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On the back cover:

A NEW WHITMAN LETTER TO THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD—This hitherto unpublished letter from Walt Whitman to the Editor of the *Philadelphia Record*—printed here with the permission of the Feinberg Collection—Library of Congress—refers to an edition of *Leaves of Grass* with an appendix containing the opinions of Whitman by George Eliot, Ruskin, Tennyson, Swinburne and Dante Gabriel Rossetti. A wonderful idea, and one eagerly wishes it were so, but no such appendix or edition ever existed. As Whitman says, it may be a mistake for the Wilson & McCormick (London, 1884) edition, printed from sheets (or plates) of the James R. Osgood & Company (Boston, 1881-1882) edition, with a new title page.

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