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"MISSING ME ONE PLACE SEARCH ANOTHER": THREE PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED WALT WHITMAN NOTEBOOKS

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But to my jottings, taking them as they come, from the heap, without particular selection. There is little consecutiveness in dates. They run any time within nearly five or six years. Each was carelessly pencilled in the open air, at the time and place. The printers will learn this to some vexation perhaps, as much of their copy is from those hastily-written first notes.

-Whitman, Specimen Days

Nowhere, perhaps, is Whitman's statement regarding his note-taking more applicable than when it comes to sorting through his day-books and notebooks. The problem of establishing an accurate rendering of these scattered "jottings" can indeed lead to "some vexation," as discovered by Edward Grier and William White, the editors who undertook the daunting task of collecting and presenting this "heap" so as to dovetail into the even larger "heap" entitled *The Collected Writings of Walt Whitman*. These two editors have undeniably contributed much that is valuable to the *Collected Writings*, an overall project described by Gay Wilson Allen as "a monument to academic courage, faith, generosity, and scholarly work." The recent discovery of three unpublished Whitman notebooks in the Library of Congress's Charles E. Feinberg Collection of the Papers of Walt Whitman, however, has refocused attention upon Grier's and White's handling of their material and its rendering in the *Collected Writings*.

The original intention was to have the materials co-edited by the two scholars as a single collection encompassing all of Whitman's notebooks and prose manuscripts left incomplete or unpublished, but the editors soon parted ways, dividing the work into rough manuscript concentrations. Unfortunately, the consequence of this split was the production of two quite distinct works, Grier's six-volume Notebooks and Unpublished Prose Manuscripts (NUPM) and White's three-volume Daybooks and Notebooks, 1876-1891 (DBN). Meticulously edited at the level of detail, these volumes nonetheless suffer from a lack of unified organization. First, the absence of a comprehensive index requires readers to move back and forth between the works, creating their own system of cross-referencing. Second, especially in the case of White's work, gaps

appear in the materials. As Ed Folsom notes in "The Whitman Project: A Review Essay," "there is an uncomfortable sense that these volumes are a sort of hodge-podge of things that White . . . happened to have access to, and that happened to be ready to print . . . even if they didn't quite fit together." Third, neither editor makes it precisely clear what has been left out, with White brushing aside potential criticisms of such omissions with the rationale that "sooner or later one must stop searching and researching, and go to print."

When Grier and White divided up their overall project, it was decided that White would edit the daybook and notebook manuscripts located in Charles Feinberg's extensive collection, while Grier would attempt to tackle everything else. For reasons not made clear, White limited his focus primarily to materials dating from 1876 to 1891 and promptly published three volumes in 1978.4 Grier labored for a more extended period, drawing together six volumes, and was preparing to deliver his work to press when it occurred to him that White, in ignoring materials dating prior to 1876, had omitted manuscripts of significant importance.⁵ Crossing the agreed-upon boundaries, Grier decided to add approximately forty manuscripts located within the Feinberg-Whitman Collection to his own volumes. During this unorthodox editorial process some materials inevitably fell through the cracks. The recent discovery of three unpublished notebooks located within the Feinberg-Whitman Collection provides just such an example and demonstrates some of the problems inherent in this fractured project.

The first three items in Container One of the Feinberg-Whitman Collection are a homemade manuscript notebook dated "September & October 1863," a folder labeled "Address Books, 1876-86," and a folder labeled "April-May 1879, Notebooks and Address Books." The first and third items are transcribed in NUPM and DBN respectively. The problem occurs when we turn to the contents of the folder situated between these items. This folder, labeled "Address Books 1876-86," contains three small notebooks which appear neither in Grier's nor in White's gatherings. While the date on the folder falls within the parameters of White's focus, these materials could also have come under the scrutiny of Grier's eleventh-hour assessment. Possibly, both editors reviewed these materials only to dismiss them as mundane and unimportant. Grier's introduction specifically speaks of his decision to omit certain "classes" of manuscripts from his assemblage and, though White does not formally make such a declaration, the fact that he chose to slight so much of the Feinberg-Whitman Collection indicates a de facto exclusion process. Yet, these notebooks contain information that seems just as important as other material the editors did choose to include. In these pages, Whitman jots down trial lines and titles for his poetry and prose, records ideas for his Lincoln lecture, composes a catalog of spring blossoms, and makes notes about his friends, his health, and his daily activities.

