Discovering My Surroundings

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My life has been that of a normal American girl. Father has always held up high ideals for me and done every thing in his power to give me a good education and the worthwhile things in life.

The early training of almost every child of the last twenty years was mine. I attended public school, experiencing the joys and sorrows of a small child, who for the first time in his life finds himself part of a cooperative group. It didn't take me long to find that I was required to do certain tasks before leaving school for the day, and that if these things were not done I must give up part of my play time to complete them.

Outside of school I spent some of my time on music lessons. I can think of nothing more dull for a child than to be made to sit at a piano and hear the laughter and shouts of those more fortunate children out doors. But the pleasure I get now from the piano has repaid me many times for the hours spent in practicing.

My high school career was uneventful but the happiest part of my life up to now. It was here that I became interested in chemistry and decided upon it for my profession. This decision along with the friends I made are the important events of that period. I know have a goal.

I have spent my vacations at resorts in northern Michigan, and it was here that I learned to love an outdoor life. I have always loved to swim and sail, and lately I have acquired an interest in golf and tennis. Besides a love for sports my vacations have taught me to love the peace and beauty of the woods.

My brother has played a very small part in my life. We have been friends always but never close companions. The five years difference in our ages has been just enough to separate us. We have never been interested in the same things until lately he has acquired my interest in golf and tennis. The games I have played with him have shown me what a fine sportsman he is and underneath the "freshy" exterior I usually see is a person I want to know.

Mother has always been my friend. She is rather young and seems like an older sister to me. It is to her I take all my troubles and confidences. However, it has been dad who shared my interests in sports and chemistry. He has encouraged me in the face of defeat and been my greatest help in school. He approves of my choice of chemistry although both he and mother believe that a girl's place is in the home. Whatever I do, however, I intend to devote all my time and energy to, and be successful.

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What could be more glorious than; all bundled up, the cold air nipping every place, your lungs responding beautifully, and the blood bounding along its way.

He was born in Putney in April, 1737, and his ancestry is unsolved.

Grub street is where simple harmless people work on dictionaries.