

*An Unknown Walt Whitman –
Two Discoveries from the Pages of the 19th-Century American Press*

Summary

The paper explores the particulars related to the creation, publication, and re-discovery of two series of texts authored by Walt Whitman. The series of newspaper articles *Manly Health and Training* (1858) and the serialized novel *Life and Adventures of Jack Engle* (1852) were Whitman's forgotten, or rather unknown, works up until 2016. Since the texts appeared on the pages of the American press, we will consider the role of periodicals and journalism in general in Whitman's work. As it turned out, today's press has had a significant role in presenting these discoveries, which will be considered in a separate part of the paper. We dedicate special attention to the circumstances which enabled the discovery of the unknown Whitman texts, as well as to the changes which the digitalization has brought to the humanities.

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