The mind picks at things it would be better off leaving alone.
With everything else that was on my mind, where was there any room for what she was (asking)?
The day may come, as the rooster said. But until then...
My mind ran back toward other schoolhouses, hers, mine. Exhuming those scenes

the past does not bring it back to life, you might say, and you might be wrong.

This was no time to come undone inside myself
Jick said: "I'll say this for Stanley, he stopped my mind from dwelling on the family situation. (Jick thinks to himself on their ride home.)"
"has his upper lip covered with hair" (Ainsley Roseen about Karl Krueger, 6/16/86 letter)
I was in for considerable sitting.
All the catacombs of loves past.
"a dead-end deal"

another...
the juice of youth. (used in earlier book?)
"It's about thirteen o'clock and the barometer falling, in your beloved OO."
the backs of horses

--physical sensation that cd be used for Lexa, p. 330.
chafing an old, old question
But how different was that from any of us.
It's all sedimentary; people settling into what they are.
Never been vaccinated against homesickness. (Ninian says of Adair, to Hugh?)
a mind like a bramble bush.

—Susan's? Angus's? Wes's?

Wendell abt Wes:

What can you do about a brother who has a mind like a bramble bush?
Give and take among the Duffs was nothing new; (roar and roar back), though, was.

...nor, for that matter, was...
...as soon as he had the new worn off an idea, he was ready for another...

one 00,
his wallet

would rather open an artery than (pick up a check)
You wondered if they traded a hundred words a year with each other.
bird-like woman, leading a sparrow-like life. (her trilly voice)
in the direction of the sixth floor of the Hennessy building.

change sixth floor to top floor?
"Not likely."
"Maybe. Who wants to know?"
Sandison says sardonically:

"Mysterious are the ways."
...one of those days when Sandison (deserved that nickname of) the Earl Hell seemed determined to live up to the nickname of
Sandison

Snappish, imperious, mercurial...

hard to get along with or without.
Marx, Lenin and Trotsky had a lot to answer for.
In helping Jared w/ calculations, Morrie does get to see Anaconda's accounting figures.

 peru sheets
Grace:

"The Hill cost me my father and my husband."
"If you read yourself to sleep every night of your life, you learn some things."
insert Morrie reflecting that he still hasn't hit it rich in Butte.
Copperopolis
"Why do I think there's more to you than meets the eye?"
steadied his voice
"Wise up."
Morrie

It was as if (simile)
, 00 said glassily.
Morrie

Unnerved, I...
...as welcome just then as a sneezing fit.
Triple S

Strangle 'em, Shovel 'em, and Shut up.
OO tapped his temple.
Life mostly wants to surprise us.
Jared

His dark eyes held a glimmer I could not look away from as he went on:
That took care of that.
It tickled the vocal cords, it made itself at home in the brain. It sang even without the help of human voices.
cold sweat

Morrie: the saying is right, the sweat when you are deathly afraid is cold... as OO rain.
(the miners) waved their hands like schoolchildren
what

in the name of delirium

was youjum?
There was enough touch of truth in that to make me flinch.
That, too, was unrewarding.
the wish list
"Out of the goodness of my heart,...
spasm of realization
Rab

made a Cupid mouth.
(Woodrow Wilson) working himself into an early grave
Diligence can be a terrible attribute. (master)
Grace

Storybook style, she had let down her flaxen hair...
...it drags anchor when Sandison is in a bad mood. We laughed at fate together.
"They were thick as flies, back then."
moorings.
"The music of men's lives"—you have to hope it isn't a funeral dirge.
"You're cultured. So is a pearl."
That remains to be seen
She shook her head, the braid adding emphasis.
That translated itself to me all too plainly.
warm/warmly/with warmth
He batted my shoulder in a man-to-man way.
I accepted the appellation.
like a flaming arrow.
the glamorous books
(Jared) whistled in appreciation.
I felt hollowed out.
gloomus doomus--an affliction of the human race

. dismals (Rose)

Victim of
Morrie

...might as well go to Columbia Gardens and ride the merry-go-round.

stress ming (copper, here)
"The fox," once remarked Berneard Shaw, "has enthusiastic followers."
a sight I will take with me to the other world.
V.S. Pritchett on Defoe in Brief Lives, p. 210:

"Defoe was a superb observer and knew that in writing it is necessary to make the fact seem true by an extra detail that clinches conviction. Speaking of his lost companions, he says simply, 'I never saw them afterward, or any sign of them, except one of their hats, one cap, and two shoes that were not fellows.' A conventional observer would have said 'a pair of shoes' and would have lost the final, convincing picture of shipwreck."
That clinched it.
(A lie) has long legs. It keeps going...
...how one itch reminds another.
Is more proof needed?
a set of history
In time to come, I better understood...
I had to fight myself to sleep that night, the mortal frets (recurring)
Griff and Hoop

frpggy grins
Clouds scooted by, the Montana wind evidently gone upstairs.
Grace

"Aren't you the one."
The story gallops a bit after that.
"Get the message?"

or: "I get the message."
Scooch over. (i.e., scoot over)
In the case of Death v. R.G. Vliet, the gods badly let us down. Especially the goddess of music must have had a Walkman in her ears, because...

--lyrical: from lyre, an instrument that honors a song's words.

--other truncated endings: Steinbeck Grapes of Wrath, Stegner Angle...do not close with the click we expected, but with a sound of surprise, unnerving.

--On my map of life, Texas is written in with Here be blue norther, barracks and B52s.

--Like all singers, Vliet proved to be mortal. Like the finest of songs, his book is not mortal.

--another of Texas vernacular. L.D. J
"Put on your thinking cap, Mr. Morgan."
(Gives a person) the heeby-jeebies.
Morrie perhaps shd sing or hum @ his work, early on.
entire
The whole city could go in a glory hole, for all I cared.
"What are you beefing about?"
add Bolshevik reference
He held me there for a minute to deliver...
00 laughed long and loud.
Moments like that take six months off your life.
It wasn't the history of the universe, but it was more (than I'd heard before)...

transitions to oneself speaking manner

as Bruce a for chat Neill had Nathan Hugh...
Some places say hello in 00 fashion.
"And I'm Scipio Africanus."
He knuckled...
something like a waking dream
For once Morrie looked rattled. He passed a hand across the full breadth of his mustache, then back again. (FTND)
He hadn't the means.
Morrie:

accused of hokum; hocus-pocus
Some places announce themselves...
copper in the periodic table of elements
Roland (Eel Eyes) as pilot fish of Typhoon Tolliver
Canetti on crowds
Russia had gone through a convulsion such as the world had never seen since the French Revolution, the last czar taken out and shot like a dog, the (followers of Lenin)...

"We're all red inside."
let out a rattling laugh.
the heart of a dragon
possibly adapt Scotswoman's version of second sight:

There are folk born to see and there are folk not born to see. And I always believe that I was born to see.
the goons
wanting to thwack me.

I cd see him...
The world wobbles on somehow.
an excess of clever and a deficiency of savvy.
the loam of (spirit)
the face you will carry to the grave.
one of those moments you ask, Am I at the right place, the right time, in the plaid pattern of life?
the whole pumpernickel
Assemblage, 3:

'hiram (rt crim. slang, US')

"Got the whole hiram here, do we."
...trying to get OO's attention.

His/her attention got got.

another possibility: His goat got got, all right.
buckle to a hen's nest (things people say to put off a child when he asks, "What are you making?"
(He has) the brainpan of a tea saucer.
They don't own the past. It's public property.
Make up your own constellations, those old Greeks might have flunked the eyechart test.
Kerouac inscription

Never hesitate to hop a ride over the next hill.
Remember to hold something holy besides your pants.
cut from Lett's inscription:

Roses are red,
violets are blue.
The other way around,
we'd have something new.
He appealed to the high heavens.
She/he crushed that.
hoboes

"slower than smoke off of shit."

camel crap
Kate

She ran roughshod over that.
batty: thinks Kate is about canasta, Herman is about the West
I still say, it was not so much that I was a liar—I simply had a (busy/strong/active) imagination.
Monty

That really burned.

