

ail- broken

inside... They take away about four
makers and I can't help wonder-
ars close my profile showed up to its best
ly triage.

ny, this place slowly recovers from this
have jence, but before I can do the same,
king on comes up to the desk and
nhandlains that bugs are crawling down
variedack and that he is seeing things

Old A should not be there. He is taken
conditiony ambulance. Next, someone takes
I consthis clothes, except for his jockey

Although this is allowed it is
queasyly unusual in a place where people
lood. I take off more than one shoe or their
the stroat. I go over to see if he's trying to
of bloodny, but he explains that he finds it
inside sible to sleep with clothes on. I let it
way ofing he won't get raped.

ter a f...ict a man for starting his fourth
inside...the evening. Outside, he takes out
cks. It...strations on the windows and door
an rem...two by four, all the time inviting me
recauti...e outside for the same treatment. I
reduci...eel inclined to go, so I call the police

d. But before long, he gives up and
ce, so... By morning he will have forgotten
part of...ing and when I see him next, he'll
prob...gain greet me like his long lost

inter...er, after which the cycle of distur-
II of...and eviction will start anew.
police...e Shelter closes at 7 in the
r. On...g. Waking up is a long and tedious
tree times, since most nights it is impossible
week...one to get more than about four
ore bef...sleep. At 6, the lights are turned on

re room...e radio begins to blare out the
we don...e that bigger is better. The men
nd sit...nd sit around in various stages of
it. A f...ers.

ustom...e staff goes around, shaking
and bo...ers, announcing that today is the
gnose...the rest of their lives, but it fails to
I can...s. Some manage to sleep through
ous figh...ket, or are comfortable and do not
'ate the...get up. By 6:30, most leave for the

medial... Men's Hostel, for their free
. I bre...st. Those who still feign sleep are
r which...ned by a firm pull at the arm or the
behavi...t I have become less enamored of
nd he's...ethod, since the day when I pulled a
neone...d half of it came off in my hands.

ches fr...e question which no one seems to
rd call...to answer is why some men will
ved by...p with constant indignity and
rip, from which there is no escape
the temporary oblivion caused by

g. The Shelter can do little to change
ay of life. It provides a place to
or those who would otherwise
walk the streets or sit in doorways
andoned cars. The Director of the
Rev. Geo. Spady, a United Church
er, offers counselling to those who
and tries to help them to break this
tive cycle. They come to the
every night except when they are

ere are many agencies in Edmon-
o try to reach the alcoholic, but for
people, it seems too late. The
to them, is home, they meet all
ends there and share their wine. It
le which is not easily broken and
do not even seem to try.

to them seems a treadmill. They
from the Shleter to the Hostel for
st and spend the day walking
collecting bottles waiting for the
o open. Whey they run out of
or when the bars close, they
over to the Shelter and go to
Even those who work behind the
e not immune to temptation. There
een several instances where
ees fell off the wagon and then
d to the shelter as clients.

y. Spady blames government for
alcohol too easily available and
sing for condoning it use and
He sees little opportunity for
as long as the government
es to make large profits from the
d use of these products and long
return to a more restrictive policy
ng alcohol.

