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Dear Mr. Teetor:

The Naismith article was mailed to you, first class, Saturday evening, and should reach you by an early delivery Monday. I have checked over your specifications, and think I have covered most of the points you suggest. Dr. Naismith did not mention the introduction of the game into Australia, but did several other countries. One point occurs to me that you might wish to include, and that is that young women as well as men played the game.

The earliest games at Springfield were played just before the noon hour, and the noise attracted passers by from the adjoining street, including teachers in the public school. They wanted to form a team, and asked the young women in the Y.M. office to organize for games. There were not enough on the staff, so the sweethearts of some of staff helped out. Thus Mrs. Naismith was among the players on the first women's teams. She held her interest in the game until her death a year or more ago. The foregoing would fit in well after the first sentence of the paragraph at the bottom of page 6, starting a new paragraph with . . . "The 13 simple rules . . ."

Dr. F. C. Allen assured me today he would be pleased to present a phase of the Subsidization of Athletes, opposing what he calls the "hypocritical attitude that denies subsidization". He is, of course, opposed to the tramp athlete---the athletic youth who attends college, but gains nothing in education, and ends with a goodly bank account. He does believe, however, that the young man who wants an education should not be penalized because he wants also to engage in health-giving sports. Vast sums are used as scholarships for scholastic students who engage in other intramural activities, such as glee clubs, bands, and the like. Dr. Allen has a trenchant style, and commands attention, as witness his run in with the "trans-atlantic hitchhikers" in connection with the AAU and the Olympic games. How long should such an article be?

Yours very truly,

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P.S. Does it occur there might be something in the Pacific Northwest I might investigate for The Rotarian?

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