

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

The country is having an inventive boom, and the U. S. government, as well as the inventor, is profiting thereby. How much, may be judged from the statement of the Commissioner of Patents, that the weekly receipts of his office were \$5,000 a week more than they were last summer. The total number of patents, trade-marks and labels issued this week was 633, a greater number than has been issued in a single week since April 1890, and the number of applications await-

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