What makes the omission of these notebooks even more curious is that White, who in his introduction initially appears to express concern over this issue of what to include and what to leave out, worrying whether these rawest of Whitman documentary forms deserve a place in a collection of the poet's writings at all, ultimately concludes that all Whitman materials do have reference value.⁷ In his review essay, Ed Folsom agrees with this conclusion and suggests that White's annotations, when taken as a whole along with Whitman's "jots and doodles," offer a useful "kind of do-it-yourself biography of Whitman's later years." Just as the notebooks collected within NUPM have helped to illuminate Whitman's transition from political journalist of the 1840s to poetprophet of the 1850s and 1860s, and materials brought together within the DBN have served to shed light on the marked shift that occurred in Whitman's poetics during the 1870s, these records may prove to be of significance. Materials that appear meaningless to scholars working with one set of assumptions can contain, for later scholars, vitally important clues. Each item left behind is another puzzle piece that can be used in various ways as people construct and reconstruct new versions of Whitman's life and work. Perhaps the poet said it best himself in his prophetic advice at the end of "Song of Myself": "Missing me one place search another. . . . " At the very least, these unpublished "leaves" add to or corroborate things already known or suspected, and their absence from the Collected Writings calls into question the handling of the Feinberg-Whitman Collection, suggesting that Edward Grier may have been premature in pronouncing the project "complete."

College of William & Mary

[Glendale Notebook10] [leaf 1: all but approx. 1.3cm at top has been removed (cut out)] Glendale¹¹ [leaves 2-6: removed (cut out)] [leaf 7] birthdays Harry Stafford¹² 23 March Mrs. S13 [These 8 lines entered with purple pencil] 4th April window shades 406 Arch St Ristine Gold & Silver Plater

of Watches, Jewelry, &c 806 Race

[leaves 8-9: all but .85-1.3cm of leaf removed (cut

out), blank]

[leaf 10: lower half of leaf removed (torn out)]

Straw hats done up 203 Race

[leaf 11: all but 1.9cm of leaf removed (torn out),

blank]

[leaf 12: all but 7.62cm of leaf removed (torn out)]

Allen Leslie Belleville14

[leaves 13-15: all but .64cm removed (cut out),

blank] [leaf 16]

put in Indians¹⁵

Navajo Apache Pueblo [These 9 lines entered with purple pencil]

glasses at Cooper's Sept '8

'86¹6

No 11

[leaf 17: all but .64-1.3cm removed (cut out),

blank]

[leaf 18: all but 1.3-2.54cm removed (torn out),

blank] [leaf 19]

Box 267

Mm: Hutchison, Burlington, N.J.

[This address and names are not in Whitman's hand]

C.C Curtis Clay Hutchison George Hutchison.¹⁷

John B. Williams¹⁸ 24 W 14th

N Y City-

[These three lines entered with purple pencil]

[leaves 20-21: full leaf, blank]

[leaf 22: all but .64-1.3cm removed (cut out),

blank]

[leaf 23: all but .64cm removed (cut out), blank]

[leaves 24-31: full leaf, blank] [leaf 32: text entered vertically]

-Ring town19

[These 9 lines entered vertically, with purple pencil]

Reading road get ticket for Ring town

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Louis Wagner²⁰ depot

train leaves 9 45 a.m. gets there at 2:35

[leaf 33: full leaf, blank]

[leaf 34: all but .64cm removed (torn out), blank]

[leaf 35: all but 7.62cm removed (torn out), blank]
[leaves 36-37: all but .32-.64cm removed (cut out), blank]
[leaf 38]

 $\begin{array}{r}
 400 \\
 47 \\
 \hline
 7/1600 \\
 228
 \end{array}$

 $7/\underline{400}$ 57.143 $\underline{444}$ 228572

[leaf 38: reverse]

Henry Whitall Phillipsburg N.J.²¹ [Not in Whitman's hand]

[leaf 39: blank] [leaf 39: reverse]

early in May
cherry blossoms
pear "
almond "
—earlywild violets

middle of May
apple blossoms the cedar
apple blossoms the pretty
wild-honey suckle little clusters
latter middle of May. of pine-seeds
white black blackberry blossoms

stra wild strawberry
low in the ground in the woods
profusion of little white or yellow
wild flowers.²²

Joshua Killingbeck²³ 449 Benson

[leaf 40: all but .64cm removed (cut out), blank]

[Mrs. Gilchrist Notebook²⁴]

[leaf 1: all but .32cm removed (cut out), blank]

[leaf 2: all but 7.62cm removed (cut out)]

