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■ WHAT'S NEW

A Mail Order Sausage Maker From Down Under

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SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

So you want to make your very own sausage with your very own spice blend? Well, now you can, thanks to the new sausage maker from International Cook King, which brings this complete kit to you from Australia.

The basic unit, priced at \$29.95, plus postage and handling, comes with a sausage gun for filling the collagen casings, a spice mixture, and a free meat grinder. The gourmet version is \$69.95, but either can be ordered by calling the toll free number, 800-637-7332, or write to International Cook King, 8033 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90045.

■ Something wonderful arrived in the mail this week that redefines fast food for kiddies. My Own Meals is a line of microwaveable, shelf-stable meals specifically developed for children between two to eight years old, and the meals contain no artificial flavors, no MSG, no preservatives and are low in sugar and salt. But the real question was, how do they taste?

Our experts, two young men, tried them and all agreed they loved the Chicken Please entree: chicken, corn, potatoes and carrots. In fact, not a scrap was left on the plate. The other chicken entree, My Kind of Chicken, features chicken, brown rice, and carrots and peas.

The least favorite, according to

the junior jury, were the meatballs and shells, since the meatballs had bits of raisins in them and the pasta was overcooked.

The other pasta dish, which featured ground pork, macaroni, barley and lentils in tomato sauce, was somewhat bland for these insouciant gourmets.

We're saving the turkey meat-

balls to try another day, but they're all available, by mail order, and kids seem to love the idea of meals just made for them in just the right amounts.

Costs range from \$2.39 to \$2.99 per entree. They can be ordered from My Own Meals, Inc., 400 Lake Cook Road, Suite 107, P.O. Box 334, Deerfield, Illinois 60015. Or call: (312) 948-1118.