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AT OUR HOUSE
Grandma's Tales of Violence
Live Again—in the Bible

By MARY TINSLEY DALY

"Tell me a story, Mommy," Ginny begged, in bed with the pillows. I looked through her bookcase. "Cinderella?" "I'm tired of Cinderella." "The Three Bears?" "No. Tell me a story, like you heard when you were a little girl." My mind went back to Grandma Tinsley and her absorbing stories: about a little boy named David and his slingshot; Lot and his salty wife; poor Mr. Job and his trouble; St. Paul thrown from a horse...

Best of all was Grandma's story about Ruth. I think she liked it best too. Grandma knew what it meant to be homeless; knew how it felt when, as a bride, she had left her native country to brave frontier days in the new West. Somehow, Ruth's story was Grandma's story and her words were Grandma's: "Whitherover thou shalt go, I will go; and where thou shalt dwell, I also will dwell. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

He, I told Ginny the story of Ruth and the one about Joseph and his coat-of-many-colors that Joseph had made for him. "Those brothers were sure scoundrels," Ginny said. "Rage the cops got 'em." Ginny got over her cold but not over her love of "those good stories." The older children listened in too, though these stories were familiar to them. Through the influence of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Bible stories are being made interesting in school. "They're real people, aren't they?" Mary asked.

A LONG TIME since I'd thought of those stories yet they will come back, almost in Grandma's own words—taken straight from her reading and re-reading of that big, heavy family Bible. When Grandma came to the Book, my cousins and I shivered and wondered... What if God would do that again? None of us had ever seen an ocean but we had seen the Missouri River rise with the spring floods...

HEADS THE PRESS INSTITUTE



Newly-elected officers of Catholic Institute of the Press were received by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at his residence. The Cardinal is shown congratulating new president, Fulton Oursler, well-known author and lecturer. (NC Photos)

Chicago Catholics Told To Observe Burial Regulations

Chicago — (RNS) — A letter signed by Samuel Cardinal Stritch emphasizing that Roman Catholics must be buried in Catholic cemeteries was read in all churches of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Cardinal, who instructed that burial regulations be brought to the attention of all parishioners "each month for the next year," declared that Catholic interment "may not be considered a right or a privilege which may be rejected at will. It is a definite and grave obligation." Each priest in the archdiocese received a copy of the letter together with a copy of the archdiocesan regulations on Catholic burial. In his letter, Cardinal Stritch declared: "It is a matter of great concern to us that many in the Archdiocese disregard our regulations governing the interment of Catholics in cemeteries other than Catholic cemeteries. We have become the more conscious of this disregard through information obtained by our Chancery Office in verifying facts disclosed in obituary notices."

Among Women
Homes Prep for Cana

By MARY LENNON SNYDER
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"This Pre-Cana Conference is a fine thing," a thoughtful observer once said to me. "but what is really needed is a pre-Cana course." By that he meant that when young people are sufficiently mature to be engaged to be married, their ideals are fairly well crystallized. If the world is in their spiritual bloodstream there is needed a stronger antidote than a course of six lectures on the Catholic ideals of the married state. The pre-Cana course should be furnished by the Catholic home and happily in many instances it is so that the Pre-Cana lectures simply bring into focus the true picture of a happy Catholic marriage. Surveys indicate that the best preparation for a happy married life of one's own is to be fortunate enough to be raised in a happy home; and since happiness is found only when eternal values are given their rightful place, we might say that good Catholic homes train and indoctrinate children to be in their own turn good home-makers.

Not too long ago, an acquaintance, valuing highly her intellectual background and her thoroughly antiaepic surroundings, commented on the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima and to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. "Isn't it strange that the Blessed Virgin should appear in such dirty places to such stupid little children?" Baid as the statement is, its truth can not be denied. It is a matter of record that the places were unattractive before the apparitions, and the children were regarded as in no way extraordinary. Someone else in the group said, "Perhaps that was Our Blessed Lady's way of pointing out that the things we value so highly on earth are of little interest in Heaven." Here we modern women might

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Confession Aids Mental Troubles

Notre Dame, Ind. — Modern psychiatry alone is not enough to cure all of men's mental sicknesses, according to the Rev. Felix D. Duffy, C.S.C., assistant editor of Ave Maria, National Catholic magazine published at the University of Notre Dame. In a new book entitled Psychiatry and Asceticism, Father Duffy calls attention to "ailments which affect the peace of mind and which can best be treated by the methods of Christian discipline."

IN SOME CASES he declares, these mental disturbances are simply symptoms of a worried and guilty conscience. For Catholics in such circumstances, he prescribes the Sacrament of Confession.

Father Duffy emphasizes the fact that psychiatric aid is essential in clear cases of recognized mental illness, but he draws a sharp distinction between the problems which require such treatment and problems which are more properly in the realm of spiritual counselors.

High Schoolers To Teach Catechism

New Orleans — (NC) — Thirteen high school girls and seven boys have qualified here as teachers of catechism and will teach in parishes that have asked for such services. Twelve of this group will begin their duties in February in four parishes, while the remainder expect to be assigned soon after. The new program is the result of a movement begun last October in the High School Sodality Union when sixty members began to prepare for teaching doctrine and methods in Sunday morning sessions held at Jesuit High School.

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Whether you are old enough to personally remember the flaming 1920's or were at the time just a gleam in your daddy's eye... **LA MODE**, the world's largest creator of fashion buttons, has transposed this theme into a new Spring collection which has just arrived in our local shops. The buttons are beautiful! For your suits and coats, **LA MODE** suggests buttons that have suitable simplicity, yet not discerning drama determined by the fashion and the fabric. Large circles of plastic are sometimes rimmed or latticed with metal. Wood and cork buttons have the casual look for country clothes.

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