

Sometime in mid 1916 William G. Pollock forwarded to Will Davis two of the communication's he'd received from John Splan. The communications consisted of a letter of May 29, 1916 and a June 6, 1916 telegram, both referencing a mare Pollock shipped to Splan. Pollock jotted a note to Davis about the mare's performance. "Mr. Stokes" is Harry Stokes (1876-1939), another notable harness driver.



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Corner Curry Ave. and South Broadway

Lexington, Ky., May 29th, 16.

Mr. W. G. Pollock,
Cleveland, O.,

Dear Pollock:-

Thanks for the pleasant letter, I will accept your little sporting proposition with one provision and that is, that I am allowed to pay the shipping expenses, and you may rest assured that Mr. Stokes will not be let in on the proposition in any way; that is his long suit, getting something for nothing, so I shall put the gate up so high that he can't even look over.

Now, I think the fact, that you and the ~~rest~~ bunch of other ruffians left me out of the birthday party was certainly an Irish trick; if you remember, long before Aimie Leslie hooked up with that Bell Boy, I was one of her most attentive admirers, and she told me that she was only signing a short contract with the boy and that I would be ~~on the waiting list~~ Number 1. on the waiting list; well, that only goes to prove the flitting disposition of women.

In shipping the mare I think all you need do, is to put her in the end of the car with plenty of feed and water and consign her to me, and wire me the number of her car and I can keep in touch from this end.

Ben White left here last evening with the Past Time Stable; it looks as though Lee Axworthy and Volga are sure enough champions and I think they have some other useful things in their stable. I didn't see much of White's black mare, but was favorably impressed with what I did see of her; if you are interested you will have a chance to look her over



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yourself, as he will sure step her along from now on.

The weather is fine with plenty of nice rain and the country certainly looks prosperous.

With kind personal regards, and again thanking you for all your kindness to me, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

John Splan.

Signature Dictated.


On second thought I am going to forgive you and those other ruffians everything in regard to the party.

I made some cursory searches for a racing event involving Splan and Stokes in 1916 but nothing jumped out.

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W G POLLOCK **164**

WESTERN RESERVE BLDG CLEVELAND O

THE MARE ARRIVED IN FINE SHAPE SHE IS A BEAUT WOULD NOT
GIVE HER AND THE RUNABOUT WAGON FOR THE BEST AUTOMOBILE IN
THE WORLD

SPLAN.

120P

*This mare trotted
a mile in 2:40 this
day I shipped her
Wey P.*



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Lexington, Ky., February 14th, 17.

Mr. W. J. Davis,

Chicago, Ills.,

Dear Davis:-

Am sorry to hear that you have been under the weather, and am sure by this time you have entirely recovered. Why don't you take a trip South? Just had a letter from our mutual friend Pollock who is in Washington City and is going from there to New York.

Well, we have had lot of winter weather, but I never died in cold weather so am not worrying about that.

Am comfortably busy in my office and assisting Mr. Stokes with his affairs and now that the breeding season is coming we will have plenty to do, and any time you will run down and spend a few days with us we will have time to devote to your pleasure.

With kind regards to Willie and his family and to you and the lady, I am,

Very truly yours,

John Splan.

Signature Dictated.

In Box 30 at the Lexington trotting track on October 2, 1917 were found Pollock, Davis and Splan.

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Box No. 30—William G. Pollock,
Cleveland, O., guests, Joseph Hel-
loore, Pittsburg, Pa.; Will J. Davis,
Chicago, Ill.; John Splan, U. S. A.

