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COTTON CROP-UNITED STATES.

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1901.

OF 1900-01.

Our statement of the cotton crop of the United States for the year ending Sept. 1, 1901, will be found below. It will be seen that the total crop this year reaches 10,425,141 bales, while the exports are 6,638,813 bales and the spinners' takings are 3,729,458 bales, leaving a stock on hand at the close of the year of 239,324 bales. The whole movement for the welve months is given in the following pages, with such suggestions and explanations as the peculiar features of the year appear to require. The first table indicates the stock at each port Sept. 1, 1901, the receipts at the ports for each of the past two years, and the export movement for the past year (1900-01) in detail, and the totals for 1899-00 and 1898-99.

	Receipts endi		Exp	orts Yea	ar ending	Sept. 1, 1	1901.	Stock	
Ports.	Sept. 1, 1901.	Sept. 1, 1900.	Great Britain.	Chan- nel.	France.	Conti-	Total.	Sept.1, 1901.	
ouisiana.	2,456,186	1,867,153	894,534	9,461	321,204	811,785	2,036,984	44,274	ı
labama	124,214	202,945	33,572			19,690	53,262	6,007	ı
exas	2,235,882	1,796,054	874,227		326,814	603,801	1,804,842	55,180	l
lorida	156,485	151,928	75,613		23,425	53,520	152,558	*****	ı
eorgia	1,208,048	1,206,658	241,673		23,899	586,444	852,016	6,598	
Car'iina	237,647	266,810	71,562		600	08,967	141,129	3,348	ı
.Car'lina	309,852	917,530	77,379		*****	146,326	223,705	2,250	ı
irginia.	414,789	413,170	42,959			10,235	53,194	4,609	l
ew York.	*163,865	*80,471	268,017	36,649	33,606	306,803	615,075	112,664	l
oston	*197,799	*119,027	325,836			3,750	329,586	2,698	l
altim're.	*72,361	*103,619	82,923		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	67,448	150,371	500	ı
bila	*28,149	*49,487	3,899			1,102	5,001	1,196	l
ortl'd,&c		******	3,240		• • • • • • • • •	†93 , 868	102,108		l
Fr'ne,&c		******				88,982	88,982		l
otals-									l
This yr.	7,605,277		2,995,434	46,110	729,548	2,867,721	6,638,813	239,324	ı
Last yr		6,574,852	2,260,068	81,245	696,554	3,004,379	6,042,246	88.032	1
Prev. vr.		8,464,959	3.482.291	60.297	793 224	3.021.976	7.362.788	392,280	I

*These figures are only the portion of the receipts at these ports which arrived by rail overland from Tennessee, &c.
† Including shipments by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows that the total receipts at the Atlantic and Gulf shipping ports this year have been 7,605,277 bales. against 6,574,852 bales last year and 8,464,959 bales in 1898-99; and that the exports have been 6,638,813 bales, against 6,042,346 bales last season and 7,362,788 bales the previous season. Great Britain getting out of this crop 2,995,434 bales. If now we add the shipments from Tennessee and elsewhere direct to manufacturers, and Southern consumption, we have the following as the crop statement for the three years.

Year Ending September 1.	1900-01.	1899-1900.	1898-99.
Reccipts at ports Bales	7,605,277	6,574,852	8,464,959
Shipments from Tennessee, &c., direct to mills	1,152,852	1,264,760	1,370,398
Total Manufactured South, not in-	8,758,129	7,839,612	9,835,357
cluded above	1,667,012	1,599,947	1,400,026
Total Cotton Crop for the YearBales	10,425,141	9,439,559	11,235,383

The result of these figures is a total crop of 10,425,141 bales (weighing 5,319,3:4,434 pounds) for the year ending August 31, 1901, against a crop of 9,439,559 bales (weighing 4,754,629,038 pounds) for the year ending August 31, 1900.

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SPINNERS takings in 1900-1901 have been as given below.

Total crop of the United States as before stated.....bales. 10,425,141 Stock on hand commencement of year (Sept. 1, 1901)—

At Northern ports...... 26,566

At Southern ports...... 61,466— 88,032

Of this supply there has been exported

* Not including Canada by rall.
† Burnt includes not only what has been thus destroyed at the Northern and Southern outports, but also all burnt on Northern rall-roads and in Northern factories.

These figures show that the total takings by spinners North and South during 1900-1901 have reached 3,729,453 bales, of which the Northern mills have taken 2,062,441 bales and the Southern mills 1,667,012 bales.

DISTRIBUTION of above three crops has been as follows:

	Takings for Consumption— North South.	Bales. .2,062,441 .1,667,012	1899-00. Bales 2,192,671 1,599,947	1898-99. Bales. 2,247,092 1,400,026
	Total takings for consumption	.3,729,453	3,792,618	3,647,118
	Total, except Canada by rail To Canada by rail	.6,539,945 . 98,868	5,937,385 104,861	7,362,788 92,643
	Total exports Burnt during year	.6,638,813 138	6,042,246 15,541	7,455,431 3,001
	Total distributed	10,368,404	9,850,405	11,105,550
	Stock increase, minus cotton imp'	d 56,737	*410,846	129,833
ĺ	Total crop	10,425,141	9,439,559	11,235,383

* Net deductions.

In the above are given the *taking*, for consumption. The actual consumption for the same two years has been:

*	1000 1001	1000 1000
	1900 1901.	1899-1900.
Stock September 1bales.	185,538	425,867
Takings*	3,729,453	3,792,618
Total	3,914,991	4,218,485
Consumption—North*2,180,682 } South1,667.012 }	3,847.694 ^{2,43} 1,59	33,000
Stock end of year bales.	67.297	185.538

Northern takings and consumption include 92,526 bales foreign cotton (Egyptian, Peruvian, etc.) in 1900-01, and 106,522 bales in 1899 1900.

Consumption in the United States and Europe.

United States.-A sudden change in the outward aspeot of the print cloth branch of the cotton goods trade has become a feature in the situation since the middle of August. Production in excess of consumption, stocks of goods accumulating and selling only at prices below the cost of production, had been conditions of long standing; but a crisis was precipitated by a contemplated cut in wages and by a general strike of employes which was threatened as a consequence. The prospective entanglement was averted by the failure of the effort to get a majority of the spindles at Fall River to sign an agreement to dock wages 15 per cent. As overproduction was the disease to be cured, it was easily seen that lower wages was not the remedy called for; that short time and smaller production, until the current output could be at least brought and kept within the compass of the public call for goods, was the action needed. At the nick of time Mr. Borden—the good angel of the Eastern mills stepped into the arena, and according to market reporters, saved a reign of chaos by offering 2½ cents per yard for "regulars." He got but a small portion of the accumulated stock, for other buyers having become bidders (induced

by the advance in the value of the raw cotton) the price of regulars rose 1-16 of a cent per yard and the market was on its feet again.

These facts have not changed the real situation of the cotton goods trade at all. The character of the existing accumulations of print cloths is of course changed when cotton advances materially; that is so because the value of the cloths advances with cotton and so converts the old stock from a dead asset (that is, unsalable except at a loss) into a live and profitable asset. In other words, the mill manager is thereby enabled to turn his burden into cash and thus be relieved from carrying it. But when he enters on the manufacture of new goods on full time and is required to pay the higher price for the raw material, he is in the same position as before this little episode occurred. He is much better off, however, in that if he will he is at liberty to restrict his output of goods to the demand. But the problem he must face is identical with the one he has had to face during the most of the twelve months which have just closed.

The truth is that the cotton goods trade has held a singular place the past year—that is to say, it has stood by itself, out of conformity with all industrial surroundings. If one looks in almost any other direction there is found to have been activity, progress, profit; but cotton spinning has dragged, especially the last six months, spindles running not even on full time, and yet stocks of goods have accummulated and the financial results have proved, as a rule, profitless. Of course there is no condition that is absolutely general in its application; and when we say "profitless," that statement must be taken with allowances. mills in the North and South, well situated, with abundant capital, having machinery always kept abreast of the latest inventions and improvements, with watchful and thrifty management, have but few exceptions when they do not earn their dividend. They do not, however, represent the average situation. That has been correctly portrayed by what we have previously said.

A combination of influences is, in a measure, the cause of this derangement; and yet one of these predominates to such an extent that until that condition is changed and the general situation in some manner relieved from its pressure, the activity of the trade can at best only be fitful. The whole of this phase of the case lies in a nut-shell. We have it in the simple statement that capacity of production has outstripped the home power of consumption, and there has been no sufficient outlet for the surplus. In other words, a speedy growth in the number of spindles and in the sub stitutions for older styles of those of newer and more rapidly running pattern, are turning out goods faster than the peo ple of the United states can absorb them. There appears to be no escape from that conclusion, and the congested situation it indicates is becoming more burdensome rather than less so. This last statement is made evident by the facts we have gathered, in making preparations for this report; especially of the new spindles introduced during the last year, even while the trade has been from month to month getting into a worse fix; facts which leave no room for doubt with reference to the real status of the trade and its

To comprehend the extreme nature of this embarrassment and form a correct judgment with reference to the sin gularity of the depression, so as to take in the situation and its requirements, it is needful to have in mind that the United States the past twelve months has developed beyond all previous twelve months its capacity for the consumption of every kind of product. That is to say, it is notably true that our people in the various departments of business have had an enlarged income to spend, although the accumulation of cotton goods in stock does not indicate it Mark how high wages have ruled—the tendency has been upward ever since the election last November. Consider, too, the additions that must have been made to labor at work, it being very nearly true that no idle man seeking work could have failed to have obtained it uninterruptedly. In these two ways there must have been distributed to the wage earners far more money than in any year in the country's history; which means, of course, an immense addition to the surplus money that large class has each month received to supply its current wants. Another important division of our people includes the agricultural classes. When have they as a body been so well

off in net income as during the past year. We undertake to say that there never was a season when farmers and planters in the North and in the South, in the East and the West have in the aggregate secured more profitable returns for their year's work and have had so considerable a net income left to spend for household and family supplies; indeed, Western farmers have been laying up money and increasing their finan ial strength for years. The same situation is true of the mining industry, and it includes a wide circle of products—gold, silver, copper, iron, etc.

One other branch of industrial work needs mention, one which adds more light than any other on the point we were considering; it affords evidence not only of the increased capacity attained, but likewise of the new activity in progress. We refer to railroads, the largest gatherer and disburser of money we have. In no way could the fructifying influences at work and the rapidity with which they have been augmented be so clearly indicated; for of course the enlarged income of railroads has also added to their capacity for aiding and hence stimulating the growth, In a greater or less degree, of every sort of enterprise, new and old. Stated in brief, the gross income of the whole system of roads in the United States probably increased in the first six months of 1901 seventy-five million dollars and thereby brought up the total earnings for the year ending July 1, 1901, to about \$1,600,000,000, all but a small percentage of which has probably in some manner gone into reproductive work during the last six months. Moreover, it is to be remembered that this large addition to earnings in 1901 has been a part only of a similar large movement in progress during the last four years, so that if we should compare the earnings in 1897 with 1901 we should of course reach a very much larger total of increase. What a beneficent influence is thus found to have been flowing out from this one center, putting life and profit into enterprises all over the country, and in that way becoming an immense reproductive force for enlarging the capacity of the country to consume goods.

These abounding surplus incomes disclose a vitalizing power in striking contrast with the situation of the cotton goods trade-one of the largest and most important industries in the country. Not only has that market been depressed and prices unprofitable, but, as already described, the accumulated stocks of goods at Fall River and Providence had again become very troublesome having reached the middle of August at the former place about 1,300,000 pieces-and that, too, after having made through the selling committee forced sales in recent months, the latest of which were claimed to be below cost of manufacture; and after having during the last six months run more or less on short-time. Moreover, if the investigator should extend his survey so as to include the whole four years of our business revival, he would find that a state of depression and accumulation of goods in stock with spindles not running full time has been a recurring incident in this trade. In fact, so persistently have these unfavorable conditions returned that during the four year period no more than twenty months, as a whole, have proved really active and profitable. What we have said applies mainly to the North. In the South the time of depression was later in coming, but for the last eighteen months slow trade has been in some departments a continuing condition in that section, too-the depression increasing and becoming more general and acute as the last year has progressed.

The foregoing facts make the conclusions with which we started unavoidable Production of cotton goods could not have so far exceeded the demand-as is evidenced in the accumulating stocks even when running short-time in such a year as the past when the capacity for consumption was at a maximum, unless the power to produce was in excess of full home consumption. That this view is beyond dispute is further confirmed by the letters we have received since the first of August from all parts of the country and from mills making all sorts of goods. One of the best judges in the land, writing us from Fall River the early part of August, says "there is at least 20 per cent more of cotton goods made than the present consumption calls for." A manager of a very important mill of long standing in the South puts the difficulty in a little different form by saying that there are "too many mills starting up." Another large class of correspondents dwells chiefly upon the features of

"short-time" and "over-production," with the added statement that the future is "not bright;" with others the form of complaint is "hard times, production exceeding demand," making a "reduction of production by more or less shutting-down" necessary. One whose mill is situated at a chief manufacturing center of the South adds, after saying their business was excellent down to about the first of March, 1901—that for the subsequent "six months which will end September 1st we shall show no profit whatever, and will be fortunate if we succeed in swapping dollars, as the situation in our business during this period has been the most unsatisfactory we have known in 15 years."

We have not space to multiply these quotations. Enough has already been inserted to give point and emphasis to the facts previously set out, and to make apparent the natural outcome of the rapid increase of cotton mills and quicker running cotton spindles, both of which have been notorious developments during late years. What the trade is suffering to-day is therefore a perfectly logical result from these additions and improvements—it is simply the fruits of the tree we have planted. There never was a country in which any industry had such an expansion within so short a time without a corresponding set-back; indeed it is questionable whether a people ever added to the capacity for manufacturing any kind of goods as speed-1 ly as we have done in the matter of cotton fabrics. This department of work was fully established in the North before the South began its marvelous career of development. According to the Census of 1880 the spindles in the South were only 561,360 in the aggregate. In 1894 1895 the num ber had increased to 2,433,248 spindles. Since that date the additions have been much more rapid, between three and four hundred thousand spindles a year, until the last two years, when the annual increase rose, as we shall presently show, to 552,000 spindles in 1899-1900 and to twice that amount in 1900-190'. During these latest years there was also considerable growth in the number of spindles in the North-as our remarks and figures in a subsequent column show-besides continued substitutions of new and improved spindles for the older styles. Altogether, the congested state of the cotton-manufacturing industry which was evident in 1898, and before that year, has since then obtained only a temporary relief from the increasing capacity of the country to consume goods the three following years; that is to say, with the further additions of spindles the last two years the mills have reached a rapidity in turning out goods far outstripping the consuming power of the country raised to a maximum.

