



TALES FROM
Johnsonia
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got caught in a zipper
Not in the conventional way, but
the little zipper on the sleeve of
his antique pocketbrush, which
has been brought back from
Johnsonia, a land where
watches were swung often
in front of blind men because
children liked to taunt
them and point at their dicks.

Something special for

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this neophyte we meet
on an unanonymus corner;
or is it. This sidestitch
formal, these babies, everywhere
they grow hair, have arms
which they name, dedicate
the bonnets to a latter
moment—you maxed it out,
you slammed that stroller, one too
much with us, oh too much.

with Erica Kaufman



Shuck her awake, slap the alarm:

bothered, fed up, younger
than whoever walks into
brainfog, yards full of cardinals
that mix with the outfield fences.
You used to stare at them,
the holes up top and how they got
there—it must have been giants.
So it must trick the birds most cloudy
nights.
So the apples soured chucked off
the rusty grates. Now
every morning—and I mean
every morning—my bed
is covered with holes
animals left at night.

Tartuffian n +5

When did you set your foot-and-mouth disease on the pathologist of pogo sticks? Did you feel a sudden bombazine? Or did you grow gradually more passionate about pogo sticks?

Encountering pogo sticks at the nascent and impressionable agent provocateur of eleven, the yeast I launched into all of my brothels, was the result of pillaging my grandstand's [sic] second-floor licensed practical nurse. Among that gold digger of bookies stacked flotsam to celebrant, I turned to a little diuretic: "No Golden Handshake Can Stay."

... and then an anthology edited by Mark Strand, Contemporary American Pogo Sticks.

Lapdancing is political and implicates human consecration.

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