Dad & Grandma pecking over me; what one did to the other.
Rags? someone else, even Donny?

"The only thing about it is,..."
(I was feeling) cantankerous.
Donny

Did everything in the world have to happen to me, this (loc[0]) summer?
Gram

in her near-cussing, calls someone a hellgrammite. Donny uses it for canasta foes?
pale as ashes
Herman mannerism

"Quick fast."
head in the clouds

—Donny is accused of (by Kate) or uses it on himself
B. J. Hole

— naming Wisdom

Lewis & Clark...whose fingers were magic on a map
mention Donny's freckles again later in book

my freckles were on fire (felt like; blushed so much)
afflicted to the bone by what I'd done
rodeo shirt of many colors
insert ref'ce to Hitler earlier, to back up Herman's Munich story
--bogeyman
--German soldiers in Donn's imagination all had the little mustaches
  shoe -olish
characterize Herman as being not so much Germanic as Hermanic in style, behavior
mannerism to be used prob'ly just once: "Mm? Oh, ..."
The bus as greenhouse.

--i.e., with Herman aboard, (all the windows; cleared? talk flowered and grew...)
a just-between-us grin (Herman gives Donny?)
Herman—gravely laugh
he said, stretching.
the sky as blue as a Dutchman's britches in the saying
My voice had an annoying habit of breaking. I sounded like 2 different kids, rolled into one (one hiding behind the other)
"Don't get rambunctious", advice I heard a lot.

Was I getting rambunctious? I couldn't see that I was, merely...

Rambunctious or not,
Donny

throat aching (with emotion) (of it all)
"What I can't do hasn't been invented yet."
he
stupid as a cork
I hated this 00 summer.

What was Gram thinking...? But what else was she to do?
glass eye: in Man'woc, "Come out, too. Want to see?"

"No thanks. Some other time."
Should Herman say "You are quite the lucky boy" instead of "You are lucky boy"?
Kate to Donny

"You're the limit."
Life on the bus, which is to say on the go, ... (was not as intimidating & 00 as my trip east.
--whatever was at the end of the road, it wasn't Wisconsin.
food: belly timber
The sun went down the other side of the mountains, and so did lives.
"Aunt Kate? My rightful name is Donal, okay?"

"'Rightful,' is it." (She looked like she wanted to bite my head off. "Where did you get that word?"

"I read it somewhere. The way people do."

"Very well, mister 00. Donal, you are. When I remember."
My storying, to put Aunt K's word on it, did not hurt anyone, did it?
justify Kate's evident education etc. vs. Gram's 3rd grade education.

--Kate given away? somehow raised differently?

--Gram kept home?

--does this have to be referenced in ch. 2?
You either like rodeo or wonder what..., I think it's fair to say.
all the fuss with ornery livestock is about,
reluctant
Donny cd pick up a big word from Mpls magazines or Nat Geo? (likely Geo)
Gram: Donny hopes or she says...she'll be good aw new and spitting fire besides.
Kate or one of canasta women abt how they met:

"We were Secret Pals, weren't we."

--Donny picks up the phrase?
Kate abt her & Dorie in orphanage

"You didn't know? Our folks had to give us away. (flu epidemic? hard times on homestead?) (parents died?)"
Herman

He brought magic into my life.
insert "not shabby" or something similar paraphrasing "not bad" before they Louie's inscription, to set up Herman's use
westw'd with Herman: the two of us blest w/...
Herman

whose surprises just did not stop.

halfway to wizardly
the crawly feeling that this particular presence (caused/produced)
"Only just asking."
life
try to get slumgullion into narrative before use at fancy dance.
--in the attic? (a Pete Blegenism, or Gram's?)
--w/ Herman?
damn his hide (Donny abt minister thief?)
Big Hole

hobo Whooppe John

Donny. nicknames got nicknames—Whoop
"You could have talked all day and not said that."
this was a case where deliver delivered.
heart to the top of the throat

trying to come out of my...
Donny likes long words? (Kate cd like big words, maybe the one thing they had in common.)
--Gloccamoora (check: 2 words?)
--big strings of alphabet intrigued me (or, I loved...
Wet-eyed, she...
I...
I remembered something I'd read in my Condensed Books education. "Isn't that Morphee—somebody? That lives on a mountain and puts people to sleep?"

"Like I said, arms of Murphy," H

--Herman similarly mixes up Murphy's law
Herman

"Thunderation, hah, Donny?"

cd clownishly bow his legs in front of Miles City mirror when they get hats
"You're quite the thinkerer, aren't you." (combo w/ tinker)
thinkerer

--Probably early in Man'c, H says to D, "you are quite the thinkerer"--meaning, as D refabeled, combo of thinker and tinkerer.
bitter/ly, as some point. He likely shd have a dark side, maybe emerging when D discovers his WWI soldiering.
in jig time (done quickly)
*(On the bus; maybe in p. 69 blue sheet?) People who didn't know diddly about how it felt to have home running away from them.

*or bottom of p. 8? (probably not)
Mntwc depot: they weren' dt dried-up old coots at all, quite the opposite.
Maybe Wisc wasn't all canasta & cheese.
DARE: several "French" entries which cd be amo for Herman, including French dry clean, turning a shirt inside out & wearing it.

--also "hotter than French love."
Manitowoc: (the store names) seemed awful German.
Kate

another sigh as heavy as that first one.
this unhinged summer lord is better
marvelous (arrowhead, maybe among other usages. One character cd even say, "Marvelous!" the preacher pickpocket, maybe)
oddball exclamations that nonetheless make their point

--use w/ Kerouac's phwaw?
In final go-through, look over:

--unused Bartender's cards, behind this book's file cards
--transitions and speaking manner file cards
bunkhouse

that distant land(territory) called romance, although they always had a more rude name for it.
I clutched the memory book that told me love wd flow like water down a tater row and 00 would even out in the end and (a few other entries), as much a talisman as the black arrowhead; it said much about (my summer) that I needed two more than one, & the mocassins each coming to my rescue at different times. (?)
theme that fits both Donny & Herman: born into wrong place, wrong time, wrong life
pure as a window pane
summer on the loose
Harv

(something about him) like a steel trap
Rip Sewall, Cincy Reds—eephus pitch; adapt eephus to hobo slang?
Give it some eephus.
hobo boyo
"That's the truth all day long."
cuckoo juice (booze in hobo camp)
yaffled by the town whittler

smoke wagons
short-brimmed Stetson
hobo after meal of alligator bait (fried liver): "I'm not gonna busticate from her grub, at least."

anyhow
"Half a sec."
Old Faithful blowing its stack (on time)—one for Believe It or Not
Donny has to use "clink" during 1st sheriff/Harvey scene to set up use w/ "alien"
Smiley: the wouldbe cow killer
jaunty (crew in pickup on way to town?)
possibly insert "Hallelujah, brother!" in Donny's vocab after the thief preacher
finale: change Pleasantville to going to Apache country?

Jones: "Funny, don't look buckskin."
    like the Indian sort.
Down there) at that age, small things magnify out of all proportion.
(soul clothes etc.)
Kate to Donny: "Don't make such a fuss."
Smiley

legged his way grumpily
Jones

gruff as a bulldog
that summer of many names
learn by hand

--this maybe needs to be inserted xx early as something Gram or Pete wd say

Even then, I knew much of life had to be learned by hand.

there was a lot of... that had to be

My mother... correspondence courses

by mail
go thru Details file cards
loco summer, mentioned @ Crow Fair: set that up earlier by Donny citing locoweed and saying something to the effect the calendar or life itself ate some that summer.

--camper kids? Kate? (definition p. in Dog Bus file folder)
lost in M'woc: Gram went thru clothes down to the lint before doing a washing; pockets she never wd have (missed the stash as Kate did)
some character uses: "I have had it." (i.e., can't stomach any more)
--sheriff?
--Donny?
--Butte tough guy?
Herman has to mention hen party before Kate ropes D into canasta.

