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Charles Churchill & Co., London, as re-ported in the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin are the following :—Some fifty gas furnaces; automatic screw machines to the value of about \$25,000, for installation in an English arsenal; various machine tools to the value altogether of \$50,000 for the Newcastle-on-Tyne works of Armstrong, Whitworth & Co. In addition to the foregoing, a contract has been placed for several large double radial drills, weighing twenty tons each, for the Brown Armor Plate Works, Sheffield, and another contract has been placed for four large boring mills to be erected in the Barrow-on-Furness ship-building plant of Vickers' Sons & Maxim, Sheffield

INDIA.—Both the import and export trade of India has declined during the past six months, but the depressing conditions which have operated to produce these effects are now to a large degree removed, and it is likely that imports will increase somewhat during the first six months of the current

JAPAN.-An Imperial ordinance has recently been issued by the Japanese Finan-cial Department, providing for the exemption from duty of certain articles imported into Japan for the purpose of undergoing addi-tional manufacture. The principal articles comprised in this decree are : Articles imported for the purpose of being carved, engraved, or inlaid with gold or silver; porce-lain or earthenware imported for the purpose of being painted or baked ; tissues of woven fabrics imported for the purpose of being dyed, printed, or colored, embroidered or hemmed; furs imported for the purpose of being tanned.

MEXICO.—There are at present sixteen breweries in the Republic, none of them having been in existence more than a few years. One of these establishments, at Monterey, is quoted as occupying the first rank among the industries of the city. It has an actual capital of 2,000,000 pesos, and all the apparatus and machinery are of the most modern types used in Germany and the United States, and the capacity of production is about 800 hectolitres (11,600 gallons) a day. Other breweries are situated at Chilhuahua, Guadalajara, Oaxaca, Mazatlan, Cuernavaca, Mexico City, and at various other centres of population.

PATAGONIA.-In a recent report, say the Bulletin Commercial, of Brussels, the commercial attache to the German Consulate-General indicates various articles which would probably find a good sale in Patagonia, Argentine Republic.

The attention of exporters is particularly called to the enormous consumption of fencing wire in that country. Sheep raising is constantly developing in Patagonia, and as the cattle raisers all have their pastures fenced in, it is certain that the demand for wire will increase in large proportions. This article is now included in all shipments sent to that country.

Besides the five and six rows of smooth wire and the row of barbed wire, some of the owners of estancias re-enforced their fences by means of a wire cable in order to protect them from the depredations of guanacos (sort of alpaca or llama).

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