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Sleeping Beauty Found at Home

WELLESLEY, Mass., Aug. 26—
(AP)—A pretty 20-year-old Smith college [college] senior who vanished Monday after telling her mother she was going hiking was found Wednesday [Wednesday] semi-conscious but apparently uninjured under the porch of her home.

While searchers fanned out in a widespread search, Sylvia Plath was located by her brother, Warren [Warren], 19, and her grandmother, Mrs. Aurelia Schbar, 66, who heard moans coming from the cellar.

The girl was found behind a pile of lumber in a tiny space under the porch, through which entrance is gained by a 2½ foot opening above five feet above the cellar floor.

Police chief Robert McVey said an empty water jar and a container of eight sleeping tablets were found by the girl's side. He said the bottle had contained 48 tablets when full.

Her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University profess-

sor [professor] said her daughter had been depressed because she felt "she was unworthy of the confidence [confidence] held for her by the people she knew For some time she had been unable to write either fiction or poetry."

Miss Plath was taken to Newton-Wellesley hospital where a spokesman [spokesman] described her condition as "fair." The spokesman added that she had suffered "no apparent serious injury."

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