We have said in opening this report that there had been a combination of circumstances which had interfered with the prosperity of the cotton goods trade. So much space has been taken up recapitulating the facts relative to the chief difficulty—an excess of spindles—that little room is left for discussion of the other adverse influences. Foremost among them have been the disturbances in China. Of course we all know that the troubles there have interfered with the export trade. It was hoped that, instead of a decrease, this branch of our foreign shipments would before this have been further developed; many new mills in the South which were planned two years ago in that expectation have been finished in the past twelve months. As the international settlement in China is now substantially completed, that interruped trade is in the way of being resumed, and great hopes of relief from the present congestion are based on that change in the conditions. It would be natural under the circumstances, we think, if the recovery of this movement were to be slow. In favor, however, of its quick restoration and expansion, it is urged that the United States hold among the Chinese a position of greater friendliness than ever before and American goods being already in favor, will be received more freely. We hope this sanguine view will prove correct. The export movement in June and July favors that idea.

Against the expansion of the export trade not only to China but to all other countries during the year just closed has been the high price of raw cotton. For best development of trade with most foreign consumers of cotton goods, low prices of goods are essential—not only relatively low but absolutely low. Consequently when the raw material is dear, as goods must then be relatively dear, the tend-

ency is against expansion. The pegging of prices of goods -the arrangement in operation at Fall River the past year -has likewise proved disquieting. This is so because it is artificial. Its harmful tendency, even with the best of intentions, is to go too far, and then (1) it unduly stimulates production, especially in those sections where the highest profit is secured; (2) it leads to a lack of confidence in the stability of the artificial market and hence to economy in consumption and that in turn to an over-production of goods; (3) finally, when a crisis is reached, the artificial market is wholly discredited, and price drops to an unnaturally low level. All these evils have been an outcome of the practice on this occasion. For instance, the pegged price stimulated the production of goods at the South, where print cloths can be made cheaper than at Fall River, and led to abnormally large profits and large production in all such cases until March, when the accumulation of goods became a burden, and a return of deranged trade developed, involving cotton mills everywhere. But we need not dwell upon these points. A little study of the above suggestions will, we think, disclose that never, except at the start of a new activity of our industries, when affairs are at their lowest and depressing circumstances have been over-discounted, can perging be other than deleterious.

Uncertainty as to the high price of cotton the first half of the year and of goods based on it has come also from another cause. The extreme rise in the market value of the raw material in the months referred to was due in large measure to the circumstance that one "high in authority" at guessing about the size of the crop made an estimate in the autumn putting it at a low figure and continued to cling to and reassert his guess after every condition seemed to favor a higher estimate, and until the crop was mostly marketed. The early estimate kept public opinion quite divided as to the size of the crop and buyers of goods consequently all the time uncertain as to whether the prices of goods were to hold; whereas the fact that the crop movement indicated, week by week, more and more clearly, that the yield would turn out to be a fairly good one, induced a steadily declining market for the raw material, so that the further condition of over-production of goods out of cotton bought at the higher price served finally to depress the goods market and to energize the ultimate crisis.

One other notable feature of the year requires mention. It is believed to explain in part why the takings of cotton by the mills have not only not increased with the increase in spindles over last year's takings, but on the contrary have shown a moderate decrease. Of course the short hours the most of the mills, old as well as new, have run from time to time during a portion of the year goes towards making the year's average of running spindles about the same as it was the previous year, or less, and thus in part is accountable for this apparent incongruity. The force of that suggestion is better understood when it is remembered that for the first nine months of the previous season the mills North and South were abnormally busy and ran extra time, some night and day even through to July, to meet their engagements. Another somewhat similar cause, though of much less influence, is that the increase of spindles being continuous through the twelve months, a considerable number of this year's increase were not set up, and so in condition to run more than a small fraction of the year. But besides these, and no doubt of influence, is the fact that through a change in style and fashion of dress goods during warm weather, mulls and lawns running from 7 to 10 yards to the pound have displaced to a material extent heavier weight goods running from 3½ to 5 yards to the pound; moreover, it is reported that there has been in some cases an absolute decrease in the use of cotton goods by women for summer wear-outing skirts of woolen or linen with waists of silk having been substituted for cotton to a large extent. These changes in the character of dress goods must have had something to do with the lesser takings of cotton by Northern mills.

But no doubt the extreme activity, referred to above, in the production of goods by the mills in the first nine months of the season ending September 1, 1900, is in the main accountable for the larger use of raw cotton in that year than in the year just closed. It was not until June, 1900, that the activity in the demand began to subside, new business having slackened greatly as a result of the excitement and doubts which prevailed concerning the pending election; there was no short time, however, until July, when an agreement was entered into, including 2,000,000 spindles at Fall River, for a shut down by each mill to the contract for four weeks at any time in either July or August.

The same disturbing cause continued to operate, increas ing the tension and depression after the new season began. A further feature developed September 8, 1900. It was the frightful storm and accompanying disaster at Galveston, which started a new bull movement in cotton that imparted strength and activity to a demand for the accumulated stocks of print cloths at the price then ruling. Mr. Borden was said to have bought 500,000 pieces and almost all the old stock was sold, though on a basis of prices, as we subse quently stated in our dry goods market (September 21, 1900), at which manufacturers could not secure new cotion to put into goods. In fact it induced a series of incidents similar in many respects to those which transpired last month (August, 1901), as noted in the opening paragraph of this review of the cotton goods trade in the United States. Similarly, also, it so happened that the movement a year ago i, September-though it encouraged the nills to go on producing goods and mark up prices on the basis of the advance in cotton-did not provide a market for the product; so the goods went on accumulating again, transactions being much below production.

Southern cotton mill expansion, as already indicated, has been in large part the cause for the plethora of cotton manufactures. We were not even ourselves prepared for the results obtained on this occasion from our usual investigations during the few weeks of August. The new additions to spindles set up in the South since September 1, 1900, have teen 1,279,320, of which 1,203,124 have been put into operation - a year's total far beyond all precedent-and bringing the aggregate in the South on September 1, 1901 (including the spindles not in active operation during the year), up to 5,819,835 spindles. A year ago the development was large: but when this last year's phenomenal growth in the South is added to its previous rapid expansion, and when to this is joined an enlargement in the North, while all the time for years the new types of spindles have been in progress of substitution in both sections—when all these facts are put in evidence, deep interest cannot fail to be felt in the questions we have been discussing.

It is some satisfaction, on account of the depression in the goods trade, to be able to say that next year's development is likely to be less than in 1900-1901. At the same time we have to add that there is a little uncertainty as to the outcome. This is so for one reason, because there is a good deal of work, more than usual at this period of the year, already under way and in a forward state of development. There are to be sure many projects that have been abandoned tecause of the poor outlook for business, which action favors the idea that the expansion will be less the coming twelve months; but we have got returns from quite a number of new mills that are building and of additions of spindles to old mills, all in so forward a state that those who are connected with them expect the machinery to be running soon, or before the year expires. Another reason why it is possible that a large development in new spindles may continue is the boom in "small cotton mills" which is still on. The set back the boom has suffered through the depression has not destroyed confidence in that kind of enterprise. A general belief quite prevalent among the class which is promoting projects of that character is that the whole set-back the trade has suffered has been due to the situation in China, and with a settlement of the dif ficulties there the expectation widely entertained is that the cotton manufacturing business will revive. Those small mills, it will be remembered, were as a rule to cater to the China trade. The fabrics in demand for that purpose, being coarse, called for the largest use of cotton, and hence gave the largest advantage over similar mills situated in the North or in Europe; and hence it was argued that the South only had to build the mills to secure a monopoly of the trade.

In regard to the capacity of the spindles already set up, the facts brought out previously in this review with reference to over-production—even with spindles running short time and home consumption at a maximum—furnish a fairly com-

plete answer. To further elucidate that point, however, it will be well, before giving the details by States of the development in the South during the year which our investigations in August have disclosed, to bring together in brief form the total spindles in the United States: for, as already said, there have been increases in spinning power in the North as well as in the South. That has been the case not only during the last year, 1900-1901, but also in 1899 1900. A condition, however, less frequently considered and still of special importance is that the present capacity has not yet been tested; for we have had conspicuous evidences of an over-production of goods, but it has been by no means a full production. To show the past development of spindles in number as well as the present condition, we invit- attention to the subjoined statement of our returns for the last four years.

 Spindles—
 1900-1901, 1899-1900, 1898-1899, 1897-1898,

 North.
 15,050,000 14,590,000 14,290,000 13,900,000

 South.
 5,819,835 4,540,515 3,98°,735 3,670,290

 Total spindles.
 20,869,835 19,130,515 18,2 7,735 17,570,290

These data show a growth during the last two years of about 9 per cent. When it is noted that, presumptively, the new additions all represent the best type of spindle, and that there has constantly been for years a rapid substitution going on of old spindles for the newer types, one is prepared to estimate more accurately the possible outturn of goods with all our present machinery running full time for twelve months

We are thus brought back by these facts and figures to the question - what shall be done with our surplus cotton manufactures? We have seen that, even with consumption at a maximum, we cannot run our spindles but a part of each twelve months—that is, we cannot run them full time; and even with short time the market is burdened with unsold stocks. The need evidently is some provision for the large surplus of goods the home demand cannot absorb. A trust was proposed a year or more ago so that production might be regulated and shortened. The other course, and the only alternative, is to devise means for enlarging our export business.

Southern cotton mills, notwithstanding the phenomenal increase in spindles, have augmented their consumption but moderately. This should not cause any surprise. For although many mills have run on full time the whole season, there has been little recourse to night operating, which was such a feature of much of 1899-1900 and to some extent of 1898-99. This alone would have offset a pretty fair addition to the total of spindles. But when it is understood that short time has been the last six months resorted to more or less in about all sections of the South, the capacity of the mills in that section for consuming cotton and producing goods will be better appreciated.

At the same time the South has fared in that respect as well in others better than the North. That statement is again brought out by the circumstance that the North has consumed less cotton than a year ago. No extensive periods of curtailment such as that at Fall River have been found necessary and margins for profit have been secured. Southern manufacturers the first half of the season covered an era of quite profitable operations in many descriptions of goods, but much less if anything above cost was secured from orders executed during the final six months.

Speaking of the North, or, to be more specific, New England, it is worthy of note that in some classes of goods decreased output is said to be due not only to slackened demand, but to the claim that the Southern product is better. It is urged that mills at the South as a rule turn out a superior yarn up to No. 28, that their print cloths are preferred to the Fall River article, and that cost of manufacture is lower. If these are all facts, it is not surprising that Southern mills should have felt less severely the depression which has existed in the trade, while they have added to the difficulty of the problem certain classes of spinners in the North have to face and solve.

The remarks in our annual report for the season of 1899-1900 with regard to the building of small mills at the South apply, as we have already said, with even greater force to the season of 1900 1901. It would almost seem that during the year just closed every town or village of any size in the South had determined to have a cotton mill of its own, and it

is needless to say that it would in numerous cases be a small one-some less than 5,000 spindles. Many of these projects, as stated above, have been finally abandoned, others are held in abeyance, but a fair percentage has reached the stage where actual construction is under way or about to commence. As usual, during August we have collected full data with regard to the additions and also with regard to the operations of all Southern mills. For over a decade this has been our custom, and we endeavor each season to more thoroughly cover the field. The information obtained the past month has been from each mill, and embraces not only the number of spindles and looms added, working and idle, and the actual consumption of cotton in bales and pounds during the twelve months ending with September 1, 1901, but also full data with regard to new mills now in process of construction and contemplated additions to existing

We hardly need to add to the foregoing that our returns furnish conclusive evidence of the vitality of the cotton manufacturing industry at the South. Not only have there been a considerable number of new factories started during the year-despite the depression in the industry-but important additions have been made to old plants. The number of spindles per mill reaches to-day 10,960 against 9,684 a year ago, and only 8,555 in 1895-6, or an increase of about 28 per cent in the average capacity in six years. The aggregates of our detailed returns arranged by States are as follows. We have changed the form of the following table by adding a column. Now these figures cover (first column) the number of mills in operation this year including any temporarily stopped; (second column) the total number of spindles in the mills; (third and fourth columns) the number of spindles and looms in actual operation during the year, and also columns covering the count of yarn spun and the consumption of cotton.

Sand.		Nun	nber of		Aver-	Consumption.			
Southern States.	Mills.	Spir	idles.	Looms	Looms No.		Av. Net	Daniel de	
	mieno.	Total.	Runn'ng	Run.	Yarn	Bales.	Weight	Pounds.	
Virginia	15	166,059	146,363	4,695	17	40,044	478.06	19,143,415	
No. Carolina.	200	1,545,459	1,499,065	29,296	21	449,673	465.87	209,488,578	
So. Carolina.	100	1,943,070	1,777,285	46,832	211/2	539,185	474'16	255,657,805	
Georgia	98	1,085,085	1,037,052	21,488	16	349,393	473'14	165,311,678	
Florida			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •						
Alabama	47	555,440	538,100		15	164,899	491.41	78,385,128	
Mlssissippi	11	106,892	104,892	3,208	16	25,924	493.44	12,791,988	
Louisiana	6	67,802	65,402		16	17,012	484.48	8,241,974	
Texas	9	52 ,020	51,800		8	11,529	515.71	5,945,646	
Arkansas	3	11,300	11,140	150	16	3,148	491.84	1,540,318	
Tennessee	30	203,910	161,026			39,890	476.13	18,992,622	
Missouri	3	15,744	15,744	520	16	4,527	496 82	2,249,100	
Kentucky	9	67,054	66,014	1,071	13	21,788	485 93	10,587,444	
Total 1900-01	531	5,819,835	5,473,883	122,902	19	1,667,012	472.90	788,335,696	
Total 1899-00	441	4,540,515	4,270,759	105,990	18¾	1,599,947	468.99	750,365,237	
Total 1898-99	414	3,987,735	3,832,201	95,701	18	1,400,026	467 44	654,435,025	
Total 1897-98	391	3,670,290	3,574,754	91,829	184	1,227,939	470.04	577,186,180	
Total 1896-97	375	3,456,537	3,197,545	82,873	17%	1,024,482	469.48	480,971,335	
Total 1895-96	352	3,011,196	2,770,284	70,010	17	915,810	470.12	430,543,830	
Ceusus '79-80	164	561,360	561,360	12,329	13	188,748	464.00	87,610,889	

Note.—Much new machinery has been put in operation within the past few months, increasing the number of spindles appreciably without affecting consumption to a material extent.

The foregoing indicates that the aggregate of spindles in 1900-01 is 28 per cent greater than in 1899-1900, and that in the last decade the total has increased over 230 per cent. As to the consumption of cotton by the Southern mills, the increase the last year was 67,065 bales, but compared with 1894-95 the gain is almost 100 per cent-95 per cent. An analysis of the reports we have received brings to light the fact that 4 old mills with 23,928 spindles stopped, and 94 new mills operating 548,933 spindles started, making a net addition of 90 new mills running 525,005 spindles, which have begun operations during the year. But the total new spindles added this year is 1,279,320 net; that is to say, 754,315 new spindles have gone to increase the equipment of old mills.

