

## IN THE AUTO PARTS STORE

What happens  
when you walk into  
the auto parts store  
and there is this dude  
behind the counter  
covered with fur and grease,  
weighs 324, 7 foot 2, pounds,  
his knuckles  
dragging on the ground,  
hasn't shaved for 6 days,  
no bath for twice that,  
flies are buzzing around  
in his navel,  
and you ask  
"Hey man  
you wanta buy an ad  
in a poetry book?"

He looks up  
says, "Sure,  
hold this,"  
and drops  
a Chevrolet block  
in your lap.

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## MUCOUS MEMBRANE

Farley crushed a Vivarin into a fine powder  
and inhaled it.

"Doesn't that burn?" I asked.

Farley sniffed a little before replying.

"A little," he said, "but it's a lot more effective  
this way."

His nostrils were rimmed with yellow dust.

Farley has this theory that everything is better when  
absorbed through the mucous membrane. I guess it's not  
surprising that I worried like hell about him whenever  
we barbecued steaks.