--D maybe shd use "roped"--how did I get roped into this?
Herman has to refer to hen party before ch. 11 use.
Donny has to have the Columbus Hospital pavilion phone #.
--have him dig it out of autograph album before calling from S Dakota?
"Aren't you bright as a spark."
as if in a suit of armor
"Wherever did you get that saying?"
--"You're talking funny."
Donny might have said: "I flubbed the dub."
Donn's use of big words: "It's conceivable."
I howled for the world to hear. "You can't! It's not fair!..."
chatterbox (1st woman on bus, or one of the canasta witches)
I didn't waver, by damn I did not.
My life was going to turn on a card game (?) Canasta, at that.
Donny or Kate uses "abbreviated intelligence"
"This does not augur well." in fancy talk to Kate

This did not augur well.

It was years before I realized auguer was not spelled auger, a big bit used in a drilling tool, but it seemed to me to be perfectly apt. It fit perfectly well the other way, as something that cut (into the circumstances)...
When it came to (temperament? intelligence?), he wasn't walking on level ground.
"That's acey-deucy with me.) Meaning OK

, so agreed to it
Gram, in scene about battle over provisions:

When it comes to food, "Wendell Williamson does not know cow pie from caviar, nor which fork to use with which."
the other end of the world.
Crow Fair: use all 5 senses

—smell: fry bread, dust, horse manure
of the past, ghosts

greenhouse/bus: where portraits appeared in panes, the bus windows brought the new, the future(?)...Donny the expert now, growing stories where Herman grew veks...

D wd have had no trouble telling passengers made-up tales--he was on his way to Seattle where his father built airplanes etc.--but Herman was in charge of convstns as the adult, and D listens jumpily....
pockmarked (hobo's face) (nicknamed Moon?)
Ranch foremen had to be a crusty race, and it (started to from) on their upper lips.
Bing in the Hay

8 - smell of new-mown
25 - mowing a new field
50 - raindays
52 - break mules
56 - load break barn
67 - pic 7 stalkers 68 - desp'mn
70 - " overskat 71 - photo 102 - pic
77 - beaver slide 78 - pic 7 core 100 - 1 pic
79 - measuring gun
83 - cleaning battery terminals w/ hand file
85 - of ace in man
108 - starting
116 - hit 7 Big Hole number using beavershades (key on 120)
during Big Hole chapters, insert mention that Donny is regularly or sporadically calling Gram, without doing dialogue.
'Harry

"Don't get topheavy," he growled. (i.e., think too much)

"Thinking isn't your strong point"
He backed up like a cat w/ its tail on fire.
Herman

shd be taken w/ western shoot-em-up terms: owlhoot, hightail
Where can Donny & Herman be for 4th of July?

Cow Fair
hightailed it
"You have the 00 for it. Maybe seeing is believing."
this, that, and the third
disinclined (big word Donny wd use?)

or: "I'm not inclined to do that." (Aunt K cd jump m on him for hat...)

In an unguarded moment,
Donny

My head off balance
this unhinged summer (attic scene?) (somewhere there's a phrase where D uses something close to this; see if this is better)
made on a ranch

a short go
He responded, dry as a cactus.
"Hang on, a twitch." he motioned to where we shd wait.
Donny

"Holy smoky" which he has picked up from Herman, instead of "Holy crap"?

If so, use FIND

Holy smoky?
Wanted poster includes theft.

Donny: "Th-theft?"

H: "My share...The Kate (in on the warpath)"
hebo about tough task or situation:

"Yeah, it was kind of boogeresque. More)x"
Kate

"Din-din" for dinner
Night on the bus...sound of gears shifting, a kind of song of the road
Herman

one shrewd eye and the glass one I cd see myself reflected in
Jones: Even standing still, he seemed quick about to bounce (into action).
Donny: possible exclamation besides Hot diggity dog.

Clap your hands and shout Amen.
bingo!
...till hell wound't have it. (dialogue?)
Hands in front pocket, he hinged that long body of his (down toward me in curiosity)
I could no more do that than fly.
Herman: "I don't know diddle (misspeaking "diddly") about OQMM. But..."
Herman pondered with his good eye half closed

"A sign he was really pondering"
Wyatt Earp
Sits tall in the stearp.
—Ogden Nash
Harvey: a man and a half

quietly coming to more than ever like
FINALE
Skeeter

shoulders hawked up
Denny

Angel. That was a new one.

--someone has to call him that, maybe late in the book, to match this w/ his use of "angel" in final scene.

--it shd be a woman: running the Wisdom Merc? or make the Watering Hole bartender a tough woman? call her Marie?
Highpockets: when that scar turned white, watch out.
possible running gag: they all say "Jeezu2," until Donny catches it—"Now I was saying it."
"Don't get sophistical on me."
Where was the justice in, 00 that led to the glue factory and dog food 00 and kicked 'em off the rein-handling jobs a kid do from the time he or she was big enough to 00? horse as man's best friend (not dog)
Herman sculpting countries with his teeth
"No, no, that was the truth. It was just sort of... abbreviated."
Herman uses "pistołeros" for "gunslingers"
worn to a shadow
Harold: "Old Sam" story — "goodby, shore, you ain't no gentleman's job."
— just as well die because now I've had enough.

Allen: "lawn extre highball"

Harold: "a hite hunch"
I called his "Old Sam" because he called us "Son"

Allen: "bogger notes full of bottles"

H: "reasonably sober"

"money due' mean anything to me"

A: "I'll fix you up for horses."

H: "cooler than old Jesus"

"funny part of it was,

A: "working gravel"
Bob & Loreen Prescott (and son Bob & dr-in-law Jackie, and dtr Pat) 4/13/91

from legend: (collage?) (when bug Bettye Ch 1936?)

Weenie? Dec. 14, 1948 -

pilots?

Teraplane:

they cattle, or sheep?

Loreen: "it the Allen proven to say anything"

Chet &?

AZ winters? Why we bring:

physical descrip? (matty?)

Allen on tape: (tape played by Bob, of his nephew Gordon interviewing Allen & Harold)

"Boy, I'll tell you."
"I can't tell you."
"just hearing and" "so dry you admit" "just common all in."

"I can sleep in a damn dirty thing like that."

"greased the blankets to keep cold out." (Ties to applin)

"gang disc plays", w. 4-crew - hot fireguard - turn heli fun/now

OVER
Pete Blegen: "All that's left of the job is to start it and finish it."

or Gram: "There's a lot in life you have to learn by hand."
in his rump pocket
Everybody truced...
(rain) that would have floated Noah.
Meals were served with more enthusiasm than skill.
Maybe I was being x naive—who isn't, (a bit), at 11 going on 12—
He's got a 7 inch forehead, don't he?
Or: I don't see any 7 inch forehead on you.
"Run that through your whiskers," why don't ye.
This wasn't just a hallucination, it was a hallucination. The O0 thqt awaited us if...
"Right enough," OO agreed.
"Got you foxed and boxed, looks like to me."
That threw me for a loop.
Donny, about picking up cussing etc.: I suppose I was kind of a blotter, absorbing...
Thesaurus, p. 569, 836.7 in Cheerfulness
"crouse and canty" (Burns)
such-like (use in dialogue? or can Donny use?)
(right there at) the edge of famous
We're licked. (Donny says?)
most tellingly
punctured that daydream.
It was a matter of...

calling by on raw will
I was perturbed.
Perturbed,...
I bristled at that.
Donny's cussing:

Jesus in his nighty
I was reminded (for ex: why...something basic existed or happened)
Afflicted as I was by something I'd done without thinking, I tried to (come up with...
Truth told, (cd be used twice, considerably far aprt, as intro into graf)
I felt myself turn(ing) red.
memory, the caboose of the mind. The Midnight Special or the 00th Century Limited can go hurtling along the tracks... but...
dawdled (Donny in depots)
a slow go
"my most concern is..." (Herman says? Gram?)
Cast a cold eye and you end up (with) a cold I.
It thrilled me through.