The above details refer of course to the present; a great mass of information covering the future has also been secured. Twenty-seven new mills, containing 233,652 spindles, are expected to begin operations at various times between September 1 and the close of December, and fiftythree other mills containing 529,710 spindles which are under construction will, it is expected, have machinery in motion before 1902 has far advanced. The contemplated additions to old mills in 1901-02 reach an aggregate of about 400,000 ners held aloof from buying as far as possible until the first

spindles. There are also some eighty six mills upon which work has made little or no progress, but which have got beyond the "project" stage.

As to the number of spindles in the Unted States—that is in the North as well as in the South-we have given that statement for four years in the earlier part of our remarks about Southern consumption.

Europe. - A survey of the cotton trade in Europe during the past season reveals some striking and instructive contrasts. The immediately preceding season was one of rising prices in Europe, not only of cotton and cotton goods, but also of many other commodities. Along with this movement, partly its cause and partly its consequence, there was a very active demand for merchandise generally, but especially for what are known as the instruments of manufacturing production—coal and metals. There was also full employment for indus rial labor, together with a marked upward tendency in wages. It is true that toward the close of that season a check supervened in the cotton-manufacturing industry, due to the extreme scarcity of American cotton, and a sudden leap in its price as well as in the prices of the manufactured product, which cut down the demand for it, compelling spinners to stop a large portion of their machinery, or to work short time. But so long as the advance was slow and gradual, as it was during the first nine months of 1899 1900, the trade was large, active and profitable for all concerned, from the raw cotton merchant to the furthest distributer of the manufactured article.

The season just ended has been characterized by a precisely opposite tendency. The movement of prices has been generally in a downward direction, involving of course widespread loss to dealers in raw cotton, to spinners and manufacturers, and to all engaged in the distribution of cotton fabrics throughout the world. Profits have, no doubt, been made, but to a large extent these were greatly lessened by the shrinkage of prices and the restriction of trade which is always a consequence of the depression occasioned by a pesistent and important fall of prices in every market.

Another contrast is presented when we compare the state of the cotton industry on the European Continent with that in the United Kingdom during the past season. The former, which had for several years been, on the whole, active, expanding and usually profitable, has ceased to grow, and the machinery has been employed to much less than its full capacity. On the other hand, the English industry, which had for some years previously been almost though not quite stationary, has been appreciably extended within the past season. No exact statistics are available, but there is good reason to believe that the number of spindles added within the last twelve months to the cotton industry of Great Britain is about 1,000,000, bringing the total number now at work in the country to about 46,500,000. A further consideration applicable alike to the Continental and the English cotton industry is that in the first three months of the season—September to November—the consumption of cotton was greatly reduced by the stoppage of machinery, owing to the temporary scarcity of American, consequent upon the shortness of the crop of 1899-1900. The reduced production of cloth thus brought about tended no doubt to strengthen the markets for goods and yarns toward the close of 1900, but this improvement was short-lived in most of the Continental countries, and though more prolonged in Great Britain the effect of the lessened supply of the earlier months did not endure to the end of the season. In short, the European position cannot be considered anything like so good as it was a year ago, and in some Continental States it is distinctly worse.

GREAT BRITAIN .- The experience of British cotton spinners and manufacturers has certainly not been so profitable as in 1899-1900. Nor has the consumption of cotton been quite so large, In the first three months, from the beginning of August to the end of October, many spindles were idle, or were working short time, because of the scarcity and high prices of cotton brought about by the approximate exhaustion of stocks of American. On Sept. 12, 1900, middling American sold in Liverpool at 7%d. per lb., a rate far above the parity of the then quotations of yarns and goods in Manchester. In view of this disparity of prices and of the rapidity with which new-crop cotton was being rushed into the market from the plantations, English spinweek in November, when middling had dropped to 5 3-16d. Many of them then began to purchase freely on the spot as well as in the American ports and at sea. Soon thereafter a moderate upward reaction took place, and it was not until the end of February that cotton fell again to the level touched in November. The appetite created by the scarcity of the previous autumn was then satisfied, and since February cautious buying of cotton has been the rule, accompanied by a slow and irregular decline of prices, marked at times by slight, fitful rises.

These price fluctuations throw a good deal of light upon the lessened prosperity of the British cotton industry in the past season in comparison with that which immediately preceded it. The later season was, on the whole, a period of receding prices from an artificial, or at least a purely tem. porary scarcity, level; the earlier one was a period of ad vance, starting from an extremely low level and ending with what must be regarded in these days as a severely high one. To any one who has had even moderately long experience in market fluctuations, a bare outline of the price movement during the past two seasons suggests much. In steadily rising markets, especially when the rise starts from an admittedly low or very monerate level, business every. where, from the dealer in the raw material to the ultimate retailer of the finished product, is exceedingly active, and all concerned purchase liberally and with confidence because they are doing well and hope to do still better. Their regular trade profits are augmented at every stage of the advance by the increased value of their stocks and of their anticipatory purchases. Goods pass off into consumption without complaint on the score of quality, and everyone sharing in the trade is content. Such was the state the cotton trade, as a whole, in 1899-1900. the last season brought an experience the direct reverse of this. A period of prolonged decline of prices, however varied it may be by temporary reactions, is always a time of loss, disappointment and trouble. Buyers who have purchased at higher rates for forward delivery are harassed by the sacrifices they have to make in order to get rid of their purchases. Complaints of inferiority of quality or of late delivery become the subjects of wearying and often vexatious correspondence, ending at last in concessions and compromises, but often disturbing commercial relation. ships and always tending to discourage enterprise and to create a spirit of excessive caution. All of these experiences have characterized, to an unusual degree, the business of English cotton spinners, manufacturers and distributers of cotton goods during the past season. And when it is realized how world wide are the markets supplied from Manchester, and how prevalent in modern times is the practice of entering into long forward contracts, especially in periods of advancing prices, it is not surprising that the business of the last twelve months has been discouraging, even though not, on the whole, unprofitable. Its effect, however, is very important. It has produced in all directions a prevailing spirit of caution in all branches of the business, and for the moment at least the end of the season is marked by a disposition to go warily and to discourage anything like enterprising or adventurous buying.

Apart from the generally adverse influence just described, the position and prospects of the British cotton industry have not been seriously depressed or endangered during the past season. The home trade has been excellent, although not quite so good in the latter as in the earlier months, owing partly to a falling off of employment in the iron and steel and some other industries, and partly to the burden of taxation upon the classes whose incomes are not derived from weekly wages, as well as to the less prosperous condition of those who live by revenue drawn from trade. industrial enterprises or Stock Exchange investments. The masses of the people have no further burden to bear as a consequence of the vast expenditure upon the South-African war than that of an increase in the price of sugar and the diminished demand for labor which comes from the lessened activity of manufacturing industry. These adverse conditions, however, are not sufficient to seriously interfere with the general demand for commodities, whether food products or manufactures. The general fall of prices has gone far to counteract the depressing influences, and the home trade of the country has been, on the whole, exceedingly large and profitable both for wholesale and

retail distributers. It may be added that the whole-sale dry-goods houses in Manchester regard their prospects for the coming cold weather season as quite satisfactory.

On the other hand the external trade in cotton goods during the past season has been marked by some discouraging features. Exporters to the Brazilian, River Plate and some other South American markets have been compelled to exercise great caution in their business. In Brazil the low price of coffee and the depreciated state of the currency have induced a habit of reserve on the part of exporters which has, in effect, greatly lessened the exports of goods to that market, and there is not yet any sign of a relaxation of the cautious policy which they have, for a long time past, pursued. India, too, the largest external market for British cotton goods, was a careful buyer during the greater part of the season, but recently the demand for that market has decidedly improved, and, owing largely to the good reports of the summer monsoon rains, large orders for cotton goods for forward delivery, extending often into the earlier months. of 1902 have been placed. Turkey and Egypt have been abundant buyers of cotton goods for many months and there is no sign of falling off of the demand from these markets. The political troubles in China have interfered, of course, with the distribution of British cotton goods there, but the effect upon the exports of them or upon the profitableness of the trade has been on the whole not very great. and merchants have already made extensive contracts for the supply of the China markets in the spring of next year. On the whole British manufacturers and merchants are disposed to regard the prospects of their trade hopefully during the coming season, especially if the supply of American cotton should be fairly abundant.

It must be observed, however, that although English cotton spinners who sell the yarn they produce in the Manchester market and do not convert it into cloth have made fair profits during the past season, their present outlook is not very encouraging. The building of new mills and the increase of spindles has greatly increased the supply of yarn, and current prices, not only of counts spun from American, but also most of those produced from long stapled cotton (Egyptian) and current prices are not, in many cases, profitable. There is no talk of short-time yet, but the production of yarn may have to be cut down before long unless the demand should increase. This event may arise sooner or later, for manufacturers (weavers) are admittedly going short in their purchases of yarn, in view of the abundant supply, and if they should reverse their present policy, or if the demand for cloth should increase so as to induce an important extension in the weaving plant, the present position of the yarn market would undoubtedly very soon be changed.

THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.—There is very little of an encouraging nature to be said of the course of the cotton industry on the Continent during the past season. In France it has been better than in other countries, partly because the French harvest of 1900 was remarkably good and partly because the Paris Exhibition induced abundant expenditure, and brought much ready money into the country The demand for cotton goods for the French colonies was also abundant, and the manufacturers, of Rouen especially, found benefit from this source. In Germany and Austria, however, the state of the cotton industry has been exceedingly discouraging, and in Germany at least the consumption of cotton has fallen off decidedly. In Russia, from which information is not easily obtained, all available in telligence goes to show that the cotton industry there has been progressively declining in profitableness and in activity throughout the past twelve months. The main cause of this deterioration is, undoubtedly, the bad harvests of recent years, the impoverished condition of the people in many parts of European Russia, and the excessive stimulation of manufacturing industry within the Empire. The prospects of the harvest of the present year are reported to be darker even than those of previous years, and the heavy import duty on imported raw cotton tends to aggravate the difficulties under which the Russian cotton industry is now carried on. In Italy cotton manufacturers have not had a very profitable season, but the reports of the food harvests of this year are bright, and there is little doubt that the Italian home trade of the coming season will

be large and active. On the other hand the grain harvest in Germany is a very poor one, and the financial disorder in that country, as well as the unsettlement occasioned by the current discussions upon the customs tariff, forbid the hope that German spinners will be large or confident buyers of cotton in the coming season.

The foregoing comprehensive review of the cotton-goods industry in Great Britain and on the Continent during 1900 01, furnished by our well-informed Manchester correspondent, leaves nothing to be added with regard to Europe, and our own previous remarks have fully covered the situa tion in the United States. But to complete the year's history of cotton production and manufacture, a few minor States must be considered. For the purpose of including them and presenting all the data bearing upon the subject in a form which can be easily understood, we group together the figures which cover (1) the average weekly and the total annual consumption for a series of years of each manufacturing country in the world; (2) the world's production (commercial crops) of cotton this year and previous years; and (3) the spindles in all manufacturing countries as they stand to-day compared with similar results in other seasons at the same date.

So far as Great Britain is concerned our Manchester correspondent estimates the total spindles as we have given them in the table at 46,400,000 spindles. Mr. Ellison estimates the consumption of cotton somewhat in excess of 1899-00, notwithstanding the fact that the volume of exports shows a moderate decline from the previous season. This would seem to denote either that the home trade has been of larger proportions than in the preceding feason or that merchants and manufacturers are now carrying greater stocks of yarns and cloths than at the same time in 1900. While, as stated, Great Britain consumed more cotton in the season of 1900 01 than in 1899-00, comparison with 1898-99 and 1897 98 makes a contrary showing. The same authority places the season's consumption on the Continent the same as the average rate for last year, and consequently less than in 1898-99. The United States shows a loss at the North but a small gain at the South.

As a result of the famine and plague, consumption in India fell off materially last year, the weekly average declining to a point slightly below the average for 1897 98. This year, however, much of the lost ground has been recovered, the weekly average for the season being about 24,135 bales, or some 1,000 bales less than the 1898-99 weekly rate. Japan, in common with America and Europe, has felt the effect of the disturbed condition of affairs in China. The loss of trade from that cause, coupled with less urgent demand for goods at home, has resulted in a quite material reduction in consumption. With a much better crop in India the past season, Japan again turned to that country as its main source of supply for the raw material. American cotton figures in its consumption for 1900-01 only to the extent of 90,000 bales, against nearly 325,000 bales in 1899-1900. Native cotton is becoming each year a less important item in the country's manufacturing trade. include Japan's home crop in our calculations, estimating the yield for the last two seasons at 75,000 bales and 70,000 bales, respectively, of 500 lbs. each. These totals, in con nection with the imports of cotton from the United States, India and Egypt, furnish the full measure of Japan's con sumption. Compiled in that manner, the takings by the mills in Japan averaged 10.278 bales weekly in 1897.98, against 13,067 bales in 1898-99 and 12.892 bales in 1899-1900; the past year's takings have averaged about 12,000 bales weekly. For obvious reasons China is omitted from our tables of consumption and yield. No official returns what ever are obtainable from that country, and any estimates, except as regards spindles, are totally unreliable. For Mexico and Canada we adopt simply the imports of cotton into each country from the United States as the basis upon which to calculate consumption. "Other countries" include the exports of cotton from Europe and the United States to countries other than those we name and also the cotton burned or lost at sea. The compilation we subjoin, therefore, covers substantially the distribution or consumption of the entire commercial cotton crops of the world expressed in bales of 500 lbs. each.

THE WORLD'S	WEEKLY	COTTON CON	NSUMPTION.	
Countries. Great Britain	1900-01. Bales. 64,770	1899-00, Bales. 64,115	1898-99. Bates, 67,680	1897-98. **Rales. 66,000
Continent	88,000	88,000		89, 00
Total Europe United States—North do —South	152,770 41,346 30,327	152,115 45,288 28,860	159,680 43,154 25,173	155,000 34,770 22,192
Total United States East Indies	71,673 24,135 12,000 1,885	74,148 91,912 13,492 2,141	68,327 25,257 13,067 1,918	56,962 21,942 10,278 2,236
Total India, etc Other countries, etc	300 38,320 750	37,898	40,817	35,142 680
Total World, weekly.	263,513	264,261		247,784

The above statement indicates that the aggregate world's consumption for 1900 1901 is about 69,000 bales less than in 1899-1900 and show a decline of close on to 312,000 bales from the record total of 1898 99. It is worthy of note in passing that the loss from last season is entirely in the results for the United States. The sources from which cotton has been drawn in each of the last four years is stated in the following compilation of the world's commercial crops represented in bales of the uniform weight of 500 lbs. each.

