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J. Blan Van Urk's "Good Hunting" Series

Name: Jan Blan Van Urk **MC0079**

Materials: Typescripts

Dates: 1938-1939

Volume: 2 folders

Donation: John and Martha Daniels, 1999.

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Biographical Note

J. Blan Van Urk (1902-1998) was an author and sportsman with a varied career and deep love of equestrian sport. He played polo, rode to hounds, trained and bred hounds, and hunted big game on multiple continents. He is best known for his two-volume history of foxhunting in the United States, *The Story of American Foxhunting* (published in two volumes by The Derrydale Press in 1940 and 1941).

Collection Description

This collection is about 80 typed pages of drafts for a column named "Good Hunting" Van Urk wrote for *Town & Country* in 1938 and 1939. The collection includes five total installments, written in epistolary form, that covered doings of 16 American fox hunts: Essex, Radnor, Spring Valley, Fairfield & Westchester, Goldens Bridge, Meadowbrook, Myopia, Genesee Valley, Cheshire, Fairfield County, Warrenton, Elkridge-Harford, Vicmead, Foxcatcher, Middleburg, and Piedmont.

Container List
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J29	22	Installments one, two, and three	1938-1939
J29	23	Installments four and five	1938-1939

This collection was originally stored among the John H. Daniels Sporting Ephemera collection and was processed as an archival collection by John Connolly, September 2017.