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Mr. Nicholas K. Roerich Roerich Museum 310 Riverside Drive New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Roerich:

Several American colleges have asked us to find out which sport, in the opinion of leaders of American art, is the most likely to develop grace, and beautifully proportioned bodies?

May we have your opinion?

How would you rank swimming, for example, with rowing, as an influence tending toward beautiful feminine proportions? How does the Big Apple compare with the Minuet as a course in carriage? How does diving compare with weight lifting as a developer of grace and poise?

Which sport seems to have the loveliest feminine exponents? Swimming, tennis, fencing, golf, diving or what? And how would you rank just plain general housework -- including the daily-shoving around of chairs, beds and pianos -- as a Venus de Milo-maker?

Of course you can be sure your comments will not be used in any advertising; they may be quoted in a journalistic symposium.

With many thanks for your thoughtful cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

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