WORLD'S PRODUCTION OF COTTON.									
	1900-01.	1899-00.	1898-99.	1897-98.					
Coun tri es.	Bales.		Bales.	Bales.					
United States	10.218,000	9.137,000	11,078,000	10,890,000					
East Indies*	2,390,000	1,532,071	2,403,790	1,956,523					
Egypt	1,100, 00	1,300,930	1,114,948	1,299,547					
Brazil, etc.†	150,000	259,896	176,196	60,230					

Sur. from year's crop. 154,424 a1,542,575 758,206 1,317,532

Visible and invis. stock Sept. 1 beginning year. 2,456,489 4,699,364 3,241,158 1,923,626 Sept. 1 ending year... 2,610,912 2,586, 89 4,939,364 3,241,158

Includes India's exports to Europe, America and Japan mill consumption in India and stock at Bombay.

† Receipts into Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, Peru, West Indies, etc., and Japan native cotton used in Japanese mills.

a Deficiency in the year's new supply. The foregoing gives in brief form the world's new supply of cotton (not including Russia) in each of the years covered, the amount consumed, and also the extent to which visible and invisible stocks were increased or encroached upon. Since our last annual report was issued we have included the stocks of cotton at Bombay and Alexandria in our statements of visible supply. This had rendered necessary a revision of the figures in the above statement.

The spinning capacity of the world has been added to the past season to a fair extent. The section which shows the most important change is the Southern part of the United States, where there has been an addition of over 1,250,000 spindles, carrying the total up to 5,819,835 spindles, or more than double what it was in 1894 95. The efficiency of mills all over the world, however, is being augmented yearly by substitution of newer and more rapid running spindles for older equipment. Our statement for the world is as follows:

	NUMBER O	F SPIND	LES IN TE	HE WORL	D.
			900.	1899.	1898.
Britain	46,40	0,000 45,	400,000 4		4,900,000
ent	33,00	0,000 33,	200,000 32	2,500,000 3	31,350,000
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Europe	79.40	0.000 - 78,4	100,000 77	7,900,000 7	6,250,000
States-N	orth15.05	0 000 14.8	590,000 14	1,290,000 1	3.900,000

Total

44,900,000 30,350,000

-South... 5,819,835 4,540,515 3,987,735 3,870,290 3,456,537 10,130,515 4,400,000 18,277,735 4,400,000 17,570,290 4,259,720 1,146,749 17,356,537 4,06 ,618 970,567 440,000 1,500,000 1,146,749 505,000 Total India, etc..... 6,700,000 anada..... 640,000 6,400,000 6,500,000 640,000 5,974,720 682,320 5,476,185 460,000 460,000 460,000 450,000 Total other..... 1,100,000 1,100,000 1,098,112 1,092,320

Total world............108,069,835 105,130.515 103,675,847 100,884,079 99,093,526 These figures for Great Britain and the Continent are Mr. Ellison's, except for 1901. those for the United States are our own. India's totals are from the official report of the Mill Owners' Association and Japan's aggregates (except those for 1899, 1900 and 1901, which are estimated) are officially communicated. Those for China are chiefly made from consular reports. For Canada totals are furnished by Dominion authorities, except approximations for 1900 and 1901, and Mexico's aggregates are partly estimated.

The decrease in the aggregate volume of exports of yarns and goods from Great Britain is directly ascribable to the curtailment of trade with China, owing to the disturbed condition of affairs in that country during the greater part of the season. During late months shipments in that direction have been freer, but are still on a somewhat restricted scale. The Continent of Europe and South American countries have also taken English cotton manufactures less reely, but exports to India have been almost as great as in

1898 99, when high-water mark was reached. The state ment of exports (reduced to pounds) by quarters for the last two years is appended. These years end with October 1, and consequently the last two months of the last quarter of the current season re estimated on the basis of the July movement. Three ciphers are omitted.

GREAT BRITAIN'S COTTON GOODS EXPORTS FOR TWO YEARS.

		-1900-1901			-1888-1800.	
(000's omitted.)	Yarns. 1	Piece Goods.	Total.	Tarns. I	Piece Goods	. Total.
		Tards.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Yards.	Pounds.
1st quar Oct Dec	. 45.315	1.211.777	283,162	61,663	1,342,567	322,305
2d quarJanMar			309,657	56,790	1,370,131	325,192
3d quarAprJune	. 45,634	1,282,161	292,792	47.039	1,223,435	2×6,558
4th quar July Sept	.*32.000	1,420,000	330,000	43,947	1,228,908	284,775
Total	.191,663	5,223,882	1,215,611	209,439	5,165,041	1,218,830

* Estimated for the quarter on the July movement.

Our totals of pounds in the foregoing are of course inexact. We prepare them ourselves and believe them to be fairly close approximations. It must be borne in mind also that the current year's figures are estimated for the last two months of the last quarter, but the previous year's results are the completed official totals in all respects, except that the aggregates in pounds are prepared as just stated. If our estimate for the last two months of this season is not too small, the shipments have been less in 1899-1900 than in any year since 1892-93, only excepting 1896-1897.

To complete the year's history of the trade, we give below a brief summary of prices, the statement being made to cover the last three years.

	1	900-01	١.	18	899-19	00.	1898-99.		
Liverpool.	Mid. Upl'd Cotton.	32-Cop Twist.	Shirtings, Per Piece.	Mid. Upl'd Cotton.	32-Cop Twit.	Shirtings, Per Piece.	Mid. Upl'd Cotton.	32-Cop Twist.	Shirlings, Per Piece,
Sept. 30 Oct. 31 Nov. 30 Average \ SepNov. \	d. 6 19 5732 5 % 5 34	d. 9 ¹³ 16 8 ¹⁵ 16 8 ⁷ 8 9 ² 3	s. d. 7 034 6 73 6 9 6 9 ⁵ 6	$d.$ 37_8 41_{33} 45_{16} 41_{13}	d. 62532 62932 714 63132	$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	$d.$ 3^{1}_{8} 3^{1}_{32} 3^{5}_{52} 3^{3}_{52}	d. 5 ⁷ 8 5 ³¹ 32 6 5 ¹⁵ 16	8. d. 5 3 5 34 5 5 5 334
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The season opened with prices for the raw material ruling at a very high level, owing to the great scarcity of supplies at hand. Quotations for the manufactured articles, how ever, did not fully meet the increased cost. But taking the season as a whole goods showed a better margin of profit than in 1899-1900. On the other hand spinners were less favorably situated, prices for yarns being more responsive to the declining tendency of cotton.

We now add by months the course of the Manchester goods market during the season closing with August 31, 1901, and also the Liverpool cotton market in the same form for the same period. These summaries have been prepared for this occasion with our usual care, and the detail. will, we think, prove an interesting and serviceable records

SEPTEMBER. - Marchester. - The most important incident of the month in connection with the cotton goods trade was the rapid and phenomenal rise in the cost of the raw material occasioned by the fearful disaster at Galveston, the reports it encouraged of large crop disaster in Texas, the issue of a low-crop estimate by an authority of influence in Europe, and also stimulated by the very meagre supplies of cotton available. There was a small advance in August and the first week of September; but after the disaster referred to, which was on the th, and the issue at about the same time of the small estimate of the yield, the rise was rapid. By the 13th middling uplands had been moved up to 73/8d. from 5 23 32d., the quotation of August 31st. The rapidity of this upward movement served to bring business in goods almost to a standstill; for while demand was stimulated by the rise, buyers' limits. except for small parcels were only slightly raised, preferring to await the outcome of events. Declining prices for cotton during the last half of the month led to more inquiry, but offers were generally considered too low and were accepted only to keep machinery in motion. The favorable progress of the monsoon in India was looked upon as an encouraging feature despite a further increase of the plague. At the same time the tension in China was decidedly discouraging. There was a material curtailment of production of yerns spun from American cot on and the

volume of orders booked for cloth were on the whole much below normal. Concurrent with the advance in cotton the quotations for yarns and goods were marked up, but not to an equivalent extent. Some improvement in the demand for India was noted at the close. The exports of yarns and goods from Great Britain in September (all reduced to pounds) reached a total of 89,760,000 pounds, against 106,781,000 pounds for the corresponding period of 1899. Mr. Ellison estimated the consumption of cotton for the month at 40,000 bales of 500 pounds each per week in Great Britain and 87,000 bales of like weight on the Continent. Liverpoot.—The striking feature in the market for the raw material was the rise of 1 21 32d. during the month in American cotton, the reason for which is referred to above. Daily gains of from 1 16d. to 17 32d. carried middling uplands to 736d. on the 13th—the highest-price recorded since 1875, only excepting Sept. 27th to 29th in 1881 and a portion of February and March in 180. The subsequent course of the market was generally downward, the loss to the close having been 76d., making the final quotation for middling uplands 61/2d.

October.-Manchester.-Machinery which had been idle during much of September, owing to the scarcity of cotton, was gradually put in motion in October, so that at the close of the month practically full operation had been re-In the goods market, how ver, the volume of transactions was hardly satisfactory, the downward course of the raw material interfering with trade. But towards the end of the month lower prices brought a somewhat better business, although a considerable proportion of the demand was upon an unacceptable basis. The outlook for trade with India wore a more encouraging aspec, but the situation in China gave no promise of an early improvement in the inquiry from that quarter. Whether machinery would be fully employed during the season depended largely of course upon the demand from these two countries. On the whole a fair business was put through during the month and at the close manufacturers had more orders in hand than at the beginning; yet some looms were still idle. price basis was better on the average than in September, for, although yarns and goods values eased off as cotton declined, they were higher on October 31st than on September 1st, whereas in the interim cotton exhibited a net loss of 11.6d. Yarns and goods exported from Great Britain reached 90,712,000 lbs., against 114,580,000 lbs. in October The estimated rate of consumption in Great Britain was raised to 50,000 bales per week and the Continental rate remained at 87,000 bales. Liverpoot.—The market for cotton was wholly under the influence of crop developments in the United States. A more favorable Agricultural Bureau report than generally expected, more satisfactory weather subsequent to its issue, and a quite free movement of the crop, caused a decided weakening of values. From the 1st to the 18th all fluctuations were downward, middling uplands dropping from 6½d. to 5 19 3 d. A recovery of 1-32d. on the 19th was followed by a further decline, which carried the quotation to 5 7-32d. on the 26th. Subsequent changes offset each other, the close being at 5 7-32d., or a loss of 1 9-16d. from the opening.

November — Manchister — No especially new features developed in the cotton goods market during November. Continued difficulty was experienced by producers in securing orders upon a basis allowing a fair margin of profit; nevertheless they were more fully under engagement at the close of the month than at the opening. Values hardened somewhat as the month advanced, in conformity with the gradual rise in cotton. Reports from India indicated that prospects for business were satisfactory on the whole, although in some sections absence of needed moisture for crops impaired the outlook. Unless the drought was relieved it was feared that demand from affected districts would be restricted. Furthermore, there was little evidence of any speedy settlement of the existing difficulties in China. Under the circumstances, therefore, a feeling of uncertainty prevailed, and doubts were expressed of the ability of manufacturers to continue operations for an extended period without resort to short time or stoppage on a more or less extensive scale For the time being, however, a fair trade in cloth was consummated and yarns were in better request. Excorts of yarns and goods were 96,234,000 pounds, against 106,698,000 pounds in 1849. Mr. Ellison's estimate of consumption in Great Britain was 66,000 bales of 500 pounds each, or 16,000 bales per week greater than in the preceding For the Contine t no month. change was made. prot-Crop advices from the United were the dominant influences in the market for the raw material. Reports of frost brought about an advance of 3.32d on the 1st, middling uplands ruling at 5516d. No confirmation of the reports forthcoming, a period of weakness supervened, under which there was a drop to 53-16d. by the 5th. No further important change occurred until the 9th, when, as a result of the killing frosts of the previous day, an advance set in which carried the price up 38d, to 51/2d., before the market experienced any reaction. Subsequent fluctuations were slight, and the close was at 55/8d., an additional gain

DECEMBER.—Manchester.—A better feeling was noticeable in the cotton goods market in December. An improvement in the demand from India and China, supplemented by a fair inquiry from other quarters, resulted in an increased business in leading descriptions of goods. In fact, manufacturers in general secured orders of sufficient volume to

keep machinery quite fully employed for some little time ahead. On the whole, also, transactions were upon a slightly higher price level. although towards the close of the month quotations eased off somewhat. Moreover, the inquiry was much more active than the actual bookings denoted, a considerable proportion of the offers made by buyers being upon an unacceptable price basis. At the same time it was confidently asserted that makers would start the new year more satisfactorily situated as regarded engagements than for some months. Shipments of yarns and goods from Great Britain to foreign ports were slightly less than in November, reaching 96,216,000 pounds, and were also smaller than in December of 1899, when the outward movement was 101,027.000 pounds. The rate of consumption by the mills was the same as in November. Liverpool. The net result of the fluctuations in the market for cotton during the month was a loss of 3 32d. From the 1st to the 6th middling uplands ruled steady at 5 19-32d., but on the 6th, 8th and 10th recessions of 1-32d. occurred. The ap pearance of the Agricultural Department's estimate, foreshadowing a greater yield than generally expected, caused a further drop of 38d, on the 11th and 3-32d, on the 12th, but the latter loss was quickly recovered on increased buy ing by spinners. Changes during the remainder of the month were slight, but gave a net gain of \(\frac{1}{3} \)d. Mid lling uplands closing at \(5\frac{1}{2} \)d, or 3 32d, below the final November price.

JANUARY.—Manchester.—Business in the cotton goods market was resumed after the holidays with considerable trade in progress for India and China. Prospects for the harvest being satisfactory in India, and stocks of goods largely depleted, demand was especially vigorous from that quarter, and heavy purchases for delivery well into the summer were consummated. The improved outlook in China also induced buyers to make provision against the time when more settled, if not rormal, conditions should again prevail. Inquiry was also in evidence for Turkey, Persia. Brazil and Colombia. Altogether, the volume of transactions was quite gratifying, and former quotations were generally adhered to. Yarns and goods exported from Great Britain were during the month 112,031,000 pounds, against 110,834,000 pounds in 1900. The rate of consumption was the same as in December. Liverio t-Cotton ruled fairly steady most of the month, notwithstanding the free marketing of supplies in the United States. The early tendency was upwards, middling uplands advancing by easy stages from 51/2d. at the opening to 5 21 32d. on the 9th. Subsequently an easier feeling prevailed, all the gain being lost by the 14th. From that date to the close fluctuations were within a narrow compass, and netted a decline of $\frac{1}{8}$ d., the final price having been $5\frac{3}{8}$ d.

