," said Margaret. "I'm so happy to think you are going to be a priest. That there was a long silence. On and on old Elizabeth rattled, but Margaret's heart no longer sang. Her brain was a confused whirl. She scarcely heard the rattling of ancient Lizzie."

A Real Sacrifice
"Why did the Lord call me?" she whispered to herself. "If He meant not to let me come," and then, rebelliously: "I've as much right to go as Dick has. Why should I be the one to make the sacrifice? I'll tell Dick my plans. He's not selfish. He will understand. He'll stay at home to take care of Dad and Mother." She looked a little forward. "Dick," she said. He looked at her and in his eyes she saw for the first time the same look she had seen once in the eyes of Father David at college.—the look of one consecrated and anointed.

"I think it's wonderful," she faltered. "Wonderful to have you so very happy. I will take your place at home and care of Mother and Dad," and then to herself, "Maybe some day I can go."

From the writings of the brilliant Fritz Mahany we have already learned that the great chance did come for Margaret, and Margaret became the famous "Mother Blanche."

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Consider Colors, Advises Stylist

Have Definite Scheme for Each Complete Wardrobe; Stick to It.

A modern girl who works in an office or goes to school can get by if she has one practical suit and a simple dress for general daytime wear; a simple but decorative afternoon frock that is also adaptable to informal party wear, and an evening gown for formal occasions, writes Dorothea Hawley Cartwright, Hollywood fashion expert, in Talking Screen.

She really should have two coats, continues Miss Cartwright—one for roughing it and the other for more festive occasions. She should also have two hats—one for business, and one for dress-up. When you have bought or made these, then you can add to your wardrobe as your purse permits.

Have a definite color scheme for each wardrobe of the season, and stick to it, advises this stylist. Brown and beige; brown and green; blue and red; gray and black—each combination with one or two harmonizing colors that lend variety without destroying the color scheme. This helps keep the wardrobe budget within bounds, for, as you've probably discovered, it isn't the original cost of a dress that plays havoc with the purse.



One of the New Spring Ensembles for Sports Wear.

It's assembling the accessories to go with it! If one set of accessories combines charmingly with your entire wardrobe, it is because you have carefully planned your color scheme.

The logical starting point for a girl of moderate means is her coat. Usually the coat determines the general color scheme which she is to follow in her complete wardrobe. If her coat is black, she will choose dresses of red, bright blue, or gray. If it is brown, she will select accessories of certain shades of red, blue, beige, rust, or green. The girl who must make one coat do for both day and evening wear will find black more practical; but if she has an evening wrap, she will find brown preferable because of its present chic. A brown or dark blue coat can always be dyed black the second year, and in this way made to look like an entirely different wrap for very little cost.

Knowing Colors, Fabrics Is Important to Women

When you know what colors and fabrics are suited to your type, the battle of choosing becoming gowns is pretty well won. It is important also to know just what slippers to wear with certain ensembles, and also what type of jewelry goes with certain gowns and shoes. The following combinations will be among those popular during the spring:

- Spanish red flat crepe frock, strap slipper dyed to match. Onyx necklace and ring.
- Soft blue lace frock, copper velvet evening wrap. Metal brocade slippers.
- Printed chiffon frock, short velvet wrap in dominant color of print. Slippers dominant color.
- Peach lace frock, brocade slippers shot with henna. Henna accents.
- Wrap print taffeta frock with pink and white on green, emerald green crepe de chine opera pumps. Emerald accents.
- Yellow-white satin frock, copper velvet wrap. Copper slippers.

Decorative Effects on Umbrellas and Parasols

The umbrella and parasol are rebelling against the everyday, monotony to which they have been relegated in the past and are striving for decorative effect without yielding anything in utility. Naturally it is the handle that gets first consideration, though fabrics and patterns are also forsaking the ordinary blacks and navy blues. Pagliacci adorns a black and white striped silk umbrella. He is made of black and white porcelain and effectively tops the umbrella. His twin appears at the other end. A flamingo curls back its long neck in a graceful curve to form the handle of another umbrella.

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Catholic Tracts Will Be Mailed To Non-Catholics

Detroit, April 18.—Five councils of the Knights of Columbus in the metropolitan area of Detroit are financing the work of the Literature Bureau, which is distributing apologetical literature among non-Catholics. Councils taking part in the distribution of the literature are Detroit, George Monaghan; St. Paul Gabriel Richard and Highland Park.

Thousands of pamphlets will be mailed by these Councils, and helpful books, including "The Faith of Our Fathers," by Cardinal Gibbons. The work has the hearty approval of the Church authorities.

Jewish Banker Honored By Pope For His Charity

Philadelphia, April 11.—Albert M. Greenfield, Jewish banker and mayor of this city, is one of ten persons upon whom Pope Pius XI has just conferred honors. Cardinal Dougherty, who recently returned from a trip around the world, has just announced.

