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Greetings When it's dreamed of a toast night, make it seem special with toast cups in place of plain toast. Trim crusts from fresh bread, press into muffin tins or custard cups and bake till brown in moderate oven.

For your holiday entertaining don't forget that the **ATLANTIC HOUSE**, 380 Main Street, E. has the finest ever fruited candied fruits. The mixture includes orange, lemon, citron, pineapple and plenty of cherries, and is priced at 40c per pound. For aristocratic tastes rum and sherry fruits can be had at 53c per pound. Who not try some of the fancy whole large almonds this **ATLANTIC** is featuring at 49c per pound, and new imported dates at 2 pounds for 45c.

For gifts and small families, bake fruit cakes in small pans. Little 6-inch pans or No. 8 tin cans are ideal for this. A one-pound cake will bake in 1 1/2 hours in a very slow oven (350 degrees F.).

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AT OUR HOUSE

"Better not wear those pink pajamas, Virginia," I said, putting her to bed. "There are two buttons gone. Wear the blue ones." "Only one button gone." "But I'm a big girl I can pin 'em. See?" She gasped and choked and got blue in the face. Quickly I put my finger as far as it would go into her throat. "Was it open?" "Open—closed." "Desperately I tried to remember exactly what my fingers had touched in that little throat. The pin had felt closed—but was that the spring end?"

As dawn crept in the windows we made another check. Virginia was still sleeping. "She couldn't be in pain," I whispered. "And Dr. Rude said if there was no pain..." "Oh, but I got an awful pain," Virginia said, waking up brightly and jumping out of her bed. "I think I ought to sleep with Daddy." "This was the last straw..." "Don't you know a ham actress when you see one?" The Head of the House grinned.

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Finally our turn came. "Tell me when you're going to take the picture," Virginia said, and she smiled. With an open safety pin in hand? By this time we were sure that the pin was open and we were ready for the works. The doctor p. Virginia on the huge table, darkened the room completely, and we stood on either side holding her hands. He adjusted huge leather spectacles and turned on an eerie red light. We held our breath as the doctor leaned over the table.

He turned on the lights, straightened up and smiled at us. "It's closed," he said. "A small pin, securely closed. Watch for it in about 24 hours. No cathartics and plenty of soft foods and she'll be O.K." Funny how an unknown doctor in dark leather spectacles can look so much like an angel. "I feel a lot better since the man in the funny glasses took that safety pin out," Virginia said as we left the room. "What'd I tell you?" The Head of the House said over her head. "Ham actress!"

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Gold on green metallic paper wrapping, lavishly ribboned and decorated with holly. That's the holiday outfit **Ballerina Dusting Powder** has put on and comes complete with imported lamb's wool puff. Priced at \$3.50. It's a gift that will be welcome under any Christmas tree.

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Virginia Makes 15-Dollar Meal of a Safety Pin

By **MARY TINLEY DALY**

"It's gone," Virginia gasped, then asked sadly, "Got another safety pin?" "Shakily I telephoned Dr. Rude. "Since she's breathing all right, it didn't go down the windpipe," he said seriously. "Give her soft bread and water, and have an X-ray first thing in the morning. The pin's probably closed or she'd be complaining of pain."

VIRGINIA WENT to sleep peacefully but every half hour we went in to check. There wasn't much sleeping that night for us. "Was it closed?" "Was it open?" "Open—closed." "Desperately I tried to remember exactly what my fingers had touched in that little throat. The pin had felt closed—but was that the spring end?"

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'I HEAR YOU CALLING ME'



His Eminence **Samuel Cardinal Stritch**, Archbishop of Chicago, chats about the triumphs of the famous Irish tenor, **John McCormack**, with the singer's widow, **Lily**. Mrs. McCormack was visiting in Chicago where she spoke in the Cathedral auditorium on the occasion of the publication of her book about her husband entitled: "I Hear You Calling Me." Cardinal Stritch is shown as he glances at a portrait of the famed tenor on the copy of the book which Mrs. McCormack presented to him. John McCormack received seven papal decorations and in his capacities of papal knight had served in the Court for three popes. He died in 1945. (St. Photos)

Good Little 'Bad Girl' Wins Converts

Hiroshima, Japan—(NC)—Hiroko, a little nine-year-old girl, was very mischievous. But just see what she kicked up. Her anxious mother finally sent her to the school of the Sisters Helpers of the Holy Spirit here for the best interests in the family. Hiroko changed so much—for the better—that her mother was impressed and soon she was baptized along with her four children.