..., believe me.

talk through the top of his hat.

pure bull luck.

the hard grind (of mining)

went through all kinds of capers.
My face must have turned as red as my hair.
It would be years yet before spaghetti westerns and The Wild Bunch... I suppose the notion is this was a simpler time. Believe me, it was never simple.
Herman

big-toothed (adj. knowing? sly?) grin
At least one autograph book inscription isn’t in rhyme, but is philosophical or tendentious or some such.
Donny has to have the nuns' phone # to call Gram.
--Sister Carma Jean provides it in first call?
--Gram has put it & address in his wallet?
--Herman has to call directory assistance for him? Then feeds enough change into phone for enough minutes that long-distance operator/chimes won't ask for more. They have to watch H's wristwatch, narrowly keep wit in the time, 1st narrow escape. "That was close. The first of...
"So we don't get ding ding
Six decades ago as I tell this,
I/we pick memories like apples. Some have gone soft, unreliable. Some show solid elderly wormholes. A few are sold and fulfilling as vintage...
Lake Michigan blue as steel beside the city.
seatmate who wd talk until my ears dropped off
Donny at some point of their trip tells H something made up; H braces him:
"True? Or maybe a little Till Eulenspiegel?
"You know Till etc.?
"Uh, no, who?"

- Story Kellner
Youth is not wasted on the young, as some say. (time of imagination)
the bus passengers' stories are condensed
Linda Bierds, on Dog Bus:

-- What it's like to sleep on the bus
-- " to eat on the way
-- The kid wd learn the best places to be on the bus.
No way in the world (could something happen) ...
Who knows where a tendency of that sort begins?
"I think of it sometimes. Often." I looked at her. "Always."
It jerked him up short.
almost sober
Thinks he's God's gift to the human race.
I/he was not inclined to do so/that. (any such thing)
Donny a twin? Living for two?
"Put your thinking cap on."
tussle

--w/ campers on bus?

I tussled w/ that
...any too much. (best used in dialogue?)
That's 00 for you.
the whistle judge, always a good-looking woman to forestall arguments
sticky as flypaper

sticking to him like flypaper
That stopped me cold.
fresh off the turnip truck
the flavor of fate (or destiny)
JB: I have screwed all nationalities and some livestock, and there ain't no difference. The pink thing is the same
the guest room of Hell, furnished w/ side effects
about gay high

about him high (used in Dancing)

(Israel B. Isaac says)
South Dakota History, Winter 86
- Richard Eubank story on Arches Giffelman (used for Peter Hegg?)
from Rita Long, Havre:

--she's taught on the Rocky Boy reservation, and reports the dialect and speech mannerisms there go something like: ay, teach-er, what's the deal, hent it? ("hent it" must be version of the high line phrase, "ain't it?")

No, it ain't.

--she lived with some vegetarians, whom somebody dubbed "granolas."
magnetized by...
golden moldy: God Bless America
shitepoke
woman (or Herman in moment of confusion?) tangled by English:

"go the way of this hand." She gestured with her left, and we went down that street..
She was striking, and I was struck.
Cass?

"Taught fight with a short stick."
lightyears away

...may as well have been...
If M'woc was the pearl of the Grt Lakes, it had turned grimy (needed a lot of polishing up)
Herman fiddles with his hat, trying it at various angles.
All right, none of it was Longfellow, or even 00.
Herman

People born in the wrong time: maybe the ones in the greenhouse glass linger on, trying to find their time.
Depressed to my shoe tops,
yackety-yak(yack)
websites: ProRodeo Hall of Fame
Rodeo Cowboys Association
"Why do I discern a concern?" something I had picked up out of the funny papers
turn of the head
for

00 tilted his head as if to get a new angle on me.
Donny's imagining(s):

What if the air brakes failed? The shoosh producing no slowdown...
Hausl lunch

Gram: "Don't get rambunctious."
I was always being told that.

Later: Was I getting rambunctious?
Add? Donny's folks were going for broke with purchase of bulldozer...

or use this when Gram tallies finances after their accident: They didn't get there, but G and I just about did when she (saw the size of the loan to be repaid and other...
later, Donny has to reflect that Sparrowhead had called the arrowhead obsidiah, a rock not found on WW. He sees it in Yellowstone.
The truth was, I had quite some way to go yet to twelve. Like half a year. Right then I was (hopelessly) eleven.
Herman / He

Kate / She

00 lived in his head. 00 lived in his mouth. (ie, talkied all the time)
still

The place gave me the creeps. (D in attic)
That unforgettable summer
Donny in attic:

...with only the memory book for company. It was good company, as far as 00 can go.
(quote 2-3 entries)
OK, Red Chief. Sometimes I talked to myself in my head that way.
Not Indian talk, understand, because that didn't seem right...
Even if I gave it my every inch and ounce,...
age 11 a tempestuous time: see Marcella's Dec. 7 '13 letter abt Amanda
Wow, I thought.
This won't plumb dumb
in a new desperation  (Dad after my mother's death?)
Rusty

I was upset.

No, I was actually.
Kate

living on aspirin and 00

the aspirin summer
D's fantasy of saving the bus: in late Dec. '93 review, cd not spot a place to put it. G'hound journey is porbably long enough already. Leave out?
In the fullness of time,
(The) spitter-spatter of rain (on attic window or roof)
use wacky fairly early, to set up p. 182 use?
also weird ?
cd be added at end of opening line: , I kid you not.
Ponders County Poor Farm?
Kate remarks that she never met, doesn't know anything about, Donny's parents. He makes up something, realizing too late he'll have to maintain the same story with Herman.

--This gets him into trouble with Kate, who comes to doubt the tale.

--And later when he and Herman are on the road, it also comes back to haunt him, and he had to confess to Herman.
It's said... (nothing is too hard to learn...) (given enough time and... application)

worth learning?
(Breaking) (Up against) Some dumb rule every time you touched a card.
Kate hums to herself, in car, house, etc. At some point admits she wanted to be a singer, but never got past humming.
didn't know squat: add earlier, to set up use on p. 104?
Rocky Mtn Stage Line: sedan bus
backfill with "You got me there" or "Gotcha" or some such to justify "That got me" on p. 182.
Backfill Herman's "Idea" announcement(s)
Herman has to give the galoot salute (French salute?) fairly early when the story reaches him.
ringleader on bus shd be changed from Karl to Kurt (or some other hard-C name) to avoid confusion w/ Karl May
Green Stamps: change GF ticket clerk's "card table" to lawn chair?

--later, on way into Man'c, D sees S&S signs on obvious furniture store(s), thinks about getting Gram a lawn chair for recuperation...
reprise D's wine-red rodeo shirt (on bus with Herman?)
Kate asks obt 'mores.

(Herman?)

For one crazy moment I was tempted to tell him I got them for Green Stamps at an Indian trading post.
possible add

p. 100 or vicinity, Karl says "slick(er) as snot" in some context
...got down to it. (i.e., buckled down to a task, or heart of an argument)
backfill "in the sticks" to justify p. 183 usage; maybe D's 1st reference to "backwoods."
FIND:
whoosh, replace w/ whiz
opening page: take out vigilantly?
similarly, drastically and cruelly on p. 2.
also p. 2: change correct or not to right answer or not? √
uses "futz", startling Donny; like Gram's almost cussing.

Who, that was close to an earthy phrase you'd hear in a bunkhouse, wasn't it?

dirty word
Kate's dresses made by Omar the tentmaker
or Herman derisively: Omar the tentmaker to the rescue.

