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**FROM A MOBILE
HOME: FIRST RATTLER**

by *Dr. Nuala Archer*

Most likely
she was spooked up
some at first
As compared to this
wide open
country
her idea of movin'
out was pretty
small potatoes.

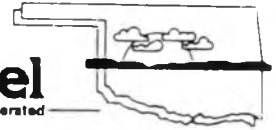
And then I saw
her get to driftin' further
and further—
lookin'
into holes
of every shape &
size, wonderin'
what was in 'em
& pickin' up
rocks & ol' cattle
bones
like they was going
out of style.

Once she nearly
fetched up a
rattler
instead of the Indian
Blanket she was
aimin' for. And
I personally
saw tears buck
from her eyes
when that coiled
sleeper, workin'
a blue fork
tongue, shivered &
buzzed at the approachin' heat
of her hand. ■

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