

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 :—

United Kingdom, 1891.....	\$3,623,500,900
Germany, 1890... ..	2,695,848,000
France, 1890... ..	2,003,509,000
United States, 1892 .....	1,857,680,000
Netherlands, 1890 .....	968,175,000
India, 1891.....	951,992,517
Italy, 1890. ....	355,080,000

Trade of  
United  
States  
with  
British  
Posses-  
sions.

366. 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 1892 48·63 per cent ; in the latter year 6·83 per cent went to other British possessions, making a total export to British possessions of 55·46 per cent. In return for this, however, the States only imported 18·89 per cent from the United Kingdom in 1892, as compared with 39·17 per cent in 1860, and 9·93 per cent from other British possessions, as compared with 10·84 per cent in 1860 ; so that the imports from British possessions into the United States have decreased 42 per cent since 1860, while the proportion of exports remained about the same until 1892, when there was a marked decrease.

Imports  
into Bri-  
tish Pos-  
sessions,  
1890.

367. The imports into British possessions during 1890 amounted to \$1,147,744,477, of which \$599,062,025 came from the United Kingdom, and \$548,682,446 from other countries ; corresponding figures for 1891 were \$1,139,990,873, of which \$602,878,393 were imports from the United Kingdom, and \$537,112,480 from other countries, showing an increase from the United Kingdom of \$3,816,368, but a decrease from other countries of \$11,569,966, and a total decrease of \$7,753,604. The proportion of the amount imported from Great Britain to the total imports in 1891, was slightly higher than in 1890, being 52·88 per cent as compared with 52·20 per cent, but was not so high as in 1889 and 1888 when it was 53·89 per cent and 53·06 per cent respectively. The excess of imports from Great Britain over imports from other countries has been as follows in the years named, viz. : in 1884, \$72,371,510 ; in 1885, \$74,073,065 ; in 1886, \$36,833,675 ; in 1887, \$29,403,770 ; in 1888, \$63,985,639 ; in 1889, \$86,437,701 ; in 1890, \$50,379,579, and in 1891, \$65,765,913, showing somewhat of an increase as compared with the preceding year.

Propor-  
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imports  
from Bri-  
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368. The proportion of imports from British possessions to the total imports into the United Kingdom has remained much about the same, and with but slight variations, as shown by the following figures :—