

I was finally well enough to go home, but the day before I left a heavy melancholy settled on me, and I probably puzzled and embarrassed my newest roommate, a twenty-five year old vet, by briefly mentioning it and wondering where it came from. But I had been in that room long enough to feel it was my own, and I could say whatever I wanted in it. The melancholy may have been for my own privileged life, or for my mortality, or for Hal's or Arthur's, or for the damage done to the blond farmboy, or for the separations between us that one yeams, at one's best, to close. But the next day I left knowing that I probably would never see these people again, and might not recognize them if I did.

**THE BUMPER STICKER**

The fat cat stood ten feet behind his car  
And eyed the sticker and he puffed on his cigar  
Deep-atisfied, he smugly smiled.

He slipped into his leather-cushioned seat  
And bade 200 horses pull him down the street.  
Thus he the village folk beguiled.

What said this sticker he so neatly placed  
On bumper of his shiny guzzler that he raced  
About the country-side? The gist

of it (put on with supercilious smirk)  
Was—but I quote! "Hungry? And out of work?  
Eat an environmentalist."

John Van de Water  
Environmentalist (and proud of it)

**BYPRODUCTS**—The combustion of wood leaves a proportionally small amount of residual ash. This usually amounts to 0.5 to 1 percent of the dry weight of the wood. This byproduct might also be used as a fertilizer as it is a source of potash, phosphorus and calcium.

**RENEWABILITY**—If harvested in the context of the utilization of annual growth, the supply of wood is renewable; a ton/acre/year could be harvested regularly as an agricultural crop.

**OWNERSHIP**—The ownership of the forest resource in New York State is in the hands of many small landowners who own most of the 2,600,000 acres of commercial forest land in the region.

**ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS**—The availability of this market would offer the practicing forester an opportunity to upgrade the quality of existing forests by thinning to stimulate growth of a healthy forest environment. This cutting would improve most wildlife populations by improving food and habitat.

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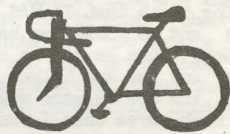
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