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Buttons, As High Fashion Highlights, Set New Record

No "ifs" or "ands" about it! Actually, factually bushels of buttons must have gone into the recent Paris collections. They're still high-fashion highlights (for the fourth consecutive season) and surely are setting up some kind of record for most-in-demand decor.

WHILE FEW of us may have the good fortune to own a French Original... it's wonderful to realize that copies can be made which are complete, even to the last neat button!

Yes, it's true... La Mode, the world's biggest button creator (whose styles are, of course, sold here in Rochester, has made arrangements with the most important French houses to reproduce their button designs right here in America.

Some are exact "Couture Copies"... others are inspired designs... all have a finesse which explains their success. The designers just couldn't resist them!

While the button designs in La Mode's new collection meet number well into the hundreds, we try to give you a word's eye view! New metal buttons look old! Both silver and gold metal have been given a new look, antique finish, etc. etc. designs and greater have interesting dignity. Wilgus is favored. Small, sculptured coral and turquoise stones set in intricate key gold metal look as though they might have been retrieved from Granny's button box.

IN JEWELRY-TYPE buttons, brilliant are abaxial. Single stones range from small, least-noticeable sizes to beautiful single stones almost as big as your thumbnail! Kings-ransom clusters combine emerald-cut and rose-cut stones.

Like Lorelei, La Mode prefers diamonds, but also shows lots of would-be tops, emeralds, aquamarines, sapphires and rubies. Pearls are, as always, an important part of the La Mode collection. Gray ocean pearls rimmed with metal, or set with a

WORKSHOP ON HOSPITALS



The first Catholic regional workshop on hospital problems in the East took place in the downtown building of St. John's University, Brooklyn, N. Y., with nearly every hospital and health center of the East represented. Nine from communities devoted to the care of the sick attended the three-day program covering all phases of administrative responsibilities in the hospitals.

Left to right: Sister Hildegard, of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal, Canada; Sister Dora Gagnon, of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick, N. J.; Sister Carmella, of the Sisters of St. Francis, St. Francis Hospital, Detroit; Sister M. Helen, Sisters of Charity, Holy Family Hospital, Brooklyn. (NC Photos)

Among Women Parental Blessing

The coming of Advent and the starting of another liturgical cycle might be an apt time to consider how we can make our family life grow with the life of Christ in His Church during the coming year.

Local and national tradition supplies us with many suggestions of which I would like to mention the bestowing of the parental blessing upon the children, once so common and today almost lost in the hustle of modern living.

MANY OF us count among our earliest memories the sound of our bedroom door being shut by our mother, the hall lights being switched off, Mother's steps descending the stairs (we didn't know then that they were probably carrying a heart grateful that another day spent in our care was coming to a well earned repose) and they, moved by man's avastive fear of night and darkness we called, "Good Night and God bless you, Mother!"

That was merely an opening for her response which we wanted to hear just once more — to remind us that as she answered, "Good night and God bless you, children," and then added practically, "And no more talking — go right to sleep." God and our Guardian Angels were with us in that upstairs and distant darkness.

This simple little blessing keeps in the mind of the child the nearness of God to each of us, and brings into his growing consciousness the feeling of the nearness of God in all our living days. It fosters in us the practice of constant prayer and the joy of always walking in the presence of Our Lord.

IT LEADS easily to longer and more formal prayers of the Church — the recitation of the Angelus, the saying of the Family Rosary, the keeping in the family circle of the great feasts of the Church calendar.

The three little words said

Pastry Pumpkins

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WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

First-year Latin comes to our house again and this time it's Eileen's turn.

Sitting at the dining-room table and mulling to herself, she finally threw down the pen and stared at the paper before her. "I've translated this sentence five times and none of 'em makes sense," she said. "None of the stuff makes sense as far as I can see."

I glanced over her shoulder. *Puer parvulus in campo premium postea bene dat*, the sentence read.

"What's your subject?" I asked automatically.

"It's either a little boy or a prize or some poets," Eileen said. "All of 'em could be nominative."

"Take a look at the verb," I suggested. Finally, Eileen dug the sentence out from under-
 word by word, case by case—and discovered that "The little boy gives a prize to the good poet in the field."

"Of all dumb things," she muttered. "What little boy would give a prize to a poet in a field?"

"Maybe the kid was the mascot and giving out Oscars that night," Pat suggested blithely en route to the kitchen to press a dress.

"WAY, NOW about your helping untangle some of this!" I asked. "Seems to me I've had my share of Latin—first with you and then with Johnny and now Eileen!"

"Me?" Pat replied. "No thanks! Besides, you oughta be good after all that practice. I'll iron anything you need, though."

Seemed like a fair exchange so I loaded her up. Work with the hands or work with the head is the motto at our house.

The next one wasn't so easy, nor the one after that, but she kept on until she was GROGGY. By the time she came to the Gauls and their love of their native land, Eileen didn't know a subject from a direct object, the verbs were a total loss, and we were both losing patience.

