

Aggregate trade of principal countries.

288. 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, according to the latest available figures, principally for 1890 :—

United Kingdom.....	\$3,644,044,592
Germany .....	2,550,946,083
France.....	1,970,610,650
United States.....	1,647,139,093
Netherlands.....	968,040,150
India.....	614,037,724
Italy .....	429,992,741

Trade of United States with British Possessions.

289. 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 1890 52·58 per cent. ; in the latter year 8·33 per cent. went to other British possessions, making a total export to British possessions of 60·91 per cent. In return for this, however, the States only imported 23·63 per cent. from the United Kingdom in 1890, as compared with 39·17 per cent. in 1860, and 10·19 per cent. from other British possessions as compared with 10·84 per cent. in 1860 ; so that, while the exports have remained the same, the imports from British possessions have decreased 16·19 per cent. since 1860.

Imports into British Possessions 1888 and 1889.

290. The following is a comparative statement of the imports into British possessions during the years 1888 and 1889, showing in each year the amount and proportion per head that came from Great Britain and other countries respectively :—