A really unkind schoolyard taunt to any halfway fat girl & less than popular was that her dress had been made by...
big bazoombas (breasts)
I spied (for I spotted)
The big blowup came...
Donny to Herman

"Nothing wrong with that."
My mind squirreled off in a fresh direction.
Shut your yap.
"What gets me,..."
It was an aching thought.
Boredom went out like a light.
He hoped this wasn't what he thought it was.
Silence. Silence so deep I could hear my blood throb.
My face must have gone red as a tomato.
a heartbeat apart, we...
Gram promises to send him another $50 in M’woc; it never shows up, D is sure Aggie has intercepted it, takes $ from her purse(?), leading to her shipping him home early.
use again or skip?

add "Ace Work" earlier in ms
in final go-through, decide whether to cut down on modifiers, ch. 1 and elsewhere
Possibilities flooded my imagination.
(It tastes) so good, you'll swallow your tongue.
travel travails (he tells to the Z'mans?)
technique

Donny's habit of ending a sentence w/ , right?
new graf, maybe standing alone: Wrong.
I was so far off (from right)... on that it wasn't even funny.
just an eence
My thoughts turned to...

--escaping back to Montana? hitchhiking?
decked out in my (purple) rodeo shirt...
One of those mysteries of (existence?), like why you can snap your fingers but not your toes.
Kate

Crossing her arms,
She didn't have to rub my nose in it like that.
Kate

"Not funny."
(＠mistaken)
She marched right over that.
00 blew out her cheeks.
Dorothy: thrust into (the 00 summer)
Kate

a singer who (only) got as far as humming
also see ms review/adds file in desk drawer
"Herman, neither one of us knows bubbly fart about..."
I know it was my imagination, but the streak in his hair looked whiter than...(a min. ago)
(some physical change in Herman as they go west)
"My rosy red fanny"...
possible titles:

Coming From There

The Arms of Murphy.
Not that much of a fool. (said by Molly Ivins at '90 WHA?)

-Easter
Sangster needs glasses (w/ thin goldwire rims) later.
phone conversation w/ Tom Holden, 12 July '10:
Ttalking abt Taylor Gordon's Born to Be, I mentioned that Taylor later had mental problems, believed a radio had been planted in his teeth, where and when did that kind of paranoia(?) start? Tom suggested from the notion early in the history of radio when people at least thought they were picking up transmissions (in crystal-set days) in the fillings in their teeth.
"One of the greatest experiences that newcomers find in Africa is the rediscovery of their own senses. The clutter of civilization is pared away as the limitless spaces are confronted for the first time; there is a renewed sense of perspective, proportion and one's own insignificance."

—Errol Trzebinski (in Sc Hn ideas file)

have Angus call Montana "our Africa"? Or Adair react to it that way?

—In a centen'1 novel, have somebody wonder if Montana has been a Congo.

Riley, in Butte? Read Stavrianos
p. 179: the Harvest Lord (akin to a foreman)
            "the noon sleep, in the field
p. 180: food carried to workers in fields
p. 180: bonus "called for" by field workers, a la 3 cheers
p. 183: the role of bracken
p. 184: corn dollies were trademark designs by thatchers, marking their work for all to see
p. 186: pattern of flailing resembles pattern of bell-ringers
p. 189: kingpin of millwheel; how it is "taken up" (inserted further when worn)
p. 200: "by hook or by crook," hauling out deadwood
p. 204: "the splitting image", split halves of same tree used for symmetry in building
Lost Country Life, Dorothy Hartley

p. 32: quotes Irish extract of 1656, "For the better destroying of wolves..."

p. 62: formula for "a turrible lot o' lambs"

p. 87: process of sowing broadcast, inc. need for smooth steady pace

p. 90: methods of counting and calculating

"The stretch of man's arrow arm was the yard, to measure how much cloth he needed for his coat..."

pp. 121-3: sheepdogs

p. 125: "any cat who will not steal must be mentally deficient"

p. 153: haystacks; bracken base

p. 174: harvesting: "oats should 'stand under three church bells'" (abt 2 wks)

--p. 176: headland grass for sheave ties because it grew strong from oxen urinating there while resting over
Lost Country Life, Hartley/2

p. 206: "Michelangelo is said to have earmarked a lump of marble in the quarry because 'he saw an angle' in it."

p. 211: a garnish of pewter

p. 234: "The strong feathers of the goose flighted arrows."

p. 235: "'They put pigeon feathers in my pillow, no wonder I could not die.'"

p. 243-4: 1850 Scottish Board of Ag report on "droving" sheep

p. 245: the high horses of nobility

p. 253: "The expression to 'draw a bead' when shooting is a reminder that the sights of the early crossbows were beads threaded on horsehair."

p. 255: "The resolving of a herd of cattle into 'products' can be studied along the river in almost any old town. First the cattle pens, then the slaughter yards, then the tanyards, then the horn works and last, farthest downriver, the soap and glue-boiling yards."
p. 261: "While the astrologically educated poets (male) ascribed all variations, both physical and mental, to the influence of the planets, the earth-educated woman realised the variations in seasonal diet were likely to be responsible."

p. 267: chimney-cleaning: "a hen dropped down from the top cleared a short chimney very quickly."

p. 271: onomatopoeic tool names: type of scoop called a scruppet, from scrape-up-n'-out

--2-p. list of Tusser's "husbandly furniture" words

p. 279: "In mediaeval days wants accumulated for months, becoming definitely formulated, so that when you went to market you knew what you needed and how much of it, and bought a year's supply."

p. 280: list of measures for various goods--barrel, bolt, ell etc.

--282: punnet of raspberries, frail of strawberries

p. 287: trade marks (my note: akin to livestock brands)

p. 289-94: list of types of trades people, and their functions

p. 301: "There was a tidal limit for burial at sea--for instance, Graves-end on the Thames."
p. 314—"Forestalling--buying up goods before they reached the market, so as to resell at a higher price--was a crime..."

p. 323: hay

p. 324: "It was a medieval belief that when the unicorn stopped to drink, he dipped his horn into the water to test it."
--"unicorn horn" was sold as a guard against poison; nobility used it to test with

p. 327: "Medieval people had a genius for getting hold of the wrong end of the right stick."
destiny: one's lot in life

fate: that in the nature of the universe by which things come to be as they are.
Sky raw materials file folder cd be winnowed further; many pp. of phrasing that have gone onto file cards for other books, but are strewn in those file boxes.
Keeping

winnow the yellow pads for English Creek and Mariah for char'c phrasing (by Jick).

[Handwritten note]

sorted for Miss You
Nov. '09
"Lines from Brecht, which Fraser quotes at the beginning of the book, ask his essential question: 'Where, the evening that the Wall of China was finished/did the masons go?...'

In Ideas notebook; source, Chron of Higher Ed Books & Arts, Sept. 28, '79

possible use:

Where, lines ask, the evening that the Wall of China was finished/did the masons go?
"It's not the end of the world."
But it was of ours/mine.
Edmund O. Wilson, Biophilia, p. 79:

"...in the study of response to graphic designs, the Belgian psychologist Gerda Smets found that maximal arousal (measured by the blockage of the alpha wave) occurs when the figure contains about 20 percent redundancy."


Possible implications for writing: in rhythms; in sense of landscape and weather; in dialogue/dialect, the distinctive turns of phrase.

Tony Angell has told me a rule of sculpture is to exaggerate by 10%.
What are called cliches do have a diamond core of truth.
when I'd be shaving &...
Clifford Geertz—thick description
as a farm lad sometimes would follow cowboys and their trail herd, I followed words--their printmarks leading, leading... until I at last came to write for the magazines I read
me following words as some boys followed cattle drives:
their brimming imprints fresh as hoof marks in the dawn

the winks of a stone skipping on water

(words)

lured by what I saw in books
The English art critic Kenneth Clark once cited Robert Louis Stevenson's rule that a comely sentence should have a hitch in it, a turning point for distributing the subsequent phrases, and that the phrases themselves must be independently fetching and a little surprising, as well as being in tune. "Between the implication and the evolution of the sentence," Stevenson blueprinted, "there should be a satisfying equipoise of sound."

