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because we weren't married. "What do you think you're doing?" she asked as I fled. I told her that someday I wanted to be half of a couple as ideal as Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. "Are you mad?" she replied. No, not mad. I had been out to lunch during another of life's revisions and, so had missed the disclosure that Eleanor didn't get along well with Franklin and that Franklin fooled around when she was out of town. Another part of my youthful education went to the dump. Perhaps it was not age that defeated me, though. Maybe it was fatigue caused by the constant trips to the dump to discard everything I'd learned in the first half of my life. Life seemed to be an educator's practical joke in which you spent the first half learning and the second half learning that everything you learned in the first half was wrong.

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