

C. K. Larrabee

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Mr. W.A. Stephens,
Room 57 Great Northern Ry. Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed card refers to Surprise by Allen 18,728. I have written Mr. Hayes for further particulars and record so that Allen can be credited with being the sire of Surprise. Mr. Brainerd writes me further, to wit: "I do not now remember exactly what the record was, but know it was below 2:30. Surprise was certainly sired by Allen and was raised by Hon. R.H. Hoyt, St. Albans, Vt. from a Morgan mare which came from New York State. Hoyt sold Surprise to J.S. Story, St. Albans, and he sold him to another party and purchased him back again and then sold him to the present owner who gave him the record. Allen has three others, which I understand are in the 30 list and of which I will try and get facts that are authentic and forward to you. No doubt he will have more the coming season. Star Ethan will also have three or four more in the 30 list."

Yours truly,

C. K. Larrabee

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