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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 mother [mother] she was going hiking—was found yesterday semi-conscious but apparently uninjured under [under] the porch of her home.

While searchers fanned out in a widespread search, Sylvia Plath was located by her brother [brother], Warren, 18, and her grandmother [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.