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Expressive, limitless designs
in peacock colours:
faces, figures, flowers, patterns, words

Tight on the skin, tattoos,
worn like clothes or accessories,
have gone mainstream

This ornamentation comes at
an extra cost
From a pinch to the extreme,
all applications hurt

My father had
five violet numbers tattooed
onto his left forearm
for registration at Auschwitz

The pain

THE HUNT IS ON FOR:

perfection,
although impossible
to define or attain

truth and understanding,
a complex balancing act

money,
good only some of the time,
but comes in handy

contentment,
an ointment best used
in liberal quantities