FEBRUARY .- Manchester. - The death of Queen Victoria led to a disorganization of ordinary business affairs during the early days of the month, and transactions in cotton goods were consequently upon an appreciably restricted scale. Manufacturers, however, being well supplied with orders as a result of the December and January operations, were not at all disturbed, and values were steadily main tained on about all descriptions of goods. The demand for India continued good throughout February, although not so brisk as in January, prices asked interfering somewhat with free buying. On the other hand, the inquiry from China was rather poor, and only a fair trade was put through for other foreign markets. The turn over in yarns was not wholly up to expectations, notwithstanding a recession of 4. d. in quotations. The exports of yarns and goods from Great Britain reached a total of 99,336,000 pounds against 103,401,000 pounds for the same period of 1900. Mr. Ellison made no change in the estimated rate of consumption. Advices from manufacturing centres on the Continent and in America played an important part in shaping the course of the market for the raw material dur ing February. The tendency the first few days was towards a higher level, on the smaller movement of the crop, a rise of 3 32d. occurring between the 1st and 5th, which carried middling uplands to 5 15-32d., which proved to be the high point of the month. Fluctuations during the next ten days resulted in no net change, but the trend thereafter was downward, owing to poor demand, for which Continental and American advices covering short-time indications were largely if not wholly responsible. The decline during this period was 5-32d., middling uplands closing at 5 5 16d.

MARCH. Manchester.—Sev-ral causes contributed to bring about an unsettled and rather unsatisfactory market for cotton goods in March. The failure of peace negotiations in South Africa was of course one of these, a speedy solution of the difficulties in that country having been looked for with confidence. Again, the situation in hina did not show that improvement which the cessation of hostilities and the efforts of diplomacy were expected to bring about. But the most important factor tending to unsettle business was the unexpected and decided drop in the value of the raw material. This decline, which began with the opening of the month and continued with but little interruption throughout, carried middling uplands down to 4 19 32d., or a loss of nearly 3/4d. from the final February quotation. Under the circumstances, considerable difficulty was experienced in securing orders of any volume, although a fair miscellaneous business was put through early. Very little, however, was done for China. The home trade evinced inoreased disposition to operate at the close at the reduced factory private advices from time to time. Opening at

prices then current. The exports of yarns and goods from Great Britain reached 98.290,000 pounds, against 110,958,000 pounds in March, 1900. Rate of consumption the same as in preceding month. Liverpool—Cable advices from America were largely responsible for the almost steady decline in cotton. With a quite full movement of the crop and short time agreed upon at Fail River, the market lacked support and prices fell away rapidly. By the 5th middling uplands had dropped 9-33d., and the following week witnessed a further loss of 32d. A recovery of 1-16d, then occurred, but la'er fluctuations were, with hardly an expectation described and the state of the state of the crossing the crossing the state of the crossing ception, downward, increasing the month's decline by 13. 32d. Middling uplands closed at 4 19 32d.

APRIL.-Manchester .- Alth ugh the market for the raw material ruled steadier during April than for many months, business in goods was of a hesitating character most of the Towards the close, however, an improved demand from India and other leading centres was in evidence. The opinion having become prevalent that there would be enough cotton to go around, there was less nueasiness among manufacturers as to the quest on of supply; but merchants with goods on hand or contracted for on the basis of cotton 1d. per pound high r than ruling quotations were unfavorably situated. The comparative steadiness of the raw material had a favorab e influence on the cloth market in that it enabled manufacturers to maintain prices firmly and at the same time book sufficient orders to keep looms fully em ployed, besides carrying a fair amount over into May moderately large transactions were put through for the Far East, the unsatisfactory financial status of some of the South American countries interfered materially with business for those quarters. The cessation of general mourning and better weather brought about some improvement in the home trade in the final days of April, but demand was still on a reduced scale. Yarns and goods exports from Great Britain during the month reached a total of 98,472,000 pounds, against 96,653,000 pounds in 1900. Mr. Ellison made no change in the estimated weekly rate of consumption. Liverpool.— The market for cotton was a comparatively narrow one, being influenced more by the varying character of cables from America than anything else. The extreme range during the month was only 5 32d., the opening having been at 49 16d. for middling uplands, which was also the lowest; the highest quotation. 4 23-32d., was recorded on the 4th, and the close was at 4 19 32d.

MAY .- Manchester. - A feeling of uncertainty as to the possibility of maintaining values pervaded the cotton goods market at the beginning of the month, and merchants oper ated with much caution. Developments proved this policy to have been ju-tified, a sharp fall in the quotations for cotton occurring between the 1st and the 8th, which carried midding uplands down ¼d. While the decline was in progress transactions in goods were of comparatively small dimensions, but subsequent to the 8th the quite steady ruling of the raw material brought buyers into the market and a fair volume of business was put through. A further improvemert in the demand for India was reported and advices from China indicated rather satisfactory market conditions. A moderate trade for other Eastern outlets was experienced, but the inquiry for South America was disappointing. The home trade showed some improvement as compared with April, but was nevertheless rather quiet. Owing to an accumulation of stock, spinners were led to reduce quotations for yarns from 4d. to 3d.; this served to cut down their holdings, but left a very meagre margin for profit. Prices for goods were shaded a little in some instances. Exports of yarns and goods from Great Britain in May aggregated 97,404,000 lbs., against 100,533,000 lbs. for the corresponding period of 1900. No change was made in the estimated weekly rate of consumption. Liverpool.—As in April, the market for the raw material followed closely the developments in America. At the opening weekness developed and or which middling unlands dropped. weakness developed, under which middling uplands dropped from 4 19 32d. (April 30) to 4 9 32d. (June 8). During the remainder of the month the market ruled steady and fluctuated within a narrow compass, closing at 4%d.

JUNE. - Manchester. - The developments in the cotton manufacturing industry during June were on the whole satisfactory, especially as contrasted with the outcome of preceding months of the season. All departments experienced a considerable revival of activity, and this, in conjunction with a gradual enhancement of values, greatly encouraged manufacturers. The situation in China was much better, and with stocks of high priced goods largely reduced, the outlook for trade with that quarter was greatly improved. The demand from India was quite active and fair transactions for other Eastern markets were reported. The volume of orders booked was in some cases sufficient to keep looms fully employed to the close of September. Spinners were less favorably situated than weavers, little or no change in quotations having followed the better business in goods. Yarns and goods exported from Great Britain during the month reached 96,915,000 lbs., or 7,543,000 lbs. more than in June, 1900, when a total of 89,372,00 lbs. was recorded. The previous months' estimated weekly rate of consumption was adhered to. iverpool -The general tendency of the market for raw cotton was upwards. The early advance resulted from a less favorable condition rep rt than expected being issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, and the rise was assisted by unsatis4 13 32d. on the 3d, middling uplands advanced to 4 11-16d. on the 8th. Between that date and the 21st fluctuations up and down were frequent, but offset each other. On the 23d, however, the quotation rose to 4 23 32d, on the 24th to 4¾d., and on the 25th to 4 13-16d. but all this gain was subsequently lost, the close being at 4 11 16d.

JULY.-Manchester.-As a result of orders booked during the preceding month, July opened with makers of many of the standard grades of cotton goods well under contract. In other departments, however, the situation was not materially different from May or June. The crop situation in the United States imparted an irregular tendency to the market, although anxiety as to the conditions in Texas was somewhat relieved towards the close by reports of rains, which caused a sharp decline in cotton. But the lower prices for the raw material was followed by a reduction in buyers' offers, and business was consequently restricted. Another not unimportant adverse influence was the delay in settling the Chinese indemnity question, pending the ad justment of which transactions for that country were interfered with. The depression in Continental trade following the financial and industrial troubles in Germany also had an unfavorable effect on the cotton goods trade. On the other hand, the grain crop outlook in India, reported to be very satisfactory and indicating that there would be a sur plus of wheat for export, gave reason to expect a general improvement in Indian trade. India was the chief pur chaser of cloth during the month, but as a rule prices were below a profitable basis. The decline in cotton referred to above brought about a lowering of quotations for manufac tured products, yarns being marked down 5 16@3/4d, and shirtings 1@11/d. Exports of yarns and goods from Great Britain were of greater volume than in any month since October, 1899, reaching 112,090,000 lbs., against 104,485, 00 lbs. in July, 1900. The estimated weekly consumption for the month was the same as for June. Liverpool. As usual at the season of the year, the market for the raw material was governed almost wholly by crop news from the United States. Opening at 423-32d., middling uplands gradually declined on more satisfactory reports as to weather conditions, until 4 19-32d. was reached on the 16th. Drought reports on the 18th caused a recovery of 116d., but more favorable crop news on the 19th and subsequent days started the market downward again, and the declining tendency was not arrested until the quotation touched 43%d, on the 29th. From this figure there was an advance of 1-16d. on the 30th, 1-32d. of which was lost on the 31st, the close being at 4 13 32d.

August opened upon a rather dull market for cotton goods, and during the first half of the month dealings generally were on a moderate scale, although in some departments a very fair trade was secured. At the same time there was considerable inquiry for India and China, but at prices below the ruling quotations, and which left little or no margin for profit. During the latter half of the month and concurrent with the upward tendency of the raw material, a better demand from almost all quarters was in evidence, with transactions for Chinese account of most important volume. Unwillingness on the part of buyers to meet the rise which followed the increased cost of cotton served, however, to restrict business somewhat, especially as producers, being pretty well under engage ment for the immediate future, were averse to making concessions to secure further orders. Liverprol. -There was no definite tendency to the cotton market during early August, fluctuations being governed from day to day by the varying tonor of crop advices from the United States continued unfavorable reports from Texas being in large measure, if not wholly, offset by better conditions e'sewhere. Middling uplands opened at 43%d., ad vanced to 4 13-32d. by the 6th, receded to 4 11 32d. on the 7th, had risen to 47.16d. by the 12th and dropped to 4%d, on the The subsequent trend was as a rule upward on un favorable crop news of a more general character. Gains rang ing from 1.32d. to 1/8d. were of almost daily cocurrence from the 15th to the 24th, leaving the quotation at 4 29.32d on the A rise of 5-32d. carried it up to last mentioned date. 5 1-16d. on the 26th, from which figure there were recessions of 3 32d. on the 27th and 1-32d. on the 28th. The quotation was marked up 1 16d. on the 29th and 3 32d. on the 30th, but reacted 3 32d. on the 31st, the closing price being 5d. for

We now add our usual table of consumption of cotton in Europe and the United States These figures are not the takings of the mills, but the actual consumption of the mills, and are in all cases expressed in bales of 500 pounds. The figures in this table cover the years from 1872-73 to 1900-01 inclusive.

Consumption.		Europe.		Ur	Man I		
Bales 500 lbs.	Great British.	Conti- nent.	Total Europe.	North.	South.	Total U. S.	Total.
1872-73	2,467,000	1,626,000	4,093,000	926,070	122,000	1,048,000	5,141,000
1873-74	2,502,000	1,651,000	4,153,000	1,039,000	113,000	1,152,000	5,305,000
1874-75	2,470,000	1.792.000	4,262,000	935,000	127,000	1,062,000	5,324,000
1375-76	2,541,000	1.922,000	4,463,000	1,075,000	127,000	1,202,000	5,665,000
1876-77	2,546,000	1,902,000		1,134,000		1,263,000	5,711,000
1877-78		2,007,000		1,248,000		1,380,000	5,818,000
Aver. 6 y'rs.	2.493,000	1.817.000	4.310.000	1,059,000	125,000	1.184.000	5.494.000

Consumption.		Europe,		U	nited Sta	tes.	m 4 - 1
Bales 501 lbs.	Great Britain.	Conti- nent.	Total Europe.	North.	South.	Total U. S.	Total.
1878-79	2,274,000	2,077,000	4,351,000	1,292,000	135,000	1,427,000	5,778,000
1879-80	2,680,000	2,200,000	4,880,000	1,423,000	162,000	1,585,000	6,465,000
18-0-81	2,858,000	2,365,000	5,223,000	1,507,000	187,000	1,694,000	6,917,000
1881-82	2,912,000	2,558,000	5,470,000	1,545,000	213,000	1,758,000	7,228,000
1882-83		2,704,000	5,699,000	1,594,000	806,000	1,900,000	7,599,000
1883-84	2,933,000	2,704,000	5,637,000	1,492,000	303,000	1,795,000	7,432,000
Aver. 6 y'rs.	2,776,000	2,434,000	5,210,000	1,476,000	218,000	1,694,000	6,904,000
1884-85	2,746,000	2,604,000	5,350,000	1,286,000	241,000	1,527,000	6,877,000
1885-86		2,772,000		1,512,000	,	1,822,000	7,496,000
1986-87	2,955,000	2,912,000	5,867,000	1,578,000	861,000	1,939,000	7,806,000
1887-SS	3,073,000	3,087,000	6,110,000	1,624,000	400,000	2,024,000	8,134,000
1888-89	3,016,000	3,256,000	6,272,000	1,704,000	444,000	2,148,000	8,420,000
1889-90	3,227,000	3,432,000	6,659,000	1,682,000	503,000	2,185,000	8,844,000
Aver. 6 y'rs.	2,986,000	3,002,000	5,988,000	1,564,000	877,000	1,941,000	7,929,000
1890-91	3,384,000	3,631,000	7,015,000	1,810,000	557,000	2,367,000	9,382,000
1891-92	3,181,000	3,619,000	0,800,000	1,944,000	632,000	2,576,000	9,876,000
1892-93	2,866,000	3,661,000	6,527,000	1,872,000	679,000	2,551,000	
1893-94	3,233,000	3,827,000	7,060,000	1,593,000	671,000	2,264,000	9,324,000
1894-95	3,250,000	4,030,000	7,280,000	1,940,000	803,000	2,743,000	10,023,000
1995-96	3,276,000	4,160,000	7,436,000	1,711,000	861,000	2,572,000	10,008,000
Aver. 6 y'rs.	3,198,000	3,821,000	7,019,000	1,812,000	700,000	2,512,000	9,531,000
1896-97	3,224,000	4,368,000	7,592,000	1,776,000	902,000	2,738,000	10,330,000
1897-98	3,432,000	4,628,000		1,808,000	1,154,000	2,962,000	11,022,000
1898-99		4,781,000	8,303,000		1,809,0 10	3,553,000	11,856,000
1892-00*		4,576,000	, ,		1,501,000	8,856,000	11,706,000
1900-01*		4,576,000		2,150,000	1,577,000	3,727,000	11,671,000
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* Figures of European Consumption for 1899-00 and 1900-01 will probably be changed slightly by Mr. Eilison when he makes up his October Annual.

Another general table which we have compiled of late years is needed in connection with the foregoing to furnish a comprehensive idea of the extent and the expansion of this industry. It discloses Europe and America's cotton supply and the sources of it. The special points we have sought to illustrate by the statements are, first, the relative contribution to the world's raw material by the United States and by other sources, and, second, to follow its distribution. Beginning with 1896 97 the figures of visible supply include Alexandria and Bombay stocks.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF COTTON.

