

657. The preceding tables, taken from the report for 1893 of the Director of the United States Mint, give the production and coinage of gold and silver in the different countries of the world in the years 1890, 1891 and 1892. They have been retained in the Year Book for 1893, having been given a place in previous years. It should, however, be mentioned that very great doubts have been expressed respecting the accuracy of this statement of the production of gold and silver, and especially of the silver. Returns to Alexander Delmar, London, show that, instead of the world's production of silver being 196,316,000 in 1892, as given by the United States Director of Mint, it was really only \$86,605,000.

658. The following table has been prepared from Mr. Delmar's returns :—

PRECIOUS METALS, PRODUCT OF THE WORLD, 1892 AND 1893.

(Bradstreets, Feb. 10, 1894.)

COUNTRIES.	1892.		1893.	
	Gold.	Silver.	Gold.	Silver.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States.....	23,116,667	27,869,789	24,333,333	24,333,333
Australia..	31,438,667	10,901,333	31,928,333	10,112,933
South Africa.....	22,575,878	.....	27,361,617	.....
Russian Empire.....	23,575,900	594,123	26,251,637	649,992
Chili, Peru and Bolivia.....	1,535,920	14,125,987	1,706,253	14,653,971
Mexico.....	284,155	20,705,233	295,163	18,515,574
Guiana, Venezuela.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colombia and the Isthmus.....	6,750,067	2,162,747	7,397,333	2,328,797
Canada.....	900,333	266,693	900,333	267,667
Germany and Austria.....	.....	3,948,813	.....	3,278,917
British India.....	2,976,453	.....	3,893,333	.....
Japan.....	494,453	1,178,707	661,867	1,265,333
Other countries.....	3,192,533	4,852,067	2,920,000	4,185,333
	116,841,026	86,605,492	127,646,202	79,591,850

These returns show an increase in the value of the gold and decrease in that of the silver produced in 1893, as compared with the previous year.

659. A striking feature of the year is the advance of South Africa to the front rank of gold producers. The United States