

234. 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.....	£3,129,221,528
Germany.....	1,643,773,512
France.....	1,549,199,922
United States.....	1,525,663,790
Netherlands.....	815,609,955
Italy.....	783,049,400
India.....	759,799,631

Aggregate trade of principal countries.

235. 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.

Value of trade per head in various countries.

236. 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 1888 52.38 per cent.; in the latter year 8.60 per cent. went to other British possessions, making a total export to British possessions of 60.98 per cent. In return for this, however, the States only imported 24.58 per cent. from the United Kingdom in 1888 as compared with 39.17 per cent. in 1860, and 11.08 per cent. from other British possessions as compared with 10.84 per cent. in 1860, so that while the imports from other British possessions have slightly increased, the imports from the United Kingdom show a decrease of 14.59 per cent. since 1860.

Exports of the United States.

237. The following is a comparative statement of the imports into British possessions during the years 1886 and

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