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Thanks to an Ice Age or two, the prairie began at Zanesville, Ohio, and rolled straight through to Denver. Now, though, the wind is rolling it back. A swathe in Kansas turns under neat squares and mysterious circles of field, scoops up towns, watertowers, freeways.

"Stop!" I cry as my house is dislodged on Arcadia Avenue in Columbus, but the new paint goes under, the ravine fills up in a minute.

Now the University, all the lovely shopping malls, the Capitol. We hover behind it in helicopters: a Tootsie Roll many miles thick, drying out but still chewy, it will wind up against the Appalachians (read it in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette), little shreds of roots waving at the sky.