

Finally, our usual offering of reviews of new books of poetry and Whitman scholarship is this year buttressed by seven review essays by members of the first Whitman seminar at the Walt Whitman Library, given in 1986 under the auspices of the Graduate School at Rutgers University in Camden, instructed by Professor Betsy Erkkila of the University of Pennsylvania, and supported by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Higher Education. The DHE also funded the cataloging of the Whitman Library collection, which will be published as a special issue of *The Mickle Street Review* in the near future.



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An Arrow knit shirt, regular eighteen
fifty, a kitten from the animal
shelter, eight pounds of hamburger, cheap jeans,
a rose bush with bare roots, a cardboard doll

house without the doll, five minutes of
Wanda, a watch, sixteen quarts of milk,
three good books, two books, one book of love
poems (with pictures), half a shoe, one silk

tie, a royal breakfast, a decent lunch,
supper in Rock Hill, a laugh from a mechanic,
thirteen light bulbs, a toaster, a small bunch
of odd flowers, enough candy to get sick,

a month of newspapers, nine gallons of gas,
a fully illustrated *Leaves of Grass*.