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Much gratified, finding no leaks beneath the thrice-fixed kitchen sink, he repairs to his duck blind, made of nothing at all, scrap lumber, fallen branches and broken reeds, perched on stubble by the pond's edge, and sits himself behind the screen on an overturned five-gallon paint bucket, exhaling steam this fall day, clasping his arms across his chest like folded wings to fend off chill, scanning the sky and water, watching, waiting for drake and dam to land, when he shall take aim.