

being 1,309,000, as compared with an increase of 220,000 in 1885 over 1884. No less than 172,000,000 of post cards were used in the United Kingdom in 1885.

360. The next table gives the number of newspapers, books, periodicals and parcels sent during the same period. Number of newspapers, &c. —1867-1886.

NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, BOOKS, CIRCULARS, PARCELS, &c.,
1868 TO 1886.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Newspapers and Periodicals posted otherwise than from Office of Publication.	Newspapers and Periodicals posted from Office of Publication.	Books, Circulars, Samples and Patterns, &c.	Parcels.	Total.	Number per Head.
1868	18,860,000	.....	.....	24,800	18,884,800	5·60
1869	18,700,000	.....	.....	38,720	18,738,720	5·49
1870	20,150,000	.....	.....	51,844	20,201,844	5·85
1871	22,250,000	.....	.....	64,160	22,314,160	6·34
1872	24,400,000	.....	.....	95,200	24,495,200	6·78
1873	25,480,000	.....	.....	112,300	25,592,300	6·98
1874	29,000,000	.....	.....	102,800	29,102,800	7·61
1875	31,300,000	.....	.....	131,352	31,431,352	8·08
1876	38,549,000	.....	4,539,912	70,724	43,159,636	10·09
1877	39,000,000	.....	4,638,000	90,000	43,728,000	10·09
1878	6,252,740	33,483,672	5,090,000	107,800	44,934,212	11·02
1879	5,610,000	36,769,086	5,054,000	206,600	47,637,686	11·49
1880	5,870,000	39,250,062	5,224,000	217,000	50,561,062	11·99
1881	5,980,000	42,709,068	6,000,000	331,500	55,020,568	12·66
1882	7,150,000	43,695,000	7,186,000	394,000	58,425,000	13·19
1883	7,402,000	45,737,266	8,724,000	463,200	62,326,266	13·80
1884	8,210,000	47,779,532	10,160,000	541,000	66,690,532	14·48
1885	8,760,000	49,821,798	10,500,000	600,000	69,681,798	14·84
1886	9,200,000	51,864,064	15,140,000	640,000	76,844,064	16·03

361. In the figures in the first column for the years 1868 to 1877 inclusive, are included all newspapers and periodicals sent by mail, whether from the office of publication or otherwise. In 1877 a change was made in the regulations, and all newspapers, periodicals, &c, sent from the office of publication were carried at the rate of 1 cent. per lb., and the number carried has, since that date, been estimated in the above table at nine newspapers to one pound. By an Postage rates on newspapers.