

and with about the same population (the cases are taken for this reason), sent to the United States, according to the statement of the American consul at Basle, in 1873, at point of shipment, watches valued at \$2,520,104. To pay for these it would have taken in Illinois say 5,000,000 bushels of corn. In the same year Switzerland sent embroidery to the amount of \$2,095,234; another call for 4,000,000 bushels of Illinois corn. Again in the same year and from the same country, we imported silk and silk goods to the value of \$5,224,116, a call for 10,000,000 more bushels of Illinois corn; making in round numbers 19,000,000 bushels which would have been necessary had the payment been made in corn, for three kinds only of manufactures requiring skilled artistic work. This astonishing feat she could not have accomplished with rude manufactures. Transportation alone would have prevented it.

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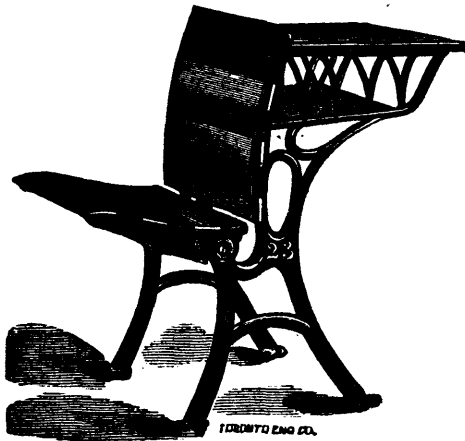
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