The other children, their homework finished, were in bed but the Eternal Language remained just that.

"Gee, I'm hungry," Eileen said. The Head of the House, absorbed in his paper up to that moment, called, "How's about popping some corn?"

WHILE EILEEN and I were in the kitchen and the popcorn was merely bumping itself into fluffy kernels, Eileen asked seriously, "How long'd you study Latin, Mom?"

"Five years," I answered, getting a jug of cider out of the refrigerator.

"Five years!" she gasped. "All that time wasted! Why,

Time-tested Reasons For Studying Latin

I've known you for fourteen years and the only time you've ever used Latin was to help Pat and Johnny and me. Does that prove there's no real use for the old stuff?"

I remembered feeling the same way. Might as well trot out all the old arguments. "But most of our English words are of Latin derivation," I explained, sounding to my own ears like my first year Latin teacher. "It helps you to understand English better."

"But wouldn't five years of studying English have been better?"

"We studied English too," I said, skirting around the argument, "and besides it's training for the mind in accuracy you know." (That was the clincher they always dragged out.)

"Can't see it," she said, shaking her head. "When you just go to school and then get married, what's the use of Latin?"

THERE, I thought she's led right into my hand... get married...

New Social Justice Magazine Announced

St. Louis, Mo. (NC) Devoted to discussions of American social problems, a new magazine, Social Order, will begin publication for unrestricted circulation in January, 1951. It has been announced by the Rev. Leo C. Brown, S.J., national director of the Institute of Social Order, here.

Father Brown said the magazine has been published for several years for restricted circulation among Jesuits in the United States and in other parts of the world. He added: "In response to repeated requests from persons to whom the magazine has been submitted for comment, we have been encouraged to offer it to a larger audience."

Dried Beef Morsels
 Entire guests with these clever tidbits. Roll thin slices of dried beef into cornucopias, fasten with colored picks, then stuff smoky cheese.

Santa Claus Suggestions

Make a "Sock Doll"

No. 220. The smaller doll can be made from a child's size 7 sock; the larger doll from men's sock size 11. Use scrap bag pieces for the clothes, yarn or ribbon for the trimming.

Send 25c for each Pattern with Name, Address, Style Number, Address Pattern Bureau, Catholic Courier Journal, Box 43, Old Chelsea Station, New York 11, N.Y.

ORANGE SHISH KEBABS

Orange shish kebabs are the newest and most unusual of luncheon dishes. If you don't have any small skewers, use regular drinking straws, ice cream stirrers or anything along those lines.

Peel several flavorful fresh California oranges, slice them into rather thick circles. Then arrange alternate layers of orange with thick slices of banana starting and ending with orange circles.

Top the stick with a large grape or maraschino cherry. If desired, dip each shish kebab in Lemon French Dressing and serve two on each plate. Try this salad on young and old and watch the enthusiastic faces light up when they see such an unusual luncheon dish. Children will be pleased that they can pick up the whole salad—the adults will enjoy such a novel salad idea.

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PROUDLY WE HAIL

THE OUTSTANDING WORK done by the Holy Father's Relief Mission for Palestine. It is giving food, clothing, shelter and education to 25,000 children alone in over 30 school-camps in Lebanon, Jordan and nearby sections. Perhaps it's in this field you'd prefer to fetes Our Savior's birthday. Send a check for the Refugee Fund.

REGULAR INCOME COUNTS

IN A FAMILY and also in a mission parish or convent. We can give steady support to vital Near East projects when you join our Dollar-a-Month Club. Pick one or all of these and write in this week—**CERYSTOMES** (Sensory training), **BASILIANI** (Parochial school aid), **MARY'S BANK** (Neville training), **MONICA GULD** (Sensory furnishings), **DAMIAN LEFER FUND** (Care of leprosy victims).

DON BOSCO TODAY
 CONTINUE HIS YOUTH WORK thru his spiritual sons of the Salesian Order. They conduct a trade school in Nazareth where once the Boy Christ Himself learned to be a carpenter. The Salesian Fathers beg you to help them give both Nazarenes and refugee lads a start in life. Will you let us mail you \$5 or \$10 offering?

DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM
 IS YOUNG DIANA YOUZY, who has offered herself to Jesus as a Novice of the Rosary Sisters in Lebanon. To support her during her training period the nuns have asked our help. \$150 is needed for each of her 2 years. Will someone aid this volunteer from the Holy City?

TWO SAINTS OF THIS WEEK
 Loved the Church in the Near East.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER baptised Myra in Asia Minor. On Wed. Oct. Sunday, Dec. 3, his feast, we in many hands will receive gifts in Changanacherry, India, where the memory of this prototype of Sister Carmelle nuns of the Malabare Class. We believe "Saint Nick" Rite train Novices for their mission work. Will you honor St. Francis by a donation to this of the American youngsters in chapel to help nuns who, among many other works, prepare 5000 for St. Nicholas will gladden hearts in Asia Minor.

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