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Smith College
Girl Found
Unharmed

WELLESLEY, Thursday (AP)
—A pretty 20-year-old Smith
College senior—who vanished
Monday after telling her moth-
er [mother] she was going hiking—was
found yesterday semi-conscious
but apparently uninjured un-
der [under] the porch of her home.

While searchers fanned out
in a widespread search, Sylvia
Plath was located by her broth-
er [brother], Warren, 18, and her grand-
mother [grandmother], Mrs. Aurelia Schobar,

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66, who heard moaning coming
from the cellar of their home.

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

Condition Fair

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

Chief McVey described the cubicle in which the girl was found as a 20 by 10-foot area, surrounded on three sides by a cement wall, and floored with dirt. He said she apparently moved considerable kindling and scrap lumber, crawled into the tiny space and then replaced [replaced] the covering wood.

Passed Up In Search

McVey said searchers passed up the sub-porch area in Monday's [Monday's] search of the house because [because] the lumber looked as if it had not been disturbed. The family habitually stored it there.

Miss Plath, editor of her college [college] literary review magazine, had been a frequent contributor [contributor] of fiction and poetry to magazines and other publications [publications].

Transcribed by Peter K. Steinberg, 15 September 2016.