Mrs Gilchrist²⁵
39 Somerset St Boston
In the summer, in the rush of excursions, the streets & spaces

Never did the place look

[leaf 2: reverse]

Two Rivulets of+ Songs

Sequeling Leaves of Grass²⁶

[leaves 3-8: all but between .32 and .64cm removed (cut-out), blank]

[leaf 9: all but 10.16cm removed (cut out)]

Letter from Walt Whitman Gossip & Going around

A run across Central Jersey27

Rubber goods Tillinghast

12 So 2d St Phila

[leaf 10: all but 1.3cm removed (cut out), blank] [leaf 11: all but 10.16cm removed (cut out), blank]

[These 7 lines entered in black ink]

Arch Street

Perfumery — 510

Photo Materials 624

Buttons - 804

Globes & School furniture

above 12th

[leaf 12: lines entered vertically]

I'll make the Songs of the Nation—who let make pass

- the Laws or lead to War who may

Old Proverb

[revisions entered in blue pencil]

I'll make the Songs of The States

I'd make the songs of the Nation -who'er may -who make the laws or lead to war they may

[leaf 13: all but .32cm removed (cut out), blank]

Milliard Shute²⁸

[leaf 15: all but .32cm removed (cut out), blank]

[leaf 16: full leaf, blank]

[leaf 16: reverse, text entered vertically]

[leaf 14: all but 1.9cm removed (cut out)]

Please call at 431 Stevens St.29 & get shoes to

[leaves 17-18: all but 1.3cm removed (cut out),

blank]

[leaf 19: full leaf, blank]

[leaf 20: all but .32cm removed (cut out), blank]

[leaves 21-22: full leaf, blank]

[leaf 23: all but 8.82 cm removed (cut out)]

[Not in Whitman's hand]

P.H. Poten³⁰ Wyoming Luzerne Co. Pa. [leaf 24: full leaf, blank] [leaf 24: reverse]

Dr. Thomas³¹ 1807 Chestnut St

> [leaf 25: full leaf, blank] [leaf 26: all but .32cm removed (cut out), blank] [leaf 27: all but 10.16cm removed (cut out)]

only
What is composed out
what is set up out of
them that is — is it not?—
of main importance
that is important.

[leaf 28: full leaf, blank] [leaf 28: reverse]

Death of Lincoln finish & condense the preparatory description of the condition, scenes, &c. before the war make it more graphic, clear — make it brief.³²

Gertainly of course

It is quite certain my
friends that I shall not
be able to tell you any
truly new at least in the way of
thing but just what or events you may know
before - at any rate rate
facts or events. But
our history, or the whole world
these facts or events, history
is a favorable notion of
what only the more than
mine are as A the font of
types, the letters in their
boxes in the case? it

[page to

Two Rivulets
of Songs³³
addenda to Leaves of Grass

[page torn through "the case"]
[leaves 29-30: all but 3.18cm removed (cut out),
blank]
[leaf 30: reverse]

[leaves 31-40: all but between .32 and .64cm removed (cut out), blank]

[Dec 11, '77 Notebook³⁴] [inside front cover blank] [flyleaf: all but .64 - 1.3cm removed (torn out),

[leaf 1: 3.84cm cut-out removed from bottom of leaf]

Dec 11, '77 - car 111 — John Nutter, dyspepsia. English stock, (father an operasinger) born in Richmond — been a foot-runner — horse fancier—married — been driving '6 mos — 35

[tipped-in address from newspaper advertisement: image of eyeglasses followed by two printed lines: H. Cutler Practical Optician, 310 S. 5th st. Established 1819³⁶]

D.Y. Kilgore 394 + Powel[ton?]
Ave West Phil^{a37}
Baring St. Car on Market
Office 605 Walnut
Ivan C. Michels.³⁸
[E]lla Wright³⁹
Herby's picture at⁴⁰

[not in Whitman's hand]

[leaves 2-3: all but .64cm removed (cut out), blank] [leaf 4]

get "Manual for Nursing"

Payne's — 624 Arch41

12 mo. 143 pp. G P Putnam's Sons

New York

also "Cerebral Hyperaemia" by Dr Wm H Hammond

> 12 mo. 108 pp. G P Putnam's Sons N Y

Nota - Bene's (name for ____ a book)
Chas A Layer⁴²

conductor Camden & Atlantic RR March 2 '78

Maggie Smithers⁴³ N.E. C. or 4th and Wash.

