

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, according to the latest available figures, principally for 1889:—

United Kingdom.....	83,602,513,811
Germany.....	2,422,928,400
France.....	1,846,413,000
United States.....	1,613,137,633
Netherlands.....	968,040,150
India.....	590,885,785
Italy.....	429,992,741

Trade of United States with British possessions 288. 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.

Imports into British possessions, 1887 and 1888. 289. The following is a comparative statement of the imports into British possessions during the years 1887 and 1888, showing in each year the amount and proportion per head that came from Great Britain and other countries respectively.