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Grass in Kenneth Starr’s report on the Clinton-Lewinsky affair, recalling Whitman’s dismissal from the Interior Department by James Harlan in 1865: “how was an ordinary politician, brought up in the narrow conventions of American culture, going to deal with anything as upsetting as sex?”


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