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A Southern American Story, 2014

by Andrei Codrescu

The best carpenter around here shot himself in the ass with the .38 in his belt while planing shelves for a bookshelf in the bank president's new house. It took a while to get the blood off the aged oak boards but not as long as it took the carpenter's ass to heal. He walked with a limp but he finished the fine case that filled with books on guncollecting above which elk and tusks pose as if to point out the triumph of books teaching their real men to soar like bullets into bony beast-heads. The bank president shot himself. The carpenter went to jail for weed. The bank foreclosed on his shop. The .38 is in the Kansas State Trooper Museum of captured boneheads.