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Spread In a Western Town. home in the afternoon. I saw coming to-ward me a horse ridden, as I recall it, madly by a man. - As they came nearer I heard the man shouting. The horse was blowing like a locomotive. I noticed that the man rode bareback. Every time he yelled he plunged his heels into the sides of the horse. I do not remember the exact words of the rider, but they were about 'war beginning.' As he rode people in the street who saw him stopped, listened and asked one another about it, many windows along the way were hoisted, and as I proceeded homeward the women who Carpenter and Builder, know me called from the lookouts and ask-

ed me what 'that man' said about the war. "When I reached home, I found my mother's parlor a scene of confusion. The neighbors had called in to tell her what they knew and to ask what she knew about the war. The negroes about our house were frightened. One of them took refuge in the cellar and came out only after she had been threatened. Her fear was the 'abolishiners.' The word 'Yankee' as an approbrious epithet had not at that time come into use.

"There was a Dutch hotel in the town on the roof of which was a triangle. For many years it was the town clock. It dangled out the hour for the three meals breakfast, dinner and supper-and when it sounded the housewives looked at their timepieces. This triangle clanged out that afternoon before supper time. An earthquake would have caused no more commotion. The proprietor of the tavern beat the triangle until the city marshal made him stop it.

"There were two newspapers in the town, and each one got out what was called an 'extra.' It was not much like the extra of this generation. The news of the firing on Sumter consisted of less than 200 words, was printed on a small slip of white newspaper and was set in the same width as the columns of the papers which issued them. There was no advertisement or other news on the slips. These extras sold for 25 cents apiece. From that time until the close of the war that was the sort of 'extra' that was issued by the papers in the town where I lived."—New York Sun.

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"The blankets now turned out are pitiful and tawdry affairs compared with these of bygone times. Those of today can be bought for about \$30, while a real old fashioned blanket is really priceless and cannot now be bought. Those ancient Dynama blankets were half an inch thick and would hold water as well as a wooden tub. The finest of them are found buried with bodies of dead chiefs, and they are practically indestructible.

"The women who weave the blankets of today can make the old fashioned blankets just as well, for they know the secret of manufacture, but the cheaper blanket is easily sold and takes only a short time to make, while it would take nearly a year to weave one of the real blankets those glorious combinations of colors and material, one of which would easily be "They have an exquisite color sense.

these women, and blend their material perfectly. The coloring is fast and is made of vegetable and mineral matter, the secret of the making being handed down from generation to generation. A tribe can be known by the color scheme of its blankets. The designs vary greatly. Sometimes religious ceremonies are typi-fied, sometimes tribal and sometimes personal history or other themes, all of which may be read by those skilled in the sign and color languages of these Indians.
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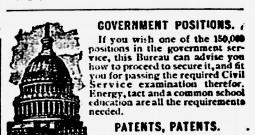
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city was once called to see a patient at a time when he was himself in a state of moral crisis. He had been present two days before at a consultation on the case of an eminent citizen, and the doctors had disagreed. By all of his own study and experience he was absolutely convinced that a certain operation desired by two of his colleagues in consultation would result in the death of the patient. The fourth physician believed as he did, but when he spoke it was to assent to the opinious of the two elder men, in the hope that their wisdom was assured and that the man's life might be saved. The old doctors had their way. The patient died next day under the hand of the skilled younger man, whose conscience promptly entered into revolt of his whole nature against his own individual relation to the conditions of his profession. After a sleepless night he was called to the bodside of a second well known citizen, a man suffering from "Americanitis"—crushing overwork— whose system was a little shaken up by a fall from a bicycle and who had a slight feverish cold attended by an inability to hold up his head. The young doctor, being, as we have said, in a state of moral crisis, said to the patient: "In bed? That's good. Stay there for a week. Don't eat anything if you can possibly help it. Drink plenty of cold water. Forget busi-"He's all right. It's time he had a rest. Bo sure there is plenty of fresh air in the room night and day. Don't let any one talk business to him for a week." He went away without giving a tablet or leaving a prescription. And next day he decided to quit the profession, so that

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