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FOR graduation my parents gave me a trip to the national convention of the American Home Economics Association in Cleveland. It was a most inspiring and opportune experience. Not only did I contact 16 possible employers and view the commercial exhibits, but most thrilling of all, I saw enough of my chosen profession in action to be sure that I was in the right field.

Women whose scientific papers I have been reading the past 2 years spoke on their more recent research. They came from every home economics school in the country. At Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron breakfasts I sat next to them and met them personally.

HOW did I contact possible employers? By reading convention name tags and walking right up to women representing companies which might be interested in experimental cookery graduates, shaking their hands, introducing myself and stating my quest for a position. This approach was particularly fruitful at the HEIB luncheon, where there were only business home economists, many needing new women in their departments. While working the past two summers in California, I had attended HEIB meetings and was glad to renew those contacts at the convention. They helped me spread the news of my search by passing on my qualifications to their eastern friends.

The choice was of a city, of the type of food product represented, whether to work in the test kitchen exclusively or to answer letters and prepare pamphlets also. Several foods positions required all writing, others all testing and others some of each.

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