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Possibly you have failed to realize that the majority of these girls are young, fair looking, well educated, well groomed and have been in the habit of making more money then the average business man's income.

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