

237. The public debts of some of the principal foreign countries are given below :—

Public debts in foreign countries.

PUBLIC DEBTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

| COUNTRY. | Year. | PUBLIC DEBT. | | |
|-------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | | Amount. | Per Head. | Multiple of Revenue. |
| EUROPE. | | \$ | \$ cts. | |
| Austria-Hungary..... | 1887 | 1,647,726,000 | 41 60 | 4.89 |
| Belgium..... | 1886 | 420,464,275 | 71 14 | 6.66 |
| Denmark..... | 1887 | 54,369,325 | 25 79 | 3.62 |
| France..... | 1887 | 7,010,000,000 | 183 42 | 9.27 |
| German Empire..... | 1886 | 147,345,526 | 3 14 | 0.80 |
| Greece..... | 1886 | 125,360,225 | 63 33 | 7.70 |
| Italy..... | 1887 | 2,246,903,485 | 75 04 | 6.85 |
| Netherlands..... | 1887 | 452,000,000 | 103 00 | 9.30 |
| Norway..... | 1886 | 28,162,830 | 14 40 | 2.37 |
| Portugal..... | 1885 | 476,440,328 | 101 19 | 13.32 |
| Roumania..... | 1886 | 140,053,648 | 25 46 | 5.48 |
| Russia..... | 1886 | 3,669,944,394 | 41 61 | 5.28 |
| Spain..... | 1887 | 1,265,000,000 | 73 44 | 7.40 |
| Sweden..... | 1887 | 66,458,258 | 14 08 | 2.90 |
| Switzerland..... | 1887 | 6,540,210 | 2 22 | 0.65 |
| Turkey..... | 1885 | 744,839,018 | 33 88 | 10.11 |
| ASIA. | | | | |
| China..... | 1886 | 24,333,333 | 0 06 | 0.61 |
| Japan..... | 1886 | 334,264,030 | 8 76 | 4.37 |
| AFRICA. | | | | |
| Egypt..... | 1886 | 518,625,840 | 76 07 | 11.30 |
| AMERICA. | | | | |
| Argentine Republic..... | 1887 | 155,790,036 | 45 35 | 3.21 |
| Brazil..... | 1886 | 455,839,389 | 35 27 | 4.54 |
| Chili..... | 1887 | 129,543,691 | 51 26 | 3.69 |
| Mexico..... | 1887 | 184,000,000 | 17 70 | 6.00 |
| Peru..... | 1884 | 243,000,000 | 90 00 | 31.35 |
| United States..... | 1887 | 1,700,771,948 | 28 33 | 4.57 |
| Uruguay..... | 1887 | 72,205,722 | 121 05 | 8.82 |

238. The national debt of France is the largest in the world, and it is possible that it even exceeds the enormous total given above, as it is difficult to ascertain its exact

Debts of foreign countries.