Elwood L.^L Griscom⁴⁴ (Broadway coach — Camden March '78) [name not in Whitman's hand]

[name and address not in Whitman's hand] [leaf 5: 7.62cm cutout removed near top of leaf] [name not in Whitman's hand] Louis J. Wagner (RR news agent) No. 421 Taylor Ave Camden N. I. 45

[these three lines not in Whitman's hand]

Augustus E. A. Johnston⁴⁶

[not in Whitman's hand]

George W. Dowles⁴⁷
(Conductor 120 Car — Union March '78 Phil.)

[leaf 6: 8.92 cm torn out near top of leaf, blank] [name not in Whitman's hand]

James Huneker⁴⁸
1711 Race St. —
(young man that came to see me abt April 18
in Camden)

[leaf 7]

Abraham Lincoln

that the practical mechanic's farm (see printed slip)

[printed slip missing]

[leaf 8: 5cm cutout removed near top of leaf, blank]
[leaf 9]

Wm M. F. Round⁴⁹
"Rosecroft"
Still River —
Worcester Co —
Mass —

Patrick A Connelly.50

[name not in Whitman's hand]

hat bands Horsman's 5th & cherry

[leaf 10: leaf removed (cut out)]

[leaf 11: 3.84 cm cutout removed near top of leaf, blank]

[leaf 12]

Charlotte Pendleton⁵¹
Cincinnati
Ohio.

[name not in Whitman's hand]

Craig E. Lippincott⁵²
715 Market St
Philadelphia
Pa.

[these four lines not in Whitman's hand]

Mrs Gilchrist⁵³
Round House Hotel
Northampton
Mass.

[these three lines not in Whitman's hand]

Chas F. Bender⁵⁴
562 Berkley St
Camden, N. J.

[these three lines not in Whitman's hand]

Camden, N.

[leaves 13-16: removed (torn out)] [leaf 17]

So 4th — Phil.

perfumery 20 ²26

restaurant good democratic So 4th st

Mrs John Bigelow⁵⁵ Highland Falls

[four lines not in Whitman's hand]

Highland Falls
Orange Co.
New York

[leaves 18-21: removed (cut out)]
[leaf 22: several cut-outs, 5 cm remaining intact at bottom of leaf, blank]
[leaf 23: removed (torn out)]
[leaves 24-47: removed (cut out)]
[leaf 48]

them. Their hum

[leaves 49-59: removed (cut out)]
[leaf 60: 12.7cm cutout removed from top of leaf, blank]
[leaves 61-62: removed (cut out)]
[leaf 63: 8.26cm cutout removed from top of leaf, blank]
[leaf 64: removed (cutout)]
[leaf 65: 11.5cm cutout removed at top of leaf, blank]

Erastus Brainerd56

[rear flyleaf: reverse]

[rear flyleaf: written vertically]

Mrs Sarah Knight⁵⁷ Glen Elg. po Howard Co Maryland

Palm soap Koone Van Hooge & Co Phila. Mrs Loyd's grandson⁵⁸
Joseph Van Stiver
driver 105 Union - Phil - Feb '78
Hudson Greenleaf
Phil. boy

[inside rear cover: blank]

NOTES

- 1. "Editing the Writings of Walt Whitman: A million dollar project without a million dollars," *Arts and Sciences* 1 (Fall 1962/1963), 7-12. The epigraph at the beginning of my essay is from *Prose Works 1892*, edited by Floyd Stovall (New York: New York University Press, 1963-1964), 1:122; hereafter abbreviated *PW*.
- 2. Philological Quarterly 61 (1982), 375.
- 3. Daybooks and Notebooks, edited by William White (New York: New York University Press, 1978), 1:viii. Hereafter abbreviated DBN.
- 4. White's rationale behind this decision is left unclear. In his "Introduction" to the DBN he simply states that the materials that he chose to include "belong in an edition of Whitman's collected works if such productions are to achieve anything approaching completeness." His rendering of the Daybooks are meant, he suggests, to "give us the bare bones of the poet's outward life" as they supplement the biographical information in Whitman's Correspondence, Horace Traubel's With Walt Whitman in Camden, and Specimen Days. The inclusion of the Canadian diary, the other journals and notes, Words, and The Primer of Words, he adds, are intended to "fill out the record" (1:xviii-xix).
- 5. In his introduction, Grier notes that "publication of the Feinberg Manuscripts was limited to only a selection, *Daybooks and Notebooks*, ed. William White. Since some forty of the manuscripts left unpublished, especially those before 1865, are of striking importance, I have taken them on at the last minute as my responsibility" (*Notebooks and Unpublished Prose Manuscripts*, edited by Edward F. Grier [New York: New York University Press, 1984], 1:xvi; hereafter abbreviated *NUPM*).
- 6. NUPM 1:xvi.
- 7. DBN 1:vi-vii.
- 8. Philological Quarterly, 373.
- 9. Betsy Erkkila makes a similar point regarding the value of this type of material in her review of the *NUPM*, suggesting that "items that appear to be mere noise in our current readings of Whitman might turn out to be sites of meaning and significance in future analyses of his life and work" (*The Mickle Street Review* no. 10 [1988], 114).
- 10. Brown, kraft-material notebook, 9.2 X 14.9cm, containing forty, twenty-two ruled leaves. Leaves are attached through cover with string knotted inside. Evidence of tape along outside of cover at fold, now missing. Entries written with plain pencil unless noted. Front and back covers are blank with the exception of several ink stains on the outside. Reverse sides of leaves are blank unless noted. Measurements are approximate.