The title of commander in the order of Pius XI has been given to Mr. Greenfield. The tribute was paid to him, according to Cardinal Dougherty, because of his liberal contributions to Catholic institutions and charities of the Archdiocese. Cardinal Dougherty brought back announcements of a number of other Papal honors, chiefly for clergy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

C. D. A. Food Sale Set For Saturday At 407 E. Main St.

Court Rochester, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold a food sale on Saturday this week at 407 Main Street East. Miss M. Irene Culliton, chairman of the social committee, will be in charge and she will be assisted by Miss Jessie Hogan, vice-chairman and the following committee: Miss Lila Bell, Mrs. Gertrude Bernard, Miss Teresa M. Brayer, Mary Coleman, Miss Irene Futherer, Mrs. Gertrude Hall, Mrs. Anna Lamplier, Mrs. Theresa Manuel, Miss Mary McHale, Miss Ella G. O'Neil, Miss Elizabeth Roby, Miss Virginia Siegrist, Miss Helen Stauder, Mrs. Josephine Van Vechten, Mrs. Annetta Wickham, Miss Elizabeth Wickham and Miss Margaret Wickham. Home-made bread, muffins, pies, cookies, cakes, baked beans and salads will be on sale.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

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In the urgent solitude
Lies the spur to large moods:
In the friendship of the trees
Dwell all sweet serenities.
—Ethelwyn Wetherald.

AFTERNOON TEA DAINTIES

The cup of tea with a few congenial spirits, gives one an opportunity to enjoy a few moments of conversation, which in this day and age seems impossible over the bridge table. Almond Sandwiches.— Mash one-half of a package of cream cheese with a tablespoonful of lemon juice, adding more if needed to give the right consistency and flavor. Now add one-eighth of a pound of ground almonds. Spread on buttered slices of white bread, cut into diamond-shaped pieces. Put three small pieces of candied orange peel down the center of each sandwich.

Date Sandwiches.—Take one cupful of ground dates, a tablespoonful of orange juice, mix well, add one-fourth cupful of ground pecans and one-eighth teaspoonful of cinnamon. Spread on buttered slices of bread into finger-sized pieces and decorate with half a pecan.

Small cakes, french pastry, cookies and wafers, vie with the sandwiches on the tea table.

Candied preserves, conserves, as well as candy wafers, add to the delights of the afternoon cup of tea.

Lemon Ice Box Cookies.—Take one cupful of shortening, one and one-half cupfuls of sugar, three beaten eggs, two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, one teaspoonful of grated lemon peel, five cupfuls of flour, one-half teaspoonful of salt; candied orange peel, chopped nuts, or raisins may be used as top decorations. Roll up and place in the ice chest. Cut into thin slices in the morning and bake quickly.

Lemon as well as cream and sugar is served now at all tea tables. A few cloves stuck into each lemon slice is well liked by some. A compartment in which is grated lemon rind, grated orange rind, crushed pineapple and raspberry jam, is another addition. Each guest may indicate her preference when taking her cup of tea.

As most people like sugar, use the cubes that have been flavored with orange or lemon.

Nellie Maxwell

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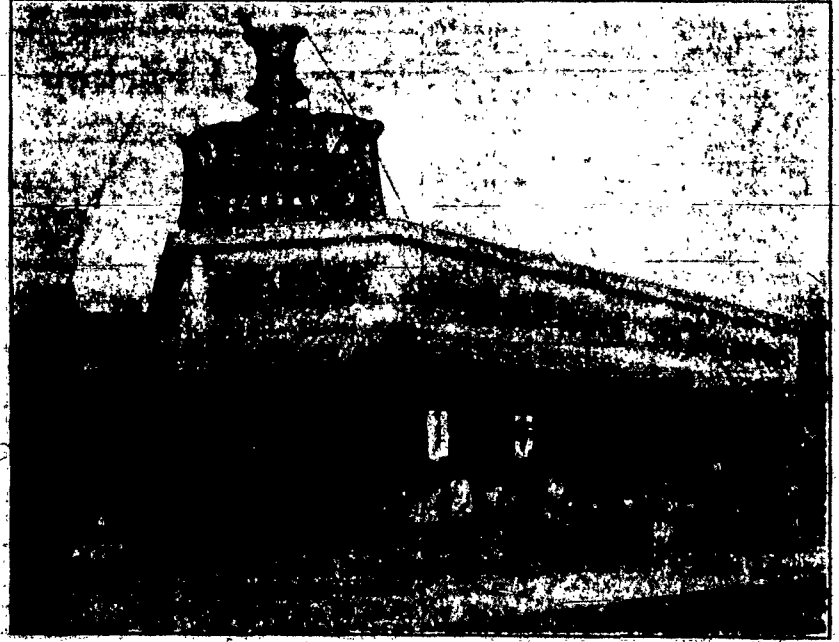
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