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What have *I* learned at college? Well, only last week I learned that if a puffy omelet turns green it is due to a slight chemical reaction in which ferrous sulfide is formed and that it is formed more readily in omelets to which water has been added than in those containing tomato juice.

I have learned how to manage time efficiently. It takes fourteen minutes to walk to Beardshear, seventeen minutes to Home Economics, and forty-five minutes to check out a book at the library loan desk. If I allow seven hours for sleep, two hours for meals, seven hours a day in various labs, I have left eight hours a day in which to participate in two activities, show a vital interest in college and world affairs, create life-long friendships, write an occasional letter home, and study for eight hours of classes the next day.

I have learned the art of living with other people, and believe me, it is an art to live with three other girls in a 9 x 12 room.

I have been handed neatly formulated opinions on religion, music, and art; and I can repeat those formulas in brief, correctly punctuated paragraphs. I have these things to give the world—a jeweled pin, a degree, and a tired heart.

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