- 11. Whitman is referring to the family farm of the Staffords where he spent much of his time from 1876 on. The farm was located one and a half miles from Glendale, N.J., which was twelve miles away from Camden. Whitman also called the farm Timber Creek, White Horse, and Kirkwood.
- 12. Harry Stafford was one of the most important young men in Whitman's life; see *The Correspondence*, edited by Edwin Haviland Miller (New York: New York University Press, 1961-1977), 3:2-7, for a discussion of Whitman's relationship with Harry; hereafter *The Correspondence* is abbreviated *Corr*.
- 13. Probably Harry's mother, Susan Stafford. Of Mrs. Stafford, Whitman wrote to her son: "There is not a nobler woman in Jersey" (Corr. 3:3).
- 14. Whitman would later send this acquaintance a copy of an article he was interested in that appeared in the *Philadelphia Progress*, April 30, 1881. He sent it to 1412 Walnut St., Philadelphia. (This name appears as "Allan" Leslie Belleville in *DBN* 2:222, 234).
- 15. Probably a note to remind himself to include Native-American references in a text he was working on.
- 16. This date, though clear, seems curiously out of place here, with the majority of entries having been made between 1876-1879.
- 17. A family singing group, a favorite of Whitman (PW 2:696, 697).
- 18. Unidentified.
- 19. Ringtown, Pennsylvania, was a favorite excursion spot for Whitman (*NUPM* 3:1187, 1188).
- 20. Reading Railroad news/ticket agent.
- 21. See DBN 1:84, 178; and DBN 2:302.
- 22. Gaining back his strength and spirit at Timber Creek, Whitman reveled in the nature he rediscovered on the farm. Sitting for hours in the sun, he rendered his perceptions of and reactions to the surroundings. Sounds, birds, insects, all attracted his attention, but the trees impressed him the most. The listing in this notebook represents a partial catalogue of those companions with whom Whitman shared his days on Stafford farm. On May 14, 1881, an article appeared in the *Philadelphia American*, entitled "Bumble-Bees and Bird Music," which builds upon this list and its general structure (*PW* 1:123-126).
- 23. Whitman met Joshua Killingbeck in Camden and later hired him to pave the front walk of his Mickle Street house (DBN 2:335).
- 24. This notebook is the same type and size as the Gilchrist Notebook (see note 9). It is difficult to determine which cover is front and which is back. Reverse sides of leaves are blank unless noted. Measurements are approximate.
- 25. Mrs. Anne Gilchrist came to Philadelphia in 1876 with three of her children to be near Whitman. Although he had attempted to dissuade her from leaving England, her determination, as well as passion for the poet, remained unchecked. Her fantasy regarding the relationship that would ensue upon their meeting inevitably gave way as she painfully came to recognize that the poet did not share her affection and could not fulfill her fantasies. In the spring of 1878, she left Philadelphia to be near her daughter who was studying medicine in Boston. This entry documents her arrival in Massachusetts.