	WORLD BOTTE AND BUTTER OF CONTROL								
	Visible and		Crops.		Total Actual	Balance of Year's Supply.			
	Invisible Supply		Supply		Consump.	End of	Year.	FD	
	Begin ning of Year.	United States.	of Other Coun- tries.	Total Crop.	tion.	Visible.	In- visible.	Burnt, &c. †	
1872-73.	1,960,000	3,426,000	1,667,000	5,093,000	5,141,000	1,270,000	583,000		
1873-74.	1,853,000		1,856,000	5,534,000	5,305,000		674,000		
1874-75.	2,018,000	3,373,000	1,847,000	5,220,000	5,324,000	, ,	564,000		
1875 76.	1,858,000	4,137,000	1,614,000	5,751,000	5,665,000	1,385,000	491,000		
1876-77.	1,876,000	3,946,000	1,518,000	5,464,000		1,054,000	515,000		
1877-78.	1,569,000	4,340,000	1,205,000	5,545,000	5,818,000	971,000	261,000	64,000	
Aver'ge		3,817,000	1,618,000	5,435,000	5,494,000			62,000	
1878-79.	1,232,000	4.510,000	1,118,000	5,628,000	5,778,000	854,000	160,000		
	1,014,000		1,515,000	6,760,000	6,465,000	1,199,000	39,000		
	1,238,000	6,015,000	1,470,000	7,485,000	6,917,000	1,537,000	197,000		
	1,734,000	4,858,000	2,008,000	6,866,000	7,228,000	1,090,000	202,000	80,000	
	1,292,000		1,880,000	8,326,000	7,599,000	1,363,000	560,000		
	1,923,000		1,947,000		7,432,000	1,204,000	346,000	76,000	
Aver'ge		5,377,000	1,657,000	7,034,000	6,904,000			77,000	
1884-85.	1,550,000	5,136,000	1,606,000	6,742,000	6,877,000	984,000	259,000		
	1,343,000		1,680,000	7,664,000		968,000	473,000		
	1,441,000		1,982,000	7,942,000	7,806,000	999,000		104,000	
	1,473,000		1,680,000	8,080,000	8,134,000	772,000	519,000	128,000	
	1,291,000	6,463,000	1,880,000	8,343,000	8,420,000	682,000	437,000	95,000	
	1,119,000		2,064,000	8,884,000	8,844,000	846,000	231,000	82,000	
Aver'ge		6,127,000	1,815,000	7,942,000	7,929,000			92,000	
1890-91.	1,077,000	8,137,000	1,990,000	10,127,000	9,382,000	1,315,000			
	1,742,000			10,552,000	9,376,000	2,310,000	1	100,000	
	2,818,000		2,172,000		9,078,000	1,903,000		89,000	
	2,258,000	7.136.000	2,188,000	9,324,000	9,324,000	1,792,000		130,000	
1894-95	2,128,000	9,640,000	1,658,000	11,298,000	10,023,000	2,185,000	1,018,000	200,000	
	3,203,000		1,989,000	8,901,000	10,008,000	1,231,000	700,000	165,000	
Aver'ge		7,817,000	1,985,000	9,802,000	9,531,000			126,000	
1896-97	1,931,000	8,435,000	2,235,000	10,670,000	10,330,000	1,296.000		347,000	
1897-98	1 924 000	10.890.000	01.853.000	12,743,000	11,022,000	1,905,000	1,336,000	404,000	
1808-99	3.241.000	11.078.000	01.909.000	12,987,000	11,856,000	}2,371,000	1,628,000	3 73,0 00	
1899 00	3.999.000	9.137.000	01.475.000	10,612,000	0 11,766,000	000,170,190	000,1885,100) 389,000	
1900-01	456,000	10,215,000	01,923,090	12,141,000	0 11,671,000	0^{1} 1,569,000	1,042,000	315,000	
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To illustrate the preceding, take the last season, 1900-01, and the results would be as follows:

ı	Supply—Visible and invisible stock beginning of year Total crop during year	12,141,000
	Total supply—bales of 500 lbs	
i	Distribution—Total consumption	
ı	Burnt, &c., during year 315,000-	-11,986,000
l	Leaving visible stock	
	Leaving invisible stock	
	Motel visible and invisible stocks at end of year	2.611.000

[†] This column covers cotton exported to countries not covered by figures of consumption, and cotton burnt in United States, on sea, and in Europe.

industry in Europe and the United States. By including India, Japan, China, &c., the actual world's consumption lowing: would appear as follows:

World's	Great	Con-	United		AU	
Consumption.	Britain.	tinent.	States.	India.	Others.	Total.
1890-91	8,384,000	3.631,000	2,867,000	924,000	150,000	10,456,000
1891-92	S,181,000	5,619,000	2,576,000	914,000	160,000	10,450,000
1892-93	2,866,000	3,661,000	2,551,000	918,000	220,000	10,216,000
1893-94	3,233,000	3,827,000	2,264,000	959,000	250,000	10,533,000
1894-95	3,250,000	4,030,000	2,743,000	1,074,000	300,000	11,397,000
1895-96	3,276,000	4,160,000	2,572,000	1,105,000	419,000	11,532,000
1896-97	3,224,000	4,368,000	2,738,000	1,004,000	546,000	11,880,000
1897-03	8,482,000	4,628,000	2,962,000	1,141,000	726,000	12,889,000
1898-99	9,519,000	4,784,000	3,553,000	1,314,000	845,000	14,015,000
1899-00	8,334,000	4,576,000	\$,856,000	1,140,000	867,000	18,773,000
1900-01	3,868,000	4,576,000	3,727,000	1,255,000	778,000	13,704,000
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Overland and Crop Movement.

Overland.-Notwithstanding the fact that the cotton crop of 1900 01 exceeds that of the previous season by over 101/2 per cent, the aggregate of the staple carried by the overland routes shows a falling off. The loss, however, results entirely from a decrease t movement to Pacific ports for shipment to Japan. In 1899-1900, on account of the decided reduction in the East Indian crop, the Japanese mills were forced to turn to America for their supply of the raw material, and about 175,000 bales were forwarded to them through our Far Western outlets. This season general business has been poor and India has again become a source of supply, cutting down our direct shipments via Pacific ports over one-half. As most of this cotton goes to swell the gross overland movement, we need search no further for a reason for the decline in that aggregate. At the same time it will be noticed that the movement via "Other Routes," under which head cotton for the Far West is included, has fallen off but 31,861 bales, whereas larger actual or proportionate losses are shown via Louisville or Cincinnati. This apparent inconsistency is easy of explanaion. The opening up of new routes or connections has diverted much cotton from the two points above mentioned, and from Cairo as well, although the amount carried via Cairo does record a small increase over the previous year. St. Louis exhibits a fair measure of increase, but even at that point the percentage of gain is less than 7 per cent tagainst an increase in crop of 10 per cent. The Rock Island road has moved almost five times as much cotton as last year, but compared with 1898-99 the excess is only about 37 per cent.

The proportionate marketings of the crop through the various Southern outports usua ly furnish a good idea of the changes in yield in the various sections, and that is particularly true this season. Practically all of the increase in the 1900-01 crop over the preceding one comes from the Southwest, Texas especially, as will be seen by referring to the statistics of the ports through which that cotton is marketed. At Galveston the receipts are over 439,000 bales larger than the previous year and the addition at New Orleans has been almost 590,000 bales, or more than 1,000,000 bales for the two. The remainder of the cotton belt produced in the aggregate a little less than in 18#9-19(0, a fact which the figures or the remaining outports sustain. The variations in receipts for the past ten years is shown in the subjoined statement:

Per cent of Crop Received at—	1900-01.	1899-00.	1898 99.	1897-98.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1894-95.	18 3 94.	1892-93.	1891-92.
Wilmington, &c.	02.97	03.36	03.08	03.25	03.53	02:78	02.71	03.03	02.80	05.59
Norfolk, &c	03.98	04:38	05.98	05.08	08:20	06 92	07:79	10.20	07:39	09.54
Charleston, &c	02.58	02.83	03.55	04.40	05.47	05.19	05.83	05.61	04.35	05.18
Savannah, &c	11.60	12.79	12:27	13.06	11.69	12.26	11.00	14.12	13.78	13.55
Florida	01 50	01.61	01.83	01.21	01.04	00.48	00.35	00.20	00.47	00.30
Mobile	01.19	02.15	02.25	03.13	03.35	02.77	02.43	02.64	02.55	02.95
New Orleans	23.56	19.79	19.86	24.06	24.42	25.27	28.15	25.15	23.85	27.71
Galveston. &c	21.45	19.03	21.25	18.08	17.06	15.60	17.54	14.19	16.43	13.27
N.Y., Boston, &c	04.43	03.73	05.00	04.26	03.76	03.75	05.84	04.05	04.67	04.73
Total through all ports	72.96	69.67	75.34	77.60	78.22	75.32	79.68	79.49	76:29	79.19
Overland net	11.09	13:39	12.20	11.42	10.05	11.89	11.69	10.90	12.79	13:27
Southern con- sumption	15.98		12.46	10.98			8.63			7.54
Total U. S. crop.	100.00	100:00	1: 0:00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Southern con- sumption	15.98		12:46	10.98	11.76	12.79	8.63	09:61	10.92	

In the above we have figured only what is called the net overland, as the remainder of the gross amount is counted at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc., or at the Southern ports where it first appears in the receipts. At the same time the entire gross overland reaches a market by some allrail route: hence, in measuring the total overland we can

The foregoing clearly shows the course of the cotton do so correctly only by using the gross figures. To indicate therefore, the progress made since 1880-81 we give the fol-

Oron of-	Total Yield.	Gross	Increase and Decrease.			
010[10]	Total Tiesa.	Overland.	Of Orop.	Of Overland.		
	Bales.	Bates.	Per cent.	Per oent.		
1900-01	10,425,141	1,767,646	Increase 10.44	Decrease 01.28		
1899-00	9,439,559	1,790,238	Decrease 15 99	Decrease 12.98		
189×-99	11,235,3×3	2,057,024	Increase 0.48	Increase 7.83		
1897-98	11,180,960	1,896,011	Increase 28:31	Increase 47.90		
1896-97	8,714,011	1,282,211	Increase 21.66	Increase 7.72		
1895-96		1,190,299	Decrease 27.60	Decrease 36.25		
1894 95	9,892,766	1,867,104	Increase 31.43	Increase 48.64		
1893-94	7,527,211	1,253,856	Increase 12 06	Decreuse 02.84		
1892-93	6,717,142	1,290.512	Decrease 25 68	Decrease 28.32		
1891-92	9,038,707	1,800,482	Increase 4.43	Increase 8.06		
1890-91		1,666,145	Increase 18.35	Increase 16.58		
1889-90		1,429,192	Increase 5.46	Decrease 2.12		
1888-89	6,935,082	1,460,180	Decrease 1.18	Increase 1.27		
1887-88	7,017,707	1,441,920	Increase 7.74	Increase 11.59		
1886-87	6,513,623	1,292,167	Decrease 0.56	Increase 2.53		
1885-86	6,550,215	1,260,279	Increase 15 54	Increase 27.05		
1884-85	5,669,021	991,960	Decrease 0.78	Decrease 5.44		
1883-84		1,049,070	Decrease 18.28	Decrease 13.07		
1882-83		1,217,215	Increase 28 61	Increase 7.26		
1881-82	5,435,845	1,134,788	Decrease 17.50	Increase 4:10		
Change from 8	eason of '81-	82 to '00-01	Increase 91.80	Increase 55.79		

In determining this year the portion of the crop forwarded by each of the different overland routes, we have followed our usual methods.

First—Of counting each bale of cotton at the Southern outport where it first appears.

Second—Of deducting from gross overland all cotton shipped by rail from Southern outports to the North.

Third - Of deducting also from overland any amounts taken from Southern outports for Southern consumption.

Fourth-Of deducting likewise arrivals by railroads at New York, Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia, all of which have been counted in the receipts from week to week during the year.

With these explanations nothing further is needed to make plain the following statement of the movement overland for the year ending August 31, 1901.

	1		
	1900-01.	1899-00.	1898-99.
Amount shipped—			
Via St. Louis	925,738	865,167	961,875
Via Cairo	241,091	226,421	408,712
Via Paducah	5,105	11,877	20,280
Via Rock Island	58,560	12,810	42,967
Via Louisville	137,919	212,738	214,815
Via Cincinnati	115,623	135,905	180,421
Via other routes	275,098	306,959	208,674
Shippped to mills, not included above.	8,512	18,468	19,280
Total gross overland	1,767,646	1,790,345	2,057,024
Deduct shipments-			
Overland to New York, Boston, &c	462,174	352,604	561,340
Between interior towns	86,679	83,400	51,918
Galveston, inland and local mills	7	6,630	7,114
New Orleans, inland and local mills	22,345	35,772	27,120
Mobile, inland and local mills	10,911	9,535	13,207
Savannah, inland and local mills	3,551	1,719	17
Charleston, inland and local mills	7,756	5.068	1,308
N. Carol'a ports. inland and local mills.	4,891	5,085	2,710
Virginia ports, inland and local mills	16,477	25,772	21,892
Total to be deducted	614,794	525,585	686,626
Leaving total net overland*	1,152,852	1,264,760	1,370,398

* This total includes shipments to Canada by rail, which during 1900-1901 amounted to 98,868 bales, and are deducted in the statement of consumption.

CROP DETAILS.—We now proceed to give the details of the entire crop for two years.

ш	*		
ľ	Louisiana,		
	Exported from N, Orleans:1900 01	1899-	00
ı		1,653,221	
ı	To coastwise ports 429,664	321,730	
ı	To Northern ports, &c.,		
ı	by river and rail* 5,590	20,062	
i	Manufactured* 16,755	15,710	
ı	Stock at close of year 44,274-2,533,267	34,714	2,045,437
i	Deduct:	4= 000	
į	Received from Mobile 42,267	45,882	
i	Received from Galveston	011	
ı	and other Tex.ports,&c	811	
ĺ		131,591—	150 004
ı	Stock beginning of year 34,714— 77,081	151,591—	170,284
ı	Total product of year 2,456,186	-	1,867,153
Ì	*In overland we have deducted these two items		, ,
١		34	
ı	Alabama. Exported from Mobile:*		
ł	To foreign ports 53.262	133.004	

202,945 124,2 4 Total product of year..... * Under the head of coastwise shipments from Mobile are included 8,819 bales shipped inland by rail north and for Southern consumption, which, with consumption, are deducted in the overland movement.

6,007-

80,840

4,529-

6,993

8.435

218,373

15,428

135,864

11,650

To coastwise ports.....

R'c'ptsfr'm Pensacola,&c

Stock beginning of year..

