thought I'd like to own her at such figures as would justify the venture.

On reference to breeding means to Happy Russell might shine I will say that did you know my intention in that line you could not could not ask me to throw away another dollar in a vain attempt to breed for a trotter. In 1887 I bred fine mares (one, Pride I stint to your horse) & did not obtain a single colt. In 1888 I bred seven & obtained but two. Last summer I went to Mr. Stones & bought his Ra=con Wilkes filly Fleuely (3 year old, pacing record 2.24½) & brought her home, where she, in August, showed an eighth mile in 15-second: so the spectators said. Her I thought of breeding to your horse for a chance at a 2.15-pacer: but have not made up my mind to throw away the money as yet. Mr. Stones wants, now to put her in training when as he says she will reach down to 2.15-mark (this) year.

On reference to Running Bird I will say so assured am I that in him my fate would follow precedent, I would hesitate to venture half the money in him he is held at. I have so often gone to New York & to Kentucky & brought colts, not only of trotting inheritance: but of trotting action & speed under the bolter: but to find out, on trial, there wanting, I've abandoned