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(Good Housekeeping)

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Dear Miss Sabin:

Famous Features Syndicate, a newspaper syndicate, has approached me with an offer to obtain for them a series of interviews with the women recently selected as America's most distinguished by the "Good Housekeeping" jury. I told the gentlemen of the syndicate that I would try, and I hoped for success. However, I am just sailing for Europe for a little vacation after a rather strenuous winter, and it will be impossible for me to see you personally, as I had hoped. Perhaps within the near future you would be able to write a little article for me along the lines I suggest below.

As you well know there has been tremendous interest in the selection by the "Good Housekeeping" jury. I must admit that despite my own poor qualifications I am flattered and happy to be associated with a group of women who have done so much for humanity. And I am sure the women of the nation would like to know more of the work and ideas of this representative group, and derive inspiration from them.

Your great work has been an inspiration not only to women in medicine, but to women in all walks of life. Perhaps in the little article I hope you will write for us you will say something of medicine as a field for women. I do not pretend to set up any particular subject, but I am sure there is something nearest your heart you might wish to tell us all about.

I think about 1,200 to 1,500 words would fulfill the requirements.

I feel guilty in making such a request, for I know the demands on your time and energies are many and great; but I feel that your articles would be of tremendous benefit to newspaper readers all over the country, and I am tremendously interested in making this series available to them.

With cordial regards,

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