Stock at close of year.....

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Shipments

From Memphis ...

Total shipm'ts to N. Y., &c. Add shipments to manufac-

turers direct.....

	Texas.	
Exp't'd from Galvest'n. &c.		<u></u>
To foreign ports (except Mexico)		1,547,590
To Mexico, from Galves- ton, Corpus Christl, &c.		14.156
To coastwise ports*	379,494	261,647
Stock at close of year	55,180—2,239,516	3,634-1,827,027
Rec'v'd at Galvest'n, &c., from New Orleans, &c.		3,222
Stock beginning of year.	3,634— 3,634	27,751— 30,973
Total product of year	2,235,882	1,796,054

*Coastwise exports include 7 bales shipped inland, which are deducted in overland statement.

Exp'd from Pensac'la, &c.*	Florida	•		
To foreign ports	152,558 20,996—	173,554	138,845 20,904—	159,749
Deduct: Received from Mobile	17,069-	17,069	7,821-	7,821
Total product of year		156,485	_	151,928

'These figures represent this year, as heretofore, only the shipments from the Florida outports. Florida cotton has also gone inland to Savannah, &c., but we have followed our usual custom of counting that cotton at the outports where it first appears.

	Georgia,	
Exported from Savannah.:		
To foreign ports-Upland	736,422	690,647
To foreign ports—Sea Is'd	19,356	36,434
To coastwise ports-		
Upland*	282,933	339,804
Sea Island"	46,650	34,225
Exp. from Brunswick, &c:		
To foreign ports	96,238	83,404
To ccastwise ports	39,488	38,023
Burnt	15	
Stock at close of year-		
Upland	6,119	7,464
Sea Island	479—1,227,700	1,688—1,231,689
Deduct:		0.005
Reo'd from Charles'n, &c.	10,500	3,625
Received from Florida-		1.010
Upland		1,813
Stock beginning of year-	7.404	10.400
Upland	7,464	19,496
Sea Island	1,688— 19,652	97— 25,031
man I am durate of war.	1,208,048	1,206,658
Total product of year	1,203,048	1,200,008

* The amounts snipped inland and taken for consumption are de-

outports this season. But 6,018 bales Upland and 17,266 bales Sea Island, from interior of Florida, were received at Savannah by rail.

South Carolina.

Exported from Charleston: To foreign ports—Upland To foreign ports—Seals'd	140,077 452		175,765 3,141	
To coastwise ports— Upland* Sea Island Exported from Port Royal	87,067 7,982		83,548 4,534	
and Beaufort: To foreign ports - Upland	600			
To foreign ports—Sea Is'd To coastwise ports	300		1,100	
From Georgetown, &c Burnt	1,174		1,237 102	
Stock at close of year Upland Sea Island	3,049 299—	241,000	2,404 385-	277,216
Deduct: Rec'd fr'm Savannah, &c.: Upland	564		1,018 1,000	
Upland	2,404 385—	3,303	8,138 250—	10,406
Total product of year		237,647		266,810

*Included in this item are 7,756 bales, the amounts taken by local mills and shippe i to interior, all of which is deducted in overland.

North Carolina,

Exported from Wilmingt'n: To foreign ports To coastwise ports* Coastw. fr. Washington, &c. Manufactured	223.705 32,346 51,298 3,651	274,710 10,681 35,170 3,869
Stock at close of year	23 2,250— 313,273	3,421- 327,851
Deduct: Stock beginning of year-	3,421— 3,421	10,321- 10,321
Total product of year	309,852	317,530

ton and with local consumption are deducted in overland.

	Virginia.			
Exported from Norfolk: To foreign ports To coastwise ports* Exp. fr. Newp't News, &c.	21, ³⁷⁷ 407,866		39,601 377,895	
To foreign ports To coastwise ports Taken for manufacture Stock end of year, Norfolk.	31,817 10,048 13,155 4,609—	488,872	28,612 7,128 17,351 3,227—	473,814
Deduct: Rec'd fr. Wilmington, &c.	5,773		600	
Received from other No. Carolina ports	51,298		35,170	
Rec'd at Newport News, &c., from Norfolk, &c Stock beginning of year.	13,785 3,227—	74,083	9,657 15,217—	€0,644
Total product of year		114,789		413,170

'Includes 3,322 bales shipped to the interior, which, with 13,155 bales taken for manufacture, are deducted in overland.

From Nashville	20,839		28,588	
From other places in Ten-	20,000		20,000	
nessee, Miss., Tex., &c.	1,241,951	1.	264,178	
Sto'k in Memphis and Nash-				
ville at end of year	20,293-	1 947,256	9,132-	1,947,791
Deduct:				
Shipped from Memphis.				
Nashville, &c direct to				
Southern outports	323,098		272,442	
Shipped direct to manu-			Í	
facturers	1,152,852	1,	264,760	
Stock at Memphis and				
Nashville at beginning				
of year	9,132-	1,485,082	57,985	1,595,187

Tennessee, Etc. -1900 01.--

664 173

1899-00 -

352,604

1,264,760

645.893

Total marketed by rail from Tennessee, &c.*.... 1,615,026 1,617,364 Except 25,375 bales deducted in overland, previously counted,

462,174

1,152,852

Total crop in the U.S. for year ending Sept. 1 1901...bales. 10,425,141

Below we give the total crop each year since 1871.

		_			
Years.	Bales.	Years.	Bales.	Years.	Bales.
1900-01	10,425,141	1890-91	8,655,518	1880-81	6,589,329
1899-00	9,439,559	1889-90	7,313,726	1879-80	5,757,397
1898-99	11,235,383	1888 89	6,935,082	1878-79	5,073,531
1897-98	11,180,950	1887-78	7,017,707	1877-78	4,811,265
1896-97	8,714,011	1886-87	6,513,623	1874-77	4,485,423
1895 96	7,162,473	1885-86	6,550,215	1875-76	4,669,288
1894-95	9,892,766	1884-95	5,669,021	1874-75	3,932,991
1893-94	7,527,211	1883-84	5,714,052	1873-74	4,170,388
1892-93	6,717,142	1882 83	6,992,234	1872-73	3,930,508
1891-92	9,038,707	1881-82	5,435,845	1871-72	2,974,351

Weight of Bales.

The average weight of bales and the gross weight of the crop we have made up as follows for this year, and give last year for comparison.

	Year end	ing September	1, 1901.	Year end	ing September	1. 1900.
Crop of—	Number of Bales.	Weight in Pounds.	Average Weight.	Number of Bales.	Weight in Pounds.	Average Weight.
Texas	2,235,882	1,186,202,477	530 53	1,796,054	934,720,383	520.43
Louisiana	2,456,186	1,268,325,327	516.38	1,867,153	951,015,709	509.34
Alabama	124,214	63,679,549	512.66	202,945	102,006,245	502.63
Georgia*	1,364,533	678,937,039	497.56	1,358,586	665,978,857	490.20
South Carolina.	237,647	117,621,006	494.94	266,810	130,285,991	438'31
Virginia	414,789	204,698,371	493'50	413,170	206,312,308	499.34
North Carolina.	309,852	152,431,691	491.95	317,530	155,589,700	490.00
Tennessee, &c	3,282,038	1,647,418,974	501.95	3,217,311	1,608,719,845	500-02
Total crop	10,425,141	5,819,314,434	510.24	9,439,559	4,754,629,638	503.89

*Including Florida.

According to the foregoing, the average gross weight per bale this season was 510.24 lbs., against 503.69 lbs. in 1899-00, or 6.55 lbs. more than last year. Had, therefore, only as many pounds been put into each bale as during the previous season, the crop would have aggregated 10,560,700 bales. The relation of the gross weights this year to previous years may be seen from the following comparison:

Garage of	0	Average Weight,	
Season of—	Number of Bales.	Weight, Pounds.	per bale.
1900-01. 1899-00. 1898-99. 1897-98. 1896-97. 1895-96.	9,439,559 11,235,383 11,180,960 8,714,011	5,319,314,434 4,754,629,038 5,765,320,339 5,667,372,051 4,383,819,971 3,595,775,534	\$10.25 503.69 513.14 506.88 503.08 502.03

New Crop and Its Marketing.

It is practically impossible to reach any definite conclusions as to the condition and productiveness of the cotton plant at this early date. We have so often referred to this fact that it seems almost unnecessary to call attention to it again. Future weather conditions and the earliness or lateness of killing frosts have so much to do with the ultimate outcome of the crop-and never more so than this fall—that any estimate in September would have very few facts to support it. At this time a year ago the outlook was not promising, but exceptionally favorable weather during October in the Southwest and a satisfactory picking season added very considerably to the yield. On the other hand adverse conditions in the fall and an early frost have frequently marred early prospects to a material extent.

There are, however, certain facts with reference to the season thus far which can be set forth, and from them the reader can obtain some idea of the situation to-day. One point on which all will agree is that the crop, as we remarked in our acreage report last June, is a decidedly late one. Over the greater part of the South the weather in the spring was highly unfavorable to an early start, so that on the 1st of June the plant averaged low in condition and more backward in growth than any in our record. During that month, however, meteorological conditions were fairly satisfactory except in the Atlantic States, where excessive rain was complained of. In July favorable weather prevailed over much of the territory east of the Mississippi River, improving the plant in most localities, but in sections west of the river and in Tennessee a severe drought was experienced. Early August conditions also favored the plant in the eastern and central portions of the belt, but in the drought districts little or no relief was experienced. With the beginning of the second week of the month, however, the rains again set in and became excessive in the Atlantic States and also in Alabama and Mississippi. In all those States dry weather and a late frost are now greatly needed. As to Texas and Oklahoma the drought has no doubt done material harm.

We bring forward our usual data bearing upon the maturity of the plant, giving first the dates of receipt of first bales. This year the earliest arrival was at Houston from Texas on June 22. Last year the first bale also came from Texas, being received at Houston on July 18, and in 1899 the same State furnished the earliest bale on July 14. Little, however, is to be learned from a first arrival, the average of

all the first arrivals furnishing a safer guide.

		Da	te of Re	ceipt of	First B	ale.	
	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
Virginia— Norfolk	Sept. 7	Aug. 8		Aug.20	Aug.14	Aug.18	Sept. 3
No. Oarolina- Charlotte Wilmington		Aug.13 Aug. 7			Aug.15 Aug.17		
So. Carolina— Charleston Greenwood	Aug.21 Aug.31	July 29 Aug. 8	Aug. 3 Aug.26	Aug.10 Aug.15	Aug. 7 Aug. —	Aug. 7	Aug.20 Aug.27
Georgia— Augusta Savannah –				-			
From Ga From Fla Albany Columbus	Aug.21	Aug. 4 July 29	Aug. 6	Aug.10 July 27	Aug.19 July 27	Aug. 18 July 27	Aug. 7
Alabama – Montgomery. Mobile Selma Eufaula	Aug.17 Aug.14	July30 July28 July28	Aug. 4 July31	Aug. 11 Aug. 6 Aug. 6	Aug. 3 Aug. 8 Aug. 7	Aug.11 Aug.14 Aug. 4	Aug.14 Aug.12 Aug 15
Louisiana— New Orleans. From Texas "Miss. Val. Shreveport	July 25 Aug. 12	July 10 July 23	July 12 July 31	July 2 Aug.19	July 14 Aug. 3	Aug.18 Aug.15	Aug.13 Aug.16
Mississippi— Vicksburg Columbus Greenville	Aug.30 Aug.27	July 2. July 31	Aug.14 Aug.18	Aug.24 Aug.16	Aug.21 Aug.18	Aug.24 Aug.29	Aug.23 tAg. 21
Arkansas— Little Rock Helena	Aug.30	July 25	Aug.25	Aug.26	Aug.29	Aug.25	Aug.17
Tennessee— Memphls Texas—	Aug.20	July 27	Aug.22	Aug.17	Aug.12	Aug.15	Aug.16
Galveston Where from {	DeWitt			Bee	DeWitt	Bee	San Pa-
Houston	July 24	July 13	SnD'go		County July 17	Duval	Duval
Ind. Territory—Ardmore			ļ				
Oklahoma— Guthrie * At Eufaula,	Ind. Ter	· i At	Natohez	Z.		Aug.22	

Subject to the remarks above about drought being largely responsible for the early movement of cotton from Texas, the arrivals of new crop cotton to the 1st of September afford a much better indication of maturity. Next to Galveston the chief receiver of new cotton this year has been New Orleans, with 9,560 bales which of course came largely from Texas. Leaving out the figures for these two ports, we find that the aggregate receipts at all other points included in the subjoined table were only 1,075 bales, against 14,923 bales in 1900, 37,488 bales in 1899, 6,282 bales in 1898, 8 052 bales in 1897, 76,990 bales in 1896 and 1,28 bales in 1895.

ARRIVALS OF NEW COTTON TO SEPTEMBER 1.

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
Charlotte, N. C Wilmington, N. C Charleston, S. C Columbia, S. C Augusta, Ga Savannah, Ga Columbus, Ga	38 55 285 335	a 908 9,623 1,000 10,1 1 27,342 †5,004	*20 822 \$15 *1, 00 3,09 †7*6	404 100 1,707 1,623 40"	1,667 1,330 <i>b</i> 300 8,300 12,970 *2,000	1,680 826 *1(0 3,389 5,997 880	30 ‡2 46 66 50
Montgoméry, Ala Mobile, Ala Selma, Ala Eufaula, Ala New Orleans, La Shreveport, La Vicksburg, Miss	592 77 *100 225 4,379 7	2,887 *1,500 1,426 46,051 1,855	237 *100 160 50,659 816	261 895 168 4,174 202	1,292 4,703 914 15,906 1,748	189 275 512 4,552 284	91 366 43 9,560
Columbus, Miss Little Rock, Ark Memphis, Tenn Galveston, Tex	2,977	603 212 6,873	31 21 21	52 18	62 3 171	2 6 48	10
Total all ports to September 1	9,094	194,777	87,932	33,056	98,695	27,870	53,628

* Estimated; no returns received. † Macon, Ga. † Greenwood 8. C. a Raleigh, N. C. b Newberry, S. C. d Natchez.

Export Movement of Cotton Goods.

Our export trade in cotton goods, at all times small compared with some other countries, has suffered an important check during the last fiscal year through the virtual suspension of the movement to China during most of that period. The actual decline in the value of exports of the various cotton manufactures was \$3,730,669, and as Chinese shipments alone recorded a decline of nearly \$4,200,000, it will be seen that in the aggregate some growth was made in other quarters. In fact, eliminating China entirely from the totals, our exports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, reached \$13,722,000, the following year were \$15,199,000 and for the twelve months ended June 30, 1901, had risen to \$15,652,000. This is not very encouraging progress; it indicates, though, a change in the right direction. The rapid multiplication of cotton mills at the South from year to year and consequent much greater increase in the output of cotton goods than the home market can absorb, is likely to lead in the future to greater efforts to secure a larger measure of foreign trade. Within the past five years the South alone has increased its spindles fully two-thirds and during the same period Northern factories have increased their capacity for making goods. We have shown clearly in this report that if even present facilities of manufacture are to be fully employed, the foreign demand must be cultivated. So far as China is concerned the situation has so much cleared that normal business can be looked for from now on. fact, within the past three months (June to August) ship-

ments have been quite large.

