

the soil & waters the dryer plants. The husband sits on the couch & tries to think of an excuse. The wife comes in from the porch, she sees the hand on the wall.

-- Philip Shirley

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THANKSGIVING MORNING

Loading luggage for trip  
north noticed flats.  
One on each car.  
Knife punctured.  
Neighbor also lost two.  
Must have been  
random slashing.

Small relief.

SHORT

Quit painting but  
can still get  
a poem off  
if I keep  
it short.

MISSED WORK FRIDAY

Been sick. More  
ways than one.  
Headache keeps me  
awake. Gutache  
keeps me on my toes.  
Heartache keeps  
me guessing.

FOUR CONNECTIONS

To shoot well  
you must hit  
the target's center  
regularly.

An expert shot  
rarely misses  
the bull's-eye.

An artist can  
hit the bull's-eye  
without looking.

An enlightened man  
recognizes himself  
& doesn't shoot.

FIX

Gotta be a little drunk  
to drive safe thru  
Sacramento at nite.  
Natives take over  
warp traffic patterns  
to fit their fix.  
Gotta get in rhythm  
with em or risk  
riding a gutter  
nitemare home.