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PADDLING TO HAPPINESS - - Indian girls race  
canoes for the honour of a blessing from their  
patron saint.

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Picture:- This is really a race for happiness !  
Most people try the race, but not on the same  
course ! The belief of these Indian girls is that  
whoever wins this event will be the happiest bride--

--of the year, and in addition she'll receive the  
blessing of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint--

--of their tribe. The--

--squaws to be are very serious about--

--the contest, and sometimes - - hello - - - there's  
one who wants to be saved. They're all fine swimmers,  
but you can't blame them for paddling around until  
some strong male brute comes along to the rescue.  
Girls of all countries sometimes do that.

There's tremendous rivalry during the race,  
but when it's over the losing girls are not a  
bit jealous,--

--so they say, and you can believe that, or not !