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.