

THE WORLD'S PRODUCTION OF IRON AND STEEL.

COUNTRIES.	Pig Iron.	Steel.
	Tons.	Tons.
Great Britain.....	8,322,824	3,669,960
United States.....	7,603,642	3,385,732
Germany and Luxemburg.....	4,524,759	2,046,147
France.....	1,722,480	529,021
Belgium.....	847,288	248,641
Austria-Hungary.....	816,156	398,156
Russia.....	532,649	222,025
Sweden.....	457,052	114,537
Spain.....	232,000	28,645
Italy.....	12,265	73,262
Other countries (estimated).....	100,000	30,000
Total.....	25,171,115	10,746,126

The world's production of iron ore principally in 1889 was 53,289,754 tons.

458. Great Britain and the United States combined produced 63 per cent. of the total quantity of pig iron, and 65½ per cent. of the total quantity of steel, produced in the world. Great Britain still maintains her supremacy as the largest manufacturer of iron and steel, but the United States have wonderfully increased their production during the last twelve years. In 1878 Great Britain produced 45 per cent. and 36 per cent. of the total production of iron and steel respectively, and the United States 16 per cent. and 24 per cent. respectively, and the following table, showing the proportionate products of the two countries in the last three years to the total production, will give some idea of the progress made by the latter country :—

Production of iron and steel in the United Kingdom and United States.

YEAR.	GREAT BRITAIN.		UNITED STATES.	
	Pig Iron	Steel.	Pig Iron	Steel.
	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
1887.....	34	33	29	35
1888.....	34	35	28	30
1889.....	33	34	30	31