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The eye can hardly pick them out
from the cold shade they shelter in
till the sun reveals their soiled covering
Then one reaches out, empty hand
the others seeming to look on
and stands anonymous again

Blankets: of print and pattern, some days color
not faded quite, the ordinary never
best not make much of it
For on the outside it is just trash, news of the past
of anonymous trees, product of machines
one makes newspaper with rolled up sleeves

Thirteen years ago, perhaps
two dozen distances have passed
to stable them; the warmth of a coin
Of body and soul and pride
where inside, they stand along
windswept streets; October residents

-Peter P. Goché