

[1925, dimanche 22 février]

Up & read — Sonny arr. Kirk descend. Kleiner call — Loveman arr. Out
for dinner & walk — Whitman ho. Ret. — cake & coffee — Loveman lv.
— RK GK HP read poesie — RK lv. HPL read NE mather GK sleep
HPL depart & retire.

*Levé et lu. Belknap arrive et Kirk nous rejoint. Appel de Kleiner.
Loveman nous donne rendez-vous pour déjeuner et marcher. La
maison de Whitman et retour. Café avec gâteau, Loveman nous laisse.
Kleiner Kirk et Lovcraft lisent de la poésie. Kleiner s'en va, je lis le
Mather sur la Nouvelle-Angleterre, Kirk s'endort, je rentre chez moi.*

Le premier dimanche ensoleillé de l'année, dira le *New York Times* du lendemain, les voilà partis pour une équipée à la maison natale de Whitman, sur Long Island, transformée en musée. On peut y aller en train depuis Brooklyn : arrêt Huntington Station. Eux les cinq auteurs inconnus, sanglés dans leurs costumes, chapeaux et faux-cols, mais qui probablement dans leur tête se sentent infiniment plus propriétaires de Whitman que toute l'Amérique. Comment regardent-ils les autres visiteurs, eux qui ne sont pas des visiteurs ordinaires, puisqu'ils sont des poètes et les Whitman de demain ? À preuve qu'au retour on se met ensemble dans la petite chambre de Kirk au 169 Clinton Street de Brooklyn, et qu'on prolonge en lisant de la poésie ensemble : des pages de Whitman ? Ce qui n'a pas empêché de s'acheter un gâteau au passage. Si la lettre à Lilian qui contient son journal du 10 au 26 février n'avait pas disparu, on saurait tout ça, et même lequel d'entre eux a payé (dans sa lettre à Annie du 26, il en mentionne bien l'existence, mais les deux tantes se partagent les lettres, de même que lui reçoit en échange le journal de Lilian). Le livre sur la Nouvelle-Angleterre en lecture, c'était le Clifton Johnson, mais la mention « mather » parce qu'il est revenu au grand classique du XVIII^e siècle qui lui est inséparable, le livre de Cotton Mather sur les sorcières de Salem et Whitehead ? Ou bien parce qu'il est question de Mather dans le Clifton Johnson ? Question ouverte. Dans le *New York Times*, le supplément littéraire du dimanche, et cette annonce d'un médecin de la lecture, « Dutton, service individuel du livre », avec recommandations personnalisées : ah si de tels métiers pouvaient s'envisager encore (ou pourquoi pas, pour votre prochaine traversée en paquebot, une boîte de livres concoctée par Brentano, prix au choix ?) ! Puis trente mineurs décédés dans l'Indiana, la mine définitivement refermée sur eux.

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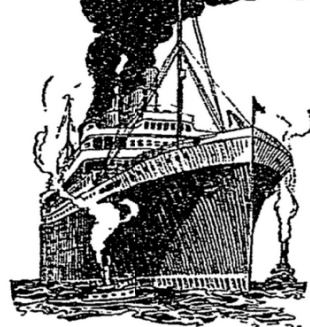
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