In the table below we give the aggregate exports as reported by the Bureau of Statistics; they exhibit, as stated above, a loss the past year ending June 30 of \$3,730,669. The detailed statement was published in the Chronicle of August 3, p. 245. The official record of the last five years

is as follows.

Exports of Cotton	Year Ending June 30—						
Manufactures.	1901.	19 0.	189).	1898.	1897.		
Colored GoodsYds.	115,949,219	87,880,515	108,940,972	79,415,376	83,409,441		
Do Value.	\$6,551,225	\$4,839,491	\$5,221,278	\$1,138,887	\$4,770,231		
Uncolored Goods. Yds.	135,554,132	264,314,471	303,063,083	191 092,442	230,123,603		
Do Value.	\$7,581,812	\$13,229 443	\$13,748,619	\$9,151,936	\$12,511,389		
Other man'f's of. Value.	\$6,136,381	\$5,934,159	\$4.597.017	\$3,733,269	\$3,756,058		
Total cotton manufac-							
tures exported. Value.	20,272,418	\$24,003,087	\$23,566.914	\$17,024,092	\$21,037.678		

Sea Island Crop and Consumption.

We have continued throughout the season of 1900-01 the compilation of a weekly record of the Sea Island crop, and no effort has been spared to keep our readers well informed as to the movement of this variety of cotton. As in former years, the correctness of our methods in compiling the totals from week to week is pretty well established by the results given below (which agree closely with the figures published in the CHRONICLE of August 30). It will be noticed that the crop shows a decrease from 1899-1900.

Florida.

ı		1900-01	1899-00)
ŀ	R'c'ts at 8avan'h,&c.bales	17.266	22.278	
l	Receipts at New York, &c.	7,527	7,118	
ı				
ı	Tot. Sea Island crop of Fla.	24.	793	29,376
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Georgia.

1	Receipts at Savannah	64,797	77,250	
i	Receipts at Brunsw'k, &c.	7,018-71,815	10,430-82,680)
ı	Deduct—			
į	Receipts from Florida	17,266	22,278	
ļ	Rec'ts from Charles'n, &c.	1,596—18,862	53-22,311	
ı	,			-
Į	Tot. Sea Island crop of Ga.	52.953		60,369
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South Carolina.

	Receipts at Charleston Receipts at Beaufort, &c.	8,348 21— 8,369	7,810 1,000— 8,810
Ī	Beceipts from Florida, &o.		1,000- 1,000
	Tot. Sea Island crop of S.C. Total Sea Island crop of	8,369	7,810
ł	the United States	86,115	97,555

The distribution of the crop has been as follows.

Ports of—		ty year e pt. 1, 19			ow ibuted.	Of w Export	Total	
	Stock Sept.1, 1900.	Net crop.	Total Supply		Leav'g Jor Dis- trib't'n.	Great Brit'n.	Havre &c.	For'gn Ex- ports,
S. Carolina			8,754		8,455			452
Georgia Florida	1,688	52,953 24,793		479	54,162 24,793			19,356
New York.	*****				*****	8,595	3,335	11,930
Boston Baltimore.					*****	250	******	250
Philadel'a.								
Total	2,073	86,115	8º,188	778	87,410	26,453	5,535	31,988

From the foregoing we see that the total growth of Sea Island this year is 86,115 bales; and with the stock at the beginning of the year (2,073 bales) we have the following as the total supply and distribution.

778-32,766 Stock end of year

We thus reach the conclusion that our spinners have taken of Sea Island cotton this year 55,422 bales, or 5,679 bales more than in the previous year.

The following useful table shows the crops and movement of Sea Island since the war, the figures for the seasons 1891-92 to 1900-01 being given in detail.

Crop.						Fore	ign Exp	tean pt'n.	st 31	
Season.	Flori- da.	Geor-gia.	South Carol- ina.	Teras,	Total.	Great Brit'n.	Conti- nent.	Total exports	American Cons'mpt'n.	Stoc
1900-01. 1899-00. 1898-99.	24,798 29,376 21,275	52,953 60,369 40,308	7,810		\$6,115 97,555 67,2 4	26,453 38,279 26,451		46,286	55,422 49,543 38,654	2,073
1897-98. 1896-97. 1895-96.	24,468 25,927 21,664	41,440 64,906 60,522	10,211	1,644	78,119	83,303 47,758	8,827 10,673	42,130 58,431	34,140 40,670	7,263
1894-95. 1893-94. 1892-93.	15,176 19,107	53,716 39,367 28,324	5,913 2,578	34	74,839 61,052 45,422		5,650 4,686	40,741 37,333	34,981 24,845 22,911	405 1,288
1891-92. 1865-90.	20,628	27,100	11,443 217,272		59,171		2.653	27,548	32,093 220,274	
Total.	611,790	617,931	313,948	8.690	1,550,409	817,114	113,104	930,218	620 214	

^{*} The column of ."American Consumption" in this table includes burnt in the United States.

Movement of Cotton at Interior Ports.

Below we give the total receipts and shipments of cotton at the interior ports and the stock on the first of September of each year.

Towns.	Year end	ling Sept. 1	, 1901.	Year ending Sept. 1, 1900.			
1011116.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.	Stock.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.	Stock.	
Enfaula, Ala	15,307	15,182	182	16,063	16.544	57	
M'tgom, Ala	150,591	149,709	1,917	163,159	164.803	1.035	
Selma, Ala.	70,418	67.813	3,107	69,413	72,386	502	
Helena, Ark.	66,610	66,507	1,094	55,516	56,363	991	
Lit.R'k,Ark.	205,129	187,414	18,623			908	
Albany, Ga.	30,733	29,868	1,750	31,761	32,960	885	
Athens, Ga.	63,578		1,065	67 469	70,592	227	
Atlanta, Ga.	109,382	109,789	393	104,206 273,786 55,779 72,532 50,732	104,156	300	
Aug'sta, Ga.	285,329	282,891	5,859	273,786	280,586 61,723	3,421	
Col'mb's, Ga	56,573		2,153	55,779	61,723	1,128	
Macon, Ga	63,6 3	63,675	885	72,532	4,151	8.7	
Rome, Ga	42,681	42,507	381	50,732	51, 07	207	
Louisv., Ky*	8,064		4	9,799	10,174	131	
Shr'vep., La.	312,007	306,537	6,223	179,164	189,035	753	
Colum., Miss	28, 01	2×,555	3:0	45,848	46,217	184	
Gr'nv., Miss.	61,280	60,159	1,263	57,506	61,664	142	
Merid., Miss.	24,615	23,454	1,425	38,225	41,065	264	
Nat'h'z, Miss	64,267	62,047	2,301	63,748	68,412	81	
Vicksb, Miss	78,077	77,158	1,790	77,199	79,710	871	
Yaz'oC, Miss	42,230	40,448	3,470	64,8 1	66,354	1,688	
St. Louis, Mo	951,313	925,738	34,378	809,164	865,167	8,803	
Charl., N. C.	25,152			20,350	20,350	***	
Ral'gh, N. C.	19,553		1,015	19,100	19,014	510	
Cincinn., O	235,240	237,269	5,950	231,220	231,296	7,979	
Gr'nw'd,S.C	17,300	16,787	513			7.000	
Memp, Tenn	676,576	664,173	20,293		645,893	7,890	
Nashv, Tenn	19,597	20,839			28,588	1,242	
Br'nh'm, T'x	48,053	48,592	52	86,216	89,110	: 91	
Dallas, Tex.	14-,494	148,570	10.754	63,630	63,552	100	
Houst., Tex.			12,754		1,786,920	1,915	
Paris, Tex	114,263	115,072	111	57,309	56,585	920	
Tot,31 t'wns	6,506,829	6,422,151	129,305	5,310,321	5,508.877	44,627	

^{*} Receipts and shipments are net figures in both years.

Shipments in this statement include amounts taken from interior towns for home consumption and amounts burnt.

Exports.

In the first table given in this report will be found the foreign exports the past year from each port to Great Britain, France and other ports, stated separately, as well as the totals to all the ports. In the following we give the total foreign exports for six years for comparison. TOTAL EXPORTS OF COTTON TO FOREIGN PORTS FOR SIX YEARS.

FROM-	Exports	Aug. 31.				
	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
Mobile So. Car Georgia. Texas Florida. No. Car Virginia. N. York. Boston Phil'del Bai'im P'tl'd, &c. Sau Fran	792,899 17,603 132,541 78,381 712,101 277,664 9,471 148,441	180,532 341,829 561,276 1,252,782 72,320 206, 94 211,171 67×,875 233,238 13,100 172,544 3,108	387,171 980,973 1,549,881 113,423 298,086 130,085 762,711 315,405 19,954 224,734 9,488 59,359	257,349 876,650 2,039,986 218,893 260,567 128,893 654,426 405,967 14,243 261,923 14,068 46,219	133,004 178,906 810,485 1,561,746 138,845 274,710 68,213 155,473 7,349 197,797 *116,126 33,334	141,129 852,016 1,804,842 152,558 223,705 53,194 645,075 329,586 5,001 150,371 *102,108 19,326
Pug't, &c	,		79,370	99,771	144,626	69,656

U. S.. 4,646,084 5,968,422 7,532,615 7,362,788 6,042,246 6,638,813 * Including shipments to Canada by rail.

In the following we present a statement of the year's exports from each port, showing the direction which these shipments have taken. Similar statements have been given in all previous reviews, and a comparison as to the extent of the total movement to each port can be made with back Contrasting the current returns with those for last season, we find that there has been an increase in the exports to almost all ports.

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To-		Galves-			Timg-	Nor-	New	Other	Total.
	Orleans.	ton.	nah.	leston.	ton.	folk.	York.	Ports.	
Liverpool.	258 218	672,418	197 541	54,358	77,379	49 550	290 128	519 857	2,478,489
Hull	0.481			05,500		32,00e	36,504		45,965
Mauchester	44 421	184,225	114 132	12,209	*****		37,146	5.201	397,538
London	8,932	104,887	III, IUA	12,200	*****	*****	735		
Leith	0,002		*****	•••••	*****			2, 22.	11,000
Beliast	80 981	17.683		*****				2,599	101.149
Dublin	3,771	1.,000							3,771
Newcastle							145		145
Glasgow						400			400
Havre	306.832	326,814	23,599				33,301	20,550	711,396
Dunkirk	13,222		20,000				150	575	
Rouen	1,150								1,150
Bordeaux								2,300	2,800
Marseules							155		155
Cette				600					800
Bremen	210,340		445,166		134,726		140,718		1,488,795
Hamburg	46,368	85,841	13,423			7,085	33,336	25,418	213,766
Warberg			,				1,083		1,083
Rotterdam.	22,115	23,592	2,525			550	1,700	2,401	52,883
Emden		700							700
Antwerp	23,036	57,658	15,713			1,400	40,958	950	
Ghent					11,600		*****	*****	11,600
Copenhag'n						*****	450		24,895
Christlana							7 0		700
Gefle			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			*****	100		100
Norrkoping	• • • • • •	,	•••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		*****	200		200
Hango.					*****	*****	600		600
Stocknolm.					*****		100		100
Carlshamm		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	0.004	*****	*****	*****	100		8.934
Reval			8,934			*****	549	*****	
St.Pet'rsb'g			4,223	•••••		*****			4,774 3,601
Lisbon	1,000		F 100			• • • • • •	2,401	1	13,952
Oporto	7,392		5,100			*****			
Barcelona	151,750		63,397	15,791	*****	*****	8,029	5,100	8,581
Malaga	8,581			*****	******	• • • • • • •	*****	•••	1,550
Pasages	1,550 550			*****	*****	•••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		550
Finme	200		• • • • • • •	******	•••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			200
Bilbao	223,591	21.008	27,061	1.200	*****	1.200	61,919	19.597	
Genoa Naples	4,902		21,001	1,200		1,200	10,052		14.954
Laghorn	3,002						10,002	559	
Leghorn Venice	16.622			*****	******	*****	3.791		22.978
Trieste.	32,358		900				7,554	2,000	40.812
Dom Can.a	02,000	*****					7,001	101,858	
Mexico.	7.075	24,708							31,783
Westindles		22,100					3		3
Japan							710		
Guatemala.								340	340
Total	2.036.984	x	852,016	141,129	223,705	53,194	645,075	881,568	6,638,813
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* Includes from Sabine Pass to Liverpool. 5,195 bales; to Emden, 700 bales; to Bremen, 4,612 bales; to Hamourg, 6,142 bales; and to Rotterdam, 4,105 bales. From Corpus Christi. &c.. to Mexico, 16,683 bales.

† Includes from Brunswick to Averpool, 3,536 bales; to Manchester 14,019 bales; to Bremen, 27,983 bales, and to Reval, 700 bales.

‡ Port Royal to Cette, not bales

| Includes from Newport News to Liverpool, 26,967 bales; to Glasgow, 400 bales; to Hamburg, 3,050 bales; and to Antwerp, 1,400 bales.

b "Other Ports" luclude: From Mobile to Liverpool, 33,572 bales, and to Bremen, 19,690 bales. From Pensacola to Liverpool, 70,412 bales; to Manchester, 5,201 bales; .o Havre, 20,550 bales; to Hunkirk, 575 bales; to Bordeaux, 2,300 bales; to Bremen, 22,269 bales; to Hamburg, 4,145 bales; to Antwerp, 500 bales; to Barcelona, 3,16 bales; to Leghorn, 559 bales; to Venice, 2,565 bales; to Genoa, 19,597 bales; Fernandina to Hamburg, 7,25 bales. From Boston to Liverpool, 321,410 bales; to London, 4,426 bales; to Venice, 2,565 bales; to Hotterdam, 500 bales, and to Hallfax, farmouth, &c., 2,990 bales. From Baltimore to Liverpool, 80,324 bales; to Belfast, 2,599 bales; to Bremen, 45,916 bales to Hamburg, 20,282 bales; to Belfast, 2,599 bales; to Hamburg, 20,282 bales; to Belfast, 2,599 bales; to Hamburg, 1, bale, and to Rotterdam, 1,101 bales. From Portland, Me., to Liverpool, 3,240 bales. From San Francisco to Japan, 1,921 bales. From Seattle to Japan, 36,674 bales. From Pacoma to Japan, 1,921 bales. From Seattle to Japan, 36,674 bales. From Pembina, North Dakoth, to Japan, 1,800 bales.