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AN UNKNOWN WHITMAN LETTER TO AN UNKNOWN EDITOR ABOUT AN UNKNOWN PIECE—This two-sentence unpublished letter, from the Feinberg collection—Library of Congress, dated 9 August 1875, when Whitman was living at 431 Stevens Street, Camden, offers a piece of prose to an unnamed magazine for $100. But neither Whitman's article nor the periodical can be identified, for late 1875 and early 1876 were relatively barren months for the poet for original material; he was of course preparing the 1876 edition of Leaves of Grass and Two Rivulets for the printer. Has any reader of the Walt Whitman Quarterly Review any notion of the “piece” or the “magazine” the letter is concerned with?

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