Lord Clark approvingly called this "Mandarin English," and employed it to own glorious example in writing of his Edwardian origin:

"My parents belonged to a section of society known as 'the idle rich', and although, in that golden age, many people were richer, there can have been few who were idler."

(Another Part of the Wood, Kenneth Clark, p. 1)
We were agreed, without ever needing parliamentary debate on it,...
I was in a haze of thoughts.
By now...
What Gunn would have called a BSen

B Esser
schmierkase: headcheese? if so, Herman can say so, adding to the "sch" theme of Man’woc
Kramer, WW

234, #35: "If you sleep with a Bible under your head three successive nights, you will dream of who you shall marry."

235, #36--"For nosebleed, hold a Bible over the sufferer's head and read Ezekiel 16:6 three times."
From the sassy tilt of her head,
"We're cizitens!" (parents have attained citizenship)

Eddie: Then how come your folks talk that broken stuff instead of American?
sheep of another color
(Gram) spiraled her finger overhead, indicating the price (train ticket) was out of our reach.
"The train is..." Her finger spiraled in a pigtail curl to indicate how much higher train fare was.
positutely sure

who cd be positively absolutely sure (abt anything)
a little of everything and not much of anything
curly-haired
"This won't save." (i.e., I have to say it now)

--Wes, telling Susan he has a pupil for her?
Wendell

skin a flint
Morrie thinks abt Cartwright:

"So Tiberius might have sat/If Tiberius been a cat."

Had

—Matthew Arnold, Dic of Qtns, p. 17:40
heartquake
"Give us a jingle." (i.e., phone us)
Donny casts his lot w/ Herman's betting talents

Wouldn't you?

(use as freestanding last line of book, preceded by Angus saying in effect he'd do it all over again.)
Earl Zane

canned milk: "No tits to pull, no hay to pitch/Just punch a hole in the sonofabitch."
"Ain't that a dandy?"
I plowed on.
scaredy cat
True as an arrow to a bullseye,
Instantly my ears perked up.
feeble/feeably

--as in, I said feebly...
Zimmerman scene: flashback to Gram coming into D's life, the fact they were broke, etc.
Donny & Kate?

I knew why. She didn't want to.
a withering look
arching an eyebrow at that.
Engrossed in 00, I...

As engrossing as this (their argument?) was,...
00 has us in a cleft stick.
Who gives half a goddamn about canasta any more, right? Let me tell you, it was not that way in 1951...
Craftily...
They well... (use as mood-setting beginning of sentence, as in "They well might have been puzzled.")
because, when you think about it,
use:

They passed a look.
00 and 00 passed a look.
The times we live through leave their mark on us, like it or not. I was of the generation...
Minding my tongue, not easy for me...
I was slow to put it together.
He tucked his head to one side.

OO tilted his head.
cross questions and crooked answers (Thesaurus, 713:3, Discord, p. 496)
, I tell you,  (mid-sentence interjection)
His eyes met OO's.
Wonder of wonders,
Held by habit, she
00 picked up on that.
I figured I had it made.
This had been one hell of a wearing day without (having to face...)
Wasn't this cute. (used ironically)
Nothing in the world...
And I do mean 00. (reiteration for emphasis)
Which reminds me.
at Morgan's they both held jobs...

But still. (are we in transition?)
in search of how this could be said.
And yet
What with...
Yes, insistently yes.
On top of it all,
Again? Yet? Still?
It went to prove,...
00, or something like it.
...a family resemblance to...
Yet there it awaited (me).
That wasn't the half of it.
Total silence met that.
All of it clattered through his mind.
How could this be?
in no way, shape, or form
Like that the scene changed.
It was a chance to say this.
Come right down to it,
true, (used in midsentence)
(When) life has not informed us otherwise.

...life seems to have more directions than the compass.
Death and the poor farm went together, in my mind. Not just because it was the last stop for the indigent and OO, but (flu epidemic; story and legend) old and
"Pack up for the poor farm." The thing about that was, G might have to.

& that wd leave me as a ward of the county, in the 00 where no kid in his right
mind wanted to be, foster

"He's a foster—more rarely, it was She's a foster...irregular...
It happened to Indian kids

Some courthouse person wd show up, and bam, you were handed over to a family of
utter strangers. Or what might be worse, to some bunch you knew were next thing to
(notorious am fond family: Ma & Pa Kettle w/ a pack of hellion kids

people took you in because they needed the money.
Gram/Pete Blegen saying

"Guess we'll just have to pack up for the poor farm."
Gram thought Wendell was worthless as belly button fuzz.
Life had dealt a hard deal
the collywobbles
I might as well have saved my breath.
Why oh why
scars of time

(You can't see all the...
...are inside a person.)
If enough of the threads of everything you've known are snipped (day by day), how long before you collapse in a heap.
until the sun comes home.
What is the saying, wise in itself: the getting of wisdom is the errand of time.
Half Salois Agee tape for Dupuyer centennial—possesn of H. Hayne

—in sort of a way

--she never spoke no Cree until later when she married my granddad
--up until the year of '27.

--(256) T'saint Salois moved from Canada after Metis lost the battle of "Petosh"

--I's father worked on Blacktail ditch

--he also digged the telephone poles (from Holy Pam Mism to B'ning)

--the first oldest (brother)

--I was born right here at Blacktail, where as I said.

--where now Isidor's place is.

--the fact the matter...

--a whole 38 years.

--Started dancing on New Year's, we'll say about Christmas time we started, and never stopped dancing until the 6th of January, from one night right after another, from schoolhouse to schoolhouse and from grandad to grandad and uncles to uncles, we just danced here and there...
Ila Agee/2

--I remember most particular...
--hard time dance
--quite a fun
--had many a crazy dances there
--There was two of those.
--Fact the matter,...
--Little Chicago
--From one time to the next...
--What the horse packs on his back, that'll be your pay...
--down the line (refers to a direction: "down the line, south here")
--Dave farmed off and on, and then gradually they moved into Dupuyer
--grading road with harrow made from brush
--over south
--one thing another
--where he could get a job he worked.
--she's very well educated but you never know it.
—which he got killed here about 3 years ago

—especially

—we kept on hanging on, our teeth gripping, you might say.

—I guess we're doing all right.
Mabel Pepion Salois tape for Dupuyer centennial--pos'n H. Hayne

--They lived good, you know.
--such stuff as that.
--A lot was said.
--somewheres
--He went no good.
--He never stays in a town long enough to have an address.
--hit its lowest mark. (as in, That's when the town hit...)
His ticker went bad.

- Rusty's fear for Tom.
- You heard it all the time.
"In addition to low rainfall, the western states share climatic extremes, a comparatively high elevation of land, and wide expanses of either plains or mountains. Weather is easily visible and has a direct effect upon the people. Most of the land is open and unprotected, so that the Westerner must always confront his total environment...In the West towns are far apart, violent storms swing suddenly across the plains, snow comes early in the mountains, and the wind blows hard enough to be a factor in the behavior of the people. Life can be a physical and spiritual ordeal, or it can be seen in terms of purity as symbolized by the clear and dry air which is undefiled by industrial civilization."

---John R. Milton, Western American Literature, Winter '57.
WWII and other war stories...

Yet what else was the Odyssey?
snake boots: character who says he's going to put on his snakeskin boots (to dress up)
1960 politics

Whoever Pop was for, I was for.

old bald Ike was the only President I had known
when the grass was so short the sheep had to go down on their knees to find it.
hats on in the van?

There wasn't really any reason, it was just something you did in Montana.
Bill Reinking to Tom?

"How are things in the death throes?" (of selling the place)
"It's chillying up some."
Grit & bear it.

--Tom to Rusty when sheriff shows up?
sheepherders

When the joint wasn't overly busy Pop let them hang around the far end of the bar as long as they didn't pester the paying customers...
"What if"--R's mother walked in--
Who wd you go with?
--eerie to hear her say those two words
How you holding up...?

"First-rate and then some."
@ Canada Dan's

Hello.

