

Aggregate  
trade of  
principal  
countries.

315. The total trade of the United Kingdom is the largest in the world, Germany and France taking second and third places; and the following is the order in which the principal countries doing the largest trade stand, with the amount of that trade in each case:—

United Kingdom.....	\$3,126,541,547
Germany.....	1,643,773,532
France.....	1,507,913,600
United States.....	1,504,671,460
Netherlands.....	815,609,955
Italy.....	783,049,400
India.....	759,799,631

Value of  
trade per  
head in  
various  
countries.

316. In proportion to population the largest trade among foreign countries is done by the Netherlands, the amount per head being considerably larger than that of any other country, the countries next in order being Switzerland, Belgium and Uruguay; but with the exception of the Netherlands, the per capita value of the trade in the Australasian Colonies is higher than elsewhere. Exports exceeded imports in Russia, Spain, Austria, Hungary, Greece, Japan, Egypt, Chili, Mexico and Brazil.

Exports of  
the United  
States.

317. The United Kingdom takes the largest share of the exports of the United States: in 1860 the proportion was 52·50 per cent, and in 1887 51·65 per cent.; in the latter year 7·80 per cent. went to other British Possessions, making a total export to British Possessions of 59·45 per cent. In return for this, however, the States only imported 23·84 per cent. from the United Kingdom in 1887 as compared with 39·17 per cent. in 1860, and 10·75 per cent. from other British Possessions as compared with 10·84 per cent. in 1860, so that while the imports from other British Possessions are about the same in the two years, the imports from the United Kingdom show a decrease of 15·23 per cent. since 1860.