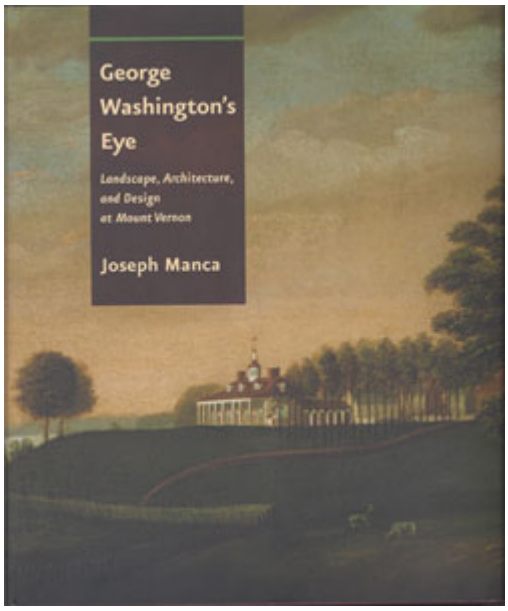
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While other scholars have catalogued the paintings in Mount Vernon … Manca goes further to consider why Washington hung certain pictures in particular rooms or chose not to display others at all.

Touching Sentiment: The Tactility of Nineteenth-Century Valentines



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Thirteen Sent, Ten Received: Account Books, Valentines, and Social Capital


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Salisbury’s purchases clearly evoke the image of a young man concerned with meeting the expectations of Worcester’s privileged class.

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Entered according to Act of Congress in the Year 1848, by James Baillie, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the Southern District of N.Y.

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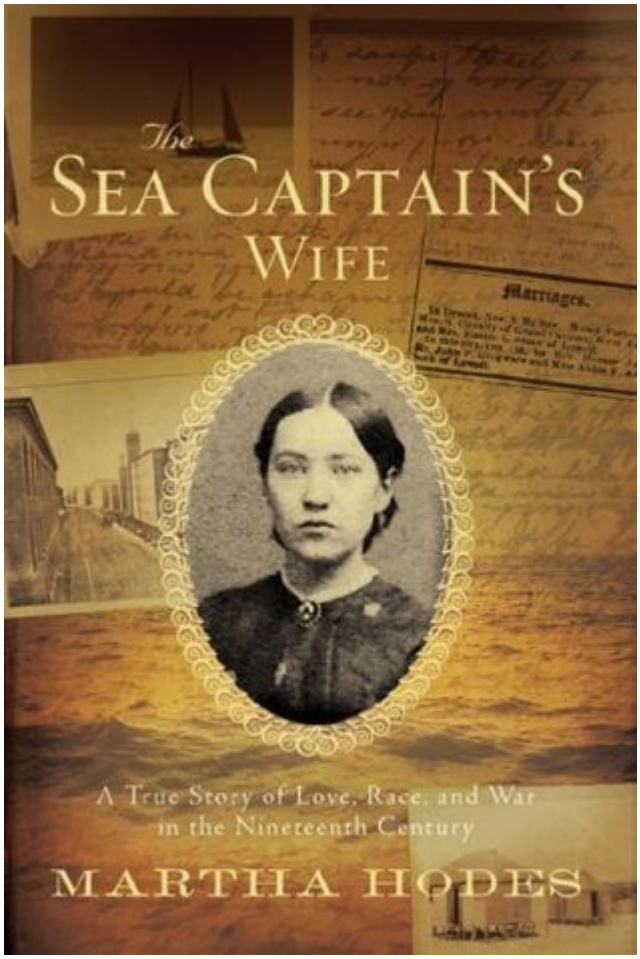
Brothel guides' positive descriptions of well-behaved, mannered, self-conscious brothelgoers suggested that if such genteel, respectable men allowed themselves to enjoy the sexual pleasures for sale in American cities, then why couldn't the reader himself?

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