

### COOL CUSTOMER

Before we painted  
our old house  
I let spiders  
hang around front  
porch making a  
jungle of webs.  
Now I squash those  
I can reach.  
Ones out of reach  
I deal Black Flag.  
I've become a  
cool customer  
& it troubles me.

### RETIRED

He's cracking pecans,  
painstakingly separating  
bits of meat from  
shattered shells.  
It is slow going  
but keeps him busy.  
When he has  
nothing to do  
he slowly slips  
into a panic.

### SPLINTER

Got a wood splinter  
under nail of right  
index finger. Finger's  
been hurting so I  
sit in good light,  
put on my new  
glasses & go after  
it left handed with  
a pin. Get it  
out with about  
the 20th try.