Then Hiroko's great-uncle, nearly 70, became ill, and at the behest of Hiroko's mother, she, too, embraced the Faith. As she lay on her deathbed, the great-uncle used her prerogative as oldest member of the clan, to urge all her relatives to become Catholics.

It's too early to say how far Hiroko's "mischievous" will go in the clan, but two other great aunts are studying Catholic doctrine. Two grand-children and a daughter-in-law of the deceased have just been received in the Church. And several of her nephews also have hopped on the Catholic bandwagon.

Theology Dean Washington (NC) The Very Rev. Francis J. Connelley, S.S., Superior of Holy Redeemer college of Catholic University of America, has been appointed dean of Catholic University's School of Sacred Theology.

THERE WE LOOK—the face of this king and see the great joy for money which led him to destroy the one earthly thing he should have loved—his child. And then looking down into a woman's captured heart, we see the same greedy blood-curdling selfishness way through all the years, and know that a king's there is no difference between Midas and our selves.

He was a king who, blinded by a thirst for wealth, killed his child. And we are children, who, blinded by the same desire for wealth, will take away the life of our King. Ninety-two years ago when this little king came with a...

MISS MEALEY NOW NCCW SECRETARY

Washington (NC) Miss Margaret Mealey of Oakland, Calif., has been named new executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women. Miss Mealey who has had wide experience in planning and administering program activities and services for women and girls served for the past year as National Director of Services to Women and Girls for the National Catholic Community Service.

SHE SUCCEEDED Mrs. Ruth Craven Rock who resigned from the Women's Council past recently at the time of her marriage to Professor George Rock of the Catholic University of America. The appointment was announced here by Mrs. A. S. Lucas of Birmingham Ala. NCCW president following a meeting of the NCCW executive committee.

Miss Mealey is the fourth executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women. Miss Agnes Regan also from the San Francisco archdiocese who died in 1943 was the first Executive Secretary serving NCCW from 1920 to 1941. Miss Margaret T. Lynch succeeded Miss Regan serving until 1943 when she resigned and was succeeded by the former Miss Craven.

Woodsen seipre to take his throne of stow, the gone the Frank cente and the mirth were laid at his feet the ribes of the earth glorified His coronation. Today, all that is brought to the infant Jesus is what's left over after the commercialists fill their stockings with His birthday presents. Christmas shopping, presents, Santa Claus and Toyland are not to be condemned but diminished until they bow low before the Monarch in the shining robes who is the Christ in our Christmas—God tucked in the sweet body of a babe.

We have just two weeks to decide whether our Christmas song will be the church bells "Venite Adoremus" or a store window Santa's "Ho, ho, ho!"

Midas was supremely thankful for his gift and revealed in it, until one day his little daughter ran up to him, threw her arms around her daddy and suddenly could not kiss him, sing to him, love him or even again bring him the sweet joy he had cherished so much.

As Christmas with her Thurs day night shopping and holy bedecked department stores is hurriedly made ready, hands are turned to the Midas golden snout.

Nursing Schools Tokyo, Nippon Two nursing schools one for special training in tuberculosis care will be established by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis in Japan according to Mother, Magdalene Provincial Superior of the community in the United States.

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Order of the Royal Robe

A blanket hardly seems like a royal robe. But it becomes just that when the bodily warmth it gives is only the overflow of the warmth of charity, the royal virtue, in the heart of the donor who gives the blanket to God's needy. We recently received an order from Monsignor McMahon for an enormous supply of blankets: "One for each family, at least," he says. Little enough these cold winter nights in a refugee camp. We thought you might like to be part of this Order of the Royal Robe. Your charity and five dollars will purchase a blanket, and a few other essentials, for a family.

NO FHA You give all your spare time and effort in labor. You spend all you have for materials. But you, home is still unfinished. So you take a loan in Patras the people poor and weary from war, rebuilt their ruined church of St. Andrew with their own labor and their own few pennies, \$400 in all. They've done their best but they need \$600 to finish. We're their only FHA. Can you help finish the job?

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DEC. 6 That's the real feast of Santa Claus, you know. And he landed in this office with a blue uniform and leather bag, instead of the red suit and cloth sack on his own feast day. We got a letter and a check. The message... "This is my Xmas Club check. I have no children and Xmas without them has no meaning. Maybe you know some for whom this will help make Xmas happy." We know thousands of them. And we'll be glad to give them the benefit of your Xmas Club gifts.

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