and was always
winning
Grants. also, his
wife worked.
there were always
photos of him
in an undershirt
pecking down
with big hands
at a delicate machine
down between
his knees.
and there was the
cigarette, of
course.

we are all literary hustlers, I wrote him.

I'm not sure he understood.

I don't know what has happened to him lately. sometimes the Grants stop and the wives run away.

I suppose he's still at it though -- winning the Governor's Prize and writing about eskimos and whales.

although the best thing he ever did was make his own wine.

-- Charles Bukowski

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