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[Photograph of SP wearing necklace and jacket]

SYLVIA PLATH

...*"I shut my eyes."*

Girl Found Moaning In Own Cellar

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Wellesley, Mass., Aug. 26—
Sylvia Plath, 20-year old Smith
College Senior, object of a
widespread search since Mon-
day [Monday], was found today semi-
conscious in the cellar of her
own home.

She was taken to Newton-Welles-
ley [Newton-Wellesley] Hospital, where officials listed
her condition as "fair" and said
she had suffered "no apparent se-
rious [serious] injury."

**Police said the girl was located
by a brother summoned by her
grandmother who heard moaning
sounds.**

She was in a small space under
the porch of the home to which
entrance is gained from the cellar
proper by an opening 2½ feet
square which is about shoulder
height from the floor of the cellar.

Police Chief Robert McVey said
an empty water jar and a bottle

containing eight sleeping tablets were by the girls' side. McVey said the bottle originally contained 48 pills.

This area, with a dirt floor space 20 by 10 feet, as cement walls on three sides with the fourth being the foundation of the house.

Opening Blocked

The opening was blocked by kindling [kindling] and scrap lumber, where the family habitually stored it.

McVey said the girl apparently pushed the wood aside, crawled in and replaced the lumber.

He said that portion of the cellar was not searched Monday because the family expressed opinion the wood in the opening had not been disturbed.

"We should have looked anyway," [anyway,] said McVey.

Leaves Mother Note

The mother said that her daughter [daughter] – who has contributed to national [national] magazines – had been despondent [despondent] over a temporary inability [inability] to go on with creative writing.

Her latest poem, written when she was guest editor of the current issue of the magazine "Mademoiselle," ["Mademoiselle,"] was entitled "Mad Girl's Love Song." It began and ended with the words:

"I shut my eyes and all the world
drops dead."

Transcribed by Peter K. Steinberg, 8 September 2016.