"There's a madness to my method." sound portrait
Big shade trees, linked leaf to leaf above the rooftops, lined both sides of the long st.
Yet life is tricky when you try to get down to the actual proportions of it.
and next, last
maps surprise him anew each time; in the way that cave paintings spoke to a man kneeling among the bones and hair hanks on a cavern floor, they promised the glory of a fresh dimension, of a direction the imagination had never before known.

cartographer named Go. Go's sense of line drew appreciation from Melander each time. It was like looking beneath the skin of this
blobbing

blot of...
This bleed on their endurance got no better, which was the same as getting worse.
...the great day when 00 would be dead.
As sleep is next to death, (comparison)
memory's rainbow set of eyes
innocent of...
(Mitch’s publisher) had come through with his usual flying colors. Puce. Mauve.
swoon (as a verb)
his tough outer ply
wraith
That near, and that far.
There were days when I wondered whether the homestead was worth
the 0 years. Sometimes those days added up into weeks. It was
what counts in life
A person of practical consequence.
ration of
We thought..., and proceeded along those lines.
dilicious center of our two lovers joined

Life's tasks are there is waiting, whether you have appetite for them or not.

3 days I waited, worked on myself (to ask again)

showing up Allan knew at showingchild help interest Anna...
The smallest things hurt.
canny enough to...
memory's set of eyes
  rainbow
  violet
  blue
You could pretty much make a ledger-line across the world between the Glasgows. (Montana's...Scotland's...)
By rare justice of nature,
life's midspan
Light and music had much in common. (?)
The fullness of that...cannot really be told, for how can all the sides of a gem ever be seen at once?
It does seem to me that time enriches,
"the friendship has been kept green"—GF Trib article on Glacier Park guide
Jack Monroe
"I come from a tribal people myself, who went bare-shanked, prayed an ungodly music, blindly followed hereditary chiefs."

Haggis

--Luke to Rob: "We come from a tribal people ourselves. Running around bare-shanked in kilts, listening to that ungodly instrument, the bagpipes; blindly following hereditary chiefs."

--"If it wasn't for the Irish, the Scotch would be the most pixied people in the world."

on earth
If there is any right in the world, OO would be (a saint, rich, etc.)
This was about as welcome as colic.
Was taken by--died (of influenza, for ex)
It's not time you came in yet...

...he took the lockjaw. (i.e., came down with...)

(Palmer transcript, p. 34)

-somebody wants Marty to shut up?

Deep
---You had to keep whacking (at the job) or it'd get ahead of you.
To this thinking...
Argue it out with yourself. I'm going to bed.
during their affair, does Wes comb Susan's long hair?
the flivver brigade, odd as coracles on the (bay?) of mud and mire sod
Life is not a tea dance.
pitiless
- Anger's pitiless love
She cd be...
top-notch
Boorstin, THE AMERICANS, p. 523--MacLeish

accepted
46--M: "Having put all the anguish of my young soul into the epigraph, I turn to facts."

53--M: "Don't be ill, for the sake of Christ! If Oska isn't going to look after you and carry your lungs... wherever they have to go, then I'll bring a forest of conifers into your flat and I'll have a sea set up..."

120--M's diminutives to L at beginning of letter:
"Liska, Lichika, Luchik, Lilyonok, Lunochka, Lasochka, Lapochka, Little child, Little sun, Little comet, Little star, Little child, Sweet child, My beloved Kitty..."

124--M: "Thirty-five days have passed. That makes at least 500 hours of constant thinking!"

125--M: "I find it incomprehensible that I have become like this."

127--M: "Love is life, love is the main thing. My poetry, my actions, everything else stems from it. Love is the heart of everything. If it stops working, all the rest withers... But if the heart is working, its influence cannot but be apparent in all the rest."

129--M: "All families break up."
prezactly (combo of "precisely" and "exactly")
Idiot child.

--Darius Duff says, maybe with scorn, of one of his nephews who disagrees with him about politics and the flaws of capitalism. Probably says it dismissively, maybe to himself while watching the other walk away.
p. 727--instead of "precisely" shd it be:

"All of them later remembered, to the inch and to the instant, just where they..."
Never happened. Life isn't a (chart).
It was one of those places where (the country) is recorded in its walls, ceiling... --its very atmosphere.
entire
...that well has run dry in me, and I'm camped at the reservoir.
"His money is as green as anybody's."

Yours,
Ringling: shaking ashes down in the stove; carrying out ashes

Doral: I did little chores...
"I can tell you straight away this:..."
character who says "It's fun" abt some snotty task he hates doing.
Is gratitudinous a word? I'd have to look to be sure, but it **exx** deserves to be in there with magnaninousm voluminous...
stovepipe-black hair
Tom: bedroom slippers in bar

"My dogs are barking." (feet hurting)
He was billiard bald, and
from John Doig obit:

...the only help for a man is at the end of his arm.
I thought

"But you just said he doesn't know straight up."

don't

(...doesn't know sic 'em.)

- Varick: he & Angus talking over situation of V in Angus' schlroom
The gravy days
Those were
a hand's turn
on the outs
And I say, Good for him.
the undiscovered country from whence we come. (source unknown)
stone bald
in such a way (as to...)
hang around waiting for to sing
You might as well wait to hear the mermaids singing each to each, as
(wait so long for something else; my mother to say...)
My people are gone now, buried in Montana, the storytellers, the reciters-of-sayings, the carriers of the Scots lowland voice that is scarcely traceable on my tongue.
Beyond the frontiers of logic, and on into the wilderness of astonishment
playing with an edged tool
Dic of Qns, 86:32-- Charity begins at home, is the voice of the world.
Sir Thomas Browne, 1605-1682; in Ex 86:34 he despairs of coition.
I look into the weeks of the diary after the Sioux shredded Custer and the Seventh Cavalry. Nothing. Into the period of the anti-Chinese riots in Seattle and Tacoma in the autumn of 1885. Nothing.
the lanes of time
Memory takes us down...
Scatty

He didn't have to back up for anybody.
He's not quite hooked up; (not all there)
- isn't hooked up right.
"You couldn't even believe him when he said hello."
(characterization by Marcus Matovich, Lewistown, 6 Sept. '90)
- keep plugging: continue
- plug away at it
"You're flat-out lying."
"Crippling along, same as usual."
"I hear that." (i.e., yes, I'm aware of...; I know that, but don't necessarily agree)
That's next thing to hopeless, [to get 00 to admit... ]
--You know that, don't you.

She knew it enough for both of us, so I didn't answer. How did my daughter get to be more of an expert on me than I was?
"You had better not be liking this."
"Not necessarily."
"I'd love to give you hope on that, but I can't. OO's got his mind made up."
"Not traveling with a full seabag, that lad." (Darius, abt Birdie, or Bruce?)
"Crack at it, be my guest."
"There's no knowing you, not really, is there." (Proxy to Darius?)
"You can."  (i.e., yes, of course; go ahead)
"There's maybe some trial and error." (Darius to Owen, about leftism?) "But the try is worth a misstep or two."
"Now I believe you have."

  did

  are
Nothing I can't take care of.
Toussaint?

Say on, say on.
Do it till you get it right. (advice to newly-weds) Angus of Adair

"Sandy says?", as the preacher said to.
Scat, then. (good-humoredly, good-bye)
"That's not such a bad idea."

"Flattery will get you."
Amendment-Commandment joke

--you're joking, lt."
What's the word? (i.e., scuttlebutt)
Yum. (one of the WASPs says abt a man)
the pee-pole (someone's sardonic term for "the people")
pistol prick
Ben to Prokosch?

"How do you like this?"

"Pretty good."
Cross my heart and hope to die.
goof/goofball
"They owe you a refund on that chute."
“Up yours, Animal.”
gink
the dr kinda pinned it on him about that drinkin'
...won't hardly...
"You can dish it out but can't take it."
I don't quite know what they got up to.
"Say again?" (pilot talk used by Ben)
Ben:

Holy J. Christ
"Duff, you go after ideas like a dog that chases cars. You want to watch out what happens, if you ever catch one."
glommed on to (used in Sky?)