- 26. Possibly a trial of the title for Two Rivulets (Camden, New Jersey, 1876), which constituted the companion volume to the 1876 "Centennial Edition" of Leaves of Grass. Two Rivulets includes new poetry and prose, as well as Democratic Vistas, a group of "Centennial Songs—1876," As a Strong Bird on Pinions Free, Memoranda During the War, and Passage to India. In the preface to Two Rivulets, Whitman states that he put the book together "at the eleventh hour, under grave illness" (5).
- 27. Probably trial titles for journalism pieces Whitman was thinking of writing.
- 28. This person has not been completely identified, although it is known that Whitman had dinner with him along with Charles Peterson and John Johnston in November or December of 1878. He is mentioned in *DBN* as a "banjoist at Johnny Johnston's" (*DBN* 1:127, 129).
- 29. In October 1873, Whitman, in precarious health, moved in with his brother George and his sister-in-law Louisa at 431 Stevens Street, a new house on the corner where he chose a third-story bedroom facing south. He lived here for eleven years, until 1884 when he moved to Mickle Street where he would live until his death in 1892.
- 30. Unidentified.
- 31. Whitman's "oculist" (Corr. 5:105).
- 32. Originally proposed by Whitman's New York literary friends, Whitman's first lecture on the death of Lincoln was scheduled for April 1878. Illness caused a postponement until Whitman's appearance at Steck Hall in Manhattan on April 14, 1879. He repeated the lecture almost annually through 1886.
- 33. Apparently another title considered for Two Rivulets (see note 26).
- 34. Brown leather veneer cover over white cardboard notebook, 10.16 X 16.83cm, partially disbound, containing sixty-five, twenty-two ruled leaves. Leaves are sewn in with string. Outside covers are blank. Reverse sides of leaves are blank unless noted. Measurements are approximate.
- 35. Unidentified.
- 36. Additional information concerning "H. Cutler" has yet to be located.
- 37. Damon Y. Kilgore (1827-1888), Philadelphia lawyer and member of the Liberal League of Philadelphia. Kilgore arranged for Whitman to give a lecture on the 140th anniversary of Thomas Paine's birthday at Lincoln Hall in Philadelphia on January 28, 1877. Whitman spent Thanksgiving with the Kilgore family in 1880 (*Corr.* 3:61, 75-76, 199).
- 38. Unidentified.
- 39. Unidentified.
- 40. This was Anne Gilchrist's son, Herbert, who looked at Whitman as an uncle. Herbert was studying to become a painter, and he spent much of the fall of 1878 with Whitman, painting his portrait at Timber Creek, but rejoined his mother in November. (For commentary on Gilchrist's painting and its reproduction, see Gay Wilson Allen's "The Iconography of Walt Whitman," in Edwin Haviland Miller's *The Artistic Legacy of Walt Whitman* [New York: New York University Press, 1970], 137-140.) Whitman wrote an unsigned notice about the painting for a Camden paper (*DBN* 1:60).
- 41. The picture was probably being framed at Payne's (see note 40).

- 42. Unidentified.
- 43. A "First Violin M. Smithers" appears in a listing of the Camden Parlor Orchestra in *DBN* 1:231.
- 44. Unidentified.
- 45. See note 20.
- 46. Unidentified.
- 47. Unidentified.
- 48. James Gibbons Huneker (1857-1921) was a U.S. critic of music, art and literature, a leading exponent of impressionistic criticism, as well as an author. He came to see Whitman and later published "A Visit to Walt Whitman" in his *Ivory Apes and Peacocks* (New York: Scribners, 1915), 22-31.
- 49. Called on Whitman on April 16, 1878. William M. F. Round remains unidentified except as a friend of Joaquin Miller and a journalist (DBN 1:95).
- 50. This is probably "Paddy" Connelly, whom Whitman describes as a "little black-eyed post boy at the ferry" in an 1891 notebook (see *DBN* 1:230). He may also be one of the "young Connelly boys" who came to see Whitman at his home in September 1887 (*DBN* 2:435).
- 51. Unidentified.
- 52. The son of J.B. Lippincott of *Lippincott's Magazine*, one of Whitman's publishers through the 1870s and 1880s (*DBN* 1:148).
- 53. This is Anne Gilchrist's address after she left Philadelphia late in April 1878 (see note 25).
- 54. Charles F. Bender was a hatter who operated in Philadelphia and who presented Whitman with one of his famous hats (*DBN* 1:100).
- 55. Probably wife of John Bigelow, Minister to France, co-editor of the New York *Evening Post* from 1848 to 1861, whom Whitman visited in West Point, New York, on June 16, 1878 (see *Corr.* 3:121).
- 56. Whitman wrote Erastus Brainerd on December 9, 1879, and sent him the poem, "What Best I See in Thee," published in the *Philadelphia Press* on December 17, 1879, and later included in the 1881-1882 edition of *Leaves*. Brainerd probably worked for the *Press* (DBN 1:97).
- 57. Unidentified.
- 58. Unidentified.