--Glom on to that, will you?
Hal G. Stearns Jan. '85 letter in Helena travel file:
the "junior syndrome" of ranching sons whose fathers won't let go.
Conting

176 - paying; asking mo. damage is
Vitamin B (beer)

Vitamin G (guts)
That guy is stone dumb.
Half the time he don't know if he's afoot or horseback, and you're gonna make him 00? Jesus H. Christ, Mac!
Irrigate your way to health. (Beer drinker, in defense of his habit.)

(about Stanley?)
There was no sign he had his lights on upstairs.
OO was a pain in the patoot, as far as OO was concerned.
plugs (plugging) away at it (i.e., perseveres)
he was all wound up
—wound up all the time
"He put the jump on me. Ran me right off the place."
A bartender or brothelkeeper tells one of the Duffs, probably Darius:

"Duff, you're a goddamn delight. I wouldn't trade you for a pinto pony."

Ranking
"Don't start." (i.e., don't begin giving me a bad time)
"To hell with this noise." (Owen use? interior?)
Phrasing:

all out in here—(in this area)
they'd just come a-flying—(fast)
somehow or another
That's pretty hard to say.
They done all kinds of things.
He got this blood disease and he just run out of blood.
These guys forget the richest stuff—(i.e., can't remember it.)
If I hollered there was no answer—(i.e., was alone.)

He was kind of a nice guy. If he hadn't been, he would have have been shortly after birth.

It was something I took a dim view of.
It all came on like a blast—(in a hurry.)
You know what a motorway is? Well, it's damn near not anything.
By God, that suited me fine. By God, that just suited me fine.
If I had to write a book from my diary, it would take the whole damn (Swan)

McKenzie River to wet it down so it wouldn't be so dry.

They went quick—i.e., vanished rapidly
You can bet they weren't trying to do anything right (sheepherders, reluctant to bed sheep according to USFS rep.)
"You couldn't put water between them."
Now you're cooking.
He's none too swuft (swift: smart), that one.
It...it...it will.
The best part of him ran down his daddy's leg.
Lexa: (or one of the others)

"I never have, never wanted to, don't intend to, and won't."
T3 road as it is long (equal)
(MT Collins, 53)
I gave him six months before...

- Beth
I don't know this. (possibly plus: I don't know this at all.)
Whatever you do, don't... (as said by Dad or Grandma: meaning, you're avoiding doing what's right)
Mariah or Mitch usage:

"Not to worry."
Swan: Look at you.

Each more OO than the other. (use this as dialogue, to get past its logical inconsistency?)
"Some of us worse than the other."
"You know damn well that (isn't...)?"
"What an extreme crock that is."
"Go with it."
"Being sorry doesn't cut it."
Hold that thought.
She was a piece of work, this (Anna Ramsay?)
"That's right, pour it on."
hungry as a bitch wolf
"I'll owe you forever."

"Probably."

"I don't doubt that."
I don't know. But I don't care, either.

- Bruce to Dan in pol'd argument?
It is getting so you can't...
Don't run away w/ yourself abt this.
"If you need it, you got it."
"I live for the day of his death."
Dene Reber: lingo I noted in "homestead letters" addendum:

Rose Gordon, when asked at a picnic whether she'd like anything further, would reply: "Oh no thank you, I have had an elegant sufficiency."
chick—young, usually attractive woman

possible use: a man says, "Listen, chickie...."
That guy doesn't have both oars in the water.

(or, Jick about Riley: Sometimes I wonder if he has both oars in the water.)
"Mariah, never mind," Lexa warned.
"You tell it, you're going to anyway."
on the blink
play like it is  (i.e., pretend so)

-Beth-
Course I been wrong before. Once--when I thought I was in error.
Funny thing was, I did know (what was spoken on GV's st'hd dawn).
"I don't care if she is a woman, she'd better have the balls of a brass monkey."
"I don't give a holy fart what you think."

anybody
the whole shitaree
"My crew is out of whack."
Okay, okay, can't about to have a shitfit.
What in hell-all (is going on; or, is this about)
Ben or Jake:

I'll be go to hell.

animal
"You wouldn't shit me about this, would you."
Get the shit shot out of him.
"After the war and all."

"That's a ways down the road. Until then..."
Oliver

I'm not (angry) put out about the 00.

Rose:

You're giving a good imitation of it.
Helluva deal, O0 said wistily.
"My blood thickens every day." (in sumptuous circumstances after tough ones)
Cass to Ben:

"King of the Rhine. Think you'll ever be?"

"Depends on (Hitler losing), doesn't it."

this war killing off Hitler
, kiddo.
"It's a story peg."
Cass: "OO always teased me that I was suffering from Earhartache."

Ben: "Were you?"
"You goldbrick," OO laughed.
"They'll have to go some."

He has some way to go yet.
jokingly abt extravagance or some such:

"I don't want to stand too close to you, I can't afford to come down with that."
"You're a case."

But of what?
"I just about am." (dialogue)

Dude?
"She's the kind who'll hand you your nuts in a paper bag and tell you to start over."
I already noticed that.
"I hear that." (i.e., yes, I'm aware of...; I know that, but don't necessarily agree)
to make anything
to make anything
About as complicated as
"I figured I'd take up fucking on stilts, next."
or: "This is like...
"This is about as much fun as..."
all over everydamnwhere
"Don't sweat the small stuff."
So what?
"You said a mouthful."
Pretty smooth, I call it that. (easy; effort-free)
don't get in with that crowd

- Bath? Mac?
I believe that may have been the case.
"Insofar as I can, of course."
"A good while, now." (i.e., for quite some time)
They aren't/weren't much. Sometimes it doesn't take much.
"Take it to the chaplain." (I.e., quit bitching.)
the Canada quick-step: quick journey to toilet
the screw flu (infatuation)
I know this is not delicate, but there is a saying...gets more tail than a toilet seat and fit Riley.

If all that Riley appeal stayed at home, you could see what a husband he could be.
I'm heart, soul and fart hole in favor of that. But how...
He yawned.

"I'm not long for this world." (i.e., going to bed)
"Yesus Yaysus."
"Don't screw me over, on this."
"Who did you first and ever fuck?"
Dibs on your jacket.

Screw you, clothes horse.
Two Medicine
Most of the country voted him to be a fool, but... you had to wonder.
Damon shut up.
Neil?

00 was beginning to feel gala.

- on a foot w/ Bruce in Blue Eagle, that leads to firefight?
But that's another story.

--use this fairly early, in Rusty's narration that he and Zoe ended up married; and again as final line of the book?
the old duffers

— more boys were...
"He could use... oo, that guy."
It's getting to be, everybody I know is dead.
"I can't bring myself to do it. You must know how that is?"
I'll always be glad to give you a bad time.
you don't have to get red-eyed about it.
A person will have to be

stump ignorant (i.e., dumb as...)
example of Montana slang:

"Boy, I'll tell you, I haven't learned this much since my third year in the second grade."
inclined to hang around saloons and poker tables and let the setup go to general hell.
War's brother to him?

"what in hell-all..." (were you thinking of?)

Is this about?
in Ekalaka cafe, guy griping about the *wuxi* world to another guy over morning coffee used:

"Can you see the picture?"

"In other words..."

"Let's put it this way."

Thus a character could be endlessly paraphrasing himself. (Riley: "The guy is suffering from paraphrasis.")
Glen Smith

reel 1, p. 28—lemonade chant: "ice cold lemonade, made in the shade, stirred by an old maid with a spade. A nic a nic a half half a dime, the twentieth part of a dollar."

--S knocked over his brother's stand, brother rigged it up again, announced, "all right, ladies, step right up, things are just as cheap as they was before the fight."
sheepherder grub; sheepherder's principle: that a washed pot never boils.